

# TOWN OF SANDGATE



## Town & School District 2016 Fiscal Year Annual Report

# WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 6th, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 7, 2017 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Town Moderator – one year term	Lister – three year term
School Moderator – one year term	Lister – balance of three year term
Selectman – three year term	Cemetery Commissioner – three year term
Selectman – one year term	Constable – one year term
Selectman – one year term	Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term
School Director – three year term	Town Agent – one year term
Auditor – three year term	Town Grand Juror – one year term
Auditor – balance of three year term	

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports on the Town Officers

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2017?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's expenditures prior to the collection of taxes?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the line item balance for the construction account be carried forward in the individual account into the following year?

ARTICLE 6. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$23,457 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the town appropriate \$144,478 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the town appropriate \$327,474 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682.

ARTICLE 10. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

# SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2016

		Term Ending
Town & School Moderator	Richard Dahm	2017
Town Clerk	Marjorie Peff	2019
Assistant Town Clerk	Pat Hall (appointed by town clerk)	
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by town clerk)	
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy	2018
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by treasurer)	
Selectboard, 3 Years (Chair)	Suzanne dePeyster	2017
Selectboard, 3 Years	Karen Tendrup	2019
Selectboard, 1 Year	Karen Dzialo	2017
Selectboard, 1 Year	Thomas Santelli	2017
Selectboard, 3 Years	Mike Hill	2018
Constable	Richard Dahm	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor LaCross	2017
Auditor, 3 Year	Eric Boberg (Appointed)	2017
Auditor, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster	2019
Auditor, 3 Year	Katie Kenny ( Appointed)	2017
Lister, 3 Years	John Zak	2018
Lister, 3 Years	Shelley Finn (Appointed)	2017
Lister, 3 Years	Jeanne Zoppel	2017
Town Agent, 1 Year	Jean Eisenhart	2017
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart	2017
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Julie Robertson	2017
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathleen Hill	2018
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Charles Pike	2018
School Director, 3 Year	Celeste Keel	2018
School Director, 3 Year	Allan Tschorn	2019
School Director, 3 Year	Jeanne Zoppel	2017
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster	2019
	Sonja Jaffee	2017
	Dona McAdams	2019
	Julie Robertson	2019
	Phoebe Sheres	2019
	Nancy Tschorn	2019

# SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2016

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Harry Rich	2018
Jane Gatlin, Sonja Jaffe, Dona McAdams, Phoebe Sheres	2017
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD</b>	
Judy Boehlert, Chair	2014-2017
Suzanne dePeyster	2015-2018
Joseph Nolan	2016-2019
Michael Mazzola	2016-2019
Betsy LaVecchia, Clerk	2014-2017
Jean Eisenhart, Alternate	2016-2019
<b>911 ADDRESSES</b>	
Mike Hill	2016-2017
Marjorie Peff	2016-2017
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / HEALTH OFFICER</b>	
John LaVecchia	Hired
<b>FIRE WARDENS</b>	
Lynn Fielding	2016-2017
Jim Gunn	2016-2017
<b>POUND KEEPER</b>	
Erin McDermott - Small Animals	2016-2017
Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals	2016-2017
<b>TOWN SERVICE OFFICER</b>	
Dayna Mazzola	2016-2017
<b>EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR</b>	
Dayna Mazzola	2016-2017
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Marty Irion	2016-2017
<b>BCRC REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Suzanne dePeyster & Judy Boehlert	2016-2017
<b>INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES &amp; WOOD</b>	
Dona McAdams	2016-2017
<b>GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR</b>	
Marjorie Peff	2016-2017
Ed Gust	2016-2017
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, & Mike Mazzola	2016-2017
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Mike Hill	2016-2017
<b>SIGN CONTROL</b>	
Selectboard	2016-2017
<b>ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel	2017

# 2016 SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, in the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 1, 2016, between 10:00am and 7:00pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers (using Australian Ballot):

Town Moderator - one year term  
School Moderator - one year term  
Town Clerk - three year term  
Selectman - three year term  
Selectman - one year term  
Selectman - one year term  
School Director - three year term  
Auditor - three year term  
Lister - three year term  
Constable - one year term  
Delinquent Tax Collector - one year term  
Town Agent - one year term  
Town Grand Juror - one year term

Australian Ballot will take place March 1, 2016 from 10 AM to 7PM

Break at 7:05 PM to hear Representatives Steve Berry and Cynthia Browning give legislative reports. Steve Berry said there is an effort to get more money from the Federal government for the Veteran's Home. Cynthia Browning said that ACT 46 would not take away school choice. Kathy Wagner mentioned Arts & Crafts event for June 11 & 12 in the Sandgate School House. Suzanne dePeyster alerted the audience to Bennington County Solid Waste Survey.

Meeting resumed at 7:31 PM - Present: 35 audience members.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers. Reports were discussed. Jean Zoppel said thank you to Nancy Henderson for all her work. Carryovers for previous years will be reviewed. Richard Dahm moved the question  
Article 2 passed

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 1, 2016?  
Jean Eisenhart moved the question.  
Valerie dePeyster Seconded  
Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's expenditures prior to the collection of taxes?  
Richard Dahm moved the question  
Article 4 passed

ARTICLE 5. Shall line item balances for the following accounts be carried forward in the individual accounts into the following year: Records Restoration; Legal and Professional; Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements fund; Highway Fund Materials and Hauling (both winter and

summer); Pavement Maintenance; Bridge/culvert program; Equipment Fund; Independent Audit; Grant Proposals; Miscellaneous Highway and General Funds?

Richard Dahm moved the question.

Article 5 passed

ARTICLE 6. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,482 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

Discussion about Front Porch Forum, Red Cross and Turning Point

Dottie Sundquist moved that the Town not fund Front Porch Forum.

Jim Gunn seconded.

Amendment passed

Valerie dePeyster moved that the Town not fund American Red Cross.

Jim Gunn seconded.

Amendment passed.

Valerie dePeyster moved that the Town not fund Turning Point.

Jim Gunn seconded.

Amendment passed.

Betsy Gunn moved that the appropriation for Burdett Commons be returned to \$75.00.

Margaret Phelps seconded.

Amendment passed.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDED. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$29,757 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget.

Richard Dahm moved the question.

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town appropriate \$120,299 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?  
Hasso Wuerslin made a motion - Shall the Town appropriate \$120,299 to defray the general expenses of the Town, and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Seconded Eleanor Lacross

Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town appropriate \$326,427 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?  
Jim Gunn made a motion - Shall the Town appropriate \$326,427 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Besty Gunn seconded.

Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting. Changing the time of the School Board meeting was discussed for better attendance.  
Richard Dahm moved the question.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM by Richard Dahm

# PROPOSED SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL AS OF 12/32/2016

	FY15/16 Budget	FY15/16 Actual	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 To Date	FY17/18	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	0%	-
Meetings	500	-	500		500	0%	-
Expenses	300	175	300		300	0%	-
Assistant/Minute Taker	800	800	800		800	0%	-
Auditor's Salaries	1,000	759	1,000		1,000	0%	-
Constable Salary	990	988	1,020	425	1,050	3%	30
Health Officer Salary	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Health Officer Expenses	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Listers Salaries & Expenses	4,000	2,054	4,000	55	4,000	0%	-
Town Clerk Salary	8,718	8,178	8,980	3,379	9,249	3%	269
Assistant Town Clerk	500	500	500	-	500	0%	-
Treasurer Salary	10,655	10,656	10,975	4,575	11,304	3%	329
Assistant Treasurer	500	500	500	-	500	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Salary	3,000	1,632	3,000	473	3,000	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Expenses	1,000	268	1,000	71	1,000	0%	-
ZBA / Planning Expenses	500	416	500	-	500	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	3,200	4,117	4,400	1,722	4,400	0%	-
Office Training	500	3,889	500	30	500	0%	-
Miscellaneous*	1,000	127	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
<b>TOTAL SALARIES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>40,663</b>	<b>38,059</b>	<b>42,475</b>	<b>10,730</b>	<b>43,103</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>628</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>							
Office Equipment	2,500	164	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
Record Restoration*	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Town Hall Major Repairs & Improvements*	5,000	-	5,000	394	5,000	0%	-
Town Hall Utilities	4,000	5,844	4,000	1,603	4,000	0%	-
Office Supplies	2,400	1,839	2,400	1,029	2,400	0%	-
Computer Software & Internet	3,000	2,962	3,000	1,712	3,000	0%	-
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	7,500	2,987	7,500	1,135	7,000	-7%	(500)
Postage	550	576	550	306	1,050	91%	500
Office Equipment Maintenance & Service	3,000	1,374	3,000	30	3,000	0%	-
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	114	300	87	300	0%	-
Town Report Expense	2,700	1,728	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-
Independent Audit*	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Legal & Professional Fees*	2,500	80	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>35,450</b>	<b>17,667</b>	<b>34,750</b>	<b>6,296</b>	<b>34,750</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>76,113</b>	<b>55,726</b>	<b>77,225</b>	<b>17,026</b>	<b>77,853</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>628</b>
<b>GENERAL SERVICES &amp; FEES</b>							
Animal Control	400	-	400	-	400	0%	-
BCRC	1,875	1,875	1,913	-	1,961	3%	48
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Bennington County Sheriff's Department	5,900	5,954	5,900	3,947	6,000	2%	100
County Tax	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	0%	-
Fire Protection	17,247	17,247	17,765	16,896	17,765	0%	-
Insurance & Bonding	4,500	4,832	5,500	-	5,500	0%	-
<b>Benn Co Solid Waste Alliance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>2,100</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>ISWAP / Haz Waste / Recycling</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
VLCT Dues	1,408	1,646	1,396	1,396	1,442	3%	46
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>42,830</b>	<b>34,972</b>	<b>43,074</b>	<b>23,636</b>	<b>43,268</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>194</b>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE VOTED	118,943	90,698	120,299	40,662	121,121	1%	822
	FY15/16 Budget	FY15/16 Actual	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 To Date	FY17/18	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
Benn/Rutland Opp Council (BROC)	137	137	137	137	137	0%	-
Arlington Recreation Park	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%	-
SWVT Area Council on Aging	500	500	500	500	500	0%	-
Arlington Nursing Service	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	0%	-
Center for Independent Living (VCIL)	95	95	95	95	95	0%	-
Arlington Area Childcare	500	500	500	500	500	0%	-
Arlington Rescue Squad	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0%	-
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts (VACD)	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
Martha Canfield Library	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	0%	-
Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ)	250	250	250	250	250	0%	-
Benn. County Conservation District (BCCD)	300	300	300	300	300	0%	-
Burdett Commons	75	75	75	75	75	0%	-
Arlington Community Club	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
Tutorial Center	200	200	200	200	200	0%	-
Lothan Wuerslin Scholarship	350	350	350	350	350	0%	-
Cemetery Commission			12,500	12,500	6,000	-52%	(6,500)
Green-Up Day	50	144	50	150	150	200%	100
<b>APPROPRIATIONS TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>17,057</b>	<b>17,151</b>	<b>29,757</b>	<b>29,857</b>	<b>23,357</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>(6,400)</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND &amp; APPROP.</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>107,848</b>	<b>150,056</b>	<b>70,519</b>	<b>144,478</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>(5,578)</b>

