

# AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF  
**BAKERSFIELD**  
VERMONT

**For the Year Ending**  
**December 31, 2017**

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Please bring this report to Town Meeting  
March 6, 2018

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Dear Fellow Residents:

We have performed an audit of the financial records of the Town. The CPA firm of Angolano & Company has audited the Bakersfield School District accounts for the fiscal year. Included within are all financial and informational reports of the Town of Bakersfield as well as the Bakersfield School District. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports contained herein show the financial position of the Town of Bakersfield for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Auditors: Pat DeBevec, Joy Doane, Brenda Westcom

Reports of entities whose officers are elected by the Town or appointed by the Selectboard, or receiving funds from the Town are contained herein. Reports of agencies not administered by the Town are available in the Town office.

**JUST A REMINDER:**

**Because of the nature of property evaluation, it is impossible for the auditors to verify individual appraisals. It is your responsibility to examine your listers' sheet and take any necessary action. You may obtain a copy of your appraisal at the Town Office, Monday thru Friday mornings between the hours of 9 and 12 or request one to be mailed by calling 802-827-4495. If you have questions or concerns, please schedule a time to meet with the Listers. If you intend to file a grievance, grievances are heard beginning in mid June by appointment.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** - Open Weekdays from 9 am until noon, and from 7 pm until 8 pm at Selectmen's meetings.  
Town Clerk: Katherine Westcom Treasurer: Vera Lawyer

**SELECTMEN** - Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Chairman: Brian Westcom

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Chairman: Bill Irwin, Chair

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** - Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month as needed at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm Chairman: Jeremy Wilkins

**SCHOOL BOARD** - Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. There is no meeting in July. The School District Annual Meeting and Budget Informational Meeting are held on the night before Town Meeting. Chairman: Tennyson Doane

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** - Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station at 7:00 pm. Fire Chief: Matthew Hull, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst: Robert Willey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst: Todd Cosgrove

**FIRE DISTRICT#1 (VILLAGE WATER DEPARTMENT)** - Village Meeting is held on the second Monday in January of each year. Other meetings held as warned.  
Chief Engineer: William Newett  
Prudential Committee: Alan Lawyer, William Newett, Craig Paquette

**LIBRARY** - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Library at 7:00 pm.  
Library hours are Monday, 2 pm to 7 pm; Tuesday, 2 pm to 6 pm; Wednesday, 2 pm to 6 pm; Thursday; 9 am to Noon and 3 pm to 8 pm; Friday, 9 am to noon; and Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.  
Storytime is Saturday, 11:00 am Librarian: Cheryll DeRue Asst: Mary Schwartz  
Website: HFBrighamLibrary.wordpress.com Email: hfbrighamlibrary@gmail.com

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 1:00 pm. Dorothy Allard, Chair Alice Foote, Vice Chair  
Carolyn Bronz, Treasurer Sue Tillotson, Secretary Eric Jessiman, Larry Krygier, Pat Evans

**SENIOR CITIZENS** - Bakersfield-Fairfield Mealsite: Community Center in East Fairfield.  
Tuesday at Noon. Tel: 827-3130 Suggested Donation: Seniors \$4 and \$6 for people under 60  
Food Shelf hours: Tuesday 3-5 pm, Every other Friday 10-Noon Contact Person: Melanie Riddle

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Historical Society Building. President: Cheryll DeRue Vice President: Eric Jessiman

**DOG LICENSES** - Dogs must have valid licenses no later than April 1 each year.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Town Clerk's Office	827-4495	Library	827-4414
School	827-6611	Town Garage	827-6133
Emergency Coordinator—Brian Westcom	827-6158	<b>Fire/Ambulance/Police</b>	<b>911</b>

**NOTICE TO VOTERS  
BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

**CHECKLIST POSTED: FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist (available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us> Click on Elections or From your Town Clerk

**REGISTER TO VOTE:** At the Town Clerk's Office or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline. You may register at the polling place on election day.

**SECRET PARTY CHOICE:** You do not register by party in Vermont.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Reasons: 1) illness, injury or physical disability, 2) absence from town of residence, 3) military service, 4) residence in a state institution, 5) religious principle. Apply no later than NOON March 5, 2018 at the Town Clerk's Office either in person, in writing, or by telephone. Voter or family member may apply in all three ways or authorize another person to apply for voter, in person or in writing. **WAYS OF VOTING ABSENTEE:** Vote in Town Clerk's Office before the deadline. Pick up or have a ballot mailed to you. Mail or have your ballot delivered so that it is in the Town Clerk's office before 7:00 PM on election day; Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at home on the day before or the day of the election. You may request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices.

**\*NEW ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM\***

- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – Includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit his/her voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet: and
- **New "My Voter Page"** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where he/she can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update his/her voter registration record, find his/her polling place, view a sample ballot, and much much more.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: FEBRUARY 24, 2018  
ON ELECTION DAY:  
POLLS ARE OPEN 10:00 am TO 7:00 pm**

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem is not cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the Board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may appeal to a judge, who will settle the matter that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683) for more information.

If you know voters who have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or cannot read, let them know they may bring a friend or relative who is a registered voter to help them vote.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car to the polling place, let them know that a ballot may be brought to the car by two election officials.

**DO NOT:** Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns; mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote; leave campaign materials in the voting booth or building containing a polling place; socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.

**HELP OR INFORMATION?** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683) (TDD Accessible)

## TOWN OFFICERS

### MODERATOR

Euan Bear..... 1 year term ..... Expires 2018

### TOWN CLERK

Katherine Westcom..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

### TREASURER

Vera Lawyer..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

### SELECTMEN

Brian Westcom..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

David Ovitt..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Lance Lawyer..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Tennyson Doane..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018

Dan Shook..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

Cheryll De Rue..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Jean-Marie Clark..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2019

Erin Paquette..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### LISTERS

Sue Sonski..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

Sharon Evans..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Linda Stanley..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### AUDITORS

Joy Doane..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

Brenda Maynard Westcom..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Pat DeBevec..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Harmon Mayo..... 5 year term ..... Expires 2018

Penny Goss..... 5 year term ..... Expires 2019

Ron Marcotte..... 5 year term ..... Expires 2020

David Spencer..... 5 year term ..... Expires 2021

Willis Maynard..... 5 year term ..... Expires 2022

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Susan Trzepacz..... 3 year term ..... Retired 2017

Nancy Hunt..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

Guy Martin..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Pat DeBevec..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

Anne Blanchard..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Lance Lawyer..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018

Dillan Westcom..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

Pat Evans..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

### HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Lisa Maynard..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018

Vera Lawyer..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2019

**BRIGHAM ACADEMY COMMITTEE**

Sarah Willey..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Nicola Cribb..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019  
 Cheryl DeRue Irwin..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2020

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

Polly Cosgrove..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Patrick Evans..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Penny Goss..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Emily Houston..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Janice Ketchum Marcotte..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Linda McCall..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Mary Schwartz..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Kenneth Carter..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Pat Curtis(Deceased)..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Bill Irwin..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Heather Jewett..... 1 year term ..... Expires 2019  
 Gary Foote..... 2 year term ..... Expires 2019

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-Appointments**

Jeremy Wilkens..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Desiree Murphy..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2018  
 Marc Robert..... 3 year term ..... Expires 2019

**TOWN AGENT**

Dillan Westcom

**GRAND JUROR**

Larry Krygier

**FIRST CONSTABLE**

Marc Robert

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Eric Jessiman

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Katherine Westcom

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ASST. TOWN CLERK/TREASURER**

Audrey Haselton

**BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Chair, Dorothy Allard

**CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER**

Brian Westcom

**ENERGY COORDINATOR**

Brian Westcom

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Select Board, Mark Allen, Marc Robert

**FIRE WARDEN (5 year term)**

Robert Willey

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Scott Flieger

**NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVE**

James Lintereur

**RDAG COMMITTEE**

Select Board

**Chairman**

Lance Lawyer

**Secretary**

Larry Krygier

**Treasurer**

Vera Lawyer

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER**

Bill Irwin

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

William Newett

**TOWN SERVICE OFFICER**

Dillan Westcom

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Mark Allen

**TREE WARDEN**

Larry Krygier

**ZONING BOARD ADMINISTRATOR**

Darlene Marrier

MINUTES  
BAKERSFIELD TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Town Officers.

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. A moment of silence to remember those who have passed this year.  
Order of meeting, i.e. Roberts Rule, State Law, common sense.

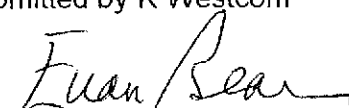
1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Euan Bear nominated by Penny Goss. So Voted
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
  - a. Select Board member 3-year term. Lance Lawyer 147 votes
  - b. Lister 3-year term. Linda Stanley 155 votes
  - c. Lister 2 year of a 3-year term. Sharon Evans 151 votes
  - d. Auditor 3-year term. Patricia DeBevec 153 votes
  - e. Planning Commission 1 year of a 3-year term. Gary Foote 148 votes
  - f. Planning Commission 1 year of a 3-year term. Heather Jewett 138 votes
  - g. Will the voters of the Town of Bakersfield adopt the revised Town of Bakersfield Zoning Bylaws, as prepared by the Planning Commission and approved by the Select Board following the final public hearing held by the Select Board. Yes 118 No 36
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement. Corrections- George Partridge was omitted from the Deaths. Board of Trustees Advocate is Scott Flieger. So Voted
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. First Constable. Marc Robert So voted
  - b. Animal Control Officer. Eric Jessiman So voted
  - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes Katherine Westcom So Voted
  - d. Grand Juror. Larry Krygier So Voted
  - e. Town Agent. Dillan Westcom So Voted
  - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5 yr. term. Willy Maynard So Voted
  - g. Library Trustee-3 yr. term. Anne Blanchard So Voted
  - h. Library Trustee- 3 yr. term Pat DeBevec So Voted
  - i. Trustee of Public Funds-3 yr. term. Pat Evans So Voted
  - j. Hospital Committee- 2 yr. term. Vera Lawyer
  - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3 yr. term. Cheryl DeRue So Voted
5. To see if the Town will vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. So Voted
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted.  
So Voted
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?  
So Voted
8. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 137,000.00 for WINTER WORK?  
Budget was level funded for as long as it could, now need to raise it. So Voted
9. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 120,000.00 for DIRT WORK?  
Gravel pit is about to enter 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. So Voted
10. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a Paving/Gravel Fund (Matching funds for Grants)? So Voted
11. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?  
So Voted
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 170,000.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?  
So Voted
13. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 29,472.79 to the New Equipment Fund for the annual payment on the new truck? So Voted
14. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$15,000.00 to the New Equipment Fund for future purchases?  
What are the future purchases? Blue Truck and grader will need to be replaced soon. So Voted.
15. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive and expend for town purposes any additional gifts, grants or other revenue in excess of those calculated in the proposed budget? So Voted
16. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 12,188.84 for DISPATCHING FEE'S? So Voted



17. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 31,067.00 for the Enosburg Ambulance Service?  
Article amended to read..... To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 31, 067.00 as first payment on a 5-year contract with Enosburg Ambulance Service with a 2% increase per year. So Voted.
18. Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$ 2,934.96 of surplus funds from 2016 budget year for general expenses in 2017?  
Article amended to read..... Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$2,934.96 of surplus funds from 2016 budget for Library Improvement Fund?  
Library has some repairs for railing, light post, carpet cleaning. So Voted
19. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 33,861.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2018? So Voted
20. Does the Town of Bakersfield grant authority to the Trustees of the H.F. Brigham Public Free Library to spend monies raised by grants or contributions? So Voted
21. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery?  
Article amended to read..... To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 20,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery? The cleaning of the stones was done poorly, pressure washer was used and now some of the stones are destroyed. Hold the company that cleaned liable? Should get quotes on the different work to be done. So, Voted
22. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000.00 for the purchase of Fireworks for the Independence Day celebration to be held on July 1st, 2017? So, Voted.
23. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the public announcement system for the Independence Day celebration to be held on July 1st, 2017? The use of PA system, not a purchase.  
So Voted
24. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?  
So Voted
25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,776.20 for the Franklin County Home Health?  
So Voted
26. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,351.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?  
So Voted
27. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?  
So Voted
28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,100.00 for the Champlain Valley Agency of Aging?  
So Voted
29. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,384.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission? So Voted
30. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?  
Volunteers are needed. Bug works program at school. Will continue to work on stream improvements. So Voted
31. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 250.00 for the American Red Cross?  
So Voted
32. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for Green Up Vermont?  
So Voted
33. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,000.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?  
6<sup>th</sup> year for request, 1<sup>st</sup> time for an increase. So Voted
34. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?  
So Voted
35. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?  
So Voted
36. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?  
So Voted
37. Shall the registered voters of Bakersfield elect two additional Select people, for a total of five Selectmen, by ballot starting with the Annual Town Meeting in March of 2018?  
Yes 47 No 14 So Voted
38. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.  
Town Report is printed in house. The cost per book this year was 1.37.  
Disappointment of the diamond rail fence that came down around the cemetery green.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by K Westcom

  
Brian Westcom, Select Board Chair

  
Euan Bear, Moderator

BAKERSFIELD TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2018

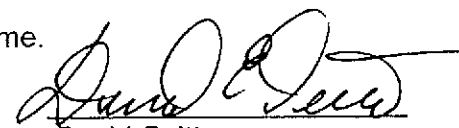
The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian Ballot for Town Officers.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
  - a. Select Board member 3 year term.
  - b. Select Board member 2 year term.
  - c. Select Board member 1 year term.
  - d. Town Clerk 3 year term.
  - e. Town Treasurer 3 year term.
  - f. Lister 3 year term.
  - g. Auditor 3 year term.
  - h. Planning Commission 3 year term.
  - i. Planning Commission 2 year term.
  - j. Planning Commission 1 year of a 2 year term.
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. First Constable.
  - b. Animal Control Officer.
  - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes
  - d. Grand Juror.
  - e. Town Agent.
  - f. Cemetery Commissioner-5 yr. term.
  - g. Library Trustee-3 yr. term.
  - h. Library Trustee- 1 year of a 3 yr. term
  - i. Trustee of Public Funds-3 yr. term.
  - j. Hospital Committee- 2 yr. term.
  - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person-3 yr. term.
5. To see if the Town will vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 1st, 2018?
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted?
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
8. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 137,000.00 for WINTER WORK?
9. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 120,000.00 for DIRT WORK?
10. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a Paving/Grant Fund (Matching funds for Grants)?
11. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for a BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 203,053.00 to defray the GENERAL EXPENSES of the Town?
13. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 29,472.79 to the New Equipment Fund for the annual payment on the new truck?
14. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$15,000.00 to the New Equipment Fund for future purchases?
15. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive and expend for town purposes any additional

15. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to receive and expend for town purposes any additional gifts, grants or other revenue in excess of those calculated in the proposed budget?
16. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 12,433.00 for DISPATCHING FEE'S?
17. Shall the Town authorize the trustees of H.F. Brigham Library to use \$ 2,019.67 of surplus funds from 2017 budget year for general expenses in 2018 and the remaining \$ 2,000.00 towards the Library Improvement Fund?
18. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 33,861.00 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2019?
19. Does the Town of Bakersfield grant authority to the Trustees of the H.F. Brigham Public Free Library to spend monies raised by grants or contributions?
20. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 10,000.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery?
21. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500.00 for the purchase of Fireworks for the Independence Day celebration, 2018?
22. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the public announcement system for the Independence Day celebration and Town Meeting Day?
23. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 3,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society?
24. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,776.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?
25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,347.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
26. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
27. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,100.00 for the Age Well, formerly known as Champlain Valley Agency of Aging?
28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 1,421.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission?
29. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?
30. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 500.00 for the American Red Cross?
31. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for Green Up Vermont?
32. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 2,000.00 for the Fairfield Community Center?
33. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
34. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
35. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 600.00 for Northwestern Counseling?
36. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.

  
 Brian Westcom

  
 Lance Lawyer

  
 David Ovitt

Received for filing this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018 at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES  
BAKERSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Monday, March 6, 2017 and Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The legally qualified voters of the Bakersfield Town School District, Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bakersfield Elementary School in Bakersfield, Vermont on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business, viz:

Articles 2 and 3 pertaining to the election of School Board Directors, Article 4 pertaining to the Unreserved Funds, and Article t pertaining to the FY18 budget will be voted on by Australian ballot at the Bakersfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls open and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls close.

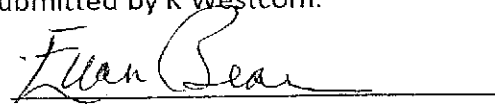
Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance. Order of meeting was discussed, Robert's Rule.

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator. Euan Bear was nominated by Lance Lawyer. So Voted.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.  
Erin Paquette 96 votes Terri Gates 58 votes So Voted
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.  
Jean-Marie Clark 153 votes So Voted
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the school directors to transfer \$50,000 of the unreserved fund balance from the 2015-2016 fiscal year into the Capital Project Fund?  
Fund could be used for replacing windows in the Gym, there are doors to replace, could someday pave the parking lot.  
Yes 118 No 45 So Voted
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,260,540 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,344 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.49% higher than spending for the current year.  
Increase is 4.9%. Students this year is 210, next year 202, costs per student increases. Yes 89 No 76 So Voted
- ARTICLE 6. Transact any other nonbinding business though proper.  
Update on ACT 46. Timeline has been extended a year. Not much support in House or Senate.  
Will not be a vote this year by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Could be an option for a side by side with small towns in the district, with Enosburg and Richford being one and the others one. The small towns would then keep school choice.  
Bakersfield School Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. not 6:00 as stated in Town Report.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K Westcom.

  
Tennyson Doane, Chair School Board

  
Euan Bear, Moderator


**WARNING**  
**BAKERSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 5, 2018, and Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

The legally qualified voters of the Bakersfield Town School District, Bakersfield, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bakersfield Elementary School in Bakersfield, Vermont, on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., to transact the following business, viz:


Articles 2 and 3 pertaining to the election of School Board Directors, Article 4 pertaining to the Reserve Funds, and Article 5 pertaining to the FY19 budget will be voted on by Australian ballot at the Bakersfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, between 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close.

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the school directors to transfer \$50,000 of the unreserved fund balance from the 2016-2017 fiscal year into the Capital Project Fund?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,207,519, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,549 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.54% lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters authorize the Bakersfield Town School District to sell the former Common School property, to the town of Bakersfield for \$1.00?
- ARTICLE 7. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.


Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 24, 2018.

