

Annual Report



Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2019

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, VERMONT

FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2019

A Tribute to David Pisha

David was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a city with a large community of Czech immigrants. Being of Slovak descent himself, David grew-up eating many-a-kolache; he also focused on his ever-growing coin collection. As a child, he was interested in cooking and taught himself the way around a kitchen. Knowing his culinary skills were not going to bring home the big bucks, he decided he should go the route of coin collecting and earned his MBA in finance and business administration from the University of Iowa. He even put himself through school by working as a janitor at a local school.

After graduating, David went on to be the Director of the Five Seasons Civic Center in Cedar Rapids. During that time, he met his future wife, Sindy, who worked in a children's social services office not too far from the Civic Center. The two of them loved frequenting a staple downtown Chinese restaurant, the Dragon, on their lunch hours. It was likely over a meal of beef and broccoli, David's favorite, that he decided to propose.

After Nikki was born in Iowa, the trio went on to live in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina – where David continued to serve in director positions at various civic centers and arenas. Finally, in 2008, David got the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong career dream of becoming a town manager, and he and Sindy excitedly moved to Vermont.

Over ten years has passed since Vermont became their home. David's time working for the citizens of Chester as Town Manager has been an exciting challenge for him. He is sure that the future is bright for the lovely Green Mountain town - so sure in fact, that he may stick around. Although David and Sindy are currently undecided, the future holds many options in terms of where they will live. Their time in Chester has been so wonderful, that that idea of becoming long-term residents is intriguing.

For David, retirement also brings the ability for him to focus on very important things such as honing the perfect pizza dough. Nikki and Sindy can attest to his weekly Sunday night endeavors in the kitchen, always claiming that he's finally created "the best crust ever." He is also looking forward to focusing on new hobbies which include growing orchids and learning about the art of nurturing bonsai trees.

To celebrate David's retirement there will be an Open House on March 6, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. upstairs at the Town Hall. Lunch will be provided.



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BREAKDOWN OF GRAND LIST

Total Education Listed Value	\$420,086,440
Total Listed Value of Real Estate for Taxation	\$422,122,400
Total Listed Value of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	\$234,486,140
Total Listed Value of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	\$185,600,300
Cable Company	\$983,800
Veterans Exemptions (20 x \$40,000.)	\$800,000
Current Use Exempt Amount (183 Properties)	\$21,978,100

There are 5 Properties that are 5 year voted exemptions and 55 properties that are tax exempt per Vermont law.

ANNUAL GRAND LIST TAXABLE VALUE

2014	4,164,907
2015	4,204,923
2016	4,174,366
2017	4,175,026
2018	4,188,616
2019	4,200,864

COMPARATIVE TAX RATE TABLE

	2019	2018	2017	2016
State Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.2175	\$1.2141	\$1.2262	\$1.2611
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.3539	1.3228	1.2781	1.3428
Municipal Tax Rate	.7451	.7352	.7012	.6934

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
MODERATOR		GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2020	SCHOOL DISTRICT	
TOWN CLERK		Michael Studin	2022
Deborah J. Aldrich	2020	Marilyn Mahusky	2020
		Tonia Fleming (resigned)	2020
SELECTBOARD		Rick Alexander (appointed)	2020
Ben Whalen	2020	Jeff Hance	2021
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas, Chair	2020	Deb Brown	2021
Heather Chase	2021	Lois Perlah	2022
Leigh Dakin	2020		
Lee Gustafson	2022	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	
		Kenneth D. Barrett	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS		Patricia G. Benelli	
Shirley A. Barrett	2021	Patricia Budnick	
Erron J. Carey	2022	Robert Crawford	
Sandar K. Walker	2020	Ruth Douglas	
		Russell Monier	
TOWN GRAND JUROR		Cheryl LeClair	
	2020	Bruce Parks	
		Colleen Truax	
TOWN TREASURER		Heather Chase	
Deborah J. Aldrich	2020	Susan Kibbe	
		Kathy Pellett	
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS			
	2020		
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY			
Ed Grossman	2022		
David A. Lord	2022		
Jessica DiMarco (resigned)	2020		
Colleen Garvey (appointed)	2020		
Kathy Pellett	2020		
Judith Copping	2021		
Lyza Gardner	2021		
Vanessa Heyburne	2021		

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		PLANNING COMMISSION:	
Chief of Police	March, 2020	Naomi Johnson, Chair	March, 2021
		Cheryl Lipton	March, 2021
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		Peter Hudkins	March, 2022
Carla Westine, Chairman	March, 2021	Barre Pinske	March, 2020
Gary Coger	March, 2021	Tim Roper	March, 2020
Harry Goodell	March, 2022		
Philip Perlah	March, 2022	POUND KEEPER:	
Robert Greenfield	March, 2020	Chief of Police, Richard Cloud	March, 2020
Larry Semones, Alternate	March, 2021		
Mark Curran, Alternate	March, 2021	REGIONAL PLANNING REP:	
		Thomas Bock	March, 2020
CEMETERY SEXTON		Derek Suursoo alternate	March, 2020
Jeffrey Sheldon	March, 2020		
CLERK TO SELECTMEN		ROAD COMMISSIONER:	
Ben Whalen	March, 2020	Town Manager, David Pisha	March, 2020
SEVCA		SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN:	
Kathy Poston	October, 2020	Julie Hance	March, 2020
SENIOR SOLUTIONS - COUNCIL ON AGING		BOARD OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL	
Linda Stowell	March, 2020	Board of Selectmen	
		SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP:	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		Derek Suursoo	March, 2020
Town Manager, David Pisha	March, 2020		
		TOWN MANAGER:	
FENCE VIEWERS:		David Pisha	March, 2020
Frank E. Balch	March, 2020		
J. Leon Spaulding (deceased)	March, 2020	TOWN SERVICE OFFICER:	
Tony Weinberger	March, 2020	David Pisha	March, 2020
FIRE WARDEN:		TRANSPORT. ADVISORY COUNCIL REP.	
Jeffery Holden	June, 2024	Arne Jonynas	March, 2020
FIRST CONSTABLE:		TREE WARDEN:	
Jeffery Holden	March, 2020	Joseph Epler	March, 2020
GREEN UP DAY CHAIRMAN		WATER COMMISSIONERS:	
Frank Kelley	March, 2020	Board of Selectmen	
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD AND WOOD		WEIGHER OF COAL	
Tony Weinberger	March, 2020	Tony Weinberger	March, 2020
		ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	
		Michael Normyle	March, 2021

APPOINTED BY TOWN MANAGER

Police Chief - Richard H. Cloud
Fire Chief - Matthew S. Wilson
Ambulance Coordinator - Daniel J. Cook
Public Works Director – Kirby Putnam
Water/Sewer Superintendent - Jeffery C. Holden
Recreation Director - Matthew McCarthy

APPOINTED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer – Heather Chase (resigned)
Health Officer – Amanda Silva (5/31/21)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent of Schools – Meg Powden

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2018	2019
TOWN MANAGER		
David Pisha	\$ 84,529.67	\$ 87,690.75
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER		
Deborah J. Aldrich	\$ 55,295.05	\$ 61,447.52
SELECTMEN		
Heather Chase	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Arunas “Arne” Jonynas	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Dan Cote	\$ 1,500.00	\$
Ben Whalen	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
A. Lee Gustafson	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Leigh Dakin		\$ 1,500.00
LISTERS		
Wanda C. Purdy	\$ 16,110.86	\$ 18,852.42
Valerie Pantorno	\$ 11,129.39	\$ 10,659.66
HEALTH OFFICER		
Heather Chase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

The 2020 U.S. Decennial Census begins in March and April

Every ten years the US Constitution requires an 'enumeration' of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as "The Census." For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than 675 billion dollars will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding on-line, over the telephone or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. Make sure that our community counts!