\*End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds



# PROPOSED SANDGATE BUDGET HIGHWAY AS OF 12/31/2016

	FY15/16 Budget	FY15/16 Actual	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 To Date	FY17/18	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>							
Road Foreman Salary	41,927	42,439	42,771	21,722	44,054	3%	1,283
Road Foreman Overtime	9,434	1,204	9,624	1,784	9,624	0%	-
Road Worker Pay	36,421	24,660	37,149	12,460	27,000	-27%	(10,149)
Road Worker Overtime	8,195	7	8,359	635	5,000	-40%	(3,359)
Uniforms/Shop Towels	1,900	680	1,500	877	1,500	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	7,678	5,097	7,832	2,885	7,000	-11%	(832)
Retirement Contribution	3,839	1,974	3,916	898	3,000	-23%	(916)
Health Insurance	29,924	14,824	31,480	2,250	15,000	-52%	(16,480)
Unemployment Insurance	600	513	650	100	650	0%	-
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,695	7,462	8,000	7,241	8,000	0%	-
Training/Mileage	400	35	400	80	400	0%	-
Drug Testing	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
<b>Total Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>	<b>\$147,263</b>	<b>\$98,893</b>	<b>\$151,931</b>	<b>\$50,931</b>	<b>\$121,478</b>	<b>-20.0%</b>	<b>(30,453)</b>
<b>Garage Equipment and Maintenance</b>							
Garage Maintenance	2,000	1,181	2,000	123	2,000	0%	-
Heating Oil	4,000	1,250	3,000	382	3,000	0%	-
Electric	816	642	816	314	816	0%	-
Phone/Internet	1,320	1,420	1,500	467	1,500	0%	-
Equipment Maint/Parts/Repairs	15,000	13,444	15,000	4,944	15,000	0%	-
Tires	3,000	2,059	3,000	2,232	3,000	0%	-
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	17,000	10,157	17,000	3,909	17,000	0%	-
Oil & Lube (break out of fuel oil)	3,000	999	3,000	73	3,000	0%	-
Tools & Supplies**	3,205	3,106	2,500	1,596	2,500	0%	-
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	6,350	5,746	6,700	6,255	6,700	0%	-
Construction Account	-	-	-	-	25,000		25,000
<b>Total Equip. and Main.</b>	<b>\$55,691</b>	<b>\$40,005</b>	<b>\$54,516</b>	<b>\$20,295</b>	<b>\$79,516</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling</b>							
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	30,000	29,602	35,000	26,098	35,000	0%	-
Sand (delivered)	15,000	2,586	17,000	10,932	25,000	47%	8,000
Salt (delivered)	22,000	11,595	22,000	1,815	25,000	14%	3,000
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	4,000	2,125	5,000	5,241	6,000	20%	1,000
<b>Total Materials &amp; Hauling*</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	<b>\$45,909</b>	<b>\$79,000</b>	<b>\$44,086</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
Pavement Maintenance*	30,000	16,405	30,000	-	30,000	0%	-
Bridge/Culvert Program*	20,000	14,102	20,000	4,480	20,000	0%	-
Guard Rails / Signs***	6,530	5,869	2,000	1,504	2,000	0%	-
Grant Funding Budget****	2,000	250	-	102,390	-		-
Contracted Services/Equip Rental	10,000	8,130	10,000	7,220	10,000	0%	-
Mowing	4,500	3,800	4,500	350	-	-100%	(4,500)
Tree & Brush Removal	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-

<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$75,030</b>	<b>\$48,556</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$115,944</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>	-7%	(4,500)
<b>Other</b>							
Misc. Expenses*	1,000	377	1,000	203	-	-100%	(1,000)
Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation*	38,000	38,000	38,000	-	38,000	0%	-
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>38,377</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>38,000</b>	-3%	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES</b>	<b>387,984</b>	<b>271,740</b>	<b>392,947</b>	<b>231,458</b>	<b>393,994</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,047</b>
Less Anticipated State Aid	64,583	64,583	<b>64,583</b>	-	<b>66,520</b>	3%	1,937
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>323,401</b>	<b>207,157</b>	<b>328,364</b>	<b>231,458</b>	<b>327,474</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>(890)</b>
*End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds							
**Tools and supplies 15/16 budget amount \$2500 + \$705.62 Airgas credit							
***Guard Rails 15/16 actual budget amount \$2000 + \$4530 insurance money from 2 accidents.							
****Grant Funding Budget -\$102,390 is the whole amount of grant money not reimbursed yet.							

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2016

Appraisal of Town	\$636,935.91
Total Grand List	\$638,135.91
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/1/15	\$1,298,685.22
Billing Adjustments	\$0.00
Total	\$1,298,685.22
Taxes Received in Good Time	\$1,167,948.00
Delinquent Taxes to Collector as of 10/2/16	\$130,737.22
Total Taxes Accounted for	\$1,298,685.22

## HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2016

Estimate Highway Portion	75%	\$42,742.00
Estimate Town Portion	25%	\$14,248.00
Total	Paid November 2015	\$56,990.00

## HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2016

16 July	\$16,630.00
16 October	\$16,630.00
17 January	\$16,630.00
17 April	\$16,630.00
Total	\$66,520.00

## CASH ON HAND 7/1/2016

GENERAL FUND		HIGHWAY FUND	
Bank Balance	\$19,485.72	Bank Balance	\$80,736.90
Minus checks written	\$1,534.88		
Minus money borrowed	\$44,009.39	Plus money borrowed	\$44,009.39
Total	-\$26,058.55	Total	\$124,746.29

## 2016 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE

Homestead Education Rate	1.5635	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	Grand List
Foregone Revenue	\$2,454.64	Veteran Grand List/100 *Education Rate
Total Grand List	\$638,135.91	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0038	

## MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	Municipal Grand List	
	2014/2015	2015/2016
Grand List	\$638,469.01	\$638,135.91

2015-2016 RATE			2016-2017 RATE		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.4769	0.4796	Municipal	0.5027	0.5027
School	1.4013	1.4298	School	1.5635	1.5048
Local Agreement	0.0035	0.0035	Local Agreement	0.0038	0.0038
Total	1.8844	1.9129	Total	2.0701	2.0114

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Municipal	0.0258	0.0258
School	0.1622	0.075
Local Agreement	0.0003	0.0003
Total	0.1883	0.1011

### GRAND LIST

FY 16/17 Grand List is \$333.10 lower than last year.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 16/17 is 0.0258 higher than last year. The total amount to be raised is \$84,027.80 higher than last year. Total GF budget to be raised is \$19,617 higher than last year. This is mainly driven by more spent for expenses in 2015/2016 and less cash on hand. Total HW budget to be raised is \$45,824 less than last year. This is mainly driven by less spent in 2015/2016 and more cash on hand.

### SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for 16/17 is 0.1622 higher than last year.

Non-residential Rate for 16/17 is 0.075 higher than last year.

### LOCAL AGREEMENT

Tax year 16/17 is 0.0003 higher than last year.