  
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Jean-Marie Clark

  
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Cheryl DeRue

  
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Tennyson Doane

  
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Erin Paquette

  
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Daniel Shook

# Town of Bakersfield Vermont

## 2017 Select Board's Report

2017. Many things have come to pass in this year that has gone by so quickly. The world goes on no matter what. Sometime we stand alone in despair wondering what we should do. We mere mortals can hope to accomplish little alone. We can change the world, but only if we work together. Remember this at our community events and come on out and help or share your opinion or your apple pie. You can just come and watch. Sometimes that can be pretty entertaining! Try it. The three stooges have nothing on us!

God bless and hold the loved ones who have passed this last year. We will have a brief period of silence at the start of our meeting. Respect our grief. Please remember those we miss and their voices at meetings past. I certainly will, and I will smile at the memory.

This year our town will be electing two more Select Board members to bring the Board up to a total of five. This should make it easier to contact a member when you need to. It will also allow two members to talk to each other in town without trying to avoid town business topics! (With three members it only takes two to make a quorum and some people wonder what we may be scheming!)

The "big wind storm" caught us off guard. Many of us were out of power for days but thanks to the members of the Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department, the Town Road Crew and other volunteers, roads were cleared and people were helped. Remember that in an emergency, the Bakersfield Elementary School will be declared an emergency shelter where you can get warm, take a shower and contact others. If it gets really bad we might try cooking but you would probably be better off in the storm.

The town gravel pit is still providing a steady supply of sand and gravel that is close at hand and saving us money. We thank the town for financing this purchase.

The "Independence Day Celebration" will be on July the 4<sup>th</sup> this year and will again include an air show by our own local airman Dan Marcotte. Fireworks will be at dusk (9:30 PM sharp!) by the Krygiers, our local pyrotechnics experts. There will be many other events as well. Come join us! Have some fun! Relax a little.

Thank you to the road crew for keeping our roads open and safe throughout the year despite the weather's best efforts to the contrary. We hope the "newer" fleet makes the job easier. Dan, I see you still have those chains on.

The town purchased a new truck this year. We think that we got the better of the dealer but only time will tell. So far so good!

The Tupper Fund is available for those who need a helping hand. Please remember it not only for yourselves but maybe for someone you know as well. See your local advocates, they are listed in this town report. The Cutting Fund is still awarding educational scholarships for those who apply. **SO REMEMBER TO APPLY!**

Thanks to those who serve our little community in all ways big or small. We can always find room for any who wish to help. Select Board meetings are on the 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM. Join us if you wish. All are welcome.

The Bakersfield Select Board,



Brain Westcom



Lance Lawyer



David Ovitt

**TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD  
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

GRAND LIST: HOMESTEAD 81,366,400 x 1% = 813,664 NON-RESIDENTIAL 35,303,800 x 1%= 353,038  
TOWN 116,600,500 x 1% = 1,166,005

**Taxes Assessed & Distribution of Collection  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017**

TOWN	Vote	Rate	Assessed	Distribution
WINTER WORK	137,000.00	0.1175	137,005.59	137,000.00
DIRT WORK	120,000.00	0.1029	119,981.91	120,000.00
PAVING/GRAVEL FUND (MATCHING)	10,000.00	0.0086	10,027.64	10,000.00
BRIDGE REPAIR FUND	10,000.00	0.0086	10,027.64	10,000.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	170,000.00	0.1458	170,003.53	113,019.83
NEW EQUIPMENT FUND	15,000.00	0.0129	15,041.46	15,000.00
NEW EQUIPMENT TRUCK PAYMENT	29,472.79	0.0253	29,499.93	29,472.79
DISPATCHING FEES	12,188.84	0.0105	12,243.05	12,188.84
H.F. BRIGHAM LIBRARY	33,861.00	0.0290	33,814.15	33,861.00
FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS	3,000.00	0.0026	3,031.61	2,993.89
BAKERSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2,000.00	0.0017	1,982.21	2,000.00
VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	95.00	0.0001	116.60	95.00
NORTHWEST COUNSELING	600.00	0.0005	583.00	600.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	250.00	0.0002	233.20	250.00
FRAN. CTY. HOME HEALTH	2,776.20	0.0024	2,798.41	2,776.20
FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER	2,000.00	0.0017	1,982.21	2,000.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	100.00	0.0001	116.60	100.00
NORTHWEST VERMONT SOLID WASTE	1,351.00	0.0012	1,399.21	1,351.00
ENOSBURG AMBULANCE SERVICE	31,067.00	0.0266	31,015.73	26,384.95
FRANKLIN CTY. INDUSTRIAL DEV.	200.00	0.0002	233.20	200.00
MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION	500.00	0.0004	466.40	500.00
NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING	1,384.00	0.0012	1,399.21	1,384.00
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING	1,100.00	0.0009	1,049.40	1,100.00
VT RURAL FIRE PROT. TASK FORCE	100.00	0.0001	116.60	100.00
CEMETERY	20,000.00	0.0172	20,055.29	20,000.00
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM	500.00	0.0004	466.40	275.00
	<u>604,545.83</u>	<u>0.5186</u>	<u>604,690.18</u>	<u>542,652.50</u>
Left to be Disbursed				4,913.16
2017 Hold Harmless	(58,165.00)	(0.0499)	(58,183.65)	
	<u>546,380.83</u>	<u>0.4687</u>	<u>546,506.53</u>	<u>542,652.50</u>
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
**Homestead Property Tax	1,165,410.95	1.43230	1,165,410.95	\$1,198,883.86
**Non-Residential Tax	549,786.08	1.55730	549,786.08	508,637.59
Paid by State (Tax Adjustment)				(\$353,154.73)
Town 1/8 of 1%				(\$3,047.33)
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL</b>	<u>1,715,197.03</u>		<u>1,715,197.03</u>	<u>1,351,319.39</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,261,577.86</u>		<u>\$2,261,703.56</u>	<u>\$1,893,971.89</u>
Amount Voted	\$2,261,577.86			
Homestead Declaration Late Filings	(2,424.15)			
Changes after Tax Rate was set	(5,689.80)			
Penalty	35.92			
Rounding Adjustment	125.88			
<b>Actual Amount Raised on Grand List</b>	<u>\$2,253,625.71</u>			
Current Tax Collected in 2017	1,783,125.53			
Tax Adjustment from State	362,670.94			
2017 Delinquent Tax Collected	59,758.29			
Overages and Shortages	(8,595.29)			
Overpayments not Returned	(313.93)			
Total Current Receipts	<u>2,196,645.54</u>			
2017 Taxes Left Delinquent	56,980.17			
<b>Actual 2017 Taxes</b>	<u>2,253,625.71</u>			

Auditors' Notes

\*Hold Harmless Payments are issued by the State to reduce the tax in recompence for the drop in the Grand List due to Current Use Appraisals.

\*\*These tax rates are set by the State.

**GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>	\$79,500.04
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Current Tax Receipts	\$1,788,369.39
Hold Harmless Payment	58,165.00
2018 Property Taxes	1,071.32
Delinquent Taxes	
Property Taxes	113,575.44
Overpayment	88.07
1% Interest	8,004.43
4% Penalty to Collector	4,615.74
4% Penalty to Town	4,615.59
Zoning	2,851.40
Planning Commission	525.00
Planning Grant	7,930.00
Conservation Commission	188.46
Dog Fees	336.50
Savings Interest	486.74
Liquor Licenses	185.00
Lease Payment	2,000.00
Lister--State	6,973.00
Fees for Salary	10,726.00
Vehicle Permits	380.00
Current Use Changes	604.30
Miscellaneous	182.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,011,873.38</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$2,091,373.42</b>
<b>TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS DRAWN</b>	<b>\$1,999,003.38</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$92,370.04</b>

**GENERAL FUND  
ANALYSIS OF ORDERS DRAWN**

<b>SALARIES</b>	
Selectmen	\$2,915.00
Town Clerk	12,995.99
Assistant Town Clerk	2,609.38
Treasurer	18,500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	4,594.73
Listers	4,930.50
Auditors	1,509.25
Zoning Administrator	4,827.01
Town Clerk Fees	9,444.00
BCA-Ballot Clerks	1,090.00
Cook Cemetery	600.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$64,015.86</b>

<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	
Social Security	4,897.17
Town Meeting Expense	200.00
Zoning Expense	76.18
Planning Expense	67.75
Planning Grant Expense	2,990.00
Select Board Legal Expense	100.00
Select Board Expense	196.10
Listers' Expense	832.94
Dog Expense	736.81
Office Expense	3,020.01
BCA/Ballot Clerk Expense	60.00



Brigham Academy Expense	289.59	
VLCT Dues	2,737.00	
Unemployment	405.00	
Insurance	26,507.00	
Enos. Ambulance (2016)	6,169.34	
School (2016)	2,330.08	
Fire Department Contract	68,193.00	
Utilities--Electricity	777.51	
Heating Fuel	1,791.23	
Telephone	1,522.91	
Water	180.00	
Internet	179.40	
Website Expense	207.63	
Generator	15.52	
Copier Contract	2,402.21	
Franklin County Court Tax	10,668.46	
Advertising	36.75	
Education	120.00	
Refunds--Current Tax Overpayment	8,595.29	
Refunds--Delinquent Tax Overpayment	717.13	
Conservation Commission Expense	225.64	
Cemetery Expense	231.02	
Memorial Day Expense	254.15	
Town Park Expense	180.00	
Town Park Loan Principal	2,178.73	
Town Park Loan Interest	472.03	
Building Expense	254.93	
Mileage	50.73	
Memorials and Flowers	485.00	
Half Cost of Street Lights	2,012.72	
Simple IRA ER	555.00	
Miscellaneous	113.50	
<b>Total General Expenses</b>		<b>\$154,035.46</b>

**DIRECT TAXES**

Winter Work	137,000.00	
Dirt Work	120,000.00	
Bridge Repair Fund	10,000.00	
Paving/Gravel Fund	10,000.00	
New Equipment Truck Payment	29,472.79	
New Equipment Fund	15,000.00	
Dispatching Fees	12,188.84	
H. F. Brigham Library	33,861.00	
Enosburg Ambulance Service	26,384.95	
Franklin County Home Health	2,776.20	
Fairfield Community Center	2,000.00	
Green Up Vermont	100.00	
July Fourth Fireworks	2,993.89	
Public Address System	275.00	
American Red Cross	250.00	
Bakersfield Historical Society	2,000.00	
Northwest Reg. Planning and Dev Comm.	1,384.00	
N. W. Vt. Solid Waste Management District	1,351.00	
Franklin County Industrial Development	200.00	
Missisquoi River Basin Association	500.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	95.00	
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00	
Northwest Counseling	600.00	
Maple Grove Cemetery	20,000.00	
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	
School District	1,351,319.39	
<b>Total Direct Taxes Paid</b>		<b>\$1,780,952.06</b>

**TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS, DECEMBER 31, 2017** **\$1,999,003.38** 15

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017**  
**PROPERTY TAXES**

	Balance January 1, 2016	To Collector	Collections	Balance December 31, 2017
2010	\$88.75		(\$88.75)	\$0.00
2011	3,569.16		(3,569.16)	0.00
2013	3,170.62		0.00	3,170.62
2014	6,924.61		0.00	6,924.61
2015	\$20,227.84		(9,413.07)	10,814.77
2016	\$56,448.23		(39,973.82)	16,474.41
2017		119,669.97	(62,689.80)	56,980.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,429.21</b>	<b>\$119,669.97</b>	<b>(\$115,734.60)</b>	<b>\$94,364.58</b>
				\$115,734.60
				8,004.43
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>				<b>\$123,739.03</b>

**GENERAL FUND**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017
Town Treasurer-Cash Balance	\$79,500.04	\$92,370.04
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	90,429.21	56,980.17
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$169,929.25</b>	<b>\$149,350.21</b>

**PETTY CASH FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$300.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
December 31	281.86	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>281.86</b>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$581.86</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Postage	120.70	
Building Expense	74.93	
Zoning Expense	38.43	
Office Supplies	31.03	
Listers Expense	16.77	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>281.86</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>

**GRAND LIST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$24,202.40
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
State Fund for Maintenance of Grand List	\$6,973.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>6,973.00</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>31,175.40</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Listers' Salaries	5,046.75	
Classes	540.00	
Mileage	81.17	
Supplies/Postage	16.77	
Software Maintenance	195.00	
Listers' FICA	\$386.13	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>6,265.82</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$24,909.58</u>

**ZONING INCOME AND EXPENSE**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		(\$934.79)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Zoning Fees	\$2,851.40	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>2,851.40</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$1,916.61</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Zoning Administrator	4,447.75	
FICA	340.25	
Legal Fees	37.75	
Postage & Supplies	38.43	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>4,864.18</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>(\$2,947.57)</u>

**PLANNING INCOME AND EXPENSE**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		(\$3.19)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Planning Fees	\$525.00	
Grant	\$7,930.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>8,455.00</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$8,451.81</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Advertising Expense	\$34.25	
Legal Expense	\$33.50	
Secretary	\$379.26	
FICA	\$29.02	
Planning Grant Expense	2,990.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>3,466.03</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$4,985.78</u>

**TOWN HALL REPAIR / BOOK REFURBISHING FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$44,005.73
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
4% Delinquent Tax Penalty	<u>\$4,615.59</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>4,615.59</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>48,621.32</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Building Repairs	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>0.00</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$48,621.32</u>
<b>RESERVED FOR BOOK REFURBISHING</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$2,486.46
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	<u>188.46</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>188.46</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$2,674.92</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Miscellaneous	<u>225.64</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>225.64</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$2,449.28</u>

**FOURTH OF JULY FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$145.12
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Direct Tax	<u>3,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$3,145.12</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Fireworks Expense	<u>2,993.89</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>2,993.89</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$151.23</u>

**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$0.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Direct Tax	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		\$500.00
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Rental	<u>275.00</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>275.00</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		\$225.00

**BAKERSFIELD RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$36,971.35
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Bank Interest	<u>15.92</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>15.92</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		\$36,987.27
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>0.00</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		\$36,987.27

**NOTES PAYABLE**

Year Ending December 31, 2017

	Notes Payable 1/1/2017	2017 Payments	Notes Payable 12/31/2017	2017 Interest Paid
<b>TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD</b>				
Kansas St. Bank of Manhattan	\$ 110,423.30	\$ 26,524.48	\$ 83,898.82	\$ 2,948.31
Bakersfield Trust Funds--Twn Park	\$ 11,800.66	\$ 2,178.73	\$ 9,621.93	\$ 472.03
School District Bond	\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 8,943,750.00	\$ 29,057.62
Merchants Bank--Gravel Pit	\$ 243,063.72	\$ 31,416.51	\$ 211,647.21	\$ 8,583.49

**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT**

Year Ending December 31, 2017

	Notes Payable 1/1/2018	Due Date	Interest Rate
<b>TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD</b>			
Kansas St. Bank of Manhattan	\$83,898.82	3/12/2020	2.67%
Bakersfield Trust Funds--Twn Park	\$9,621.93	1/21/2021	4.00%
School District Bond	\$8,943,750.00	11/15/2032	2.18%
Merchants Bank--Gravel Pit	\$211,647.21	9/29/2023	3.80%

## ROAD ACCOUNT

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>	\$35,100.12
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Interest	\$3.31
State Aid	86,794.11
Direct Tax	257,000.00
Road Access Permits	400.00
Lease Income	1,564.07
Reimbursement	628.16
Reimbursement--Bridge Expense	279.24
Reimbursement--Fuel	268.88
Sand/Gravel	150.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$347,087.77</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$382,187.89</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Total Road Orders Drawn	362,404.15
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>362,404.15</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$19,783.74</b>

### ROAD ACCOUNT-DISBURSEMENTS BY JOB

Dirt Work	\$113,157.68
Winter Work	180,382.68
Town Road #2	4,042.37
Town Road #4	4,618.22
Town Road #10	518.00
Town Road #18	345.20
Town Road #25	1,299.20
<b>TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$304,363.35</b>

### In Kind Work done for the School by our Road Crew for 2017

Hours	Hours Worked	Cost
Employee Hours	17.50	\$377.50
Sanding & salting	12.00	\$264.00
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>\$641.50</b>

**Total for Year** **\$2,113.00**

Equipment	Cost	Gravel
Grader	\$357.50	
Loader	\$160.00	\$48.00
Tractor	\$30.00	
Truck	\$600.00	\$276.00
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$1,147.50</b>	<b>\$324.00</b>

## ROAD ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS BY ITEM

<b>SALARIES</b>		
William Newett	\$47,578.39	
Mark Allen	50,358.25	
Daniel Forand	41,722.50	
<b>Total Salaries</b>		\$139,659.14
<b>CONTRACTED LABOR &amp; EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>		
Operator/Equipment Rental Expense	5,572.50	
<b>Total Leased Equipment</b>		\$5,572.50
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Equipment Expenses	\$766.46	
Equipment Earnings	\$60,047.80	
Telephone	715.42	
Electricity	1,898.56	
Heating Fuel	2,617.15	
Street Light	154.82	
Water	360.00	
Social Security & Medicare	10,683.87	
Health Insurance	14,552.28	
Disability Expense	290.04	
Simple IRA (Town Share)	3,268.94	
Uniforms	1,469.53	
Mileage	2,351.97	
Expense Truck #1	6,164.24	
Expense Truck #2	4,722.49	
Expense Truck #3	7,433.13	
Loader Expense	1,773.31	
Shop Expense	5,473.68	
Diesel	17,964.44	
Equipment Gas	20.00	
Salt/Chloride/Cold Patch	18,976.37	
Grader Expense	4,394.54	
North Building (Old Fire Station)	90.00	
Chainsaw Expense	12.65	
Gravel Pit	6,000.94	
Gravel Pit Principal	15,445.05	
Gravel Pit Loan Interest	4,554.95	
Road Signs	747.08	
Roadside Mowing	2,800.00	
Chipper Expense	92.30	
Screener Expense	294.99	
Pressure Washer Expense	26.97	
Tractor Expense	583.70	
Culverts	279.24	
Miscellaneous	145.60	
Loan Principal	15,307.94	
Loan Interest	4,692.06	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		\$217,172.51
<b>TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$362,404.15</b>

### EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$1,878.61
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Truck Earnings	\$60,047.80	
Interest	<u>0.36</u>	
<b>Total Earnings</b>		60,048.16
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$61,926.77</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Repairs to Equipment	2,411.39	<u>2,411.39</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		\$59,515.38

### NEW EQUIPMENT FUND

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$75,410.12
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Interest	13.09	
Rebate	750.00	
Direct Tax	<u>44,472.79</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		45,235.88
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$120,646.00</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
York Rake	7,300.00	
Kansas State Bank Truck Payment	<u>29,472.79</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		36,772.79
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$83,873.21</u>

### BRIDGE ACCOUNT

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$34,508.89
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Direct Tax	10,000.00	
Interest	<u>8.04</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		10,008.04
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$44,516.93</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Culverts	<u>3,406.45</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		3,406.45
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$41,110.48</u>

### PAVING / GRAVEL FUND

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$92.77
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Direct Tax	10,000.00	
Interest	<u>0.06</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		10,000.06
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$10,092.83</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Misc.	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		\$10,092.83



# BAKERSFIELD FIRE DISTRICT #1

**BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017** \$59,920.52

**RECEIPTS**

Current Water Receipts	45,710.00	
Delinquent Water Receipts	4,019.63	
Penalties	48.00	
Interest	161.17	
Street Lights	2,167.54	
Overpayments	30.10	
Donation	75.00	
Pool Filling	30.00	
Reconnect fees	25.00	
Reimbursements	28.00	
Bank Interest	16.77	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$52,311.21</b>
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$112,231.73</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Bond Principal	23,852.79	
Bond Interest	3,799.20	
Electricity	12,711.27	
Insurance	1,090.00	
Dues	1,055.00	
Office supplies, calls etc.	436.01	
Water samples, bottles, etc.	402.00	
Permit To Operate	1,314.00	
Shoveling Hydrants	80.00	
Overpayments Returned	30.00	
Social Security	421.93	
Collector	1,100.00	
Treasurer	600.00	
Clerk	500.00	
Operator	1,872.50	
Labor	293.25	
Auditors	100.00	
Prudential Committee	1,050.00	
Training	160.00	
Contracted Labor & Equipment	308.00	
Travel Expense	467.25	
Misc	90.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$51,733.20</b>
<b>Balance on Hand December 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$60,498.53</b>

Checking & Money Market	\$1,132.99
Replacement Fund	\$59,365.54

**Delinquent Water, Penalties, & Interest** **\$2,176.42** 2013-2017



**Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department**  
P.O. Box 12  
Bakersfield, Vermont 05441



**Our mission is to save lives and protect property, to the best of our ability in the Town of Bakersfield**

Bakersfield Residents:

The Officers, Firefighters and First Responders of the Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. continue to provide a selfless, dedicated and vital service to our community. Thanks to the support of their families and you, they are able to serve the needs of our town with Fire Protection and First Response services.