Proven Expertise and Integrity

May 15, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Town of Chester
Chester, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, Vermont for the year ended December 31, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 19, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Chester, Vermont are described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town of Chester, Vermont during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

As described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the Town of Chester, Vermont changed accounting policies related to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*", GASB Statement No. 85, "*Omnibus 2017*" and GASB Statement No. 86, "*Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*" in 2018. There was no impact in the financial statements based on the cumulative effect of these accounting changes

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, Vermont's financial statements were:

- Depreciation expense which is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets
- Pension related assets, liabilities and expenses which are based on actuarial valuations
- Accrued compensation
- Deferred property tax revenues

Management's process for determining the above estimates is based on firm concepts and reasonable assumptions of both historical and future events. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are reflected in the deposits and investments, capital assets, long-term liabilities and fund balance footnotes.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. A schedule of any uncorrected misstatements has been presented to management with the management representation letter. We did not identify or propose any adjustments of misstatements as a result of audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 22, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Chester, Vermont’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Chester, Vermont’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions and Notes to Required Supplementary Information, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Chester, Vermont and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very Best,

RHR Smith & Company

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

Report of the Selectboard

I started out writing this update of the Selectboard with a list of projects. Some new, some ongoing, and ones that are coming up. I hope the Town Manager and Department head reports will update on those aspects of the town.

I would like to tell the citizens of Chester that the Selectboard has been very busy all year. We have a great board from varied backgrounds and different perspectives, and we have tried to move the town in the direction that people desire. "Live, work, play" is a phrase that is catching on in the description of Chester. Our goal is to take on policies and projects toward that end. To accomplish that work, the town budget is one of the hardest and most important tasks we take on each year. We have tried to provide the services the people of Chester expect while also looking at costs to provide these services. This year's increase is a reflection of that. I hope all will support this budget. It was crafted after hours of open meetings and in-depth discussion.

Chester is fortunate to have a community of caring, passionate, and diverse people. The best resource of a town is its people- and Chester gets high marks on that. Our job as a Selectboard is made easier when community involvement is strong. This is evident by the citizens that serve on all of the various boards, committees, and town organizations. We encourage all to participate and stay informed. We thank all that serve and volunteer.

Another strong part of our town are the town employees. These employees are a dedicated working group of people doing what they do to make Chester a great place to live.

We as a community are all in this together. We all want what's best for our town. We are all unique and have varied opinions, but our ability to work together is critical at living harmoniously. I feel fortunate to be a part of this town, especially in my capacity as a member of town government. I thank everyone involved in this town, and I look forward to our shared future. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or concerns.

Last, I would like to thank David Pisha who will be retiring this March for all of his years of service to Chester as Town Manager. David started in August of 2008, when town finances were in a shamble. He guided us out of this financial hole and put the town on a sound financial footing. He has also been involved in countless town projects and undertakings that have bettered this town enormously. He will be missed.

Arne Jonynas
Selectboard Chairman

Town Manager's Report

Looking Forward

The New Year is shaping up to be one of some interesting projects. The hope, at this time, is that the site for the new Emergency Services building will start in April. As soon as that work is complete, the foundation will be put in place and right after that, construction will start on the facility. It is anticipated that this work will not be finished until the spring or summer of 2021. And as the departments move out of the Town Garage into their new home, work on that building will commence.

The Town Garage has been reviewed and the interior structure was deemed to be fine. What will be happening is a complete replacement of the outer shell; i.e., the roof and wall panels. The inside of the garage will also see improvements. Space now used by either the Fire or Ambulance departments will be converted to use for Public Works. A special welding area will be created. A very important aspect for both facilities will be that the departments will be able to move all their equipment indoors and out of the weather. Protecting this important equipment will prove to be vital to the long-term life of these items.

A grant was received to build a bridge over the Lover's Lane Brook at the rear of the Academy Building. The bridge will connect the village area to an in-town hiking trail across the brook that the Chester Conservation Committee will be constructing. This development is another project stemming from the Master Plan.

The sidewalk project that will upgrade the current sidewalk from Town Hall to Bargfrede Road should have its plans finalized in 2020 and construction should start in 2021. The Town received a grant for 80% of the costs.

I am sure by now you have heard of my retirement that will happen after Town Meeting. My wife and I have been in Chester for 11 ½ years and have truly enjoyed the time we have spent here. We have not decided on what our future holds, but Chester certainly is a top consideration.

Some of the reasons we have come to love Chester is because it is a small town and a person can get to know their neighbors. Getting around is easy and most services are easily reached.

All the citizens have been very kind to us during my tenure and the Town staff have been wonderful to work with on a daily basis. If we decide to move closer to our daughter in Washington DC, Chester will still be in our thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pisha
Town Manager

Emergency Services Building Committee Report
Chester, Vermont

The Emergency Services Building Committee met multiple times during 2019 for the purpose of developing a building design and estimated cost of construction that would allow voters of the Town of Chester to approve a bond plan for the building. Working with Russell Construction and Centerline Architects, the Committee reviewed multiple options related to the design for three emergency services: police, fire, and ambulance.

The final design included a 14,000 square-foot building with police located in one section, and fire and ambulance in a separate but connected space. The committee determined that the best location for the new building would be the town-owned parcel located on Pleasant Street, a plot of land that was purchased for a public safety building over a decade ago.

The bond vote, held on November 5, 2019, passed by a nearly two to one ratio, and final design work began immediately, with multiple meetings and calls with the architect to complete the detailed drawings and bidding documents to be released for bid in 2020.

Assuming all permits are received, construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2020, with completion in 2021. The Committee will continue to work together with the team to bring this important project to completion.

The EMS Building Committee is comprised of the following members:

David Pisha – Town Manager
Lee Gustafson – Selectboard representative
Kirby Putnam – Highway Department
Dan Cook – Ambulance
Matt Wilson – Fire Department
Rick Cloud – Police Department

Graham Kennedy was the Town Highway Department representative until his retirement in July of 2019. Cathy Hasbrouck has faithfully kept minutes of the meetings, and we appreciate her attention to detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gustafson - Chair

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

General Fund

	Actual
REVENUES	
Property Taxes	\$8,021,577.18
Delinquent Tax Allocation	\$60,023.35
Licenses/Fees	\$7,763.45
General Government	\$56,122.58
Public Safety	\$283,871.00
Public Works	\$261,431.29
Culture & Recreation	\$31,960.99
Other Income	\$74,533.20
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,797,283.04
EXPENDITURES	
Selectboard/Manager	\$106,805.82
Administration	\$431,399.01
Listers	\$40,199.52
Taxes	\$8,620.99
Planning	\$49,980.85
Insurance	\$297,722.96
Police	\$687,545.47
Fire	\$147,855.82
Ambulance	\$147,667.05
Communications	\$40,423.66
Highway	\$1,363,355.84
Solid Waste	\$36,149.56
Health & Welfare	\$1,948.25
Recreation Programs	\$89,250.87
Parks & Cemeteries	\$87,158.72
Library	\$101,550.96
Town Hall	\$29,901.08
Revitalization	\$39,349.80
Recreation Facilities	\$47,020.71
Capital Expenditures	\$412,450.00
County Tax	\$26,362.00
Voted Articles	\$41,183.50
CTSD Assessment	\$4,710,585.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,944,488.31
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	(\$147,205.27)
Public Works Deficit	\$139,062.85
General Fund Surplus	(\$8,142.42)

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN

1/13/2020

Revenues	2019	2019 Cash	2020	2021
Beginning Balance	\$56,841.66	\$56,841.66	(\$6,674.25)	\$1,711.91
General Fund Transfer In	\$370,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$215,455.00	\$260,000.00
Public Works			\$203,631.00	\$327,543.00
Fire			\$41,375.00	\$41,265.00
Police				\$14,073.00
Net Public Works Transfer In	\$53,115.00	\$53,115.00		
Loan Proceeds	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library Trustees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Fund Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Andover Contribution	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributed Funds	\$480,491.66	\$480,441.66	\$453,786.75	\$644,592.91