## TAX RATE FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR

<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Admin. Expenses	\$42,475	
Maintenance	\$34,750	
General Services	\$43,074	
Appropriations	\$29,757	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$150,056</b>
Hold Harmless Funds	\$14,248	
Cash on Hand 7/1/16	\$26,059	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$161,867</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Total Highway Budget	\$392,947	
Highway State Aid	\$66,520	
Hold Harmless Funds	\$42,742	
Cash on Hand 7/1/16	\$124,746	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$158,939</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$320,805</b>
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$638,135.91	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	\$0.253655	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	\$0.5027	
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	\$0.5027	
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE</b>		<b>\$320,805</b>
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.5635	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.5048	
Homesteads	\$258,732.15	
Non-Residential	\$379,403.76	
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$404,527.72	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$570,926.78	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE</b>		<b>\$975,454.50</b>
<b>LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</b>		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0038	
Municipal Grand List	\$638,135.91	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$2,425</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$1,298,685</b>
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5027	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.5635	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0038	
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE</b>		<b>\$2.0700 (per thousand)</b>
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5027	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.5048	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0038	
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>		<b>\$2.0113 (per thousand)</b>

# SCHEDULES OF ASSETS & COMPENSATION

## COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

7/1/16 - 6/30/17

Auditors	9.15/hour
Board of Civil Authority	9.15/hour
School Board Salaries	2,300.00/year
Constable	1,020.00/year
Health Officer	250.00/year
Listers	10.00/hour
Lister Reappraisal Years	15.00/hour
Road Foreman	20.75/hour
Road Help	20.00/hour
Emergency Coordinator	200.00/year
Select Board Member (each)	440.00/year
Chair	500.00/year
Road Liaison	300.00/year
Assistance	800.00/year
Town Clerk	8,980.00/year
Assistant Town Clerk	500.00/year
Treasurer	10,975.00/year
Assistant Treasurer	500.00/year
Zoning Administrator	Hired

## COMPARISON OF REVENUES TO ESTIMATES Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Revenues budgeted	1,216,190.00
Revenues received (12/31/16)	1,214,466.22
Variance	-1,723.78
Expenditures budgeted	1,014,133.00
Expenditures paid	807,801.00
Variance	-206,232.00
Excess of revenues received Over expenditures paid	406,665.20
Bank balance 7/1/15 General & Highway Funds	-5,552.00
Balance all funds (12/31/16)	731,100.00

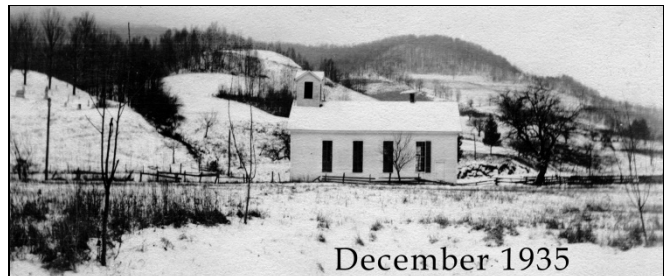
## SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS, 2015-2016

Cemetery Equipment	200
Constable Safety Items	200
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.	100
Office Equipment	4,000
Vault	5,000
2003 International Truck	3,500
2011 International Truck	100,000
2013 Dodge 1 Ton	55,000
2014 670G John Deere Grader	207,000
Wing Plow	1,200
3 Sanders	2,000
2 Stone Rakes	7,000
2008 New Holland Backhoe	30,000
2015 2500 gal. Chloride tank	2,500
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank	700
2015 Pump for Chloride	350
1999 Belarus Tractor with sidearm mower	15,000
Real Estate	388,400
Total Estimated Fixed Assets	807,150

## INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund and the  
School Fund have no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund  
owes \$107,992 on the grader



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Bank balance: 7/1/2015	\$33,174
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## Receipts:

Current Taxes	\$1,212,888
Town Clerk Fees	\$7,158
Building Permit Fees	\$865
General Fund Checking Interest	\$465
Hold Harmless Money	\$16,528
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,237,904
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,271,078

## Expenses:

School Tax Share	\$907,776
Highway Property Tax Share	\$204,763
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,112,539

## SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES

Select Board Salaries	\$3,000
Select Board Meetings	\$-
Select Board Expenses	\$175
Select Board Assistant	\$800

## TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES

Auditors Salary	\$759
Town Clerk Salary	\$8,178
Town Clerk Fees	\$7,158
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$3,960
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500
Treasurer Salary	\$10,656
Assistant Treasurer	\$500
Constable Salary	\$988
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$2,054
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$127
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,632
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$268
Building Permit Fees	\$865
ZBA Planning Expenses / Poll Workers	\$1,521
Payroll Tax	\$4,117
Training Town Officers	\$3,889

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

Town Hall Utilities	\$5,844
School House Utilities	\$114

Office Supplies	\$1,839
Computers Software & Internet	\$2,962
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$1,374
Office Equipment	\$164
Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,987
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$-
Postage	\$576
Records Restoration	\$-
Town Report Expense	\$1,728
Legal and Professional Fees	\$80
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$3,417
BCRC	\$1,875
Bennington County Sheriff	\$5,954
Fire Protection	\$17,247
Insurance and Bonding	\$4,832
BCA Meetings / Poll Workers	\$1,105
VLCT Dues	\$1,646
Agency of Transportation	\$1,108
Animal Control	\$-
County Tax	\$4,673
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,100
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,000
Benn. County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington/Rutland Opp Council	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Children's Holiday Parties	\$-
Green Up Day	\$144
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,300
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Assoc. Con. Districts	\$100
Cemetery Commission	\$4,650
Cemetery Repairs	\$1,500
Southwestern VT. Council on Aging	\$500
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$133,973
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$635
Legal and Professional	\$2,415



Independent Audit	\$1,000
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$1,922
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$2,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$7,972
Tax Rebates	\$22,576
Belarus Tractor Purchase	\$15,500
6/28/2016 Payroll, not transferred	\$4,578
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,274,562
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$(26,059)
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 6/30/16)	\$(26,059)

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$360
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$362

<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$1,258
Interest earned	\$8
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$1,266

<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$4,754
transferred carryover	\$1,922
Interest earned	\$51
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$6,727

<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$25,057
State payment	\$3,086
Interest earned	\$10
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$28,153

<b>Wuerslin-Stuecklen Arts Grant Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$7,576
Donations	\$347
Appropriation	\$350
Grant Expenditure	\$1,734
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$6,545

<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$9,401
Interest earned	\$-
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$9,401

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$755
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$759

<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$1,018
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$1,024

<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$6,816
transferred carryover	\$2,000
Interest earned	\$52
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$8,868

<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$4,142
transferred carryover	\$635
Interest earned	\$30
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$4,807

<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$1,001
transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$8
Bank balance: 6/30/15	\$2,009

<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$11,543
Carryover	\$2,415
Interest Earned	\$94
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$14,052

<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	\$18,897
Receipts:	\$-
Interest Earned	\$10
Bank balance: 6/30/16	\$18,907

<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/15	764
Interest Earned	5
Bank Balance: 6/30/16	769

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Bank balance: 7/1/2015	\$71,818
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$204,763
VT State Highway Aid	\$64,583
Highway Checking Interest	\$1,045
Hold Harmless Money	\$49,585
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$319,976
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$391,794</b>
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$42,439
Road Foreman Overtime	\$1,204
Road Worker Pay	\$24,660
Road Worker Overtime	\$7
Uniforms / shop towels	\$680
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,097
Retirement Contribution	\$1,974
Health Insurance	\$14,824
Unemployment Insurance	\$13
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$7,462
Drug Testing	\$-
Training / Mileage	\$35
Misc. Expenses	\$377
Garage Maintenance	\$1,181
Heating Oil	\$1,250
Electric	\$642
Phone / Internet	\$1,420
Equipment Maintenance	\$13,444
Tires	\$2,059
Fuel and Oil (Trucks / Equipment)	\$10,157
Oil and Lube	\$999
Tools & Supplies	\$3,106
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$5,746
Road / Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$29,602
Sand (delivered)	\$12,586
Salt (delivered)	\$11,595
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$2,125
Mowing	\$3,800
Tree and Brush Removal	\$-
Contracted Services	\$8,130
Pavement Maintenance	\$16,405

Bridge / Culvert Program	\$14,102
Guard Rails	\$5,869
Grant Proposals	\$250
Sub-total:	<b>\$243,240</b>
Voted Carryover Balances	
Pavement Fund	\$11,991
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$7,458
Materials & Hauling Fund	\$3,202
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$38,000
Miscellaneous	\$588
Grant Proposals	\$2,000
Total Disbursements	\$306,479
Money borrowed for GF, paid back 10/2016	\$44,009
Less Payroll / orders not trans.	\$4,578
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$124,746</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 6/30/16	\$124,746
<b>TOTAL ALL BALANCES</b>	<b>\$124,746</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$154,816
Expenses	\$149,468
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$11,991
Additions	\$-
Interest	\$216
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$17,555
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$63,189
Expenses	\$29,599
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$7,458
Additions	\$31,404
Interest	\$307
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$72,759
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$30,650
Expenses	\$20,846
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$3,202
Additions	\$10,000

Interest	\$128
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$23,134
<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$14
Expenses	\$36,841
Additions	\$200
Appropriation	\$38,000
Interest	\$181
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$1,554
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$5,317
YE carryover	\$588
Interest	\$31
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$5,936
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/15	\$6,535
YE carryover	\$2,000
Interest	\$44
Balance in fund as of 6/30/16	\$8,579