In the past year several pieces of equipment were purchased. Nine air packs were bought to replace our out of date ones that we had been using. Firefighter safety is top priority, which requires having up to date properly functioning equipment. Another large purchase that I am very pleased with is a portable rescue tool which gives us the ability to perform vehicle extrications, and can be used in remote locations if the need arises. Having this equipment eliminates the wait for mutual aid agencies to arrive for extrications.

Two firefighters completed the state Firefighter One class this year. We would like to thank Ginger Miles and Lance Boardman for their dedication and commitment throughout the 184-hour long course!

Our officers and firefighters are committed to ongoing training and fire prevention activities. This year our department provided education and activities to the Bakersfield Elementary School students during Fire Prevention Week. Two members of our department are currently enrolled in the EMT course, and one member is enrolled in the AEMT course. Four department members attended the Franklin/Lamoille Fire School and three members traveled to Emmitsburg Maryland to attend the National Fire Academy Three State Weekend training.

Our third annual BVFD Golf Tournament was a huge success. We thank the community for your continued support, and look forward to another great tournament this coming year.

Great progress has been made with the placement of E911 signs around the community. There are still occasions when our response time is hindered due to a lack of highly visible E911 signs from the roadway. The department has signs for those who need them for a donation of \$10.00. Please see a member of the department to obtain your E911 sign if you have not yet done so.

Elections were held at our Annual meeting in January. The 2018 officers for the BVFD are as follows: Chief: Matt Hull, First Assistant Chief: Robert Willey, Second Assistant Chief: Todd Cosgrove, Fire Captains: Brendan Wadsworth, Steve Maynard, Bill Madison, EMS Captain: Scott Fliieger, Training Officer: Bill Irwin, Secretary: Ginger Miles, Treasurer: Lance Boardman. BVFD would like to thank David Spencer for his dedication to the department. He has volunteered countless hours over many years serving as BVFD treasurer. Thank you for all that you have done for the department!

In closing, I find it an honor to be elected as Fire Chief for the town of Bakersfield. The dedication put forth by each and every member of BVFD, the support from our families, and the support from the community make it possible for us to volunteer our time and provide the town with professional assistance in times of need. We thank you very much for your continued support of the Department officers and members.



Enosburgh Ambulance responded to **755** calls in 2017. The calls range from 911 Emergencies to non-emergency transports.

Once again, we are offering the annual subscription at the cost of \$65.00. The subscription will cover everyone who lives in the household for a period of one year. If you are not already a subscriber, please fill out the sheet in this town report and send it in.

We are also selling 911 signs. Please contact us if you would like to purchase one. They are \$15.00 for one sided and \$20.00 for 2 sided. There is an application included in the town report.

Enosburgh Ambulance is always aiming to improve our patient care. On October 31, 2017 we officially became a paramedic license service. We currently have one paramedic on the payroll. And our plan is to bring more on as we go.

The staff of Enosburgh Ambulance would like to take this opportunity to thank all the communities that we serve for their continued support. We look forward to serving you in 2018.

*Robert Gleason Jr.*

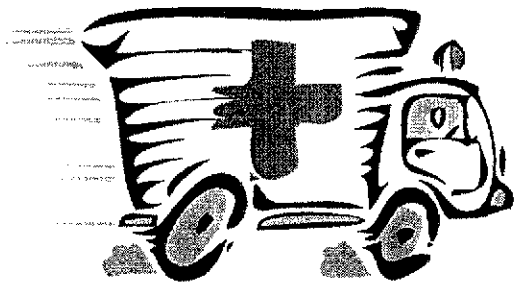
Director

Enosburgh Ambulance Service

802-933-2118 ext. 1

[eas@enosburghvt.org](mailto: eas@enosburghvt.org)

Enosburgh Ambulance Service  
 PO Box 465  
 Enosburgh Falls, Vermont 05450



## Annual Subscription

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Cost is \$65 per household / Per Year (membership fee provides local emergency medical ambulance service to you and your listed dependents as medically needed in the Enosburgh Ambulance 911 response area.)

The principal subscriber and all persons living in the household residing in our normal call area will be covered under this membership.

Enosburgh Ambulance Service reserves the right to bill any available third party insurance agency. Additional donations are tax deductible.

### **BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP**

The Cost is \$65 per business and \$5 per Employee (Please list employees on a separate sheet)

## Enosburgh Ambulance Subscription Application

NEW

RENEWAL

Office use only

Date Entered \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

**Subscriber** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT BELOW**

#### **List Current Dependents**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for Enosburgh Ambulance Service membership for myself and my dependents listed.

I understand that the \$65 per family per year membership fee provides local emergency medical ambulance service to me and my listed dependents as medically needed in the Enosburgh Ambulance 911 response area. The membership fee will cover any applicable deductible or co-payments. I understand that this membership permits Enosburgh Ambulance Service to collect directly from any third party agency whatever benefits may be available at no charge to me or my family, and that this membership is nonrefundable and is nontransferable. I request payment of authorized Medicare benefits and/or other insurance benefits be made on my behalf to Enosburgh Ambulance Service, for any ambulance services and supplies furnished to me by Enosburgh Ambulance Service whether in the past, present or in the future. I authorize any holder of medical information about me or other relevant documentation about me to be released to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its agents and contractors, and all appropriate third party payers, whether in the past, present or in the future.

# REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS NUMBER REQUESTED

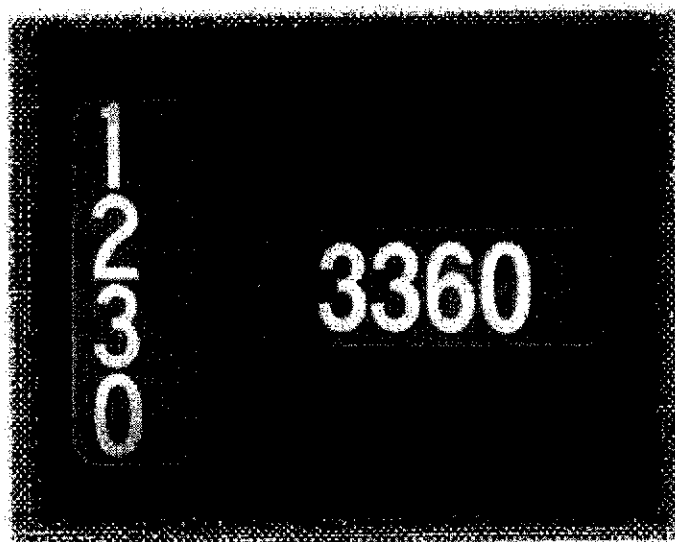
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\$15.00 one sided \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 double sided \_\_\_\_\_

HORIZONTAL \_\_\_\_\_

VERTICAL \_\_\_\_\_



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## Bakersfield Conservation Commission

The Bakersfield Conservation Commission was formed in 2009, and we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2018. We manage the Bakersfield Town Park, maintain the Bakersfield Community Trails, and host occasional other events. We are self-supporting with a small budget that comes from grants that we have acquired. We post the minutes of our meetings on the Town of Bakersfield's web site, and we have a nice Facebook page.

The Town Park continues to be a place where townspeople enjoy nature and social events. This year, we hosted the Enosburg Town Band for a band concert and ice cream social. Picnic tables and barbecue pits are provided for your use, and the trail is open year-round for exercise or wildlife observation. A map of the town park trail is available at the trailhead, and you may wish to observe several points of interest along the trail that are described on the map.

Many members of the community support the park through their work and donations: Mac Newett mows the lawn and the road crew plows the driveway, and town organizations help pay for the portalet rental during the summer months. The commission has a clean-up day in May, and we also keep track of the park trail and made sure that it remains clear of trash and fallen branches. The park is available for scheduled events; please fill out an application with the Town Clerk if you would like to use it.

Bakersfield Community Trails includes several trails in town, ranging from short and easy to longer and more challenging. If you haven't had a chance to walk the trails, try them! In addition to the trail through the town park, extend your distance by adding the loop around the baseball field. Take the Shattuck Mountain Trail to its highest point at a lookout from where you can see the village of Belvidere. This year, we added a short loop on Shattuck Mountain to a beautiful, mossy cascade along a brook that feeds into The Branch. Come in the springtime to see how many wildflowers you can spot, or put on some snowshoes and make the most of the winter season.

We held two winter walks this year: a winter plant identification walk on the Shattuck Mountain Trail, and a snowshoeing event on the Krygier and Foote tree farms. During the town's Independence Day celebration, we hosted a flowing water table in the Historical Society building, and young and old alike enjoyed learning about the power of streams to build up and erode away the land. We presented information about the commission at the Bakersfield Elementary School Open House in the fall. We also took a trip to the Bakersfield great blue heron nesting site to observe the young birds on the nest.

We lost one commissioner this year due to moving out of the area, so we now have seven members and two vacancies. If you are interested in serving your community on the commission, please contact one of the current commissioners. We also welcome volunteers who can help with small projects. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 1 PM and our meetings are always open to the public. Thank you to everyone for supporting our activities, and we look forward to seeing you on the trails, in the park, or at our events.

**Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.  
Information Sheet  
Bakersfield**

**What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?**

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that has proudly provided residents Franklin County with high quality, comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and wellness services since 1969.

**What is the Agency's Mission and Purpose?**

We provide high quality health care services in home and community settings. We are committed to excellence. We strive to meet the needs of our clients in a professional manner that promotes health, independence, comfort, dignity and quality of life.

**What is the Agency's service area?**

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County through our two offices – one in St. Albans and one in Enosburg Falls. We serve people of all ages.

**How many patients did the Agency serve in 2017?**

The Agency made a total of 71,562 visits to 1,924 residents.

We made the following number of visits to the residents Bakersfield:

401	Nursing
169	Physical Therapy
38	Speech Language Pathology
32	Occupational Therapy
37	Medical Social Work
415	Licensed Nursing Assistant
86	Homemaker
152	Personal Care Attendant
22	Volunteers

**How many people does the Agency employ?**

The Agency currently has a staff of 180 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Homemakers, and Office Support Staff.

## **What are the Agency's Programs and Services?**

**Home Care:** We provide medically necessary home health services to people of all ages. Examples include individuals who need wound care, a person newly diagnosed with diabetes needing insulin administration and instruction, or a mother and newborn newly discharged from the hospital.

**Home Telemonitoring Program:** We use state of the art technology to remotely monitor our patients' weight, blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen status to help improve their health condition and avoid hospitalization.

**Hospice:** We care for people with serious illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life.

**Palliative Care:** This program balances advanced medical technology with the wishes of each individual client by focusing on psychological, physical, social and spiritual needs by providing a strong support system to help the client and family cope during the serious illness. This program understands that maintaining quality of life is an important aspect of care.

**Long Term Care:** We help disabled and older members of our community with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands and shopping to allow them to stay independent in their own home.

**Maternal Child Health Program:** We help to prepare pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding and new infant care.

In addition, we offer infusion therapy, foot clinics, grief and bereavement services and wellness services to our community.

## **How are services paid for?**

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2017 we received 81 percent of our revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

We are committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without individual town appropriations, the United Way and donor gifts, our ability to provide care could be adversely impacted.

## **Why does the Agency need money from towns?**

The Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year the Agency provided more than \$532,322 in free and subsidized care.

## **Where can you call for more information about Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?**

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at [www.fchha.org](http://www.fchha.org).



## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During 2017 the Zoning Office was busy with requests for information on local and state permitting processes and procedures. Many Applicants required assistance with completing the appropriate applications for zoning permits or hearings before the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. There are always questions about repairs and upgrades to septic systems to satisfy the State of Vermont requirements. This year also brought a lot of questions on boundary line adjustments, fixed allocation sub-divisions and major and minor sub-divisions.

The Planning Commission completed revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws that were put before the voters on Town Meeting Day and adopted March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Planning Commission will now be working on some updates to the Town Plan.

Last year there were 14 applications for zoning/building/demo permits were approved, denied or referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Commission by the Zoning Administrator. There were three permits for new dwellings, one leantu, two decks, one shed, one porch, two additions, two demolition permits, one camp and one barn permit. One extension of a zoning permit was approved.

There were thirteen Certificates of Compliance issued. A Compliance Letter is required by the State of Vermont for all properties that are being sold or refinanced. Please be aware that the Zoning Administrator will do a site visit for all Compliance Letters and Certificates of Occupancy.

NOTE: Please notify your lending agency that it may take up to two weeks to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance Letter depending on when it is received by the Zoning Administrator. Please be aware all Certificates of Occupancy and Compliance Letters have a fifteen-day appeal period after being processed.

There was one application referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a permit. Three applications were referred to the Planning Commission for review, two were for boundary line adjustments and one was a two lot sub-division.

Note: All land development and demolition may require an application approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to starting the project. Agricultural and exempted structures require notification to the Town Zoning Office.

If you require assistance the Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office on Wednesday mornings for 9:00-12:00. During that time call (802) 827-4495 for assistance or on other days leave a message for a return call on the next business day. The fax number is (802) 827-3106.

Respectfully Submitted, Darlene C. Marrier, Zoning Administrator

**Bakersfield Historical Society, Corp.**  
**P.O. Box 70**  
**Bakersfield, CA 93341**

We appreciate the continued support of Bakersfield Tax Payers and residents. Your support provides us with the resources and encouragement needed to accomplish our mission in preserving Bakersfield's historic heritage.

Our 2017 operating budget was \$ 5,905. Our major expenses were insurance (\$1,499) and fuel oil (\$2,922.65). Additional expenses include: electric (\$527.42), water (\$180), supplies (\$410.39). We had four fundraisers and took in \$2,686.50. Annual memberships brought in \$1,230. At the end of the year we had a balance of \$4,606.37 in our checking account which includes the \$2,000 tax dollars that we received from the Town in November. Our first fundraiser is the Town Meeting Dinner. We partner with the folks from the United Church to provide the traditional Potluck Dinner. We have funds in two Money Market Accounts that have donated and "earmarked" for specific projects related to our building: insulation, maintenance and restoration.


At the end of November, we close the building and open for the March Town Meeting Dinner. When the building is closed the water is turned off, pipes are drained and the thermostat is set at 40 degrees. The heat is needed to keep the frost out of the building and the stone foundation as well as to safeguard against split pipes. We are on a fuel oil Budget Plan however, due to the extreme cold weather this Winter we will exceed the allocated gallons before Spring. Hopefully, we'll have a warm Spring, Summer and Fall in 2018!

We understand that the Historical Society Building is the closest that Bakersfield has to a community center. Bakersfield's Special Concerns Committee continues to use our building for bereavement luncheons during the "warmer" months, at no charge. We do charge a building usage fee to individuals and other organizations, to help defray costs.

We have lost some valued members in 2017. Harrison Doane was a member of the Historical Society from its beginning in 1997. We appreciated his knowledge of Bakersfield's past and enjoyed his wit in sharing his memories from a lifetime growing up and working in the community. He attended local schools, served in the military, worked on the family farm where he later raised his family, served on the School Board, worked as Custodian of the new Elementary School (after semi-retiring from farming), and was active in his church and community organizations. David Carr was a Bakersfield resident "by choice". He raised his family here and became an active member of the community. We loved the musical entertainment he provided with his wife, Janice, and their friends from the Northeast Fiddler's Association, at our Annual Sugar on Snow Parties. The tin walls and ceiling in our building don't make for the best acoustics but the music was still enjoyed by all who attended. Wilma Forand was born in Canada but she and her husband, Roland, chose Bakersfield as their home. Two of their children are second generation Bakersfield residents. Wilma was a gracious lady. Everyone looked forward to her attendance at the Sugar on Snow Party. We are not sure how many folks learned *The Hat Dance* from Wilma! They all made Bakersfield a better place to live and they will be dearly missed.

We would like to express a special *Thank You* to Ted and Kathy Whitney who cleaned out their attic and donated a treasure trove of Bakersfield artifacts, photos and documents to the Bakersfield Historical Society.

Our future goals are to expand on *Open House* events by providing educational and informational programs for the public, to include students from Bakersfield's Elementary and Middle School. To accomplish these goals, in addition to financial support we need folks that can volunteer their time to help make the Historical Society a better community organization. We appreciate your continued support and welcome your suggestions for programs that would interest you.