Expenditures

	2019	2019 Cash	2020	2021
			\$73,820.00	
Public Works	\$125,000.00	\$117,711.00		\$31,888.00
Other Public Works	\$86,600.00	\$85,040.00	\$73,820.00	\$58,170.00
Sidewalks		\$22,500.00		\$20,350.00
Signage			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Emergency Equip	\$35,000.00	\$22,207.53	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Police	\$13,800.00	\$13,800.00		\$14,073.00
Recreation/Cemetery	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating Facilities	\$4,157.00			\$26,000.00
Paving				
Landscape/Trees				
Route 35 Repair Part III	\$80,000.00		\$80,000.00	
Bond Plan Transfer	\$225,857.38	\$225,857.38	\$278,254.84	\$454,547.65
Total Expenses	\$550,414.38	\$487,115.91	\$452,074.84	\$645,028.65
Carry-Forward	(\$69,922.72)	(\$6,674.25)	\$1,711.91	(\$435.74)

Purchases by Year of Acquisition and Type of Payment

	2019	2020	2021
Public Works Dump Truck		Dump Truck	Dump Truck
Other PW Excavator Loan 46.6K	(\$15,631.38)	Backhoe \$15.65K	Backhoe \$15.65K
Pick-Up Truck \$40K		Palmer Bridge \$25.795	Palmer Bridge \$25.795
Sidewalks		Loader Loan \$32.375K	Loader Loan \$32.375K
Emergency Equip		Air Paks	Air Paks
Air Paks		Turnout Gear	Turnout Gear
Turnout Gear			
Police Server		Cruiser	Cruiser
Sewer Plant			
Recreation			
Operating Facilities General Maintenance		Town Hall Renovation	Town Hall Renovation

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
(\$435.74)	\$3,778.56	\$27,961.03	\$11,550.46	(\$2,947.89)	\$3,702.63
\$255,445.00	\$320,535.00	\$430,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$495,000.00	\$425,000.00
\$464,321.00	\$472,550.00	\$333,255.00	\$297,615.00	\$256,600.00	\$268,510.00
\$39,555.00	\$39,465.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
\$26,687.00	\$43,843.00	\$43,843.00	\$45,467.00	\$47,091.00	\$47,091.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$785,572.26	\$880,171.56	\$870,059.03	\$869,632.46	\$830,743.11	\$779,303.63

\$80,477.00	\$91,265.00	\$122,053.00	\$153,941.00	\$162,649.00	\$176,009.00
\$58,170.00	\$58,170.00	\$15,650.00	\$15,650.00	\$15,650.00	\$15,650.00
\$20,350.00	\$20,350.00	\$20,350.00	\$20,350.00	\$20,350.00	\$20,350.00
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
\$28,687.00	\$43,843.00	\$43,843.00	\$45,467.00	\$47,091.00	\$47,091.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
		\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$548,109.70	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20
\$781,793.70	\$852,210.53	\$858,508.57	\$872,580.35	\$827,040.48	\$779,990.20
\$3,778.56	\$27,961.03	\$11,550.46	(\$2,947.89)	\$3,702.63	(\$686.57)

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Dump Truck	Dump Truck	Dump Truck	Dump Truck	Dump Truck	Dump Truck
Backhoe \$15.65K Palmer Bridge \$25.795 Loader Loan \$32.375K	Backhoe \$15.65K Palmer Bridge \$25.795 Loader Loan \$32.375K	Backhoe \$15.65K	Backhoe \$15.65K	Backhoe \$15.65K	Backhoe \$15.65K
Air Paks Turnout Gear	Air Paks Turnout Gear	Air Paks Turnout Gear	Air Paks Turnout Gear	Air Paks Turnout Gear	
Cruiser		Cruiser	Cruiser	Cruiser	
			Plant Upgrade	Plant Upgrade	
Town Hall Renovation	Town Hall Renovation	Town Hall Renovation	Town Hall Renovation	Town Hall Renovation	

BOND PLAN

	1/13/2020			
	2019		2020	2021
Revenues				
Capital Plan Transfer	\$225,857.38	\$225,857.38	\$278,254.84	\$454,547.65
Public Works Transfer	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Transfer	\$21,478.05	\$21,478.05	\$21,165.32	\$20,813.00
Water Transfer	\$13,531.18	\$13,531.18	\$13,334.14	\$13,112.20
Total Revenues	\$260,866.61	\$260,866.61	\$312,754.30	\$488,472.85
Expenses				
Bond Bank Series 1				
Capital Items	\$58,572.86		\$57,670.75	\$56,704.04
Paving	\$47,743.71		\$47,008.39	\$46,220.41
Land Purchase	\$72,302.43		\$71,188.86	\$69,995.56
Bond Bank Series 1 Annual Payment	\$178,619.00		\$175,868.00	\$172,920.01
Bond Bank Series 3				
Capital Items	\$17,792.37		\$17,556.48	\$16,788.25
	\$23,072.05		\$22,766.17	\$21,769.97
Popple Dungeon/ Rte 35	\$5,293.51		\$5,249.40	\$52,899.89
Bond Bank Series 3 Annual Payment	\$46,157.92		\$45,572.05	\$91,458.11
Fire Dept Pumper				
Series 3 & Pumper Annual Payments	\$14,666.20		\$14,544.01	\$64,897.02
	\$60,824.13		\$60,113.60	\$156,355.14
Bond Bank Series 2018-2				
Compaction Roller	\$4,733.52		\$4,733.52	\$4,733.52
Sidewalk Plow	\$4,032.26		\$4,032.26	\$4,032.26
Trailer/Park	\$369.44		\$369.44	\$369.44
Town Hall Renovation	\$9,172.68		\$9,172.68	\$9,172.68
Bond Bank Series 4 Annual Payment	\$18,185.70		\$18,185.70	\$18,185.70
Bond Bank 2019 Paving Series	\$3,115.00		\$8,248.00	\$8,248.00
EMS/Town Garage			\$50,341.00	\$132,766.00
Total Payments	\$260,743.83		\$312,754.30	\$488,472.85

2016 BOND PLAN

SERIES ONE

Cemetery	Mower	Replacement
Recreation	Pool	\$8,500.00 Replace Pool Deck Covering
Fire	Hose	\$45,400.00 Current Hose no longer Age Compliant
	Air Paks	\$40,000.00 Standard Replacement Cycle
	Washer/Dryer	\$18,500.00 Safety Compliance
	Thermal Camera	\$11,000.00 Replacement
Sewer	Pump Station	\$15,000.00 Upgrade Aging Pump Station
Water	Pick-Up Truck	\$70,000.00 Replacement
Public Works	New Hydrants	\$30,000.00 Replacement Based on Condition Assessment
	Paving	\$31,500.00 Based on Condition Assessment
	Land Purchase	\$220,000.00 Land Purchase for Water Tank
	Series One Total	\$324,000.00
		\$813,900.00

2018 BOND PLAN

Public Works	Compaction Roller	\$110,000.00 Thlrd Phase of Proper Dirt Road Maintenance
	Sidewalk Plow	\$115,000.00 Replacement of Old Equipment
Fire	Hazmat Traller	\$11,000.00 New Item
Parks & Recreation	School Street Pocket Park	\$25,000.00 Master Plan Proposal
	Total	\$261,000.00