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Bank balance: 7/1/2016	\$(26,059)
Receipts:	
Current Taxes	\$1,262,927
Delinquent Tax , Interest and Penalties	\$49,380
Town Clerk Fees	\$2,462
Building Permit Fees	\$425
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,216
Hold Harmless Money	\$14,248
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,330,658
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,304,599
Expenses:	
State Ed. Property Tax Liability-1st pmt.	\$23,260
School Tax Share	\$817,520
Highway Property Tax Share	\$158,939
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$999,719
<b>SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Select Board Salaries	\$-
Select Board Meetings	\$-
Select Board Expenses	\$-
Select Board Assistant	\$-
<b>TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Auditors Salary	\$-
Town Clerk Salary	\$4,130
Town Clerk Fees	\$2,462
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$9,012
Assistant Town Clerk	\$-
Treasurer Salary	\$5,490
Assistant Treasurer	\$-
Constable Salary	\$510
Listers Salary & Expenses	\$1,464
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$-
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$574
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$71
Building Permit Fees	\$475
ZBA Planning Exp./Poll Workers	\$1,485
Payroll Tax	\$1,722
Training Town Officers	\$30

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES**

Town Hall Utilities	\$1,891
School House Utilities	\$87
Office Supplies	\$1,029
Computers Software & Internet	\$1,712
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$159
Office Equipment	\$-
Town Hall Maintenance	\$1,135
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improveme	\$394
Postage	\$353
Records Restoration	\$-
Town Report Expense	\$-
Legal and Professional Fees	\$-

**GENERAL SERVICES**

Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$910
Bennington Solid Waste Alliance	\$610
Benn. County Sheriffs Dept.	\$4,891
BCRC	\$1,913
Fire Protection	\$16,896
Insurance and Bonding	\$23,711
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$1,485
VLCT Dues	\$1,396
Animal Control	\$-
County Tax	\$-

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Arlington Area Childcare	\$500
Arlington Comm. House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,000
Benn. County Conservation District	\$300
Benn./Rutland Opp Council	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Children's Holiday Parties	\$-
Green Up Day	\$50
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	\$350
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Assoc. Con. Districts	\$100
Cemetery Commission Appropriation	\$12,500
Southwestern VT. Council on Aging	\$500
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$115,754



Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$1,000
Legal and Professional	\$2,420
Independent Audit	\$1,000
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improveme	\$5,000
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$873
SUB-TOTAL	\$10,293
Hw Orders and Payroll	\$4,947
Tax credits	\$2,884
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,133,597
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$171,001
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking Balance(12/31/16)	\$508,851
Plus Delinquent Tax	\$49,380
Total	\$558,231
Minus Non-Res. Portion School Tax Share	\$523,121
<b>Remainder of GF Budget as of 12/31/16</b>	<b>\$35,110</b>

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$362
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$363

<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$1,266
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$1,270

<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$6,727
transferred carryover	\$5,000
Interest earned	\$7
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$11,745

<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$28,152
Interest earned	\$8
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$28,160

<b>Wuerslin-Stuecklen Arts Grant Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$6,545
Appropriation	\$350
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$6,897

<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$9,401
Interest earned	\$40
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$9,440

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$759
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$761

<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$1,024
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$1,028

<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$8,868
transferred carryover	\$873
Interest earned	\$25
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$9,766

<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$4,807
transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$15
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$5,822
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$2,009
transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$5
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$3,014
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$14,052
Carryover	\$2,420
Interest Earned	\$31
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$16,503
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$18,897
Receipts:	\$-
Interest Earned	\$10
Bank balance: 12/31/16	\$18,907
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	769
Interest Earned	3
Bank Balance: 12/31/16	772

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway  
July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Bank balance: 7/1/2016	\$80,737
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$158,939
VT State Highway Aid	\$66,520
Highway Checking Interest	\$388
Hold Harmless Money	\$42,742
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$268,589
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$349,326</b>
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$21,722
Road Foreman Overtime	\$1,784
Road Worker Pay	\$12,460
Road Worker Overtime	\$635
Uniforms / shop towels	\$877
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$2,885
Retirement Contribution	\$898
Health Insurance	\$2,250
Unemployment Insurance	\$100
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$7,241
Drug Testing	\$-
Training / Mileage	\$80
Misc. Expenses	\$203
Garage Maintenance	\$123
Heating Oil	\$382
Electric	\$314
Phone/ Internet	\$467
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,944
Tires	\$2,232
Fuel and Oil (Trucks / Equipment)	\$3,909
Oil and Lube	\$73
Tools & Supplies	\$1,596
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$6,255
Road / Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$26,098
Sand (delivered)	\$10,932
Salt (delivered)	\$1,815
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$5,241
Mowing	\$350
Tree and Brush Removal	\$-
Contracted Services	\$7,220
Pavement Maintenance	\$-
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$4,480
Guard Rails	\$1,504
Grant Funding - to be reimbursed	\$102,390

1999 Belarus Tractor purchase	\$15,500
Sub-total:	<b>\$246,960</b>
<b>Voted Carryover Balances</b>	
Pavement Fund	\$13,595
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$5,898
Materials & Hauling Fund	\$398
Road Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$38,000
Miscellaneous	\$623
Grant Proposals	\$1,750
Total Disbursements	\$307,223
Plus HW orders and payroll not transferred	\$4,947
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$47,049</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 12/31/2016	\$106,558
<b>Remainder of Budget \$ as of 12/31/2016</b>	<b>\$59,509</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$17,555
Expenses	\$-
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$13,595
Additions	\$-
Interest	\$75
Balance in fund as of 12/31/16	\$31,245
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$72,759
Expenses	\$3,450
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$5,898
Additions	\$862
Interest	\$238
Balance in fund as of 12/31/16	\$76,307
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$23,134
Expenses	\$-
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$398
Additions	\$-
Interest	\$58
Balance in fund as of 12/31/16	\$23,590
<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$1,555
Expenses	\$-
Additions	\$-
Appropriation	\$38,000

Interest	\$61
Balance in fund as of 12/31/16	\$39,616
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$5,936
YE carryover	\$623
Interest	\$33
Balance in fund as of 12/31/16	\$6,592
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$8,579
YE carryover	\$1,750
Interest	\$49
Balance in fund as of 12/31/15	\$10,378

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS****July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

	General	Highway	Equipment Fund	Pavement Fund	Bridge and Culvert Fund	Materials and Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/15	\$33,174	\$71,818	\$14	\$154,816	\$63,189	\$30,650
Revenues	\$1,237,904	\$363,985	\$38,381	\$12,207	\$39,169	\$13,330
Total Funds Available	\$1,271,078	\$435,803	\$38,395	\$167,023	\$102,358	\$43,980
Expenditures	\$1,297,138	\$311,054	\$36,841	\$149,468	\$29,599	\$20,846
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$(26,060)	\$124,749	\$1,554	\$17,555	\$72,759	\$23,134
Bank Balance: 6/30/16	\$(26,059)	\$124,746	\$1,554	\$17,555	\$72,759	\$23,134

**GF Account Balances:** 6/30/16 - Planning/Zoning: \$362; Emergency Management: \$1,266; Town Hall: \$6,727; Holiday party: \$759; Office Equip: \$1,024; Records Restoration: \$4,807; Independent Audit: \$2,009; Legal and Professional: \$14,052; Computer Grant: \$769; Tax Stabilization: \$18,907; Prop. Reappraisal: \$28,153; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Grants: \$6,545; School House: \$9,401

HW - Misc. Fund: \$5,936; Grand Proposal Fund: \$8,579

GF Misc: \$8,868

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS****July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**

	General	Highway	Equipment Fund	Pavement Fund	Bridge and Culvert Fund	Materials and Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/16	\$(26,059)	\$80,737	\$1,555	\$17,555	\$72,759	\$23,134
Revenues	\$1,330,658	\$268,589	\$38,061	\$13,670	\$6,998	\$456
Total Funds Available	\$1,304,599	\$349,326	\$39,616	\$31,225	\$79,757	\$23,590
Expenditures	\$1,133,597	\$302,276			\$3,450	\$-
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$171,002	\$47,050	\$39,616	\$31,225	\$76,307	\$23,590
Bank Balance: 12/31/16	\$508,851	\$106,558	\$39,616	\$31,245	\$76,307	\$23,590
Delinquent Tax Payable	\$49,380					
Total	\$558,231					
Second pmt. School Tax Share	\$523,121					
Budget Funds: 12/31/16	\$35,110	\$59,508	\$39,616	\$31,245	\$76,307	\$23,590

**GF Account Balances:** 12/31/16 – Planning/Zoning: \$363; Emergency Management: \$1,270; Town Hall: \$11,745; Holiday Party: \$761; Office equip: \$1,028; Records Restoration: \$5,822; Independent Audit: \$3,014; Legal and Prof: \$16,503; Computer Grant: \$772; Tax Stabilization: \$18,907; Prop. Reappraisal: \$28,160; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Grants: \$6,897; School House: \$9,440

HW - Misc: \$6,592; Grant Proposals: \$10,378

GF Misc: \$9,766

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	
Balance in checking (7/1/15)	
Checking	\$1,823
Appropriation	\$6,150
Additions	\$330
Disbursements	\$3,280
Balance in bank (6/30/16)	\$5,022
Cemetery CD matured on 7/10/15 at .15% interest	
CD Balance: 6/30/16	\$10,267
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomborg Cemetery CD July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	
Principal Balance in bank (6/30/16)	\$11,330
Interest*	\$(330)
CD matured on 4/29/16 at 0.25%	\$11,000
<i>*The \$330.00 interest was transferred to Cemetery checking.</i>	

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	
Balance in checking (7/1/16)	
Checking	\$5,022
Appropriation	\$12,500
Additions	
Disbursements	\$3,480
Balance in bank (12/31/16)	\$14,042
Cemetery CD matured on 7/10/16 at .15% interest	
CD Balance: 12/31/16	\$10,270
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomborg Cemetery CD July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	
Principal balance in bank (12/31/16)	\$11,330
CD due to mature on 6/2017 at 0.50%	