  
Linda McCall  
Treasurer



# Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2017 Bakersfield Town Report

Northwest Regional Planning Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

## NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

**Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance:** *Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.*

**Brownfields:** *Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.*

**Transportation planning:** *Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.*

**Emergency planning:** *Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and Vermont Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency planning, exercises and training.*

**Energy conservation and development:** *Ensure increased local and regional input in energy programs and permitting through the adoption of a regional energy plan and assistance with the development of local energy plans.*

**Watershed planning and project development:** *Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.*

**Regional plans:** *Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.*

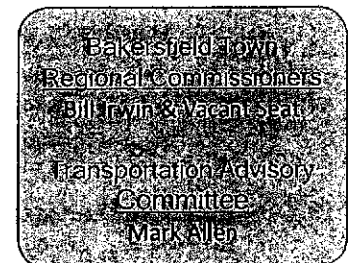
**Geographic Information System Services:** *Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.*

**Special projects:** *Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.*

**Grants:** *Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.*

## 2017 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Completed amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
- Assisted with a Local Emergency Operations Plan for the Town.
- Provided technical assistance in planning and zoning.
- Assisted with Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid project selection.
- Drafted a municipal energy plan including the data and maps required by the Vermont Department of Public Service standards.
- Updated the E-911 poster map and road atlas.



This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with municipal roads general permit compliance, water quality project implementation, local energy plans, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping or other needs.

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
2017 Supervisor's Report

The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and finally disposal of solid waste. 2017 was a great year for waste reduction and recycling in the NWSWD -- our efforts resulted in the District successfully diverting more waste from the landfill than any year before! Waste diverted was recycled or reused and helped conserve resources and keep toxic materials out of Vermont landfills.

The District was able to increase our programs and services like composting, hazardous waste, and reuse. We also offered more workshops and increased our ability to pass on useful information through channels like farmer's markets and fairs, and the internet. These efforts helped Franklin and Grand Isle counties reduce the waste they sent to the landfill. We measure our success by looking at the weight of waste that we sent to the landfill and what we were able to divert through reuse and recycling. All this work showed in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of this year's highlights include:

- All District communities diverted 31% of our waste from the landfill.
- **District operations diverted 1,384 tons of waste from the landfill in 2017! This is a 6% increase from 2016!!**
- Recycled 134 tons of e-waste
- Held eight "Backyard Composting" classes for residents
- Began a successful pilot program to collect food waste from resident's homes to turn into compost.
- Launched a new community and business outreach program that has already made contact with 215 businesses in our region.
- Collected 57 tons of hazardous material from 1237 Households through our Household Hazardous Waste program. That's over 12 tons more of household chemicals collected than last year!
- This year our Close the Loop Compost program grew 28% and we collected 211 tons of food scraps from 22 businesses and institutions and 6 residential drop-off points to be turned into compost.

### **NWSWD by the Numbers**

In the NWSWD, five District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, St. Albans and North Hero, 2 member town run sites (Alburgh and Grand Isle), and mandatory curbside recycling by registered waste haulers allows easy access to recycling for all residents. Overall in 2017, through recycling, reuse and composting, District residents were able to divert 31% of waste created from the landfill! After all of this work the average NWSWD resident sent just 3 pounds of waste to the landfill per day. That's almost 25% less than last year. Way to go!

Through our District-operated sites and programs, this year we disposed of 811 tons of trash and recycled or diverted 1,384 tons of material, including 417 tons of blue-bin recyclables setting the diversion rate for District Services at 59%.

All District Staff are available through the District office at (802)524-5986 or [info@nswsd.org](mailto:info@nswsd.org). For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved call District staff at the above number or come visit at 158 Morse Drive in Georgia (we even give tours of our Recycling Center.) You can also visit us on the web at [www.nswsd.org](http://www.nswsd.org), find us on Facebook, and sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our newsletter available at your Town Meeting.



When reviewing the past two decades it was obvious Calendar Year 2017 was probably the busiest year for FCIDC. Activities included a three million dollar, 17,000 sq. ft. expansion for Vermont Precision Tools (VPT) at the FCIDC Multi-tenant facility located in Swanton. We broke ground in July and completed construction in mid October. This expansion will allow for the creation of 50 new VPT jobs over the next few years.

In the St. Albans Town Industrial Park the Peerless facility (owned by FCIDC) embarked on one more expansion. The project consists of tearing down a 22 ft high 85,000 square foot pre engineered building and replacing it with a 60 ft high 90,000 square foot efficient facility. The total project cost will be 25 million dollars.

As we have stated many times this last year, between 2017 and 2018 Franklin County will experience in excess of 150 million dollars in construction and capital investment. Ben & Jerry's are currently wrapping up a major expansion and Barry Callebaut just broke ground in December on a 22 million dollar project. FCIDC continues to reinforce that \$150 million investment is not bad for a county of 50,000 people. There are a number of counties that would love to trade places with us. Both the Ben & Jerry's and Barry Callebaut will also be creating additional jobs for our region; all towns benefit from the new job creations.

Great things are happening throughout Franklin County:

- Runamok Maple just purchased the former Amoskeag Woodworking facility in order to expand their business and to create jobs.
- Swanton Village and Town worked with Ace Hardware, BMTM, David Fosgate and FCIDC to develop a plan to improve downtown and to create and retain jobs in their community.
- There is continued energy on behalf of the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation to create access and develop an overlook to the Missisquoi River in hopes of growing tourism.
- In Enosburg there is renewed energy by residents to recreate a vibrant business community and downtown.
- The Georgia Dairy Industrial Park has operated their 2 million dollar water plant upgrade for one full year. The new plant provides significantly better water quality for the companies in the Park: Perrigo, Bariatrix and Med Associates.
- Montgomery has been chosen by The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) to be the host for one of their community visits in 2018. The outcome of a visit such as this is to create a plan for the community to address citizens concerns.

As we look back to 2017 it is evident that one of the few negatives Franklin County has experienced is the continued struggles of our dairy farmers. Milk prices continue to remain at consistent low prices with no major changes on the horizon. The dairy industry plays a huge roll in our local economy; feed and equipment dealers, retail stores, car dealers and hardware stores are all feeling the impact.

Please do your best to support your local businesses, farmers and producers. We can make our County economy that much stronger by buying local. Here's hoping to a strong 2018 County economy.

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tim@fcidc.com  
Web Site: fcidc.com

## 2017 Fairfield Community Center Annual Report

2017 marked 25 years of bringing essential services and enrichment programs to residents of Fairfield, East Fairfield, Bakersfield and surrounding towns. We operate with a board of 7 directors (one vacancy, in case you'd like to join us!), and a staff of 3 part-time employees: (Becky Cassel, administration, Nance Shaw, program director, and Donna Boucher, housekeeping).

**Community Lunches** are going strong and serving an average of 34 people each week from the tri-town region. After losing funding from CVAA in 2014, we've had to be both creative and frugal to make ends meet. We employ a part time cook (4/hrs. a week) and have a fabulous volunteer team that ensures our seniors have quality, healthy meals in a stimulating environment each week. We've also reinstated twice-monthly, after-lunch activities (music, yoga, slide shows, lectures, etc.) for some value-added socialization. Thanks to everyone who makes this program so successful – and just plain fun!

**Food Shelf** – Under the guidance of a dedicated and passionate group who racked up over 1500 volunteer hours this year, the Food Shelf distributed more food to needy families from 5 towns than ever before. In addition to the monthly food we buy through the Vermont Food Bank, we distributed over **25,000 pounds** of FREE food (from Hannafords, Bob's Meat Market and VTFoodBank) to 654 households (1,391 individuals). As you can imagine, handling all this food is a monumental task (transporting, sorting, culling, processing, distributing, etc.) and we could use more help! If you are interested in joining our team at the Food Shelf and can donate a few hours a week, please call us: 827-3130 (Community Center office) or 827-3713 (Jane D.).

Thanks to St. Patrick's parish and United Church of Bakersfield for donations of cash and canned goods. Thanks to the National Letter Carrier's Association for their spring food drive and to numerous local gardeners who donated plants and produce this past year. Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in helping to end hunger in Vermont, especially within our community.

**Youth Programs** – KITK, February and April Vacation Camps and 9 weeks of summer camp were all well-attended, and we're looking forward to another season of exciting, fun and educational out-of-school programs at the Center. We'll be seeking some energetic, dependable, creative counselors for this year's camp support staff. Got kids home from college? Have them give us a call!

**B-I-N-G-O!** Join Charles and Denis on Tuesday nights for hours of chance, food and fun! 6:30 – 9:30.

**2017 Grants** – Facilitated by our town grant writer Melanie Riddle, we received grants from RiseVT, Vermont Community Foundation, United Way, Ben & Jerry's, and Agnes Lindsay Foundation totaling \$17,500. In collaboration with Fairfield Center School and the BNML we submitted a letter of interest to United Way for continued funding for July 2018-June 2021 but were turned down for this cycle. We're currently working on new grants to make up for this loss, as well as new funding sources for a kitchen upgrade, equipment & supplies for Emergency Shelters, a generator for the East Fairfield Water District and some funding for some necessary facility repairs.

**Garden Project** – our "Edible Landscape" project will continue to grow this spring and summer, thanks to a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation. Our raised beds and apple trees have been a source of nourishment and pleasure to summer camp kids, food shelf clients and seniors at Tuesday lunches. This year we hope to expand the garden to include blueberry bushes, two more raised beds, and more fruit trees.

**Little Acorns Enrichment Center** - opened its doors on November 13<sup>th</sup> with 8 kids and 2 staff members and has grown to 16 kids and 3 staff members. Quality care for infants - 5 year olds, 6:30am to 5:30pm, M-F. Kelsi Carey and her staff take pride in creating a safe, creative, inviting environment with a curriculum that is a play based, emergent style. There are still some full time openings (one infant & one toddler) and part time openings (two preschool & two infant).  
Inquiries (802) 393-7254.

**The Meeting House on the Green**, going into its 6<sup>th</sup> year, continues to bring the community quality live music through the Summer Evenings with Vermont Treasures concert series, while simultaneously (slowly but surely) making renovations and improvements to this historic landmark. Last year we completed the window restoration with a \$11,840 matching Cultural Facilities grant. This year we've been awarded a \$30,000 matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council to redesign and build a new front terrace and wheelchair ramp. The group has been meeting for a year now with architect Michael Lawrence of Essex Junction, and has arrived at our final design which will be implemented as soon as we can begin work in the spring. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the efforts of our Meeting House team to preserve the building for future generations. We'd also like to thank our volunteers who've made the summer concert series so much fun. Lisa Howrigan, Carol Skon, Shanna Ratner, Roger Lindala, Deb Hastings, Michele Bessett and Bob Iwaskiewicz, Tyrone and Nance Shaw, Brian Steele, Marcia Brewster, & Jane Williams. Looking forward to another season of great music, and welcome new volunteers to join the Meeting House team!

**Fundraising** – The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Jig in the Valley last July was our biggest fundraiser and this annual event shows no sign of slowing down or getting old. We're already thinking about this summer's plans, lining up bands and thinking about raffles. Such a good time, with over 50 volunteers (some traveling from as far away as West Virginia and California to help out) bringing the community together with music, food, & kids' activities – the things we do best!

We have another exciting fundraiser happening in April – on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! This year's Sap Run Boogie will be held at The Abbey in Sheldon with a spaghetti dinner and dancing to The Starline Rhythm Boys! Check our website for more information: [www.fairfieldcommunitycenter.org](http://www.fairfieldcommunitycenter.org)

#### **FCCA 2018/2019 Goals:**

- Locate more residents of Fairfield and Bakersfield (elderly, disabled or otherwise) in need of food assistance and figure out how to reach/help them.
- Develop a “neighborhood assistance program” whereby volunteers would donate transportation, help with small household chores, deliver meals, etc. to folks in need. Create a database of names, phone numbers, availability, types of services offered, etc. to work from. Enlist one or two members of our core volunteer group to oversee this program.
- Schedule more (free) “Community Evenings” with wood-fired pizza, music, movies, lectures, etc. to encourage fun, positive gatherings of friends and neighbors. Hoping to get more older kids and teens involved.
- Find grant funding to upgrade our minimalist kitchen to “commercial” status, so that we can do more in it! Anticipating a budget of \$30-35,000.
- Research and develop a line of Fairfield Community Center products (condiment/jams/jellies) to sell with net profits donated to FCCA. Products would be made using as many ingredients as possible from Franklin County to help local producers as well as FCCA. An all-volunteer staff would prepare and market products.

*Many thanks to EVERYONE who has helped to make  
our community a better place to live and work.  
We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!*

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$95.00**

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

Final numbers for our FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) show VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **357** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **84** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **97** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY '17, **2** residents of **Bakersfield** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(\$**680.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(resident on waiting list for modifications in FY'18)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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





**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

Town of Bakersfield  
C/o Katherine Westcom  
P.O. Box 203  
Bakersfield, VT 05441



Dear Katherine,

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

We also provide several other services which include supplying blood and blood products in the United States, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR. These services, amongst the other services and campaigns outlined below, help thousands of residents each year, and would not be possible without the generosity of donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We provide all of our services *free* with **no** support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like the **Town of Bakersfield** for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500.00** for the upcoming fiscal year.

This past year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- Every 17 hours, on average, we assisted a local family, helping over **1,134** people.
- We installed **2,871** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Every day, approximately **87** people were trained in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **95,196** units of blood from **65,728** donors. All **40** hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In NH/VT, **13** families who were separated from their families were reconnected with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,300** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Bakersfield community to help your residents in times of need. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that your citizens receive the support they need when confronted by a disaster or emergency.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Emily Poirier  
Regional Development Specialist

New Hampshire Headquarters • 2 Maitland Street, Concord, NH 03301 • 1-800-464-6692(p)  
Vermont Headquarters • 29 Mansfield Ave, Burlington, VT 05401 • 1-800-660-9130(p)  
[www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)



agewellvt.org  
 Helpline: 1-800-642-5119  
 P 802-865-0360  
 F 802-865-0363  
 76 Pearl Street, Ste. 201  
 Essex Junction, VT 05452

## TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD REPORT FY 2017 (10/1/2016 - 9/30/17)

Last year, Age Well served 23 people from Bakersfield, services included:



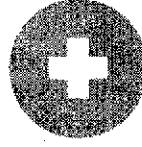
8 calls to the Helpline



34 hours of Care & Service  
 Coordination



250 Meals on Wheels delivered  
 141 Congregate Meals served



## IMPACT

1 YEAR of Meals on Wheels equals roughly the same cost as one day in a hospital.

87% say Meals on wheels makes them feel more safe and secure.

92% say it enables them to remain living at home.

## ABOUT AGE WELL

Age Well, formerly CVAA, are the leading experts and advocates for the aging population of Northwestern Vermont. We believe that health happens at home and focus on lifestyle, happiness and wellness—not on age. Since 1974, we have been part of Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging, coordinating services and care for Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care and community resources. Delivered by staff members and over 1,000 incredible volunteers, our sought-after services are designed to meet the diverse needs of our clients, their families and caregivers.

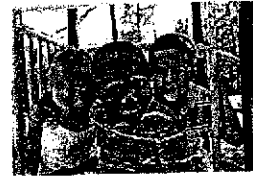
We do not charge for services provided. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

**MISSION: TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT  
 INSPIRES OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE AGING WITH  
 CONFIDENCE.**

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# NORTHWESTERN COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES



Our mission is to ensure that the residents of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties have access to high quality services, which promote healthy living and emotional well-being.

As the needs of the community have changed, so have the programs offered within our three service divisions at Northwestern Counseling & Support Services. In FY2017, NCSS served 4,174 people in our offices, in the local schools, in the community, in their homes and in their places of work; a number equaling more than 4% of the population in our two county area. NCSS offers services from birth to death within our 17 locations and also within our community partners' locations across the region. We're very proud to partner with 100% of the patient-center medical homes in our catchment area and 84% of our local schools.

Many of our staff within our community partner locations are embedded in such a way that people are unaware they work for NCSS. Counselors, behavioral interventionists, social workers, wellness counselors, and crisis workers all support members of our community where they are needed. Our agency is one you may never have heard of or maybe you're unsure about the breadth of services we provide. Our truancy specialists work with children to improve school attendance. In FY2016, students served attended an average of 76% school during the three months before services, compared with 90% during the first three months of services. At these average rates, students would miss 43 days a school year without services versus 18 days with services. Soar Learning Center, NCSS' independent school that offers individualized educational and behavioral supports has a primary goal of successfully transitioning students to the public school in their community. Over the past eight years, the program has transitioned 88 students to the public school system with only three students returning within a six-month period, indicating over a 95% success rate. These numbers only reflect two of our nearly 100 programs, all of which we are tremendously proud to provide to our community.

In your town of Bakersfield in FY2017, we served 38 consumers from all age groups and provided a total of 3,683 hours of service. We are committed to improving the lives of the residents of Bakersfield. A contribution from your town would mean a great deal to us, and we would most certainly not take it for granted. Our modest request of \$600 will mean that NCSS can continue to provide specialized and personal services to residents of your town, young and old.

Sincerely,

Todd P. Bauman, Executive Director

Northwestern Counseling & Support Services  
[www.ncssinc.org](http://www.ncssinc.org)  
802-524-6554

4,174 clients served in FY17  
693,166 hours of service  
614 active staff



## Missisquoi River Basin Association

*Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.*

December 20, 2017

Town of Bakersfield  
P.O. Box 203  
Bakersfield, VT 05441

Dear Bakersfield Selectboard members and Residents of Bakersfield,

Since 1996, the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) has been working with community members to understand and improve water quality issues in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries. The MRBA is primarily a volunteer-based organization, composed of folks from many local sources: school groups, local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers, and landowners, to name just a few. Our activities are always open to the public and we strive to include as many watershed residents as possible. Together we have generated over 21,500 volunteer hours performing streambank stabilization projects, cleaning up trash from the river and its banks, and conducting water quality sampling in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources. Each year we also regularly host speakers, outreach events, and public forums in the watershed to cover important topics relating to water quality issues.

The MRBA proudly partners with farmers and other landowners to assist in implementing techniques to reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff. These techniques range from planting trees in streambank buffer areas, to installing water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, to seeding cover crops in corn fields. Our assistance can be in the form of hands-on fieldwork or cost-sharing on specific projects designed to meet these goals.

Along with encouraging school groups to assist with field workdays, we also provide educational opportunities to our younger watershed residents: we have educational tools that we loan out to classrooms and groups, and we provide sessions of our educational programs, free of charge, to schools within the watershed. In 2017 alone, the MRBA reached 13 watershed towns with 35 educational sessions. Volunteers also collected water samples at 25 sampling locations throughout the watershed and monitored phosphorus, nitrogen, and turbidity.