2019 BOND PLAN

Route 35	\$155,000.00
Other Town Paving	\$145,000.00
	\$300,000.00

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
\$548,109.70	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
\$20,423.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$12,866.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$581,399.33	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20
\$41,233.07	\$40,414.25				
\$33,609.76	\$32,942.33				
\$50,898.17	\$49,887.42				
\$125,741.00	\$123,244.00				
\$16,599.55	\$16,390.16				
\$21,525.27	\$21,253.76				
\$51,823.48	\$50,658.43	\$49,467.71	\$48,311.97		
\$89,948.28	\$88,300.35	\$49,467.71	\$48,311.97		
\$63,512.35	\$62,051.48	\$60,601.14	\$59,215.66	\$57,860.37	\$56,400.00
\$153,460.63	\$150,351.83	\$110,068.85	\$107,527.64	\$57,860.37	\$56,400.00
\$53,856.87	\$52,800.69	\$26,000.00			
\$45,878.08	\$26,437.79	\$13,000.00			
\$4,717.96	\$18,540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$6,733.45	\$11,453.40	\$68,158.73	\$104,955.71	\$102,555.11	
\$111,185.70	\$109,232.70	\$107,158.73	\$104,955.71	\$102,555.11	\$47,593.20
\$58,246.00	\$56,988.00	\$55,686.00	\$54,342.00	\$52,946.00	\$51,498.00
\$132,766.00	\$132,766.00	\$309,699.00	\$307,347.00	\$304,939.00	\$302,399.00
\$581,399.33	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20

2017 BOND PLAN		
SERIES THREE		
Recreation	Pool/Pumps	\$25,000.00 Replacement of Aging Equipment
Public Works	Tractor/Leaf Blower	\$110,000.00 Part of Clean Water Act Upgrade
Town Hall	ADA Ramp	\$50,000.00 Replace Aging Ramp
Series Two Total		\$185,000.00
Fire Department Bond		
Fire	Pumper	\$500,000.00 Replace Aging Equipment
Total		\$500,000.00
Public Works Bond		
Public Works	Rte 35/P Dungeon Culvert	\$235,000.00 Repair and Replacement
Total		\$235,000.00

Since Chester has been awarded a grant to complete additional sidewalk paving, there will be additional borrowing in the future to fund this work.

BUDGET SUMMARY	2019
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$315,300.00	\$316,600.00	
Expenses		
\$959,012.98	\$917,944.54	
Net		
<u> (\$643,712.98)</u>	<u> (\$601,344.54)</u>	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$248,025.00	\$263,525.00	
Expenses		
\$990,611.36	\$1,028,183.32	
Net		
<u> (\$742,586.36)</u>	<u> (\$764,658.32)</u>	

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues			
2019	2020		
\$261,713.00	\$112,632.15		
Expenses			
\$1,262,113.00	\$1,485,300.64		
Net			
(1,000,400.00)	(1,372,668.49)	\$360,323.00	

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expenses		
\$370,000.00	\$215,455.00	
Net		
(\$370,000.00)	(\$215,455.00)	

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CULTURE & RECREATION

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$28,370.00	\$31,960.99	
Expenses		
\$406,439.64	\$423,097.48	
Net		
<u> (\$378,069.64)</u>	<u> (\$391,136.49)</u>	

GRANTS

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expenses		
\$42,500.00	\$30,000.00	
Net		
(\$42,500.00)	(\$30,000.00)	

HEALTH, OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	
Expenses		
\$28,001.00	\$30,401.00	
Net		
\$34,499.00	\$32,099.00	

SUMMARY OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS

	Revenues	
	2019	2020
	\$918,363.00	\$787,218.14
	Expenditures	
	\$4,058,855.86	\$4,130,381.98
	---- Net Before Surplus or Deficit----	
	(\$3,140,492.86)	(\$3,343,163.84)
Surplus/Deficit	\$52,906.00	(\$8,142.42)
Pre Surplus Total	(\$3,140,492.86)	(\$3,343,163.84)
To Be Collected	(\$3,087,586.86)	(\$3,351,306.26)
Difference	\$49,767.23	\$263,719.40

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office made more progress with the project of putting our land records, births, deaths and marriages into our computerized record system. These projects will continue to be updated in 2020. This project has taken a lot of time and hopefully will be finished in 2020.

This year with our restoration money we had two books restored: Cemetery Records, Volume 3, 1900-1936 and Town Records, 1754-1891.

There are three elections this year: Town Meeting is March 2nd at 6:00 p.m., Town and School and Presidential Primary Voting is March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Primary Election is August 11th and General Election is November 3rd. All voting takes place at the Town Hall, Second Floor from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Vermont's Elections Management System/My Voter Page, a registered voter can: Check registration status.

- View information on upcoming elections.
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours.
- View a sample ballot.
- Request and track an absentee ballot.
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

Act 46, obtaining vital records, which include death and birth certificates, went into effect July 1, 2019.

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

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

All dogs must be registered by April 1, 2020. The costs are as follows: Neutered/Spayed = \$9.00, Non-Neutered/Spayed = \$13.00. After April 1: Neutered/Spayed = \$11.00, Non-Neutered/Spayed = \$17.00. There will be a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Chester Highway Garage. Dog licenses will be available at the Rabies Clinic.

Some of the things that are available at the Town Clerk's Office are: Dog Licenses, which are due by April 1st, Motor Vehicle Renewals, accompanied by the renewal form that you receive from the State along with a check made out to the VT DMV; we can do the current month and two previous months, Fish & Game Licenses, which are now computerized, Springfield Recycling Center stickers and punch cards, Civil Marriage Licenses and Voter Registration. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. However, staff is available outside of these hours if prior arrangements are made.

Property taxes will be due September 15, 2020 and Water/Sewer billing is done quarterly.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the Town Office. (875-2173)

Thank you to Town Manager David Pisha for your 11 years of service to the Town of Chester. Best wishes to you in your retirement.

Thank you to Lister Wanda Purdy for your 32 years of service to the Town of Chester. Happy Retirement!

I would like to thank our Office Staff, Amie O'Brien, Assistant Town Clerk; Cil Mathews, Bookkeeper; Julie Hance, Assistant Town Manager and David Pisha, Town Manager, Highway and Water/Sewer Departments, Police Department and Fire and Ambulance Services and the citizens of Chester for your dedication and hard work to the Town of Chester.

Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk/Treasurer

2019 LISTERS REPORT

WE ARE WINDING DOWN OUR WORK ON THE TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL. THE REVIEW PROCESS IS IN THE WORKS AND WE STILL HAVE SOME PROPERTIES TO VISIT THIS SPRING. EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IN TOWN WILL BE GETTING A BOOKLET OF ALL THE NEW VALUES. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COOPERATING WITH THE APPRAISERS. THEY HAD A FULL SCHEDULE EVERY MONDAY WHEN THEY DID THE PROPERTY VISITS.

THE 2020 GRAND LIST WILL BE COMPRISED OF THE NEW VALUES. GRIEVANCE DATES WILL BE POSTED TWO WEEKS BEFORE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ON THE TOWN WEBSITE, ON THE TOWN OFFICE BULLETIN BOARDS (ONE INSIDE, ONE OUTSIDE), THE POST OFFICE AND LISAI'S MARKET. THERE WILL ALSO BE GRIEVANCE INFORMATION IN THE BOOKLET YOU RECEIVE WITH THE NEW VALUES. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE LISTERS OFFICE. THE HOURS ARE MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY 8:00AM – 1:00PM. THE PHONE NUMBER IS 802 875-2173.

2019 VITAL STATISTICS

Federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) have been issued and one of the areas affected is accessibility to vital records. These regulations have resulted in a more stringent protocol for obtaining certified copies and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States have been required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

With fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, statistical information only will be printed.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to give us a call or stop by the office.

Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

Statistical information for 2018:

Civil Marriages - 17

Births - 9

Deaths – 26

Burials – 15

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Planning & Zoning Department

The Zoning Administrator and Planning Coordinator's position remains a part time role here in Chester, with office hours on Tuesday from 8am – 5pm. I am often available other times of the week by appointment or via email at michael.normyle@chestervt.gov. If your message is urgent, the ladies in the Town Hall also know how to contact me as needed. The ZA has a very unique role working with the applicants, the Development Review Board and the Planning Commission.

As a reminder, all public hearings are open to the public. All meeting agendas and minutes are regularly posted on the town's website, www.chestervt.gov. PLEASE feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns or suggestions. *Unfortunately I continue to be surprised by the number of folks who are under the impression that permits are not needed for a variety of things.*

Coordination with the Planning Commission (PC) as they work on a significant re-write of the Unified Development By-Laws. In addition to the very dedicated members on this commission, we have seen far more citizens take part of the process this year. Their input has been invaluable and we encourage more to ask questions and become involved. With the assistance of a consultant (via grant funding), the Commission's work continues. There will be public hearings on the proposed changes once a final draft has been agreed upon, although the PC encourages all citizens to come to the regularly scheduled meetings and workshops to share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions.

A few quick notes on the activity in 2019 There were 26 building permits, most of which were additions to existing homes, storage sheds, etc. In addition there were 2 boundary line adjustments, 9 conditional use applications, 1 major sub-division and 3 sign permits.

Enforcement With the adoption of the ordinance regulating outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles, we have stepped up our efforts with state officials. We understand this will be a lengthy process, yet we are making some progress.

The agendas for upcoming meetings, minutes and the Development Review Board decisions are being posted on the Chester web site for your information. You may also review the current Unified Development By-Laws www.chestervt.gov. In my absence from the office, the various forms may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8am -4pm.

Thank you also to Cathy Hasbrouck, who is an excellent note taker, proof reader and sounding board!!

Michael Normyle
Chester Zoning Administrator & Planning Coordinator
875-2173 michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

GENERAL GOVERNMENT**REVENUES**

Taxes		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
01-17-01	Railroad Taxes	\$1,900.00	\$1,034.77	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
	Tax Sale Redemption	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-17-01	Land Use	\$155,000.00	\$160,209.00	\$155,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$5,000.00
01-17-01	Pilot Program	\$11,500.00	\$10,989.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00
01-17-00	Penalties/Interest	\$90,000.00	\$67,596.89	\$90,000.00	\$80,000.00	(\$10,000.00)
		<u>\$258,400.00</u>	<u>\$239,829.66</u>	<u>\$258,400.00</u>	<u>\$253,400.00</u>	<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>
Licenses, Permits & Fees						
02-15-00	Liquor Licenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,155.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
02-15-00	Fish & Game	\$250.00	\$100.50	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
02-15-00	Dog Lic	\$1,500.00	\$1,182.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
02-15-00	Other Lic	\$1,850.00	\$425.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
02-15-00	Rabies	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
02-15-00	Motor Vehicle	\$500.00	\$204.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
		<u>\$6,700.00</u>	<u>\$3,066.50</u>	<u>\$5,400.00</u>	<u>\$4,900.00</u>	<u>(\$500.00)</u>
Planning & Zoning						
02-18-00	Permits	\$6,500.00	\$4,696.95	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
General Government						
03-15-00	Recording Fees	\$32,500.00	\$30,513.00	\$34,000.00	\$30,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
03-15-00	911 House Numbers	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
03-15-00-18	Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$3,981.50	\$450.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,050.00
03-15-00	Misc.	\$4,000.00	\$121.22	\$2,000.00	\$250.00	(\$1,750.00)
03-15-00	Tax Sale	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
03-15-00	Solar Field Rent	\$6,000.00	\$6,425.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$500.00
03-15-00	Land Sale to Sandri	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-15-01	Interest	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03-15-01	Interest	\$0.00	\$13,271.86	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
		<u>\$60,050.00</u>	<u>\$56,122.58</u>	<u>\$45,500.00</u>	<u>\$52,300.00</u>	<u>\$6,800.00</u>
Total General Gov		<u>\$331,650.00</u>	<u>\$303,715.69</u>	<u>\$315,300.00</u>	<u>\$316,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>

General Government 2020

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Selectboard

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EXPENSES		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
1-411-10	Selectboard	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
1-411-70	Selectboard Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$785.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	\$83,000.00	\$89,580.75	\$85,000.00	\$70,000.00	(\$15,000.00)
	Social Security	\$6,225.00	\$7,281.99	\$6,300.00	\$5,885.00	(\$415.00)
1-412-16	Mgmt Consultant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,657.58	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
		\$99,725.00	\$106,805.82	\$101,800.00	\$86,385.00	(\$15,415.00)

Administration

10-10-15		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
10-15-10	Election Payroll	\$1,500.00	\$592.90	\$600.00	\$1,300.00	\$700.00
10-15-10-01	Payroll	\$198,200.00	\$210,276.39	\$202,500.00	\$214,500.00	\$12,000.00
10-15-10-11	Treasurer	\$3,400.00	\$3,503.96	\$3,500.00	\$3,606.00	\$106.00
15-15-11	Social Security	\$15,162.00	\$18,213.53	\$15,500.00	\$16,385.00	\$885.00
10-15-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-14	Health Premiums	\$60,684.00	\$63,402.52	\$63,093.00	\$69,197.04	\$6,104.04
10-15-15	Life Insurance	\$500.00	\$457.56	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
10-15-16	Retirement	\$11,000.00	\$15,333.83	\$11,400.00	\$13,320.00	\$1,920.00
10-15-18	Co-Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-21	Office Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$11,278.58	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
10-15-21	911 House Numbers	\$100.00	\$81.95	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
10-15-21	Election Expense	\$1,500.00	\$993.21	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
10-15-22	Training	\$2,000.00	\$892.85	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
10-15-23	Equipment	\$20,500.00	\$21,420.36	\$18,800.00	\$18,200.00	(\$600.00)
10-15-25	State Treasurer	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
10-15-26	Postage	\$7,000.00	\$9,810.39	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00
10-15-27	Notices	\$3,000.00	\$6,216.46	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
10-15-27	Town Report	\$3,500.00	\$4,670.96	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
10-15-34	Telephone	\$5,000.00	\$8,367.07	\$5,500.00	\$10,150.00	\$4,650.00
10-15-37	Computer Service	\$6,000.00	\$11,327.54	\$6,900.00	\$9,500.00	\$2,600.00
10-15-27	Record Rstrtn.	\$8,000.00	\$94.39	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
10-15-37	Website	\$0.00	\$1,044.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-37	NEMRC Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
10-15-37	GIS Upgrade	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	(\$7,000.00)
10-15-37	SAPA	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	Music License	\$0.00	\$438.00	\$0.00	\$438.00	\$438.00
10-15-40	VLCT	\$4,674.00	\$4,805.00	\$4,805.00	\$4,805.00	\$0.00
10-15-50	PACIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-55	Chamber of Comm.	\$125.00	\$149.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
10-15-56	Legal	\$20,000.00	\$16,251.15	\$20,000.00	\$17,500.00	(\$2,500.00)
10-15-56	Consulting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
10-15-57	Outside Audit	\$16,850.00	\$16,900.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
10-15-81	Bond Anticipation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-15-82	TAN Interest	\$7,500.00	\$2,151.04	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
10-15-83	Service Charge	\$1,500.00	\$2,666.37	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
10-15-99	SVWA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$570.00
Totals		\$418,695.00	\$431,339.01	\$422,848.00	\$447,621.04	\$24,773.04

General Government 2020 (Continued)