<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>	
<b>SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	
Actual Balance: 7/1/15	<b>\$153,984.00</b>
Revenues FY16	\$739,177.00
Expenditures FY16	-\$808,297.00
Voted Bus Article 2014	-\$10,000.00
Voted Bus Article 2015	-\$8,000.00
Total Funds Available: 6/30/16	<b>\$66,864.00</b>

<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>	
<b>Anticipated FY17 Budget- Sandgate School District</b>	
Actual Balance: 7/1/16	<b>\$66,864.00</b>
Anticipated Revenue	\$890,945.00
Anticipated Expenditure	-\$970,753.00
Voted Bus Article 2016	-\$6,000.00
Anticipated Fund Balance: 6/30/17	<b>-\$18,944.00</b>

<b>Bus Reserve Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance: 7/1/15	<b>\$22,192.00</b>
Interest	\$25.00
Voted Article March 2014	\$10,000.00
Voted Article March 2015	\$8,000.00
Actual Balance: 6/30/16	<b>\$40,217.00</b>

<b>Bus Reserve Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance - 7/1/16	<b>\$40,217.00</b>
Anticipated interest	\$15.00
Voted Article 2016	\$6,000.00
<b>Anticipated balance: 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$46,232.00</b>

## **LISTER'S REPORT**

Nancy Henderson, John Zak, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2016 Grand List contained 354 parcels and seven non-tax parcel totaling \$63,563,228 after exemptions. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

The Department of Taxes equalization study has our coefficient of dispersion at 15.57%. This is the difference between the listed value and sales price. Our common level of appraisal is 105.54%. This is the state's estimate of total fair market value.

The Listers will be visiting unfinished and new construction this spring. We will be starting a reappraisal this year including visits and photos of property. REMINDER, all residents must file form HS-122 by April 15, 2016 and if you are no longer a resident file (form non-resident) HS-122W.

## **TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS**

**Marjorie R. Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk**

Another year has gone by and quickly. I have had a wonderful time this year. The Town Clerk's office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 12:30; Town Treasurer on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30; Delinquent Tax Collector on Thursday from 9:30 to 12:30; and Assistant Town Clerk on Friday from 8:30 to 11:30.

A reminder that the town website is [www.sandgatevermont.org](http://www.sandgatevermont.org). The minutes of the Select Board meetings are posted online as well as on the bulletin board outside the office.

As of January 1, 2017, we are in volume 56 in the Sandgate Land Records. We still have active searches on genealogy and Dave Thomas is working on the very early records.

During Tax season and in March for dog licensing, I will have evening hours to make payments easier for you. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHECKS IN THE SPACE NEXT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD.** Please contact me and let me know that you are leaving a check in the big green box outside the door.

We have a coffee pot, so come visit the office and ask questions.

Marge Peff, Town Clerk

## **2016 VITAL STATISTICS**

### **BIRTHS**

David Pendleton III  
River Stevens

### **MARRIAGES**

Cynthia Chastain and Christopher  
Voytek  
Gerald Vaughn-Tifft and Lisa Sheridan  
Sylvia Pike and Ryan Perkins  
James Paustian II and Shay Mattison

### **DEATHS**

Edward Walling (93)  
Douglas Hay (82)  
Russell Jones (54)  
Jeffrey Boehlert (78)  
Bruce Saint Germain  
(66)  
Charles Bentley, Jr. (91)

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **General Fund and Highway/Other Funds**

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2016, and to the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this Town Report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town of Sandgate as of 12/31/2016.

This year, when you receive your tax bill, you will find enclosed a form which you must fill out with your name and address if you want the town report to be mailed to you. Please return it with your tax bill. Town Reports are available online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org) and hard copies of the report will be available at the town clerk's office.

It is the responsibility of the Auditors to publish the town report and it is no small task so we respectfully ask the officers and agencies who contribute to the report to send them to the Auditors by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year so it can be sent to the printer in a timely manner. Reports may be emailed to [auditors@sandgatevermont.org](mailto:auditors@sandgatevermont.org). The town report will be available online in February.



## **ROAD FOREMAN REPORT**

Mike Hill - 375-8358

Thank you everyone for your patience and support on the road projects for the past year. I would also like to thank the local contractors for their help.

This year with the help of \$99,448 from 3 grants, we were able to pave a section of blacktop, replace a culvert and add guard rails on the Rupert Road hairpin. We have also fixed part of Southeast Corners Road with road fabric, replaced a culvert and stone lined the ditches. This makes a total of \$404,411.45 in grant money for the past 4 years. We also replaced a lot of 18 inch culverts throughout the town and a 5 foot culvert on Chunks Brook Road. We have laid down some fabric and a lot of gravel.

The town purchased a used Belarus tractor with a side arm brush hog.

I will apply for more grants this year and continue to replace culverts, cut trees, ditch, grade, add fabric and gravel. Thanks to Jim Henderson we have updated culvert and fabric maps.

If you have any concerns or questions about the roads, feel free to call the town garage at 375-8358 or a Selectman.

## SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Suzanne dePeyster, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup, Mike Hill, Karen Dzialo

The Town purchased a 1999 Belarus Tractor with bucket and side mount mower. We hope to have the mower in use throughout the growing season. Continuous mowing should help with roadside poisonous parsnip infestation.

The Town continues to negotiate with the State on the Lincoln Lane Bridge. No definite plan has been decided.

With the help of Jim Henderson, BCRC Planner, the Town received a grant for a Storm Water Plan which will be produced by **Fitzgerald Environmental Associates**. The information in the plan will help with future road grant requests.

The Town has a grant for a dry hydrant to be installed in the pond by the Sandgate Road and the West Sandgate Road.

We'd like to thank Don Trachte and Santelli Signs for their help with the new road signs as you enter the Town.



Regular Select Board Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Minutes are posted on the town website at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org).

## FOREST FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There were no fires to report this year. As a reminder, when there is no snow on the ground you will need a burning permit to burn. Your fire wardens issued 21 burning permits this year. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Jim Gunn at 802-375-9481.

## CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Kathleen Hill, Charles Pike, Julie Robertson

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Mike Hill for removing the brush in the Center Hill Cemetery, left behind when the trees were cut last year. For the last several years, we have contracted with Sherman Property Maintenance to do the mowing in the two largest cemeteries; Center Hill and West Sandgate Cemeteries. The commission has been very satisfied with their work and will continue to use them in the upcoming year.

John Mahar and Company cleaned and straightened the stones in the new portion of Center Hill Cemetery last fall. We hope to have similar work done in the West Sandgate Cemetery this year.



In recent years, the town has not had an official document that outlines policies and procedures regarding the town cemeteries. We solicited copies of what other towns have for policies and have been drafting our own regulations. When we have completed this process, they will be recorded and available in the Town Office.

The Cemetery Commissioners appreciate your continued support in maintaining our town cemeteries. The project to have the Center Hill Cemetery plot mapped is underway and we will furnish progress reports as they become available. As always, feel free to contact any one of us with your questions or comments.

## **WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE**

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Hasso Wuerslin, Jean Zoppel

Three grants were awarded in 2016:

1. Thea Steeves-Boey: for a Young Writer's Conference and Workshop at Champlain College.
2. Clare Elizabeth Monahan for a 4-week summer program culminating in a performance of *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* at Hubbard Hall
3. Patricia A. Hall for partial tuition at Green Mountain College working toward a Bachelor in Fine Arts

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Applications forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org).

Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Eisenhart

## **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Jean Eisenhart, Jane Gatlin, Jim Henderson, Sonja Jaffee,  
Dona McAdams, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

No action taken.

The committee would like to thank Bob Donaldson of Campbell Road, who tirelessly picks up litter from the West Sandgate Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Eisenhart

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT / PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Members: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Betsy LaVecchia, Clerk; Suzanne dePeyster, Michael Mazzola, Joseph Nolan; Jean Eisenhart, alternate

John LaVecchia, Zoning Administrator, attends board meetings to provide comments on permits and inquiries he receives. He is thanked for his valuable input. John has announced his intention to retire from his position. The Board wishes John well as he pursues other interests. He will be missed.

The Bennington County Regional Commission has informed Vermont towns about Act 174 which includes goals for energy planning and the siting of renewable energy resources over the next 35 years (Judy Boehlert and Suzanne dePeyster are Sandgate representatives to the BCRC). The BCRC has developed a regional Plan and this will be followed by individual towns updating Town Plans to accommodate the state goals.

The ZBA/PC Boards meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Boehlert





## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **John LaVecchia**

Zoning permit application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). Payment of fees must accompany the submitted application or request. Approved permits must be posted by both the Zoning Administrator and the applicant. The applicant will be given two copies of the approved permit, one of which must be posted at the driveway, next to the town right of way. No work may begin until the permit has been posted for fifteen days to allow the required appeal period.

#### **PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

A. Audy	Tudor Road	Alteration/Addition
F. Broberg	Weldon Drive	Accessory Building
K. Fierravanti	Lincoln Lane	Boundary Line Adjustment
B. Garrison	Sandgate Road	Alteration/Addition
M. Keary	Sandgate Road	Accessory Building
T. McAlvanah	Rupert Road	Accessory Building
F. McDonald	Sandgate Road	Alteration/Addition
J. Myrick	W. Sandgate Road	Alteration/Addition
J. Phelps	W. Sandgate Road	Accessory Building
J. Paustian	Lincoln Lane	New Residence
H. Sendra	Campbell Road	Alteration/Addition
A. Tschorn	W. Sandgate Road	Accessory Building
T. Wilkens	Chunks Brook Road	Addition to Camp

#### **OUT OF TOWN REPORTS**

Reports from outside agencies may be found at the Local Resources link at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). These include the Arlington Fire Department, BCRC, BROCC, CDC, and the Health Department.

# DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2016-2017 taxes was October 1st 2016. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion, and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall ON OR BEFORE October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

<b>2016</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARCEL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Barlow, Christopher	232500-OOL	\$4,488.20
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	\$2,358.43
Clark, Thomas M	506000-ORO	\$650.98
Country Creek Estates	114800-OLO	\$813.16
Dezaro, Alexander	336900-OOB	\$1,815.55
Fischer, Edward III	705000-OOR	\$3,687.41
Grogan,Heath E&T	307500-OOR	\$5,359.51
Hetes, Mary Ellen	333000-OOR	\$970.89
Hill, Michael & Kathleen	133500-OOL	\$896.00
Low, Albert M	312000-ORO	\$396.45
Maresco, Margaret K	605300-OLO	\$563.14
Maue, Eugene R& T	148500-OOR	\$3,516.20
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-OOR	\$795.15
Melvin, Robert C	205000-OOB	\$1,739.22
Miller, John A	703200-OOL	\$925.81
Mitchell, Edward	501000-OOB	\$4,248.29
Mitchell, Edward	501500-OOB	\$2,007.02
Mitchell, Edward	501000-ORO	\$310.86
New England Forest	308000-ORO	\$905.96
Reith, Thomas	109000-OOR	\$4,131.18
Richardson, Ellen S	357000-OOB	\$3,272.93
Salmon-Holgren	612000-OOR	\$1,144.31
Spear, Harry & Lisa	608500-OOL	\$1,227.64
Tudor, Earl M Trust	138010-OOB	\$1,894.37
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	\$1,705.35
<b>TOTAL FOR 2016</b>		<b>\$49,824.01</b>
<b>2015</b>		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	\$603.64
Hetes, Mary Ellen	333000-OOR	\$1,169.82
Vermont Estate Home	114800-OLO	\$856.32
<b>TOTAL FOR 2015</b>		<b>\$2,629.78</b>
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>		<b>\$52,453.79</b>

# **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY**

## **Town of Sandgate, Vermont**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Tax Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent, if the delinquent tax payer has not paid the taxes nor contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale, to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
  - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the tax payer.
  - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
  - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
  - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
84 Bentley Road, Sandgate VT 05250  
802-375-2801

## 2016 SANDGATE LAND TRANSFERS

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Paul Fargis and Dawn Sangrey of Bedford Hills, NY to Frederick N Broberg and Elizabeth F. Broberg of Sandgate, VT

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Robert Chambers and James Chambers of Salem, NY to Chambers Brothers Partnership of Salem, NY

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Susan A Smith of Charlotte, NC to Christopher R Smith of Charlotte, NC

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Federal National Mortgage Association AKA Fannie Mae of Dallas, TX to Richard Colgan of Sandgate, VT

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Viola J Gilbert of Presque Isle, ME to DeCristofaro Family Trust of Middle Grove, NY

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David E Shanley and Thomas W Shanley of Newbury Park, CA to DeCristofaro Family Trust of Middle Grove, NY

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Michael Curry and Joanna Regulska of Davis, CA to Anne M Greeley of Sausalito, CA

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Susan A Wuerslin of Albany, NY to Nicole A Wuerslin of White Plains, NY and Adrianna B Wuerslin of Groton, CT

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Reginald R Tschorn Trustee u/w Robert E Tschorn of Arlington, VT to Michael Curry and Joanna Regulska of Davis, CA

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Tristan Wuerslin of Jacksonville, FL and Susan A Wuerslin of Albany, NY to Reginald R Tschorn Trustee of the Trust U/W Robert E. Tschorn of Sandgate, VT

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Tristan Lothar Wuerslin of Jacksonville, FL to Susan A Wuerslin of Albany, NY

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George J Agule, Jr and Sallie S Agule of Acton, MA to George J Agule Irrevocable Trust of Acton, MA

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Eugene H Hellwig Jr and Jeanine B Hellwig of Milton, FL to Eugene H Hellwig Jr and Jeanine B Hellwig, Trustee of Milton, FL

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TF Management Company LP of Arlington, VT to Karen Fierravanti Revocable Trust of San Jose, CA

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Christopher J Pigeon of Pinellas Park FL and Beth A Shaw of Dorset, VT to J Clark Kastner and Lynn M Kastner of Sandgate, VT

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Harold R Sendra and Sharon L Sendra of Danby, VT to Harold R Sendra and Sharon L Sendra of Danby, VT

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William L Brown Jr of Decatur, GA and David Fagan of Medford, MA to David C Pendleton II of Arlington, VT

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Herbert H Lehner and Anne Lehner of Bridgewater, NJ to Katina L Cruz of Bridgewater, NJ

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Shay M Paustian and James M Paustian II of Arlington, VT to James M Paustian II and Shay M Paustian of Arlington, VT

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George M Colwell and Carole A Colwell of Northford, CT to Colwell Family Irrevocable Trust, Todd Colwell Trustee of Kensington, NH and Ryan Colwell Trustee of Rockfall, CT

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Frank J Quinn and Ann M Moore of Sandgate, VT to The Moore Quinn Family Trust of Sandgate, VT

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Jayne F Stuecklen of Nyack, NY to David A Faltskog and Naomi M Faltskog of Cambridge, NY

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Steven C Spirito and Nancy R Spirito of Cranston, RI to The Trust of Nancy R Spirito dated February 26, 1997, Trustee Nancy R Spirito of Cranston, RI

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# ANIMAL LICENSES

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

In 2016 there were 114 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

I turned a list of unlicensed dogs over to the Select Board. It is up to the Select Board to levy fines for non-compliance. The Board is in charge of compliance and any enforcement or penalties.

We have not heard from the following owners this past year: Beverly Bice and Nicole Novotny. If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

***Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.***

Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 375-0249 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

## SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00	\$16.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00	\$23.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

**A person who fails to license a dog or wolf-hybrid in the required manner shall be fined up to \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.**

## RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)

# **SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Board of Directors Annual Officers Report January 2017**

Report on 2016-2017 (FY2017)

Jeanne Zoppel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Celeste Keel

The Sandgate School District currently has 65 students attending eleven schools. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Downtown School, Fisher Elementary, Hiland Hall School, Long Trail School, Maple Street School, Manchester Elementary Middle School, Southshire Community School. Middle and High Schools attended by Sandgate students include: Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton Academy, Long Trail School, Maple Street School, Manchester Elementary Middle School, and Southshire Community School.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> day of school and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school, is 58. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 55. The equalized pupil is a two year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights students' needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an "equalized pupil" figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 55.51 (compared to last year's 52.05).

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to private or independent schools. Currently, the State average for elementary tuition is \$12,938; the State average for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is \$14,773. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The allowable tuition at Arlington – the prevailing public school – for last year (FY16) was \$12,592 for elementary education; \$14,674 for secondary education. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY17) is \$12,907 for elementary school and \$13,836 for the secondary (High) school. Announced tuition for FY18 at Arlington is \$14,135 for elementary and \$15,117 for middle and secondary education.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY2017 as approved at the annual meeting were \$884,087 plus \$6,000 for the Bus Fund. For FY18, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$943,318 (plus \$6,000 for the Bus Fund if approved), reflecting an increase of \$59,231 or about 6.7% from the previous budget. That anticipated increase is in the assumption of increasing student counts, and increase in tuition rates across most all of the schools receiving tuition from the Sandgate District. The BVSU budget is funded based on the percentage of student population (equalized pupils) from a respective district, and the Special Education portion will be allocated on the actual number of students receiving services based on December 1 Child Count.

Article 3 on the warning asks to vote the sum of \$6,000 to continue funding the bus sinking fund. The current value of that fund is \$40,217.29. The current bus is about 6 years old now, and expected lifespan of a school bus is ten to twelve years. Currently bus replacement is a \$70,000 to \$80,000 purchase.

The board has most recently been attending meetings and discussions about the implications of Act 46 and how it will affect the Sandgate District. Act 46 is legislation mandating consolidation of school districts to a minimum of 900 students per district. There are three main models to accomplish this - An "Accelerated Merger" is the process of merging all member districts within a supervisory union into its own Supervisory District, student minimum is 900. The formation of a "RED" (Regional Educational District) which is a minimum of 1250 students or the combining of no less than four current districts, or a "Conventional Merger" in which no less than 900 students form a District which also

functions as its own Supervisory District. These structures are outlined on the Agency of Ed website, and there are options for additional variations and waivers within the outlined structures. The intent of the legislation is to establish sustainable governance structures, create an efficiency of scale by moving up to larger districts and enhance educational opportunity for students in Vermont. There are tax incentives for those who vote do so by July 2017. Those who do not take the initiative to merge by 2019 run the risk of being assigned to other governance structures by the State Board of Education. One positive change brought on by Act 46 is that we have had some of the best meeting attendance in recent history and some great dialogue with interested parents on the new law. One thing the board has recognized is the strong desire **not** to lose school choice and to make decisions in the merger that will not adversely impact our school taxes and tax rate. As a board we would urge you to stay informed on Act 46 and its implications on our district as we continue to explore the new options available to our governance structure in the future.