To continue making all these programs available within our communities, we respectfully request the Town's support of the MRBA through a \$500 donation. Your donation will be used to help us meet our overhead expenses (rent, telephone, internet, postage, planning meetings, and newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually, and are extremely difficult to cover through grants.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2018 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA Chair

## Board of Trustees of Public Funds Town of Bakersfield

There are funds available for residents of Bakersfield experiencing financial need. The Thomas L Tupper Fund and Jesse K Maynard Fund are available to assist people who have financial emergencies. For example: medical bills not covered by insurance, emergency fuel assistance after all efforts to receive emergency fuel through State of Vermont's Fuel Assistance Program has been tried, eye glasses, past due electrical bills and rent are just a few examples of the types of help that have been provided to community members in the past. We strongly encourage all community members to access the programs offered through the state first and as a last resort seek help through the following process, although this is not a requirement, you may be asked to do so. Please do not hesitate to seek assistance. **All requests for funds are confidential.**

If you need help, you need to contact one of the following advocates first. They will assist you with the process of obtaining funds:

Carolyn Bronz: 933-4779

Sharon Lawyer: 827-6673

Jan (Marcotte) Ketchum: 827-3756

Holly Crispell: 827-9714

The Town of Bakersfield also has a higher education scholarship fund, which includes colleges, universities and technical and/or trade schools. These scholarships are provided by the Margaret J Cutting Fund and from the Holden Doane Estate. Applications can be picked up at the Bakersfield Town Hall or through your child's high school guidance department or printed from the towns web page; [townofbakerfield.org](http://townofbakerfield.org). In addition to high school aged students, these funds are available to adults within the community who are pursuing higher education opportunities. You do not need to be attending college full time to apply. The application must be returned to the Town Hall by April 30, 2018; **no late applications accepted.**

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Trustees,

Lance Lawyer

Dillan Westcom

Patrick Evans

**SUMMARY OF THE SOURCES & PURPOSES OF THE BAKERSFIELD TRUST FUNDS**

<b>BRIGHAM ACADEMY FUND</b>	
In 1878, Sarah Jacobs and two others gave to build the Academy.....	\$8,000.00
(Used to build, not included in Trust)	
In 1877, Peter Bent Brigham left to aid education.....	30,000.00
In 1891, Sarah Jacobs left to support the Academy.....	100,000.00
With accumulated interest .....	3,475.00
<b>TOTAL BRIGHAM ACADEMY TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$133,475.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>	
In 1877, Peter Bent Brigham left to start a cemetery trust fund.....	\$10,000.00
In 1928, willed by Mattie Boutell Smith.....	500.00
willed by Loretta Brown .....	100.00
In 1955, willed by Mathilda Potter.....	100.00
In 1956, willed by Caroline Shattuck.....	1,000.00
In 1961, willed by Elwyn Vincent.....	177.93
willed by Child.....	2,499.07
In 2002, willed by May E. Regan.....	5000.00
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane.....	2000.00
<b>GILBERT FUND</b>	
In 1957, Howard Gilbert left to establish a fund for cemetery care.....	\$29,466.71
In 1986, Gilbert Stock Principal Inc.....	63.29
<b>COWAN FUND</b>	
In 1990, Marian Cowan left for the care, maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,907.00</b>
<b>J.K. MAYNARD FUND</b>	
In 1888, Jesse K. Maynard left in trust, for the care of the worthy poor, with the unused income subject to the vote of the town.....	\$15,518.00
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS</b>	
<b>WEEKS FUND</b>	
In 1942, willed by Mary F. Weeks to build, equip, and maintain the H. F Brigham Library.....	\$22,043.00
<b>SHELDON LIBRARY FUND</b>	
In 1989, given in memory of Hortense Sheldon to be invested by the Trustees of Public Funds, with income for the benefit of the H. F. Brigham Library.....	\$35,000.00
<b>SHELDON LIBRARY BOOK FUND</b>	
In 1994, willed by Hortense Sheldon, to be invested by the Trustees of Public Funds, with all income used to buy books for the H. F Brigham Library.....	\$16,315.00
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,358.00</b>
<b>BRIGHAM HOUSE FUND</b>	
In 1983, sale of the principals house (established by vote, not will) with proceeds usually voted to the School District.....	\$15,000.00
<b>MARGARET J. CUTTING FUND</b>	
1991-1993 from the Maebelle Cutting Estate willed to the Town of Bakersfield, under the management and discretion of its Trustees to form the Margaret J. Cutting Trust. The income is to be used: 20% to the Bakersfield First Congregational Church (with specific directions); and 80% to be awarded to students first in Bakersfield and then Franklin County, as funds are available (with guidelines contained in the will).....	\$508,389.00
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane, for Scholarships.....	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL CUTTING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$528,389.00</b>
<b>THOMAS L. TUPPER FUND</b>	
In 2003, received from the Trustee, the residue of the Thomas L. Tupper Estate, for relief and assistance of the needy and poor persons of Bakersfield." Held in an expendable interest account, and dispensed at the discretion of the Trustees of Public Funds.	\$135,323.01
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane.....	\$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL TUPPER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$143,323.01</b>

**BRIGHAM ACADEMY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		<b>\$751.70</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$1,585.39	
Savings Interest	9.59	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>1,594.98</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$2,346.68</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Bakersfield School District	\$1,565.64	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>1,565.64</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$781.04</b>

**BRIGHAM HOUSE EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		<b>\$2,502.09</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$0.00	
Savings Interest	2.73	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$2.73</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>2,504.82</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
School District (by vote)	\$0.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$2,504.82</b>

**WEEKS LIBRARY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		<b>\$991.98</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$1,090.23	
Savings Interest	0.05	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$1,090.28</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>2,082.26</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
H.F. Brigham Library	\$991.98	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>991.98</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$1,090.28</b>

**SHELDON LIBRARY BOOK EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$734.21
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$806.93	
Savings Interest	0.08	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>807.01</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$1,541.22</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
H. F. Brigham Library	\$734.21	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>734.21</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$807.01</u>

**J. K. MAYNARD EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$2,608.19
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$289.09	
Savings Interest	2.74	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>291.83</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$2,900.02</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Requested Needs	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$2,900.02</u>

**GILBERT/COWAN/CEMETERY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$2,006.95
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Mortgage Interest	\$2,488.77	
Savings Interest	0.36	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>2,489.13</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$4,496.08</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Cemetery Operating Fund	\$2,284.30	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>2,284.30</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$2,211.78</u>



**MARGARET J. CUTTING EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$1,630.91
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Investment Account	\$27,221.33	
2015 & 2016 Unused Scholarships	\$3,500.00	
Donations	\$250.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>30,971.33</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$32,602.24</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
First Congregational Church	\$5,119.67	
Scholarships	22,000.00	
Administrative Costs	<u>57.15</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>27,176.82</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$5,425.42</u>

**SHELDON LIBRARY INVESTMENT EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$0.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Investment Account	<u>\$1,860.67</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>1,860.67</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$1,860.67</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
H. F. Brigham Library	<u>\$1,860.67</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>1,860.67</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$0.00</u>

**THOMAS L. TUPPER EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$11,054.92
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Investment Account	<u>5,564.60</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>5,564.60</u>
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>\$16,619.52</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Requested Needs	8,877.60	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>8,877.60</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$7,741.92</u>

**CIVIL SUIT JUDGEMENT  
LINDA HALL**

<b>BALANCE DUE JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$589,680.00
2017 Receipts		<u>(\$600.00)</u>
<b>BALANCE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$589,080.00</u>

	MARGARET CUTTING TRUST (R.M. Davis, Inc.)	SHELDON TRUST (LIBRARY) (R.M. Davis, Inc.)	TUPPER TRUST (R.M. Davis, Inc.)
<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>	\$671,558.38	\$46,541.47	\$146,609.41
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Net Earnings and Capital Return	12,961.66	885.89	2,649.61
Change of Value	97,348.89	6,732.89	21,181.90
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>110,310.55</u>	<u>7,618.78</u>	<u>23,831.51</u>
<b>Total Available</b>	<u>\$781,868.93</u>	<u>\$54,160.25</u>	<u>\$170,440.92</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Scholarships	\$22,101.66		
First Congregational Church Library	5,119.67	\$1,860.67	
Tupper Expendable Interest Fund			\$5,564.60
Administrative Charges	6,028.92	405.70	1,213.41
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>33,250.25</u>	<u>2,266.37</u>	<u>6,778.01</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>	<u>\$748,618.68</u>	<u>\$51,893.88</u>	<u>\$163,662.91</u>

**CEMETERY OPERATING FUND  
MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY**

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2017</b>		\$9,947.15
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Direct Tax	\$20,000.00	
Cemetery/Cowan/Gilbert Trust Interest	2,284.30	
Bank Interest	6.43	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>22,290.73</u>	
<b>Total Available</b>		<u>32,237.88</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Water	\$180.00	
Grounds Keeping--Ross Allen	7,980.00	
Flowers/Mulch/Fertilizer	162.33	
Tree Service	6,250.00	
Port-o-Let	95.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>14,667.33</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<u>\$17,570.55</u>

**H.F. BRIGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bank Balance JANUARY 1, 2017 37,874.77

**RECEIPTS**

Books Sales	70.00	
Copier/Printer Use	61.07	
Direct Tax for 2018	33,861.00	
Donations	400.51	
Fund Raisers	9.00	
Grants	200.00	
Misc	10.00	
Savings Interest	12.02	
Sheldon Book Fund Interest	734.21	
Sheldon Library Fund Interest	1,860.67	
Weeks Fund Interest	991.98	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		38,210.46
<b>Total Available</b>		76,085.23

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Salaries - Gross	20,552.61	
Fica & Medicare	1,572.21	
Books Purchased	4,255.25	
Box Rent	88.00	
Building Management	81.31	
Contracted Labor	152.50	
Conferences	50.00	
Dues	512.16	
Electricity	653.88	
Equipment Maintenance and Replacement	59.97	
Fund Raising Expense	0.00	
Heating Fuel	595.00	
Grant Expense	200.00	
Improvement Fund	3,830.75	
Internet	538.11	
Mileage	102.22	
Periodicals	375.08	
Postage	441.28	
Programs	398.52	
Supplies	675.92	
Telephone	682.31	
Water Fees	180.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		35,997.08

<b>Note: Funds included in December 31, 2017 Balance of:</b>	<b>40,088.15</b>
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$2,630.02</b>
<b>Direct tax for 2018</b>	<b>\$33,861.00</b>
<b>Operating funds left at year end for 2017</b>	<b>\$3,597.13</b>

Improvement Fund January 1st Balance	3,525.81
Spent in 2017	(3,830.75)
Added 2016 excess per Town Meeting Vote	2,934.96
Left in Improvement Fund December 31, 2017	2,630.02
Petty Cash	150.00

## H. F. BRIGHAM BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT 2017

We greatly appreciate the support the community has given the library in the past years and we look forward to your continuing support.

The library continues to offer book discussions on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We're always looking for new readers. We have added Stitch and B#\$%\*+ evenings (a monthly gathering of crafters -- knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc.) on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30pm -8pm.

This year we coordinated with the United Church, the Bakersfield Elementary School and the Vermont Humanities Council on the Vermont Reads Book- Brown Girl Dreaming to offer an adult book discussion and a planned discussion with the school's 5th - 6th grades. Other programs offered were -The Friendly Pirate on July 4th and Exordium - a program on bees from a local performer from Swanton. The Summer Reading Program is offered yearly for preschool through 8th grade students. Don't forget the Halloween Free Book Giveaway, supplied by donations. We now have TUBBS snowshoes for borrowing by both children and adults.

We spruced up the outside of the library this year. Power washed the building and the ramp. The ramp was stained too. Painted the front door and the window trim. The front light was repaired as well.

Total circulation for 2017 was 1,737 items, including books, periodicals and various forms of media. We had a total of 2,191 visits. If you need a book we don't have will get it through interlibrary loan. Don't forget we have 24/7 internet access and laptops for use .

We added Friday morning hours this year 9am - 12 noon. Which brings the total hours to 28.

Please visit our Facebook page and our website.

Please visit the library and bring a friend. There's always something happening.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS 2017

	B.A. HOUSE	BRIGHAM FUND	CEMETERY/ COWAN/ GILBERT/DOANE	J.K. MAYNARD	SHELDON BOOK	WEEKS	TOTAL
<b><u>MORTGAGE ACTIVITY</u></b>							
Balance in Mortgages 1/1/17	0.00	39,130.66	52,401.52	7,483.65	16,315.00	22,043.00	137,373.83
New Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal Payments	0.00	(5,500.37)	(811.50)	(4,262.81)	(3,035.81)	0.00	(13,610.49)
Balance in Mortgages 12/31/17	0.00	33,630.29	51,590.02	3,220.84	13,279.19	22,043.00	123,763.34
<b><u>SAVINGS ACTIVITY</u></b>							
Principal in Savings 1/1/17	8,615.00	34,876.67	505.48	8,034.35	0.00	0.00	52,031.50
Principal Payments		5,500.37	811.50	4,262.81	3,035.81	0.00	13,610.49
New Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Court Judgment to Principal	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Principal in Savings 12/31/17	8,615.00	40,977.04	1,316.98	12,297.16	3,035.81	0.00	66,241.99
<b><u>PRINCIPAL SUMMARY</u></b>							
Principal in Mortgages	0.00	33,630.29	51,590.02	3,220.84	13,279.19	22,043.00	123,763.34
Principal in Savings	8,615.00	40,977.04	1,316.98	12,297.16	3,035.81	0.00	66,241.99
Missing Principal		58,867.67					58,867.67
Total Original Principal	8,615.00	133,475.00	52,907.00	15,518.00	16,315.00	22,043.00	248,873.00
<b><u>INTEREST EARNED</u></b>							
Mortgage Interest Earned	0.00	1,585.39	2,488.77	289.09	806.93	1,090.23	6,260.41
Bank Interest Earned	2.73	9.59	0.36	2.74	0.08	0.05	15.55
Total Interest Earned	2.73	1,594.98	2,489.13	291.83	807.01	1,090.28	6,275.96

**CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

General Fund	\$92,730.04	
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00	
Bakersfield Rural Development	36,987.27	
Maple Grove Cemetery Checking	17,570.55	
Library Checking	270.14	
Library Savings	39,818.01	
Library Petty Cash	<u>150.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL General Accounts</b>		<b>\$187,826.01</b>

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Checking Account	19,783.74	
Equipment Repair Fund	59,515.38	
New Equipment Fund	83,873.21	
Bridge Account	41,110.48	
Paving / Gravel Fund	<u>10,092.83</u>	
<b>TOTAL Road Commissioner's Acct.</b>		<b>214,375.64</b>

**TRUST FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Brigham Fund Principal Savings	40,977.04	
Brigham Fund Expendable Interest Savings	781.04	
Brigham House Principal Savings	8,615.00	
Brigham House Expendable Interest Savings	2,504.82	
Gilbert/Cowan/Cemetery Principal Savings	1,316.98	
Gilbert/Cowan/Cemetery Expendable Interest Savings	2,211.78	
Weeks Library Principal Savings	0.00	
Weeks Library Expendable Interest Savings	1,090.28	
Sheldon Library Book Principal Savings	3,035.81	
Sheldon Library Book Expendable Interest Savings	807.01	
J.K. Maynard Principal Savings	12,297.06	
J.K. Maynard Expendable Interest Savings	2,900.02	
Thomas L Tupper Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	163,662.91	
Thomas L Tupper Fund Expendable Interest Savings	7,741.91	
Sheldon Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	51,893.88	
Cutting Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	748,618.68	
Cutting Fund Expendable Interest Checking	<u>5,425.42</u>	
<b>TOTAL Trust Principal &amp; Savings</b>		<b>1,053,879.64</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>1,456,081.29</b>

**BAKERSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Sweep Account	1,797,670.27	
Miscellaneous Cash Accounts	<u>265.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>1,797,935.27</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL &amp; TOWN CASH ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$3,254,016.56</b>

**BAKERSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT**

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JULY 1, 2016</b>		761,728.06
<b>SCHOOL RECEIPTS</b>		
After School Program - Parents	8,525.00	
After School Program - State	16,503.20	
After School Program - Swim Lessons	1,800.00	
Bank Interest Earned	771.59	
Brigham Fund	1,838.74	
Early Essential Education	13,874.00	
Early Essential Education Previous Year adjustmen	(8,169.41)	
E- Rate funds	2,632.55	
Efficiency Vermont	8,400.00	
Extraordinary Previous Year	49,596.77	
Grant - Music Drives US	4,000.00	
Vermont Community Garden	679.00	
Medicaid FY2016	12,835.01	
Consolidated Federal Program Grants	5,795.88	
Stars Early Education	2,470.00	
Intensive	203,473.00	
Intensive - Previous year adjustment	(13,623.00)	
Mainstream Block	75,503.00	
General State Support	1,431,956.83	
Small Schools Grant	51,063.00	
State Aid Transportation	52,904.00	
Property Taxes	1,370,318.17	
EFHS Tuition Adjustment FY2016	281.88	
EFHS Tuition Adjustment FY2017	7,335.00	
Cobra Reimbursement	8,669.32	
Reimbursements & overpayments	350.00	
	<b>Total School Receipts</b>	<u>3,309,783.53</u>
<b>HOT LUNCH RECEIPTS</b>		
Hot Lunch Receipts	21,270.96	
State Aid Lunch	19,772.94	
State Aid Breakfast	3,522.34	
State Lunch Adjustment	717.20	
State Lunch Match	522.13	
State Breakfast Match	90.58	
State Breakfast Adjustments	189.30	
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	7,543.00	
State of Vermont - After School program snacks	5,762.00	
Reinhart	2,025.82	
State of Vermont - Milk Cooler	1,000.00	
Reimbursements	559.05	
FY2016 Receipts	8,183.49	
	<b>Total Hot Lunch Receipts</b>	<u>71,158.81</u>
	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<u><u>4,142,670.40</u></u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS SCHOOL &amp; HOT LUNCH</b>		<u><u>3,275,221.40</u></u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2017</b>		\$867,449.00

## 2017-2018 CONTRACTED SCHOOL SALARIES

PRINCIPAL: Anissa Seguin	\$	79,750.00
TEACHERS:		
Art/Library	Priscilla May	\$ 37,250.00
Grade 1	Stephanie Beland	\$ 37,250.00
Grade 2	Emma Stevens	\$ 38,575.00
Grade 3	Lise Larose	\$ 59,085.00
Grade 4	Mallory Jones	\$ 37,250.00
Kindergarten	Molly Emerson	\$ 37,250.00
Math Interventionist	Kelly Hyde	\$ 61,850.00
MS English	Cara Newman	\$ 37,250.00
MS Math	Megan Petrie	\$ 37,250.00
MS Science	Laurie Graham	\$ 37,250.00
MS Social Studies	Kendra Pillsbury	\$ 38,575.00
Music	Alaria Lanpher	\$ 35,387.50
PE & Health	Arlene F. O'Rourke	\$ 66,250.00
Administrative Assistant -	Michelle Plouff	\$22.65/hour
Nurse -	Jocelyn Reighley	\$ 18,829.80
Payroll Officer -	Katherine Westcom	\$ 1,255.00
School Counselor -	Sarah Buhl	\$ 42,875.00
School Treasurer -	Vera Lawyer	\$ 8,928.25
Social Media Specialist -	Kendra Pillsbury	\$ 1,500.00
After School Program Coordinator		\$20.00/hour
After School Program Instructors		\$11.00-12.75/hour
Athletic Director		\$ 1,500.00
Coaches		Volunteered
Custodian		\$15.25/hour
Custodian, Assistant		\$14.50/hour
Farm to School Project Coordinator--Rachel Huff		\$15.00/hour
Food Program Manager/Head Cook		\$15.25/hour
Food Service Assistant		\$15.25/hour
Mowing and Trimming		\$ 1,752.00
ParaEducators/Bus Supervision		\$12.00-\$17.00/hour
School Board of Directors		\$450.00
School Board of Directors--Chairperson		\$500.00
School Board Secretary		\$12.50/hour
Snow Removal		\$ 4,430.00
Substitute Teachers		\$75.00-\$90.00/day
Summer Tutor		\$20.00/hour
Technology Coordinator		\$20.00/hour



**BAKERSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Joint Report of School Directors**  
**and**  
**Office of Superintendent of Schools**

**2017-2018**

**Enrollment as of October 1, 2017**

Grade	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	10	18	11	13	18	10	11	18	8	17	14	148

**Enrollment as of October 1, 2016**

Grade	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	14	9	12	19	9	12	16	9	18	13	14	145

**Blueprint for Learning**

**Mission**

The mission of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) Learning Community is to adopt, promote, and support high expectations for all its members. FNESU will use data and research-based best practices to make informed decisions so that all children learn and succeed in each area of development.