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		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
10-16-10	Salary	\$32,500.00	\$29,512.08	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00
10-16-11	Social Security	\$2,030.00	\$2,257.68	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$400.00
10-16-21	General Expenses	\$8,500.00	\$4,641.06	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
10-16-22	Training	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
10-16-22	Travel	\$2,000.00	\$667.34	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
10-16-23	Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
10-16-37	Computer Service	\$0.00	\$2,628.86	\$2,160.00	\$3,100.00	\$940.00
10-16-56	Legal	\$0.00	\$492.50	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
		\$47,530.00	\$40,199.52	\$50,260.00	\$50,100.00	(\$160.00)

Taxes

		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
10-17-21	General Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-17-25	Tax Billing	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
10-17-27	Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$6,555.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
10-17-37	State Appeals	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
10-17-56	Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-17-56	Tax Sale Service	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
10-17-63	Abtment	\$0.00	\$1,765.99	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
		\$6,500.00	\$8,620.99	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00

Planning & Zoning

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		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
10-18-10	Salary	\$33,500.00	\$26,079.34	\$31,000.00	\$25,000.00	(\$6,000.00)
10-18-10	DRB Salaries	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
10-18-10	Planning Salaries	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
10-18-11	Social Security	\$3,000.00	\$2,377.55	\$2,000.00	\$1,975.00	(\$25.00)
10-18-21	Enforcement	\$0.00	\$331.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-18-21	Supplies	\$200.00	\$241.36	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
10-18-21	Printing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
10-18-22	Training	\$3,500.00	\$230.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
10-18-23	Computer	\$500.00	\$1,616.19	\$500.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,300.00
10-18-27	Notices	\$2,000.00	\$2,213.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$500.00)
10-18-27	Town Plan/Zoning	\$2,000.00	\$894.16	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
10-18-40	Regional Planning Dues	\$3,942.50	\$0.00	\$3,942.50	\$3,942.50	\$0.00
10-18-40	SRDC	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00	(\$2,500.00)
10-18-56	Legal	\$10,000.00	\$998.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
		\$73,742.50	\$49,980.85	\$65,742.50	\$58,817.50	(\$6,925.00)

Insurance & Deductions

		2018 Budget	1-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
10-19-11	Social Security	\$0.00	(\$2.02)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-19-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$1,159.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-19-13	Workers Comp	\$110,000.00	\$84,905.00	\$90,000.00	\$93,019.00	\$3,019.00
10-19-14	Medical	\$0.00	\$566.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-19-15	Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-19-16	Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-19-18	Co-Insur	\$125,786.00	\$117,362.48	\$117,362.48	\$100,000.00	(\$17,362.48)
	Insurance Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,611.00)	(\$20,611.00)
10-19-50	Property/Casualty	\$115,000.00	\$93,732.00	\$100,000.00	\$91,613.00	(\$8,387.00)
		\$350,786.00	\$297,722.96	\$307,362.48	\$264,021.00	(\$43,341.48)
Total General Government		\$996,978.50	\$934,669.15	\$959,012.98	\$917,944.54	(\$41,068.44)

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
\$548,109.70	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
\$20,423.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$12,866.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$581,399.33	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20
\$41,233.07	\$40,414.25				
\$33,609.76	\$32,942.33				
\$50,898.17	\$49,887.42				
\$125,741.00	\$123,244.00				
\$16,599.55	\$16,390.16				
\$21,525.27	\$21,253.76				
\$51,823.48	\$50,658.43	\$49,467.71	\$48,311.97		
\$89,948.28	\$88,300.35	\$49,467.71	\$48,311.97		
\$63,512.35	\$62,051.48	\$60,601.14	\$59,215.66	\$57,860.37	\$56,400.00
\$153,460.63	\$150,351.83	\$110,068.85	\$107,527.64	\$57,860.37	\$56,400.00
\$53,856.87	\$52,800.69	\$26,000.00			
\$45,878.08	\$26,437.79	\$13,000.00			
\$4,717.96	\$18,540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$6,733.45	\$11,453.40	\$68,158.73	\$104,955.71	\$102,555.11	
\$111,185.70	\$109,232.70	\$107,158.73	\$104,955.71	\$102,555.11	\$47,593.20
\$58,246.00	\$56,988.00	\$55,686.00	\$54,342.00	\$52,946.00	\$51,498.00
\$132,766.00	\$132,766.00	\$309,699.00	\$307,347.00	\$304,939.00	\$302,399.00
\$581,399.33	\$572,582.53	\$582,612.57	\$574,172.35	\$518,300.48	\$457,890.20

2017 BOND PLAN		
SERIES THREE		
Recreation	Pool/Pumps	\$25,000.00 Replacement of Aging Equipment
Public Works	Tractor/Leaf Blower	\$110,000.00 Part of Clean Water Act Upgrade
Town Hall	ADA Ramp	\$50,000.00 Replace Aging Ramp
Series Two Total		\$185,000.00
Fire Department Bond		
Fire	Pumper	\$500,000.00 Replace Aging Equipment
Total		\$500,000.00
Public Works Bond		
Public Works	Rte 35/P Dungeon Culvert	\$235,000.00 Repair and Replacement
Total		\$235,000.00

Since Chester has been awarded a grant to complete additional sidewalk paving, there will be additional borrowing in the future to fund this work.

BUDGET SUMMARY	2019
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$315,300.00	\$316,600.00	
Expenses		
\$959,012.98	\$917,944.54	
Net		
<u> (\$643,712.98)</u>	<u> (\$601,344.54)</u>	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$248,025.00	\$263,525.00	
Expenses		
\$990,611.36	\$1,028,183.32	
Net		
<u> (\$742,586.36)</u>	<u> (\$764,658.32)</u>	

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues			
2019	2020		
\$261,713.00	\$112,632.15		
Expenses			
\$1,262,113.00	\$1,485,300.64		
Net			
(1,000,400.00)	(1,372,668.49)	\$360,323.00	

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expenses		
\$370,000.00	\$215,455.00	
Net		
(\$370,000.00)	(\$215,455.00)	

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CULTURE & RECREATION

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$28,370.00	\$31,960.99	
Expenses		
\$406,439.64	\$423,097.48	
Net		
<u> (\$378,069.64)</u>	<u> (\$391,136.49)</u>	

GRANTS

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
Expenses		
\$42,500.00	\$30,000.00	
Net		
(\$42,500.00)	(\$30,000.00)	

HEALTH, OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues		
2019	2020	
\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	
Expenses		
\$28,001.00	\$30,401.00	
Net		
\$34,499.00	\$32,099.00	

SUMMARY OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS

	Revenues	
2019	2020	
\$918,363.00	\$787,218.14	
	Expenditures	
\$4,058,855.86	\$4,130,381.98	
	---- Net Before Surplus or Deficit----	
(\$3,140,492.86)	(\$3,343,163.84)	
Surplus/Deficit		
\$52,906.00	(\$8,142.42)	
Pre Surplus Total		
(\$3,140,492.86)	(\$3,343,163.84)	
To Be Collected		
(\$3,087,586.86)	(\$3,351,306.26)	
Difference		
\$49,767.23	\$263,719.40	

The Department's current roster includes:

Full-time staff

Chief Richard Cloud w/ K9 Dutch

Sgt. William Frank

Detective Adam Woodell

Officer Todd Mayer

Officer Noah Rheaume

Secretary Julie Parsells

Part-time staff

Officer Jeff Holden

Officer Timothy Worth

Officer Steven Neily Sr.

Chester Police Officers continue to train and are annually required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of in-service training to retain their certification with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Mandatory topics of in-service training include:

First Aid / CPR

Firearms qualification – range and classroom

Conducted Electrical Weapons (Taser training)

Use of Force & Tactics

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

Fair and Impartial Policing

Domestic Violence

Officers may also take elective training in any relatable field. Some of the trainings attended in 2019 were:

Policies and Procedures

Computer software and databases

Death investigation

Criminal Interdiction

Field Training Officer (FTO)

Animal Cruelty investigations

Train the Trainer – This certifies the officer as an instructor in a given field.