There are 20 school districts in Vermont similar to Sandgate in terms of non-operating (choice) districts representing only about 4% or less of the statewide student population. Preliminary discussions we have had with other non-operating districts indicate that they too wish to preserve school choice. The closest non-operating districts to Sandgate include Stratton, Winhall, Searsburg, Baltimore, and Ira. The challenge before the board is how to join with any combination of these districts and satisfy the intended benefits of Act 46.

More information on Act 46 may be found at <http://education.vermont.gov/vermont-schools/school-governance>.

To be sure those tuition payments are not delayed; we ask that parents notify the School District via the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The District uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests. Our meetings are always open to the public and are generally scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allan Tschorn, Clerk  
Jeanne Zoppel, Chair  
Celeste Keel

# SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 1, 2016

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 am at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to transact the following business:

15 people present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Richard Dahm at 10:05 PM

Judith Pullinen, BVSU Superintendent

Ellie Frechette, BVSU Business Manager

William Bazyk, BVSU Special Education Director

Allan Tschorn, Celeste Keel and Jeanne Zoppel, Sandgate School Directors

- ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.  
Discussion: The question of ACT 46 - Association with other like districts.  
Allan Tschorn stated that there was no formal study, but there would be a meeting Thursday, March 3rd to discuss the advantages or disadvantages. He also stated that Act 46 will not take away school choice at present. Pullinen stated that the districts to join were Stratton, Ira, and Winhall. A RED district merged 4 districts.  
Richard Dahm moved the question.  
Article 1 passed.
- ARTICLE 2 To see if the Sandgate School District will vote to place any unanticipated surplus from the 2015-16 fiscal years into the existing Reserve Fund for tuition and special education purposes.  
Richard Dahm moved the question.  
Article 2 passed.
- ARTICLE 3 To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.  
Richard Dahm moved the question.  
Article 3 passed
- ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town School District of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$6,000.00 to put into the school bus/transportation fund for the replacement of a school bus?  
Richard Dahm moved the question.  
Article 4 passed.
- ARTICLE 5 To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 1, 2016.
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$924,087, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,128.80 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 12.21% higher than spending for the current year.



Discussion about average tuition, caps. State average is \$14,287.00. Cap does not affect tuition at non-union schools. Special Education in public schools is different from private schools. Using some reserve funds to reduce school budget.

Nancy Tschorn made a motion to reduce the school budget to \$884,087.

The amendment was seconded by Philip Frost.

The amendment passed.

Rick moved the question.

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$884,087, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,128.80 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 12.21% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6 passed

#### ARTICLE 7

To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Discussion about changing time of School meeting. Allan Tschorn stated Saturday had been tried before and was changed back to a weekday because turnout did not improve.

Judy Boehlert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Rick Dahm adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM

#### **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES**

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

## **SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

Legal voters of the Sandgate Town School District of Sandgate, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2: To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.
- Article 3: To see if the Town of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$6,000 to put into the School Bus/Transportation Fund for the replacement of a school bus.
- Article 4: To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 7, 2017.
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$949,318, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,087 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.4% higher than the spending for the current year.
- Article 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on March 7, 2017.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

Sandgate Board of School Directors:

Jeanne Zoppel, Chairperson  
Celeste Keel, Board Member  
Allan Tschorn, Clerk

## SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

	General Fund	Bus Reserve Fund
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$153,984</b>	<b>\$22,192</b>
Actual Revenue FY16	\$739,177	\$25
Actual Expenditures FY16	(808,297)	0
Warned Article Voted March 2014	(10,000)	10,000
Warned Article Voted March 2015	(8,000)	\$8,000
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$66,864</b>	<b>\$40,217</b>
Anticipated Revenue FY17	\$890,945	\$15
Anticipated Expenditure FY17	(970,753)	\$0
Warned Article Voted March 2016	(6,000)	\$6,000
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b>(\$85,808)</b>	<b>\$46,232</b>
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b>(\$18,944)</b>	<b>\$46,232</b>

# Sandgate School District

## FY18 Budget

	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Fav/(Unfav)</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Fav/(Unfav)</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
								<b><u>18 vs 17</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>								
Early Education	\$5,176	\$2,588	\$2,588	\$15,460	\$24,736	(\$9,276)	\$9,534	-38.3%
Instructional Program	628,923	666,928	(38,005)	639,482	719,222	(79,740)	828,449	29.6%
General Administration - Board	4,753	2,847	1,906	4,753	2,903	1,850	3,488	-26.6%
Regular Ed Assessments	72,948	72,948	0	73,321	73,321	0	61,988	-15.5%
SPED Assessments	71,674	71,674	0	150,571	150,571	0	45,359	-69.9%
Interest/Prior Year Adj	500	(8,689)	0	500	0	0	500	0.0%
<b>Total Expenditures to be Voted</b>	<b>\$783,974</b>	<b>\$808,297</b>	<b>(\$33,511)</b>	<b>\$884,087</b>	<b>\$970,753</b>	<b>(\$87,166)</b>	<b>\$949,318</b>	7.4%
Warned Articles	8,000	18,000	(10,000)	6,000	6,000	0	0	n/a
<b>Total District Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$791,974</u></b>	<b><u>\$826,297</u></b>	<b><u>(\$43,511)</u></b>	<b><u>\$890,087</u></b>	<b><u>\$976,753</u></b>	<b><u>(\$87,166)</u></b>	<b><u>\$949,318</u></b>	6.7%
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>								
<b><u>Local/Miscellaneous</u></b>								
1510 Interest	400	1,205	805	400	800	400	800	100.0%
1900 Miscellaneous	0	0	0	200	0	(200)	0	n/a
5400 Return of Prior Year Tuition	0	0	0	0	658	658	0	n/a
	<b><u>\$400</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,205</u></b>	<b><u>\$805</u></b>	<b><u>\$600</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$858</u></b>	<b><u>\$800</u></b>	33.3%
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$10,356	\$10,356	\$0	\$13,332	\$13,332	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
3201 Special Education Block Grant	20,869	20,869	\$0	22,471	22,471	\$0	0	-100.0%
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	10,393	10,393	\$0	44,443	44,443	\$0	0	-100.0%
3204 Early Education Block Grant	2,801	2,801	\$0	3,937	3,937	\$0	0	-100.0%
3204 PY Early Essential Ed	0	(11,113)	(\$11,113)	0	0	\$0	0	n/a
3202 PY Intensive Reimbursement	0	1,486	\$1,486	0	0	\$0	0	n/a
	<b><u>\$44,419</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,792</u></b>	<b><u>(\$9,627)</u></b>	<b><u>\$84,183</u></b>	<b><u>\$84,183</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	-100.0%
Revenue Subtotal	\$44,819	\$35,996	(\$8,823)	\$84,783	\$85,641	\$858	\$800	-99.1%
3100 Education Spending	687,640	687,640	0	805,304	805,304	0	948,518	17.8%
<b>Total Revenue Receipts</b>	<b>\$732,459</b>	<b>\$723,636</b>	<b>(\$8,823)</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$890,945</b>	<b>\$858</b>	<b>\$949,318</b>	6.7%
Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised								
Reserve Transfers	59,515	59,515	0	0	40,000	40,000	0	n/a
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$791,974</u></b>	<b><u>\$783,151</u></b>	<b><u>(\$8,823)</u></b>	<b><u>\$890,087</u></b>	<b><u>\$930,945</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,858</u></b>	<b><u>\$949,318</u></b>	6.7%