**Vision**

FNESU believes that working as a Professional Learning Community will lead to achievement of our mission. FNESU members will:

- Unite to achieve a common purpose and clear goals;
- Work together in collaborative teams to build capacity and promote ongoing professional learning;
- Seek and implement promising strategies for improving student achievement on a continuing basis;
- Monitor each school's progress; and
- Demonstrate a personal commitment to the academic success and general well-being of all students.

**Targets**

**Target Goal #1 Literacy (Reading and Writing)** – Improve student performance in Reading and Writing on New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments as evidenced by any or all of the following:

- The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Reading and Writing assessments will increase by 5% each year.
- The number of students who move up proficiency levels with the NECAP Reading and Writing assessments will increase by 5% each year.
- The number of students who demonstrate minimum of one year's growth in one teaching year's time will increase by 5%. (As measured by Scaled Scores NECAP in Reading Only)

**Target Goal #2 Mathematics** – Improve student performance in Mathematics on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments as evidenced by:

- The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.
- The percentage of students who move up proficiency levels with the NECAP Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.
- The number of students who demonstrate minimum of one year's growth in one teaching year's time in Mathematics as demonstrated by NECAP assessment results will increase by 5%. (As measured by Scaled Scores)

**Target Goal #3 Science** – Improve student performance in Science on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments. The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Science assessments will increase by 5% over the previous class.

**Target Goal #4 Technology** – Increase students' ability to utilize technological skills necessary to assist them in accessing digital tools to enhance learning experiences.

**Target Goal #5** – Improve school climate, student well-being, and communication as evidenced by survey data collected from students, parents, and community members.

**Target Goal #6 – Preparing, training, recruiting, hiring, and retaining high quality and effective educators** – Increase student academic achievement by improving educator and administrator quality and increasing the instructional abilities of educators in classrooms and administrators to provide effective feedback to educators.

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**Superintendent's Report**  
Lynn Cota, Superintendent

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”*  
~ Nelson Mandela

In July, I began my first year as the Superintendent of Schools, and my 23<sup>rd</sup> year serving students, in the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). It is my honor to present my first Superintendent's Annual Report.

**School Governance**

School governance has been a primary focus throughout my first six months in this role. In November, the boards of our five towns (Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford) presented voters with a side-by-side merger proposal. The merger passed in three of the five towns, which led to a merge on one side between Bakersfield and Berkshire and a narrow defeat on the other side between Enosburg and Richford. Berkshire and Bakersfield School Districts have begun the preliminary work to begin the unification process. The new Unified Union District will become operational on July 1, 2019. Montgomery School Board members submitted a Section 9 proposal requesting that they remain a single district. Similarly, the Enosburg and Richford School Boards submitted a joint proposal requesting that they each maintain their current single district governance structure. Proposals are available on the FNESU website: [www.fnesu.net](http://www.fnesu.net). These Section 9 proposals will be considered by the Secretary of Education as she develops her recommendation for the final Statewide Plan.

No matter the outcome of the final plan, it is in the best interest of our students for us all to move these, sometimes divisive, conversations about unification into productive and respectful opportunities for civil discourse. Whether school governance structures are merged or not, we will best meet the needs of our school communities by moving forward productively and collaboratively.

**Timeline – Act 46 & Act 49**

By June 1, 2018, the Vermont Secretary of Education will present her recommendations for school governance of the non-merged districts to the State Board of Education.

By November 30, 2018, the State Board of Education will issue the order of the final Statewide Plan requiring school governance consolidation, which will include some or all of the non-merged districts in Vermont.

By July 1, 2019, all new merged districts will become fully operational.

**Education Funding in Vermont**

The statewide education funding system in Vermont is quite complex. The Vermont School Board’s Association released a video that helps break it down in an understandable manner. If you haven’t already watched this video, please take the time to do so: <http://bit.ly/VTEdFunding>. Over the past several months, there has been a lot of conversation about the anticipated gap in the State Education Fund. It’s important to understand that the State Education fund pays for budgets approved locally by taxpayers. The amount of money Vermonters are required to raise in the Education Fund is based upon the sum total of all the local decisions that get made about school budgets throughout Vermont.

Governor Scott has recommended capping the increase in per-pupil spending at 2.5%. Within the Supervisory Union, 4 of the 5 towns exceeded the recommendation, and actually decreased their per-pupil spending. Enosburgh was not able to meet the target, given a substantial deficit at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, in part due to a loss of tuition students from Fairfield as a result of Maple Run’s merger. As a Supervisory Union, our per-pupil spending is decreasing by over 2%. Our spending continues to be among the lowest in the state and falls below the county and state averages in all five of our towns. It’s also important to note at the state level, we used one-time money to cover a deficit in the Education Fund in 2017 in order to prevent a tax increase. That being said, we are now faced with two years of growth in one year.

**Student/Staff Ratios**

One of the contributing factors to increased spending in Vermont is a relatively low student/staff ratio, compared to the national norm. In an effort to control spending in Vermont’s public schools, Secretary Holcombe has set a *Student/Staff Ratio* recommendation of 5:1. We are meeting, or very nearly meeting, this target in all our schools.

School	Student/Teacher Ratio	Student/Staff Ratio
Bakersfield Elementary	9.07	5.05
Berkshire Elementary	13.43	6.28
Enosburgh Elementary	10.72	5.40
Enosburgh Middle & High	10.28	4.95
Montgomery Elementary	12.35	5.59
Richford Elementary	9.94	4.93
Richford Jr.-Sr. High	12.88	6.15

**Student Learning**

Improving learning opportunities and outcomes for the students in Franklin Northeast continues to be the primary goal of our professional work. Annually, each school analyzes data from a variety of sources to complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Based upon the needs identified within each school, and in consideration of the FNESU Continuous Improvement Plan, each school develops their own semi-annual Continuous Improvement Plan. Please visit your school’s website, or the FNESU website, to review our current plans.

Overall, we have seen growth in the majority of standardized measures from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).

Grade	Vermont ELA	FNESU ELA	Student Growth Over Time	Vermont Math	FNESU Math	Student Growth Over Time
3	49%	52%	N/A	52%	50%	N/A
4	49%	50%	-12%	47%	55%	+6%
5	55%	49%	-2%	42%	43%	+7%
6	52%	56%	+8%	39%	48%	-1%
7	55%	51%	-----	44%	46%	-4%
8	55%	50%	-1%	41%	41%	-3%
11	59%	51%	(+33%)	37%	27%	(+7%)

FNESU students scored at or above state average on 8 of 14 measures.

FNESU students scored below state average on 6 of 14 measures.

We are proud of the progress we are making, and recognize the areas we need to focus on for continued growth.

### Curriculum

Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison, Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning

The schools of Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) and the rest of Vermont continue to navigate significant change in order to prepare students for a variety of opportunities after high school and prepare them to thrive in a new economy. As with any major change, we have experienced success and encountered challenges. Fortunately, the strong culture of collaboration among our schools allows us to work together to build on our strengths and address our struggles as we work toward continual improvement.

The implementation of Proficiency-Based Learning (Act 77) represents a success from the past year of which we can all be proud. To quote Vermont Secretary of Education Holcombe, “Proficiency-Based approaches are driven by three basic principles. First, when we can tell students clearly and specifically what we expect them to learn, they are more likely to learn it. Second, practice helps us get better. Third, giving students the specific feedback they need and the opportunity for additional practice helps them to develop and demonstrate those same skills.”

All schools in FNESU have been striving to teach students how to be self-directed learners, and all students in grades K-9 now have standards-based reporting systems that include information for parents about standards and feedback on student performance toward meeting these standards. Many of our schools conduct student-led conferences and Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) meetings as well. Students who are currently freshmen at Richford and Enosburg High Schools will graduate based on evidence of proficiency, rather than traditional grading systems that offer learners little information about how to improve. For more information on Proficiency-Based Learning in Vermont, visit the FNESU Website at <http://www.fnesu.net/proficiency-based-learning.html> and/or the Vermont Agency of Education website at <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning>.

The continued improvement of our students’ achievement on the statewide assessment known as SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) is certainly another bright spot from the past year. Students in FNESU showed growth in the majority of the 14 measures on the SBAC for literacy and math. We expect to see more growth from our testing this spring.

The 2017-2018 school year represents the transition year to implementation of changes required by the Vermont State Plan to address the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, teachers and students in Vermont schools will face changes in the statewide assessments beginning in the spring of 2018. New this spring, Vermont students will participate in the field test of a new science assessment for students in grades 5, 8 and 11. This assessment is in the design process and focuses on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Also new, students in grades 4, 7 & 10 will participate in the field test of the

FitnessGram assessment. This tool is intended to help our students learn to value a physically active lifestyle. Another significant change is the shift from administering the SBAC Literacy and Math assessment in grade 11 to grade 9. These changes can be viewed as both a challenge and an opportunity. For instance, by moving the high school assessment to grade 9, FNESU will be able to track year-to-year growth from grades 3 through grade 9.

Ultimately, continuous improvement is the goal of every school in FNESU. Just as with each of our students, we recognize that each school has individual strengths and needs. FNESU strives to celebrate school success and support improvement where there is need.

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### Continuum of Supportive Services Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

Children experiencing significant challenges in basic skill development are often referred to individual schools' Educational Support Team (EST) for an informal discussion regarding what basic skills are impacted, what interventions are needed, and the severity of academic achievement. Parents are also invited to the EST meetings to express their concerns and/or hear the concerns of their child's teacher(s).

There are various outcomes as a result of the EST meeting - additional interventions might be proposed over a period of time and reassessed at the conclusion of this timeframe, or the team may recommend that a referral to special education is warranted given the data collected regarding a student's individual progress.

Once a special education referral is made, an Evaluation and Planning Team (EPT) meeting is convened by a special education teacher to develop a plan for testing purposes. The EPT meeting will include the child's general education teachers, interventionists, the school's Local Education Agent (LEA), and the parent. Once the child's parent gives consent to the evaluation plan, the school has 60 days to complete this assessment.

Please find below the percentages of identified special education students in each of our 5 towns with the exception of Montgomery.

Bakersfield	12%
Berkshire	12%
Enosburg Elementary	15%
Enosburg Middle & High	15%
Montgomery Elementary	N/A
Richford Elementary	20%
Richford Jr.-Sr. High	18%

These numbers were based on the 2016/2017 School Report data. It should be noted that the statewide average of identified special education students is 15% while the national average is 14.8%.

During the 2016/2017 school year, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union participated in an intensive study performed by the District Management Group (DMG), a consultant firm from Cambridge, Massachusetts. DMG was contracted by the State of Vermont, to conduct an in-depth study of special education systems in 10 participating supervisory unions in Vermont. Results of this study became available in late June 2017. DMG will present their consolidated findings to the State Legislature in January 2018. Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union has done preliminary work in addressing recommendations presented in this study and will continue to consider next steps in improving special education services and how our schools can intervene earlier when students struggle academically.

## Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), we strive to prepare students for the technological future that awaits them. The use of technology in schools creates more educational opportunities for students, as well as providing the connectivity to become global learners.

With 1:1 computing, many students are given their “own” device to use by their school. 1:1 computing is a broad term based around the idea of having one device per student. As the cost of mobile devices has continued to decrease, FNESU schools have been able to continue to grow our 1:1 programs. We regularly evaluate devices as new ones become available providing our students with the best learning experience possible, while at the same time keeping our budgets and local taxpayers in mind.

While we have a variety of devices available to students, including laptops, iPads and Chromebooks, it's the Chromebooks that have emerged as the main computing device within FNESU. At this point, all of our schools are either already using Chromebooks as their main student device, or are in the process of transitioning from iPads to Chromebooks. The lower price of Chromebooks compared to iPads, along with the ease of maintenance, larger screen and physical keyboard have made them a very attractive option. FNESU is far from alone in this thinking, as Chromebooks have become the most popular device in schools nationwide in recent years.

Having a large number of computing devices in schools has also become a necessity when it comes to testing. Our students are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments. While students would take traditional paper and pencil style tests in the past, the SBAC tests are electronic and require compatible devices for testing.

While technology has great benefits in its role as a learning tool, we must also keep in mind that technology itself can lead to many potential career paths for students. With the creation of many new jobs, which require Computer Science degrees being projected for the near future, it is our responsibility to show our students that these potential career paths exist. Many classrooms across FNESU have participated in the Hour of Code over the past few years, which is an annual event designed to introduce and promote coding to students. We have also seen an increase in Maker (learn by creating) projects, including the use of 3D Printing in several of our schools.

Many technological tools other than student devices are used throughout FNESU as well. We use a teacher observation system called TeachPoint, which allows administrators to leave detailed real-time feedback for teachers about what they observed while visiting classrooms. Teacher-created websites and the use of classroom management tools like Google Classroom and Edmodo improve the communication between teachers and students and continue to grow in popularity. All teachers use our online curriculum database, Rubicon Atlas, to develop and map curriculum. The use of G Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education) has become commonplace for FNESU schools, enabling collaborative document creation and sharing, website design and blogging, among other useful tools. We also continue to use PowerSchool as our Student Management System. Another beneficial system is SchoolMessenger, which allows schools to make automated calls home to share information about upcoming events, or with important messages such as school closings.

As the use of technology continues to grow, safety must be kept as a focus. Both teachers and students need to be educated in safe and appropriate use of technology. The first link in the list below is a good resource for anyone looking for tips on Internet safety.

Technology Education Resources:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/> (Internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <https://www.google.com/edu/products/productivity-tools/> (G Suite for Education)
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
- <http://hourofcode.com/us> (The Hour of Code)

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions pertaining to technology in FNESU schools at [dderosia@fnesu.net](mailto:dderosia@fnesu.net) or by phone at 848-7661 x21.

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## LEAPS

(Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem)  
A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)  
Maria Gleason, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director

LEAPS continues to connect after-school programming, supplemental instruction, and skill development with the local school system and community. The mission of LEAPS is to improve student achievement in math, science, and reading/language arts, to improve self-esteem and social skills, and to reduce high-risk behaviors and attitudes.

For the fourteenth year, we are serving grades 5-12 at Enosburg Falls Middle & High School and grades K-6 in Richford. Three other sites are in their eighth year and are serving grades K-8 in Bakersfield, grades K-8 in Berkshire, and grades K-4 at Enosburg Elementary. Montgomery Elementary is in their fourth year and serves grades K-8. This grant funds all sites at fifty percent through June 2019. Other funding sources include Consolidated Federal Program Funds, private grants, tuition paid by parents, donations, and in-kind services. After this school year, every LEAPS program will have some funds allocated to their programming from each individual school board.

Each site varies in scope; however, they each work towards achieving common goals with the intent to strengthen student learning during the school day. The goals parallel those of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). This mission is promoted through offering a variety of enrichment activities, homework assistance, tutoring services, volunteer opportunities, career readiness and clear expectations that will foster a positive school and community atmosphere.

Staff for these programs primarily consists of school-day staff and some recruited community members that lead other activities in which students have expressed an interest. All of our sites provide a variety of high-quality enrichment activities, such as physical activities, the arts, science, literacy, and math. LEAPS has access to classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, libraries, and outdoor sports fields. All of these sites follow school rules, policies, procedures, and practice fire drills and lockdowns during the after-school hours.

During the 2016-2017 school year, our project served 915 students in all six sites, 691 of these students were regular attendees defined by attending 30 or more program days. The amount of regular attendees is up by 20 students from last year! Research shows that in order for after-school programming to positively impact student learning, they must attend more than 30 days per year. Overall, 77% of eligible students have attended our programs. 76% of those attendees are considered regular attendees by the federal definition. Specifically, at Bakersfield Elementary: Out of the 131 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, 122 students attended the program of which 71 were regular attendees. This means that 58% of those students who attended the program were regular attendees.

Our programs would not have been as successful without the continued and growing support of our Community Partners: Arvin A. Brown Library, Cornerstone Youth Center, Local Motion, LJW Memorial Fund, VT National Guard, Enosburg Art Gallery, Berkshire Recreational Department, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, RISEVT, Phineas Swann, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of TKD, Hannaford, Montgomery Adventures, the VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, and the NOTCH Program. Thank you for all of your support.

## Principal's Report

Anissa Seguin

Now into my third year as Principal at Bakersfield Elementary Middle School (BEMS), I continue to be excited about the traditions we follow as well as the new initiatives that we have started. It has been wonderful to be here for a few years. Starting a new year is always exciting. After every vacation it is wonderful to see the kiddos come walking through the door sharing stories, seeing how much they have grown, what teeth are missing, and what stories they have to share about their experiences. BEMS is a fantastic school and wonderful place. The community of Bakersfield shares so much with our school, and seeing the outreach of people that don't even have children here anymore amazes me. I am very happy to be part of the community of Bakersfield.

Last year, we updated our mission and vision that blend the past and the present in order to enhance the education happening in our school. Our school expectations are Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Ready To Learn. We are in our second year using Restorative Practices, the desired outcome is that students maximize their opportunities to practice positive and safe behavioral choices and repair situations with each other respectfully. We are a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) school of merit. At BEMS, we go out of our way to notice and recognize positive behavior. We take the time to celebrate those successes with individuals, and with the school as a whole (you can find our shout outs listed in Paw Prints each week).