Chief Richard Cloud & Detective Adam Woodell are now certified L.E.A.D. Instructors

L.E.A.D. Program: Law Enforcement Against Drugs

The Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) program is a collaborative effort by LEAD certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth.

The emphasis of the program in fifth grade is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence. The LEAD program offers preventive strategies to enhance protective factors – especially bonding to the family, school, and community – which has been proven to help foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors. It also helps to build the capacity of young people in making healthy, independent growth in spite of adverse conditions. These strategies focus on the development of social competence, communication skills, self-esteem, empathy, decision-making, conflict resolution, sense of purpose and independence, and positive alternative activities to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

At the Chester Andover Elementary School, the L.E.A.D. Program is taught in the 5th grade and is organized into ten 60-minute lessons taught by a Chester Police Department Police Officers Certified in the L.E.A.D. Instructional Curriculum. Classes are scheduled through the Chester Police Department and the Chester Andover Elementary School in order to prevent scheduling conflicts with other educational ongoing programs. Student participation in the LEAD program is incorporated as part of the school's curricular offering in health, science, social studies, language arts, or other subjects as appropriate.

The LEAD curriculum has proven effective in reducing adolescent alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco use in students by preparing students to act decisively in refusing offers to use drugs, and helping students to recognize the risks and avoid drug-related situations. It also focuses on building strong decision-making, communication, planning and assertive refusal skills. At the core of the program is empowering youth to value their own perceptions and feelings and make choices that support drug-free values.

The LEAD programs – offered in concert with other school-based prevention activities and intervention strategies for the identification, early intervention, and aftercare support of students at risk for substance abuse – may be viewed as a comprehensive substance abuse program that meets the goals of the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

2019 Total of Cases: 1122

911 Hang up 27	27		DLS	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1		DUI	4
Agency Assists	184	Break down	Family Fight	32
Agency on Aging		1	Fire Invest.	1
Assist NH PD		6	Fireworks	1
Assist Bellowsfalls PD		4	Fish & Game	3
Assist Brattleboro PD		1	Foot Patrol	2
Ass Chester Highway		2	Found Property	5
Assist DCF		9	Fraud	7
Assist FBI		1	Intoxication	4
Assist Fire		16	Juvenile Prob	14
Assist HCRS		6	Littering	5
Assist Hartford PD		2	Medical	1
Assist Ludlow PD		6	Missing Person	5
Assist Springfield PD		31	MV Complaint	78
Assist Florida State PD		1	Noise Disturbance	8
Assist VT State Police		32	Parking Problem	5
Assist Liquor Control		1	Phone Problem	3
Assist Ambulance		49	Power Line Down	1
Assist Court		11	Property Watch	13
Assist Fish & Game		5	Public Speaking	5
Alarm	47		Service of APO	10
Animal Noise	3		Sex Offend Reg	3
Animal Problem	73		Sex Offense	6
Assault - Aggravated	4		Social Media	3
Bad Check - NSF	3		Stalking	1
Threat/Attempt	1		Suicide Attempt	1
Burglary	7		Suspicious/Veh Per Event	118
Burglary Alarm	20		Theft	17
Child Abuse	1		Theft-Automobile/Mtc	6
Citizen Assist	106		Threatening	6
Citizen Dispute	21		Traffic Hazard	16
Cond of Release	6		Training	1
Crash Damage	80		Trespassing	7
Crash Injury	8		Unlawful Mischief	1
Custodial Disp.	1		Unsecure Premises	2
Custodial Int.	1		Vandalism	7
Death Inv	3		VIN Inspection	35
Deliver Message	3		Wanted Person	5
Directed Patrol	42		Welfare Check	32
Disorderly	1			
			TOTAL	1122

Case totals are up 26 cases from 2018

Warnings Written in 2019: 248 Break Down		Tickets Issued in 2019: 414 Break- Down	
BASIC RULE - SPEED	8	BASIC RULE - SPEED	24
BASIC RULE (TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS)	5	BASIC RULE Unreasonable a	14
CONDITION OF VEHICLE	6	Burning - Open	1
DISPLAY OF PLATES	5	CONDITION OF VEHICLE	3
DUTY TO STOP AT A STOP SIGN	10	COUNTERFEIT PLATES, STICK	1
DUTY TO YIELD AT A YIELD	2	DISPLAY OF PLATES	1
FAILURE TO CARRY REGISTRA	1	Dog Unlicensed-Chester	8
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY, CR	4	DRIVER POSSESSED OPEN	
INSPECTION OF REGISTERED	21	CONTAINER	2
LIMITATIONS ON PASSING	4	DRIVING O ROADWAYS LANED	3
LOCAL SPEED STATE HIGHWAY	2	DRIVING TO THE RIGHT REQU	1
MISUSE OF NUMBER PLATES	1	DUTY TO STOP AT A STOP SI	5
Municipal Ordinance Speed	139	Expired Registration	1
OPERATING A VEHICLE W/O INSURANCE	11	FAIL USE CHILD RESTRAINT	1
OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE	1	FAILING TO MOVE OVER FOR	1
OPERATING WITHOUT DISPLAY	1	FAILURE TO CARRY REGISTRA	1
PEDESTRIAN OBEDIENCE TO P	1	FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY, CR	3
PERSONS REQUIRED TO REGISTER	8	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED	12
REGULATIONS IN MUNICIPALITY	3	LIMITATIONS TO PASSING ON	8
SIGNALS REQUIRED; GENERAL	4	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	1
STARTING PARKED VEHICLES	1	MISUSE OF NUMBER PLATES	2
STATE SPEED ZONES	3	Municipal Ordinance Speed	239
STOPPING, STANDING OR PARK	1	OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE	12
UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNAL	1	Operating after Suspension	8
USING PORTABLE ELECTRONIC	5	OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE	10
TOTAL WARNINGS	248	PASSING IN NO-PASSING ZON	1
		PERSONS REQUIRED TO REGIS	15
		POSSESSION OF LICENSE CER	2
		PROHIBITIONS; INSPECTION	2
		REGULATIONS IN MUNICIPALI	4
		SIGNALS REQUIRED; GENERAL	1
		STARTING PARKED VEHICLES	1
		STATE SPEED ZONES	3
		TEXTING PROHIBITED	4
		USING PORTABLE ELECTRONIC	18
		Vehicle not Inspected	1
		TOTAL WRITTEN	414
		Total of all Speed Tickets 281	

Total of all Speed Warnings 157

Written Warnings are up by 72 from 2018 Tickets are down by 58 from 2018

Thank You 's

FROM

The Team at Hard Head Veterans

Fletcher Memorial Library

NewsBank

Springfield Police Department

Rosie Harlow Segal

Donations: \$520.00

RECEIVED

\$20.00 In Memory of M142 Mark Phelps

\$100.00

\$100.00

\$300.00



2019 Has been a great year for Drug Take Back!!

Thank you for your efforts to keep drugs off YOUR/OUR street

Chester Police Responded to Unusual Request:

“We received a request direct from the North Pole to remind everyone that Santa is still making his list and checking it twice, and to make sure to have a safe and happy holiday season!” police [wrote on Facebook](#).



This pair of Dec. 17, 2019, photos provided by Adam Woodell of the Chester Police Department show radar speed signs illuminated with "NAUGHTY" and "NICE" while being tested in Chester, VT. A car's speed is displayed with red numbers for speeders and green numbers for those following the speed limit. (Adam Woodell/Chester Police Department via AP) These signs have not gone unnoticed of drivers, [the Globe](#) reported.

Chester Currently has 5 Radar speed signs

* Chester Police have been advised by Vermont Agency of Transportation that our festive “Safe and happy holiday season” speed signs were against regulation. We apologize, and we will not be changing our signs in 2020.