<b>SANDGATE TUITION</b>		K-6	Gr. 7-12		<i>projected</i>	K-6	Gr. 7-12	
	State Avg.	12,938	14,773		State Avg.	13,456	15,364	
<b>PREKINDERGARTEN</b>	<b>FY17 Anticipated</b>				<b>FY18 Budgeted</b>			
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>		<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Tuition - Public In State</b>								
Fisher	\$3,092	3.00	9,276		\$3,178	1.00	3,178	3%
<b>Total Public</b>		<b>3.00</b>	<b>\$9,276</b>			<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$3,178</b>	
<b>Tuition - Private In State</b>								
Downtown School	\$3,092	1.00	3,092		\$3,178	0.00	0	3%
Happy Days	\$3,092	3.00	9,276		\$3,178	2.00	6,356	3%
Northshire	\$3,092	1.00	3,092		\$3,178	0.00	0	3%
<b>Total Public</b>		<b>5.00</b>	<b>\$15,460</b>			<b>2.00</b>	<b>\$6,356</b>	
<b>TOTAL PK:</b>		<b>8.0</b>	<b>24,736</b>			<b>3.0</b>	<b>9,534</b>	
<b>ELEMENTARY (K-6)</b>	<b>FY17 Anticipated</b>				<b>FY18 Budgeted</b>			
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>		<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Tuition - Public In State</b>								
Arlington (Gr. 6)	\$12,907	2.00	25,814		\$14,135	1.00	14,135	10%
Dorset	\$13,100	1.00	13,100		\$14,000	1.00	14,000	7%
Fisher (K-5)	\$12,907	13.00	167,791		\$14,135	16.00	226,160	10%
Manchester	\$14,300	2.00	28,600		\$13,950	3.00	41,850	-2%
<b>Total Public</b>		<b>18.00</b>	<b>\$235,305</b>			<b>21.00</b>	<b>\$296,145</b>	
<b>Tuition - Private In State</b>								
Downtown School	\$12,938	5.00	\$64,690		\$13,456	5.00	\$67,280	4%
Hiland Hall	\$8,300	5.50	\$45,650		\$8,500	5.00	\$42,500	2%
Long Trail School	\$12,938	2.00	\$25,876		\$13,456	0.00	\$0	4%
Maple Street	\$12,938	2.00	\$25,876		\$13,456	2.00	\$26,912	4%
Northshire	\$0	0.00	0		\$13,456	1.00	13,456	
Southshire	\$12,938	2.00	25,876		\$13,456	2.00	26,912	4%
<b>Total Private</b>		<b>16.50</b>	<b>\$187,968</b>			<b>15.00</b>	<b>\$177,060</b>	
<b>Total Elementary:</b>		<b>34.50</b>	<b>\$423,273</b>			<b>36.00</b>	<b>\$473,205</b>	
<b>SECONDARY (7-12)</b>	<b>FY17 Anticipated</b>				<b>FY18 Budgeted</b>			
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>		<b>Rate</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Tuition - Public In State</b>								
Arlington	\$13,836	13.42	185,679		\$15,117	15.00	226,755	9%
Manchester	\$14,300	2.00	28,600		\$13,950	0.00	0	-2%
<b>Total Public</b>		<b>15.42</b>	<b>\$214,279</b>			<b>15.00</b>	<b>\$226,755</b>	
<b>Tuition - Private In State</b>								
Burr & Burton Academy	\$14,773	2.29	\$33,901		\$15,364	5.00	\$76,820	4%
Long Trail School	\$14,773	1.00	\$14,773		\$15,364	3.00	\$46,092	4%
Maple Street	\$14,773	1.25	\$18,466		\$15,364	0.00	\$0	4%
Southshire	\$12,938	1.00	12,938		\$15,364	0.00	0	4%
<b>Total Private</b>		<b>5.54</b>	<b>\$80,078</b>			<b>8.00</b>	<b>\$122,912</b>	
<b>Total Secondary:</b>		<b>20.96</b>	<b>\$294,357</b>			<b>23.00</b>	<b>\$349,667</b>	
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS:</b>		<b>63.46</b>	<b>\$742,366</b>			<b>62.00</b>	<b>\$832,406</b>	
<b>Vocational Tuition</b>								
Flow Through State	\$8,236	0.11000	\$906		\$8,342	0.30000	\$2,503	
Southwest VT/CDC	\$6,233	0.11000	686		\$10,248	0.30000	3,074	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,469</b>		<b>\$1,592</b>		<b>\$18,590</b>		<b>\$5,577</b>	

**BVSU ASSESSMENT**

	<b>BVSU FY 18</b>	<b>Arlington FY 18</b>	<b>Sandgate FY 18</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	100.00%	86.84%	13.16%
	<b><u>\$610,964.00</u></b>		
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>			
Transportation Reimb	-\$83,905.00		
Interest	-\$2,000.00		
Vocational Transp Reimb	<u>-\$54,000.00</u>		
BUDGET to be ASSESSED	<u>\$471,059.00</u>		
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES</b>			
Administration	\$218,354.00	\$189,620.08	\$28,733.92
Finance	\$147,120.00	\$127,759.99	\$19,360.01
Audit	\$20,450.00	\$17,758.92	\$2,691.08
Maintenance	\$18,720.00	\$16,256.57	\$2,463.43
Transportation	<u>\$66,415.00</u>	<u>\$57,675.23</u>	\$8,739.77
	<u>\$471,059.00</u>	<u>\$409,070.79</u>	<u>\$61,988.21</u>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	100.00%	92.31%	7.69%
	<b><u>\$1,520,312.00</u></b>		
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>			
EEE	-\$35,793.00		
Mainstream Block Grant	-\$197,334.00		
Intensive Reimb	-\$647,119.06		
Extraordinary	<u>-\$50,400.00</u>		
BUDGET to be ASSESSED	<u>\$589,665.94</u>		
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES</b>			
Early Education	\$82,463.00	\$76,119.69	\$6,343.31
Elementary	\$253,601.47	\$234,093.66	\$19,507.81
Secondary	<u>\$253,601.47</u>	<u>\$234,093.66</u>	<u>\$19,507.81</u>
	<u>\$589,665.94</u>	<u>\$544,307.02</u>	<u>\$45,358.92</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$2,131,276.00</u></b>		
<b>TOTAL to be ASSESSED</b>	<b>\$1,060,724.94</b>	<b>\$953,377.82</b>	<b>\$107,347.12</b>

District	Equalized Pupils	% Share
Arlington	366.32	86.84%
Sandgate	<u>55.51</u>	<u>13.16%</u>
	<b>421.83</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

District	Dec. 1st Child Count	% Share
Arlington	72	92.31%
Sandgate	<u>6</u>	<u>7.69%</u>
	<b>78</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

District: **Sandgate**  
County: **Bennington**

**T181**  
**Battenkill Valley**

Property dollar  
equivalent yield

**10.076**

Homestead tax rate  
per \$10,076 of  
spending per  
equalized pupil

**1.00**

**11,875**

Income dollar equivalent yield per  
2.0% of household income

**Expenditures**

		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$685,305	\$791,974	\$890,087	\$949,318	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$685,305</b>	<b>\$791,974</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$949,318</b>	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$685,305</b>	<b>\$791,974</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$949,318</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.

**Revenues**

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$44,201	\$104,334	\$84,783	\$800	10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$44,201</b>	<b>\$104,334</b>	<b>\$84,783</b>	<b>\$800</b>	13.

14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$641,104</b>	<b>\$687,640</b>	<b>\$805,304</b>	<b>\$948,518</b>	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	49.58	47.84	52.05	55.51	15.

16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$12,930.70</b>	<b>\$14,373.75</b>	<b>\$15,471.74</b>	<b>\$17,087.34</b>	16.
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> 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 eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth NA	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	25.
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$12,931	\$14,374	\$15,472	\$17,087.34	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	139.264% based on \$9,285	151.958% based on \$9,285	159.486% based on yield \$9,701	169.585% based on yield \$10,076	28.

**Prorating the local tax rate**

29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$17,087.34 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.3648 based on \$0.98	\$1.5044 based on \$0.99	\$1.5949 based on \$1.00	\$1.6958 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.70)	\$1.3648	\$1.5044	#VALUE!	\$1.6958	31.
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	95.52%	107.36%	102.01%	105.54%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6958 / 105.54%)	\$1.4288 based on \$0.98	\$1.4013 based on \$0.99	#VALUE! based on \$1.00	\$1.6068 based on \$1.00	33.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$17,087.34 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%)]	2.51% based on 1.80%	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.85% based on 2.00%	2.88% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.88%)	2.51% based on 1.80%	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.85% based on 2.00%	2.88% based on 0.00%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non -residential tax rate of \$1.550. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non -residential rate..**  
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

# TOWN OF SANDGATE DIRECTORY

## Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER- Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER-Small Animals	Erin McDermott	375-2201
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL		362-4082
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:00-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun &Holidays		
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	Julie Robertson	375-9075
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other Than Emergency)		375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	375-2211
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Jim Gunn	375-9481
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	375-8358
	Mike Hill	375-6543
LISTERS OFFICE	Jeanne Zoppel	375-9270
Martha Canfield Library		375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Judy Boehlert	375-8343
POUND KEEPER, ARLINGTON		375-6121
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT		379-3004
RECREATION & PARK SCHEDULING		375-9564
RESCUE SQUAD (Other Than Emergency)		375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK		394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		375-0249
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
STATE POLICE (Other Than Emergency)		442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		375-9744
SHERIFF'S OFFICE		442-4900
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	Marjorie Peff	375-9075
TREASURER OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		375-9075



# — IN MEMORIAM —

Born in 1923, Charles “Junior” Bentley attended Sandgate Public School #2, across from the Methodist Church, and graduated from Burr & Burton Academy in 1942. He began public service in 1950 as a Lister and served his first year as a Selectman in 1951. From 1961 to 1965 Junior represented Sandgate in the Vermont State Legislature.



Over the years Junior held numerous town leadership positions including: Lister, Planning and Zoning Board member and Grand Juror. He continued his position as Selectman for more than fifty years.

In 1942, Junior started dairy farming just north of the Sandgate Methodist Church. He continued to use his draft horses long after most farmers had turned to tractors. Junior claimed his grandfather said, “The man who invented the gasoline engine ought’ve been hung.” His herd grew and in 1954 he moved the cows to a farm in West Arlington across from the Wayside Country Store. When he retired from milking he sold his dairy cows and brought his beef cows back to Sandgate where they continue to graze on the hill behind the Yellow Farmhouse. Junior’s horses have been regulars in the Sandgate 4th of July Parade and featured in National Geographic’s “Building Wild” TV Show.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, citizens at the Annual Sandgate Town Meeting unanimously and joyfully voted to honor Charles Bentley’s ongoing, life-long service to our community by naming the meeting room in the Town Hall the “Charles D. Bentley Meeting Room”.

Charles D. Bentley Jr. died April 8th, 2016.

## **FIRE WARNING**

**A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.**

**For brush and forest fires burning out of control  
or threatening buildings, call 911.**

**For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211  
or Jim Gunn at 375-9481**

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES  
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

**NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL**

**FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911**

**For non-emergencies:**

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**Police Department: 442-5421**

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**Fire Department: 375-2323**

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**Rescue Squad: 375-6589**

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### **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES**

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