At BEMS, we are implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). Every student at our school has a learner profile. Teachers update the learner profiles throughout the year. MTSS is described in the VT MTSS field guide as "a comprehensive, systemic approach to teaching and learning designed to improve learning for all students through increasingly differentiated and intensified assessment, instruction and intervention. Equally important is the idea that qualified professionals with appropriate expertise should provide instruction. MTSS is not exclusively a general or special education initiative." I am proud of the work and dedications from the teachers. The teachers continue to focus on high expectations, rigor, hard work, and social emotional education for students. The teachers also, do very well in differentiating instruction as students need.

We have increased our technology and therefore are able to have 1:1 chromebooks in 2nd - 8th grade. We strive to implement high quality academic instruction using technology and push students to have opportunities to "see" beyond the walls of BEMS. Our plan is to expand student use of technology from simply being a typing tool, to becoming a publishing, sharing, responding-to- many tool.

Our school enrollment remains steady at approximately 150 students including play/preschool. We started the school year with a few new faces this year. Meghan Petrie joined us as our middle school math teacher, Priscilla May as art/library teacher, Michelle Greene as special educator, and Kelly Hyde as the math interventionist. Our new paraprofessionals are: Emily Machia, Raina Sleeman, April Gilbert, and Krista Clayton.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP -science) learning assessments continue to take place in the spring of each year (this year these will change to 5th grade instead of 4th grade). Our scores overall show an increase from 2016 to 2017. Below you will find the % proficient for our school. These scores give students, teachers, and parents information about performance and learning. Our school continues to fall in the category of "needing improvement" according to standardized test results. We endeavor to continue to increase these scores through our School System of Supports and in using data effectively to inform instruction. The SBAC scores are one point of measurable data.



SBAC Scores Spring 2017

Grade	English Language Arts /Literacy			Math		
	% Proficient and above VERMONT	% Proficient and above FNESU	% Proficient and above BAKERSFIELD	% Proficient and above VERMONT	% Proficient and above FNESU	% Proficient and above BAKERSFIELD
3	49%	52%	58%	52%	50%	88%
4	49%	50%	88%	47%	55%	76%
5	55%	49%	*	42%	43%	*
6	52%	56%	44%	39%	48%	17%
7	55%	51%	33%	44%	46%	13%
8	55%	50%	50%	41%	41%	19%

\*Too few students to report

NECAP Scores Spring 2017

Grade	% Proficient and above Vermont	% Proficient and above FNESU	% Proficient and above Bakersfield
4	46%	41%	76%
8	25%	23%	21%

We communicate to our community in several ways. Some of these ways include: teacher newsletters, our website, our weekly school newsletter (Paw Prints), the school facebook page and our sign out front. Our goal is to include at least one activity a month where families have a chance to come into the school. We have held an Open House, Talent Show, student-led conferences, and Harvest Dinner. This year, our winter concert moved to January. We will be hosting more activities as the year progresses. This spring, we will have student-led parent conferences, a spring concert, a drama production, and we are also hoping to fit in a walk-to-school day. We continue to have amazing volunteers for the Four Winds Science Program! Our Farm-to-School Program is going well. We continue to make progress on student awareness of using local products, making their own products, and being invested in the community around them. We had a summer garden and used the produce, and currently our middle school science teacher is working on a trout hatching project for the spring. We are grateful for our Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem (LEAPS) program and our After School Program (ASP). These programs continue to grow and provide more opportunities for ALL students at BEMS. 76% of our students attended LEAPS. Our Parent/Teacher/Community Organization (PTCO) has been rekindled. ALL are welcome to join the meetings. One goal of the PTCO is to build a new playground for the school and community.

I am honored to be a part of the education of your children. My door is always open. Please stop in and share your thoughts, ideas, comments, and concerns.

**Business Manager's Update**  
Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

**School Budget**

Bakersfield's proposed school budget is down \$53,021 from the budget approved last year, a 1.6% decrease. The reduction is due primarily to lower projected high school tuition costs.

The district is anticipating an increase in revenue compared to last year, primarily due to an increased fund balance from FY17 and an increase to the Small Schools Grant.

**Residential Tax Rates**

Four factors go into setting the *equalized residential tax rate*, the rate you see on your property tax bill for homesteads.

- **Education Spending** is the budget approved by voters each year, lowered by any expected revenues (like grants, and interest). *As Education Spending increases, the tax rate increases. This is the only part of the formula impacted by local boards and voters.*
- **The Equalized Pupil Count** is a weighted count of the number of students in a district. *As the Equalized Pupil Count increases, the tax rate decreases.*
- **The Property Dollar Equivalent Yield** is an amount set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. *As the dollar yield increases, the tax rate decreases.* This budget uses \$9,842, the amount recommended by the tax commissioner on November 30. The final figure will be set by the Legislature.
- **The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** measures the difference between listed property values and market value. A CLA below 100% means that on average, properties are selling above their assessed value. *As the CLA increases, the tax rate decreases.*

The lower yield amount proposed by the administration is increasing projected tax rates statewide by around 9 cents. That increase is smaller in towns that spend below the state average, and in Bakersfield is offset by the decrease in per-pupil spending, as well as an increase to the CLA.

**Households with income below \$137,500 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential property tax bill.** In Tax Year 2016, 307 Bakersfield property owners had their school taxes reduced based on income. All Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-122) with the VT Department of Taxes by April 15.

**Non-Residential Tax Rates**

Non-residential tax rates are set by the legislature and change based on the CLA. *Local budget decisions do not change the non-residential tax rate assessed by the state.* The non-residential rate increase clearly shows the 9-cent impact from the figures proposed by the State administration.

**Audit**

The District was audited by RHR Smith & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. A copy of the audit can be obtained by calling the Supervisory Union office at 802-848-7661.

## Bakersfield Town School District FY19 General Fund Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
<b>Bakersfield School</b>					
Salaries	\$982,800	\$1,050,727	\$412,681	\$1,031,694	(\$19,033)
Health & Dental Insurance	\$149,611	\$153,004	\$71,579	\$155,518	\$2,514
Other Benefits	\$104,802	\$95,616	\$49,324	\$105,941	\$10,325
Contracted Services	\$52,969	\$108,300	\$30,697	\$166,101	\$67,801
Transportation	\$12,844	\$36,350	\$7,816	\$32,050	(\$4,300)
Supplies and Materials	\$74,040	\$118,225	\$48,388	\$117,025	(\$1,200)
Other	\$29,260	\$40,650	\$13,110	\$50,250	\$9,600
<b>Total Bakersfield School</b>	<b>\$1,406,326</b>	<b>\$1,602,872</b>	<b>\$633,595</b>	<b>\$1,658,579</b>	<b>\$55,707</b>
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>					
Bond Interest	\$29,516	\$28,535	\$14,529	\$27,400	(\$1,135)
Bond Principal	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$0
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$85,766</b>	<b>\$84,785</b>	<b>\$70,779</b>	<b>\$83,650</b>	<b>(\$1,135)</b>
<b>Other Districts &amp; Services</b>					
Superintendent's Office	\$87,200	\$100,002	\$50,001	\$101,211	\$1,209
SPED Assessment	\$362,540	\$135,802	\$68,649	\$135,088	(\$714)
Early Ed Assessment	\$76,679	\$76,259	\$0	\$78,248	\$1,989
Transportation Assessment	\$123,944	\$82,100	\$41,050	\$88,023	\$5,923
Payments to Other Districts	\$1,047,490	\$1,178,720	\$506,890	\$1,062,720	(\$116,000)
<b>Total Other Districts &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$1,697,853</b>	<b>\$1,572,883</b>	<b>\$666,590</b>	<b>\$1,465,290</b>	<b>(\$107,593)</b>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$3,189,945</b>	<b>\$3,260,540</b>	<b>\$1,370,964</b>	<b>\$3,207,519</b>	<b>(\$53,021)</b>

## Bakersfield Town School District FY19 General Fund Projected Revenue and Tax Rates

	FY18 Budget	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
<b>Private and Local Revenue</b>			
1			
2	\$198,930	\$225,706	\$26,776
3	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$0
4	\$750	\$750	\$0
5	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0
6	<b>Total Private and Local Revenue:</b>	<b>\$231,606</b>	<b>\$26,776</b>
<b>State Aid</b>			
7			
8			
9	\$19,000	\$14,370	(\$4,630)
10	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	\$68,363	\$103,661	\$35,298
12	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	\$60,062	\$59,700	(\$362)
15	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	\$0	\$0	\$0
17	\$0	\$0	\$0
18	<b>Total State Aid:</b>	<b>\$177,731</b>	<b>\$30,306</b>
<b>Projected Tax Rates</b>			
19			
20			
	FY18 Budget	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
21			
22	\$3,260,540	\$3,207,519	(\$53,021)
23	\$352,255	\$408,337	\$57,082
24	\$2,908,285	\$2,798,182	(\$110,103)
25	202.75	206.52	3.77
26	\$14,344	\$13,549	(\$795)
27	\$10,160	\$9,842	(\$318)
28	\$1.4118	\$1.3767	(\$0.0351)
29	98.57%	100.14%	1.57%
30	<b>Local Residential Education Tax Rate:</b>	<b>\$1.3748</b>	<b>(\$0.0575)</b>
31			
32	\$1.5350	\$1.6290	\$0.0940
33	98.57%	100.14%	1.57%
34	<b>Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate:</b>	<b>\$1.6267</b>	<b>\$0.0695</b>

## Bakersfield Town School District FY19 General Fund Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change	
1	<b>EXPENSES</b>					
2	<b>Elementary Instruction</b>					
3	Personnel	\$335,195	\$357,986	\$146,003	\$376,675	\$18,689
4	Benefits	\$110,300	\$102,532	\$48,357	\$88,056	(\$14,476)
5	Contracted Services	\$3,706	\$28,500	\$4,232	\$87,000	\$58,500
6	Transportation/Mileage	\$36,025	\$18,000	\$15,940	\$8,000	(\$10,000)
7	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$20,332	\$25,000	\$8,531	\$25,000	\$0
8	<b>Total Elementary Instruction</b>	<b>\$505,558</b>	<b>\$532,018</b>	<b>\$223,063</b>	<b>\$584,731</b>	<b>\$52,713</b>
9						
10	<b>Secondary Instruction</b>					
11	Personnel	\$249,797	\$263,473	\$75,646	\$206,370	(\$57,103)
12	Benefits	\$51,303	\$50,075	\$29,563	\$67,622	\$17,547
13	Contracted Services	\$1,720	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$2,000
14	Transportation/Mileage	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$2,000
15	<b>Total Secondary Instruction</b>	<b>\$302,820</b>	<b>\$327,548</b>	<b>\$105,209</b>	<b>\$291,992</b>	<b>(\$35,556)</b>
16						
17	<b>Co-Curricular</b>					
18	Personnel	\$2,288	\$1,500	\$1,140	\$1,500	\$0
19	Benefits	\$190	\$169	\$94	\$126	(\$43)
20	Contracted Services	\$2,275	\$4,500	\$940	\$5,000	\$500
21	Transportation/Mileage	\$4,128	\$10,000	\$3,892	\$13,700	\$3,700
22	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$2,565	\$5,575	\$1,198	\$5,575	\$0
23	After School Program	\$9,081	\$15,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$10,000
24	<b>Total Co-Curricular</b>	<b>\$20,527</b>	<b>\$36,744</b>	<b>\$7,264</b>	<b>\$50,901</b>	<b>\$14,157</b>
25						
26	<b>Guidance</b>					
27	Personnel	\$41,318	\$44,362	\$16,490	\$45,425	\$1,063
28	Benefits	\$12,609	\$12,864	\$6,563	\$13,229	\$365
29	Contracted Services	\$606	\$500	\$80	\$500	\$0
30	Transportation/Mileage	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
31	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$291	\$250	\$113	\$250	\$0
32	<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>\$54,824</b>	<b>\$58,176</b>	<b>\$23,246</b>	<b>\$59,604</b>	<b>\$1,428</b>
33						
34	<b>Health Services</b>					
35	Personnel	\$18,436	\$18,990	\$8,084	\$21,425	\$2,435
36	Benefits	\$2,228	\$2,827	\$708	\$3,023	\$196
37	Contracted Services	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$300	\$100
38	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$1,954	\$2,800	\$311	\$2,500	(\$300)
39	<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>\$22,618</b>	<b>\$24,817</b>	<b>\$9,103</b>	<b>\$27,248</b>	<b>\$2,431</b>
40						
41	<b>Paraeducators</b>					
42	Personnel	\$21,874	\$47,895	\$19,559	\$54,502	\$6,607
43	Benefits	\$5,887	\$5,718	\$2,970	\$9,457	\$3,739
44	Contracted Services	\$0	\$500	\$1,179	\$1,000	\$500
45	<b>Total Paraeducators</b>	<b>\$27,761</b>	<b>\$54,113</b>	<b>\$23,708</b>	<b>\$64,959</b>	<b>\$10,846</b>
46						

## Bakersfield Town School District FY19 General Fund Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change	
47	<b>Library</b>					
48	Personnel	\$29,013	\$27,981	\$7,290	\$19,900	(\$8,081)
49	Benefits	\$7,361	\$6,952	\$3,206	\$7,000	\$48
50	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$2,057	\$3,200	\$1,092	\$2,700	(\$500)
51	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>\$38,431</b>	<b>\$38,133</b>	<b>\$11,588</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>	<b>(\$8,533)</b>
52						
53	<b>Technology</b>					
54	Personnel	\$605	\$10,000	\$4,025	\$9,539	(\$461)
55	Benefits	\$51	\$0	\$335	\$822	\$822
56	Contracted Services	\$1,601	\$3,500	\$845	\$3,500	\$0
57	Facilities/Rent	\$14	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	(\$500)
58	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$16,071	\$25,000	\$10,499	\$25,000	\$0
59	<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>\$18,342</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>	<b>\$15,704</b>	<b>\$39,361</b>	<b>(\$139)</b>
60						
61	<b>School Directors</b>					
62	Personnel	\$13,231	\$12,555	\$8,303	\$8,555	(\$4,000)
63	Benefits	\$1,015	\$743	\$638	\$654	(\$89)
64	Contracted Services	\$661	\$5,500	\$570	\$5,600	\$100
65	Other Services	\$2,603	\$3,550	\$1,989	\$3,450	(\$100)
66	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$2,736	\$4,000	\$1,917	\$3,800	(\$200)
67	<b>Total School Directors</b>	<b>\$20,246</b>	<b>\$26,348</b>	<b>\$13,417</b>	<b>\$22,059</b>	<b>(\$4,289)</b>
68						
69	<b>Superintendent's Office</b>					
70	Assessment	\$87,200	\$100,002	\$50,001	\$101,211	\$1,209
71	<b>Total Superintendent's Office</b>	<b>\$87,200</b>	<b>\$100,002</b>	<b>\$50,001</b>	<b>\$101,211</b>	<b>\$1,209</b>
72						
73	<b>Principal's Office</b>					
74	Personnel	\$120,637	\$126,154	\$57,638	\$128,224	\$2,070
75	Benefits	\$35,124	\$34,779	\$16,573	\$36,491	\$1,712
76	Contracted Services	\$2,168	\$2,500	\$1,263	\$3,000	\$500
77	Transportation/Mileage	\$1,128	\$1,700	\$522	\$1,700	\$0
78	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$4,125	\$7,000	\$2,538	\$7,000	\$0
79	<b>Total Principal's Office</b>	<b>\$163,182</b>	<b>\$172,133</b>	<b>\$78,534</b>	<b>\$176,415</b>	<b>\$4,282</b>
80						
81	<b>Operation of Plant</b>					
82	Personnel	\$53,293	\$50,372	\$25,885	\$52,535	\$2,163
83	Benefits	\$6,804	\$6,404	\$2,786	\$7,019	\$615
84	Facilities/Rent	\$37,392	\$44,400	\$19,592	\$44,400	\$0
85	Other Services	\$8,591	\$11,500	\$7,114	\$11,200	(\$300)
86	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$27,179	\$47,000	\$24,382	\$48,000	\$1,000
87	<b>Total Plant</b>	<b>\$133,259</b>	<b>\$159,676</b>	<b>\$79,759</b>	<b>\$163,154</b>	<b>\$3,478</b>
88						
89	<b>Transportation</b>					
90	Transportation To/From School	\$123,944	\$82,100	\$41,050	\$88,023	\$5,923
91	<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$123,944</b>	<b>\$82,100</b>	<b>\$41,050</b>	<b>\$88,023</b>	<b>\$5,923</b>
92						

## Bakersfield Town School District FY19 General Fund Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change	
93	<b>Debt Service</b>					
94	Interest	\$29,516	\$28,535	\$14,529	\$27,400	(\$1,135)
95	Principal	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$0
96	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$85,766</b>	<b>\$84,785</b>	<b>\$70,779</b>	<b>\$83,650</b>	<b>(\$1,135)</b>
97						
98	<b>Tuition</b>					
99	Public Tuition	\$873,293	\$1,008,000	\$430,139	\$896,000	(\$112,000)
100	Private Tuition	\$14,773	\$64,000	\$7,565	\$60,000	(\$4,000)
101	Tech Center Tuition	\$119,118	\$106,720	\$26,406	\$106,720	\$0
102	Prior Year Tuition	\$13,813	\$0	\$31,638	\$0	\$0
103	Prior Year Tech Tuition	\$3,110	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>\$1,024,107</b>	<b>\$1,178,720</b>	<b>\$496,748</b>	<b>\$1,062,720</b>	<b>(\$116,000)</b>
105						
106	<b>Special Education</b>					
107	Personnel	\$78,570	\$68,845	\$30,779	\$80,830	\$11,985
108	Benefits	\$19,882	\$23,981	\$8,037	\$25,435	\$1,454
109	Contracted Services	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
110	FNESU Assessment	\$354,128	\$134,306	\$67,153	\$135,088	\$782
111	Transportation/Mileage	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	(\$200)
112	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)
113	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$452,580</b>	<b>\$228,832</b>	<b>\$105,969</b>	<b>\$242,353</b>	<b>\$13,521</b>
114						
115	<b>Early Education</b>					
116	Personnel	\$17,746	\$20,614	\$10,998	\$25,323	\$4,709
117	Benefits	\$1,567	\$1,576	\$942	\$2,100	\$524
118	Contracted Services	\$79,506	\$79,959	\$1,997	\$88,549	\$8,590
119	Transportation/Mileage	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
120	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$660	\$2,000	\$420	\$2,000	\$0
121	<b>Total Early Education</b>	<b>\$99,479</b>	<b>\$104,399</b>	<b>\$14,357</b>	<b>\$118,222</b>	<b>\$13,823</b>
122						
123	<b>Early Education SPED</b>					
124	Personnel	\$797	\$0	\$391	\$892	\$892
125	Benefits	\$90	\$0	\$92	\$424	\$424
126	Contracted Services	\$8,411	\$12,496	\$1,496	\$0	(\$12,496)
127	<b>Total Early Education SPED</b>	<b>\$9,298</b>	<b>\$12,496</b>	<b>\$1,979</b>	<b>\$1,316</b>	<b>(\$11,180)</b>
128						
129	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,189,942</b>	<b>\$3,260,540</b>	<b>\$1,370,478</b>	<b>\$3,207,519</b>	<b>(\$53,021)</b>

# FY18 Education Spending Per Pupil by District

\$5,000

\$10,000

\$15,000

\$20,000

**Bakersfield spent \$1,024 less per pupil than the state average.**

State Average (\$15,368)

Bakersfield (\$14,344)

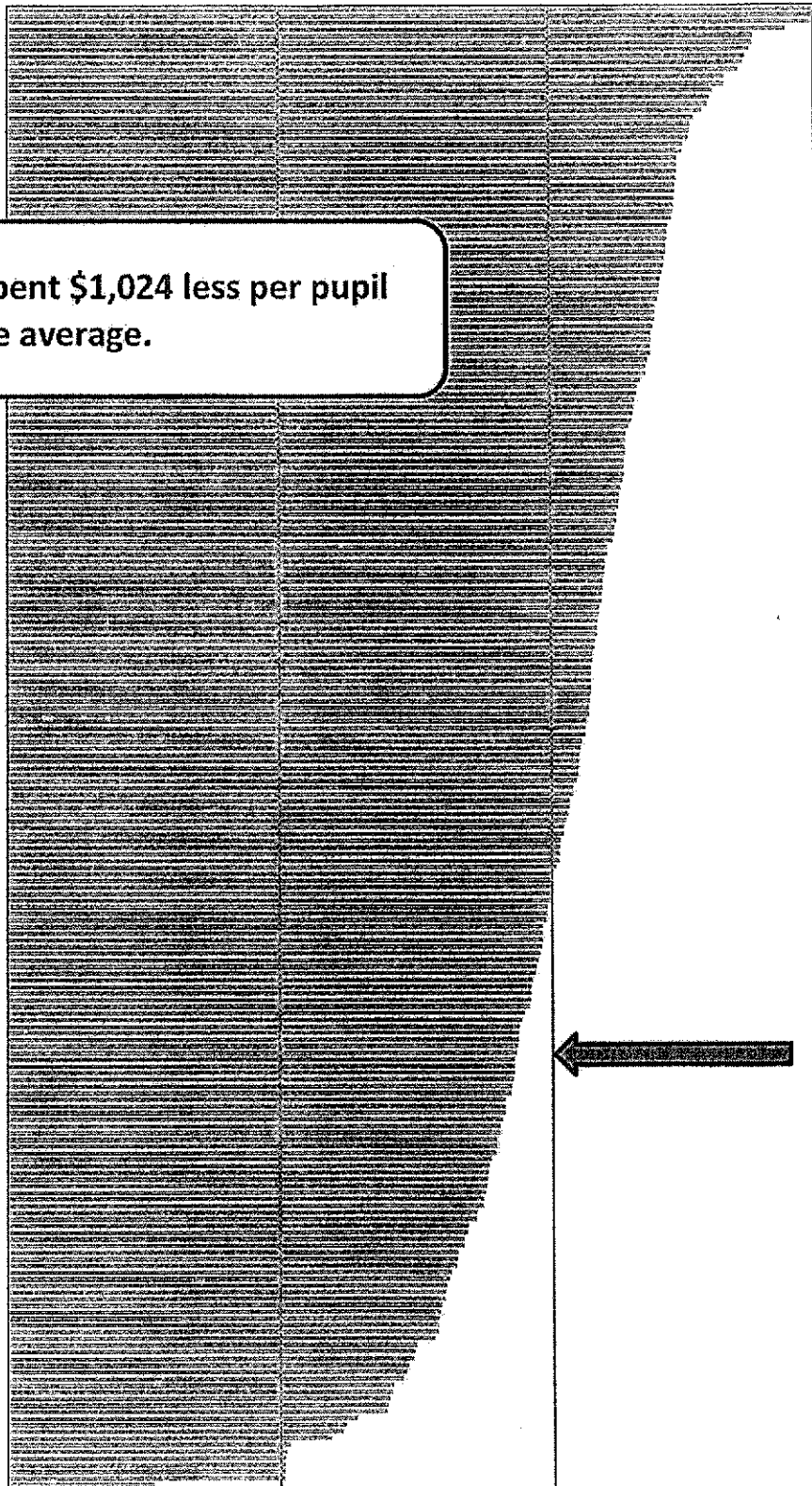
Franklin County Average (\$14,039)

Berkshire (\$13,785)

Enosburgh (\$13,366)

Montgomery (\$12,911)

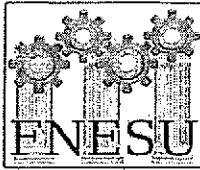
Richford (\$12,832)





District: Bakersfield County: Franklin		T007 Franklin Northeast		Property dollar equivalent yield 9,842	Homestead tax rate per \$10,000 of equalized pupil 1.00	
				11,862	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,324,194	\$3,528,816	\$3,260,540	\$3,207,519	1.
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting					2.
3.	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Mechanic & West Windsor only)					3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,324,194	\$3,528,816	\$3,260,540	\$3,207,519	4.
5.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any					5.
6.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit					6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,324,184</b>	<b>\$3,528,816</b>	<b>\$3,260,540</b>	<b>\$3,207,519</b>	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data					8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data					9.
<b>Revenues</b>						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$453,924	\$644,593	\$352,255	\$409,337	10.
11.	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 80					11.
12.	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Mechanic & West Windsor only)					12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$453,924</b>	<b>\$644,593</b>	<b>\$352,255</b>	<b>\$409,337</b>	13.
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$2,870,270</b>	<b>\$2,884,223</b>	<b>\$2,908,285</b>	<b>\$2,788,182</b>	14.
15.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	<b>218.18</b>	<b>210.10</b>	<b>202.75</b>	<b>206.52</b>	15.
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$13,278.45</b>	<b>\$13,727.86</b>	<b>\$14,344.19</b>	<b>\$13,549.21</b>	
16.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$400.81	\$408.21	\$418.18	\$405.05	16.
17.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	\$1.27		\$34.50	\$16.42	17.
18.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)					18.
19.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)					19.
20.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)					20.
21.	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)					21.
22.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)					22.
23.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2018 (per equpup)		\$15.71	\$16.26	\$76.05	23.
24.	Excess spending threshold	\$17,103.00	\$13,628.11	\$17,386.00	\$17,310.00	24.
25.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)					25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,278	\$13,726	\$14,344	\$13,549.21	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	140.378%	141.510%	141.163%	137.667%	27.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$13,549.21 ÷ (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000))	\$1,3898	\$1,4151	\$1,4118	\$1,3767	28.
29.	Percent of Bakersfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.38)	\$1,3898	\$1,4151	\$1,4118	\$1,3767	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	103.09%	99.28%	98.57%	100.14%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,3767 / 100.14%)	\$1,3461	\$1,4252	\$1,4323	\$1,3748	32.
33.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by the 30) ((\$13,549.21 ÷ \$11,862) x 2.00%)	2.53%	2.53%	2.39%	2.28%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.28%)	2.53%	2.53%	2.39%	2.28%	34.
35.						35.
36.						36.
37.						37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$100 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property values. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.



## Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY19 Central Office Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change	Bakersfield Share	
1	<b>EXPENSES</b>						
2	<b>ELL</b>						
3	Personnel	\$0	\$43,000	\$3,378	\$22,453	(\$20,547)	\$1,976
4	Benefits	\$0	\$26,575	\$813	\$6,644	(\$19,931)	\$585
5	Other	\$0	\$0	\$393	\$500	\$500	\$44
6	<b>Total ELL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$69,575</b>	<b>\$4,584</b>	<b>\$29,597</b>	<b>(\$39,978)</b>	<b>\$2,605</b>
7							
8	<b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>						
9	Personnel	\$32,763	\$50,762	\$25,700	\$70,890	\$20,128	\$6,238
10	Benefits	\$12,513	\$19,288	\$9,295	\$25,077	\$5,789	\$2,207
11	Other	\$896	\$0	\$571	\$500	\$500	\$44
12	<b>Total Curriculum</b>	<b>\$45,972</b>	<b>\$70,050</b>	<b>\$35,566</b>	<b>\$96,467</b>	<b>\$26,417</b>	<b>\$8,489</b>
13							
14	<b>New Teacher Mentoring</b>						
15	Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,250	\$26,250	\$2,310
16	Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$231
17	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18	<b>Total Mentoring</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,875</b>	<b>\$28,875</b>	<b>\$2,541</b>
19							
20	<b>Administration</b>						
21	Personnel	\$334,934	\$332,588	\$132,169	\$322,213	(\$10,375)	\$28,355
22	Benefits	\$122,887	\$124,210	\$55,679	\$139,733	\$15,523	\$12,297
23	Contracted Services	\$54,827	\$47,843	\$25,425	\$46,843	(\$1,000)	\$4,122
24	Facilities/Rent	\$23,297	\$23,996	\$11,998	\$24,000	\$4	\$2,112
25	Other Services	\$23,006	\$27,700	\$20,494	\$24,400	(\$3,300)	\$2,147
26	Supplies/Equipment	\$56,575	\$61,200	\$31,286	\$56,900	(\$4,300)	\$5,007
27	Other	\$7,720	\$9,000	\$8,315	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$880
28	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$623,246</b>	<b>\$626,537</b>	<b>\$285,366</b>	<b>\$624,088</b>	<b>(\$2,448)</b>	<b>\$54,920</b>
29							
30	<b>Business Services</b>						
31	Personnel	\$191,874	\$261,599	\$126,753	\$267,860	\$6,261	\$23,572
32	Benefits	\$91,015	\$125,200	\$61,359	\$126,237	\$1,037	\$11,109
33	Other	\$150	\$0	\$1,414	\$0	\$0	\$0
34	<b>Total Business Services</b>	<b>\$283,039</b>	<b>\$386,799</b>	<b>\$189,526</b>	<b>\$394,097</b>	<b>\$7,298</b>	<b>\$34,681</b>
35							
36	<b>Food Service</b>						
37	Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$505,476	\$505,476	\$44,482
38	Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,015	\$122,015	\$10,737
39	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$642,000	\$642,000	\$56,496
40	<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,269,491</b>	<b>\$1,269,491</b>	<b>\$111,715</b>
41							
42	<b>Transportation To/From School</b>						
43	Contracted Services	\$1,023,118	\$1,053,000	\$526,390	\$1,015,580	(\$37,420)	\$142,140
44	<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$1,023,118</b>	<b>\$1,053,000</b>	<b>\$526,390</b>	<b>\$1,015,580</b>	<b>(\$37,420)</b>	<b>\$142,140</b>
45							
46	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,975,375</b>	<b>\$2,205,961</b>	<b>\$1,041,432</b>	<b>\$3,458,196</b>	<b>\$1,252,235</b>	<b>\$357,090</b>
47							
48	<b>REVENUES</b>						
49	Transportation Aid	\$36,287	\$465,000	\$308,926	\$471,000	\$6,000	\$54,117
50	Medicaid	\$23,224	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$1,936
51	Erate	\$2,159	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52	Food Service Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,269,491	\$1,269,491	\$111,715
53	Miscellaneous	\$1,017	\$1,000	\$1,667	\$1,000	\$0	\$88
54	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$64,687</b>	<b>\$488,000</b>	<b>\$310,593</b>	<b>\$1,763,491</b>	<b>\$1,275,491</b>	<b>\$167,856</b>
55							
56	<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS</b>						
57	Bakersfield	\$211,144	\$182,102	\$91,051	\$189,234	\$7,132	\$189,234
58	Berkshire	\$289,287	\$266,383	\$133,192	\$267,278	\$895	\$895
59	Enosburgh	\$769,715	\$675,622	\$329,310	\$677,338	\$1,816	\$1,816
60	Montgomery	\$216,666	\$207,613	\$103,966	\$186,499	(\$21,014)	
61	Richford	\$421,584	\$386,442	\$199,266	\$374,357	(\$12,085)	
62	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,908,396</b>	<b>\$1,717,962</b>	<b>\$856,785</b>	<b>\$1,694,706</b>	<b>(\$23,256)</b>	<b>\$189,234</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Bakersfield School Directors

Tennyson Doane, Chair  
Jean-Marie Clark, Vice Chair  
Erin Paquette, Clerk  
Cheryll DeRue  
Daniel Shook

Administration

Lynn Cota, Superintendent  
Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison  
Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning  
Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs  
Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director  
Maria Gleason, 21st CCLC Project Director  
Anissa Seguin, Principal  
Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

## Town of Bakersfield, Vermont Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

As collector of delinquent taxes for the Town of Bakersfield, I believe it is in the best interest of the Town, as well as its residents, that property taxes be paid when they are due, but I recognize that there are circumstances beyond the control of a taxpayer that may cause them to become delinquent. I will work with these delinquent taxpayers to help them become current in their obligation to the Town and will deal with them in a diplomatic and professional manner. However, should I encounter a taxpayer who fails or refuses to deal in good faith, I will proceed with any and all collection methods appropriate to recover the debt in a timely manner.

1. An 8% penalty is charged on all delinquent taxes. In addition, interest on delinquent taxes accrues at the rate of 1% per month.
2. Within 15 days after the warrant for collection of delinquent taxes has been issued and periodically thereafter until taxes are paid in full, a notice will be sent to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, interest and penalty owed.
3. A written payment agreement must be executed by the delinquent taxpayer by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Payments will be first applied to accrued interest. Any amount in excess of the accrued interest will be applied proportionally to the principal amount of tax and the penalty. (By way of example, if the payment was for \$150 and if the accrued interest was \$42, \$42 would be allocated to the interest, \$100 to the tax, and \$8 to the penalty. All payment plans must be paid in full by September 30, 2018.
4. If a payment agreement is not executed by the delinquent taxpayer by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, or if the terms of such a payment agreement are breached, the tax collector will initiate formal proceedings to collect the outstanding taxes, interest and penalty. Such proceedings may include tax sale, legal action to recover the debt, distraint of personal property, and/or foreclosure.

NOTICE: You may be entitled to an abatement of your delinquent property taxes under 24 V.S.A. §1535. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Board of Abatement, please contact the town clerk at: 802-827-4495.

*Katherine Westcom*

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Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
Town of Bakersfield, Vermont

## DELINQUENT TAXES

### 2010 thru 2017

*Alger, William	\$596.23
Beane, Nichole	2,431.38
Beneficial Homeowner Service Corp.	3,535.37
Comfort, Curtis & Joungmin Lee	4,234.34
Desranleau, Daniel	219.57
*Dezotelle, Thomas, Bruce, Patrick & Carlyle	14,888.44
*Fortin, Sharon	5,247.25
Gagne, Celeste & Phillip	2,295.58
Gagne, Kenneth	976.53
*Gagnon, Peter & Brandi	4,940.15
*Gauthier, Jane & Herbert Devino	4,120.18
*Gentemann, Gerald	1,845.46
Gordon, Blaine & April	1,014.14
Haible, Paul	2,000.63
Hayton, Richard	3,113.96
Howard, Christian C. Jr & Sharon	941.91
Joyal, Raymond & Joanne	873.68
Marrier, Dominic & Mary	2,324.32
*Marshia, Donald	3,529.94
McDonald Preservation Trust	2,202.27
McKenzie, Donald & Sheri	2,819.18
Nelson, Douglas	2,197.40
Nelson, Joseph & Melissa West	8,730.69
*Parent, Marcel	3,703.52
*Pike, Lori	2,237.42
*Raftery, Matthew & Tonia	2,091.01
Reid, Kevin & Cal Reid	4,501.77
Rose, Nicole & Gerald	883.33
Walls, Leon	2,224.16
Zurn, Karl & Jane	3,644.77

**TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**\$94,364.58**

("NOTE: Taxes not received in the Town Clerk's Office by noon the day before the last business day of the year cannot be credited in that year.)

\*Properties paid, redeemed or sold at tax sale in January, 2018.

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**BIRTHS**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Chloe Shae Mason	F	1/9/2017	St. Albans	Olivia Rae Ovitt Anthony Allen Mason
Rowan Paislee Clark	F	2/7/2017	St. Albans	Caitlin Lane Benoit Donny Roy Clark Jr.
Emmah Jean Goss	F	4/9/2017	St. Albans	Shania Lynn Gokey Jordan Samuel Goss
William Joseph Bell	M	6/14/2017	St. Albans	Katey Alyse Hull Michael Adam Bell
Axel Charles Conner	M	6/27/2017	St. Albans	Tasney Ann Noyes Joshua Charles Conner
Adeline Rose Stanley	F	11/1/2017	Burlington	Lacey Marie West Corey Matthew Stanley
Allison Guadalupe Garcia Garcia	F	11/15/2017	St. Albans	Maria Guadalupe Garcia Perez Reyes Garcia Ortiz
Brady Alexander Morits	M	11/22/2017	St. Albans	Erin Dana Britch-Morits Aaron Jason Morits

## MARRIAGES

<b>Names of Spouses</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date</b>
Erika Mae Snider Michael James Lundborg	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	3/18/2017
Caelyn Mariah Doane Kenneth Bruce White	Bakersfield, VT Orleans, MA	6/10/2017
Emily Jean Trombley-Machia Shaun Michael Machia	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	7/29/2017
Wendy J Deforge Robert D Bushey	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	7/22/2017
Jennifer Marie Schryver Steele Matthew Ovitt	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	9/2/2017
Angela Michelle Pendris Alexander Ray Holcomb	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	9/9/2017
Jessica Lynn Machia Chris Patrick Carswell	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	9/30/2017
Martha Kay King McShane James Thomas White	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	10/7/2017
Susan Leah Fotter Andrew Reid Wooten	Bakersfield, VT Bakersfield, VT	11/21/2017

## DEATHS

Name	Age	Date	Place of Birth
Gregory Paul Robert	57	2/9/2017	Burlington, VT
Gene Durward Willey	86	2/10/2017	Monroe, NH
Patricia Belle Curtis	67	5/3/2017	St. Albans, VT
Wilma Geraldine Forand	92	8/17/2017	Quebec, Canada
David Lawrence Carr	77	8/27/2017	Hardwick, VT
Graydon Albert Lumbra	78	9/23/2017	Richford, VT
Cole Roland Paquette	14	9/26/2017	St. Albans, VT
Harrison Marshall Doane	90	10/22/2017	Bakersfield, VT
Perry Clarkson Cooper	84	11/3/2017	York, PA