Public Safety Revenues & Expenses 2020

POLICE

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Revenues

	2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
04-21-01 Court Fees	\$20,000.00	\$31,683.76	\$32,500.00	\$34,000.00	\$1,500.00
04-21-02 DARE Donations			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-21-03 Other Income	\$2,000.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
04-21-04 Grants		0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-21-05 Ski Payroll Reimbur	\$18,000.00	\$21,560.00	\$19,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$2,000.00
04-21-05 Other Payroll	\$0.00	\$45,675.00	\$12,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
04-21-06 START	\$2,500.00	\$548.78	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
Total	\$42,500.00	\$100,627.54	\$67,000.00	\$82,500.00	\$15,500.00

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Expenses

	2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
11-21-10 Payroll	\$346,500.00	\$363,112.26	\$356,895.00	\$353,000.00	(\$3,895.00)
11-21-10 Overtime	\$20,000.00	\$28,081.95	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-10 Ski Traffic	\$19,000.00	\$18,177.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-10 Payroll Other	\$1,000.00	\$32,862.68	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Other Payroll	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-10 CORE	\$5,000.00	\$3,638.85	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
11-21-11 Social Security	\$30,500.00	\$33,945.55	\$31,415.00	\$27,005.00	(\$4,410.00)
11-21-12 Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-21-13 Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-21-14 Medical Insurance	\$60,670.00	\$73,122.72	\$78,897.00	\$75,251.16	(\$3,645.84)
11-21-15 Life Insurance	\$400.00	\$598.60	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
11-21-16 Retirement	\$19,200.00	\$22,846.27	\$19,200.00	\$19,200.00	\$0.00
11-21-17 Uniforms	\$4,000.00	\$4,548.47	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
11-21-18 Co-Insurance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-21-21 Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$6,884.59	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-21 DARE	\$1,200.00	\$476.55	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
11-21-22 Training	\$5,500.00	\$1,153.74	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
11-21-22 Travel	\$3,500.00	\$1,489.05	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-22 START Payroll	\$2,000.00	\$431.36	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
11-21-23 Equipment	\$19,500.00	\$9,281.37	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$0.00
Computer Service	\$0.00	\$17,902.95	\$4,320.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,680.00
11-21-23 Finger Print Machine	\$4,500.00	\$4,458.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
11-21-29 MDC	\$3,000.00	\$5,799.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-29 Watch Guard	\$500.00	\$210.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
11-21-34 Telephone	\$5,000.00	\$7,215.15	\$7,000.00	\$4,500.00	(\$2,500.00)
11-21-40 Police Asso	\$500.00	\$890.00	\$500.00	\$890.00	\$390.00
11-21-56 Attorney	\$1,500.00	\$9,661.75	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00
Consulting	\$0.00	\$3,740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-21-68 Vehicles	\$15,000.00	\$22,869.32	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
11-21-78 Gasoline	\$12,500.00	\$14,148.29	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$588,470.00	\$687,545.47	\$622,427.00	\$614,546.16	(\$7,880.84)

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2019:

Structure Fires Chester	4	Swift Water/Flooding/Ice Rescues..	1
Structure Fires Andover	0	Snow / ATV Woods Rescue/Recov..	3
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	12	Landing Zones (DHART).....	4
Rekindle Fires	0	Missing/Lost Person	2
Room/Contents Fires	0	Public Services.....	5
Building Electrical Fires.....	0	Fireworks Detail	1
Chimney Fires	1	Fire Safety Education.....	5
Vehicle Fires	1	Storm Crews.....	1
Appliance Fires	1	Road Hazards	0
Oven Fires	0	Power lines down	23
Oil/Wood/LP Burner Fires	0	Power Transformer Fires.....	0
Trash/Rubbish Fires	0	Assist CPD / VSP	2
Dumpster Fires	1	Medical Assist	3
Gas Grill Fires	0	Cover Assignment / Mutual Aid	2
Illegal Fires	2	Smoke Alarms	7
Forest/Brush/Grass Fires.....	3	Fire Alarms	28
Brush/Grass Fires Mutual Aid..	0	Smoke Investigations	1
Water Leak Hazards.....	0	(LP) Propane Leaks	5
Motor Vehicle Crashes	42	Carbon Monoxide Calls	10
Motor Vehicle Crash Fatal.....	0	Hazmat Incident.....	3
Low/High Angle Rescues	1	Active Shooter/Bomb Scare	3

Total Calls 180

Chester Fire Department call volume stayed steady this year with no increase. We did have an increase in Motor Vehicle Crashes by 10. We had other categories that came down one or two evening it out. Motor Vehicle Crashes rise every year, so please drive safely.

Our firefighters continue to train at a minimum of 3 times a month, in addition to multiple weekend classes and for some of our firefighters week-long classes. I am very grateful for our men and women that sign up for these weekend and week-long classes. These men and women already work full time jobs and have families, yet they still sign up for extra training and duty. This kind of dedication is essential in our continued effort to provide the Towns of Chester and Andover the best services we can.

Chester Fire Department has continued to climb the ladder of respect with other towns and in a lot of cases, we are the first due engine to surrounding towns. In common terms this means when another town is requesting help we are the first to get called. This is attributed to our upgrade in training and safety which allows us to provide an excellent service with very knowledgeable and trained crews.

I would like to thank all mutual aid fire departments that respond to the town of Chester and Andover as part of our mutual aid pact. Oftentimes, incidents are larger or more intense than the man-power of our department can sustain, and it is through this mutual aid agreement that each town has the necessary coverage when they need it the most. These responses can be anything from assisting on scene to sitting in our station for hours prepared to respond to additional calls within Chester and Andover, while our crews are already engaged in an intense call. Our mutual aid pact is made up of fire departments throughout the entire state, but I would particularly like to point out and thank Proctorsville and Springfield Fire Departments that we work and train with daily.

Every year we try to recognize an area of support that we do not fill well enough for our citizens. This past year we started to work with Springfield Fire Department and Windsor Fire Department to provide a more trained Technical Rescue Response to our communities. As it currently stands, we would need have the State Team activated which can take hours. We have teamed up with these two other departments to provide a more regional response so that we can provide trained Technical Rescue Personnel immediately not hours. We have been training all year for this and will continue this in the upcoming year and years to come.

I would like to Congratulate Firefighter Gary Langevin and Firefighter Bruce Savery who were both recognized this year for their dedication to Chester Fire Department. Firefighter Langevin was awarded the Firefighter of the Year and Firefighter Savery was awarded the Chief's Award. Congratulations to you both, you earned it and it is well deserved.

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company which is our private non-profit organization made up of current and past members of the fire department that raise money to buy and donate equipment to the Fire Department to help keep the cost of business lower for tax payers. I would also like to thank the Chester Fire Department Auxiliary which is made up of the immediate family and significant others of current firefighters. They provide any assistance needed when called upon.

Most importantly I would like to thank all my Firefighters and their families. Robert MacAllister, Ben Whalen, George Niesuchouski, Steve Vertefeuille, Andrew Sheere, Mark Verespy, Eric Richardson, James Ravlin, Amber Wilson, Nicholas Trask, Larry Edwards, Bruce Savery, Matthew Goyette, Daniel Lamson, Lucas Trask, Gary Langevin, Kimberly Hains, Madison Wilson and Chad Carey Jr. These men, women and children give up so much to make all homes and lives safer in this town. You are all truly heroes.

I would like to end this year's annual report by thanking the Citizens and Taxpayers of Chester. Your support during the vote of the new Emergency Service Building was very overwhelming. We look forward to the construction to begin in April.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew S. Wilson
Chester Fire Chief

Chester Fire Department Working a Structure Fire Chester



Snow Rescue Mutual Aid Springfield



Tech Rescue Training



Teaching Fire Safety Extinguishers



FIRE

Revenues		PT = 20				
		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
01-04-22-01-00	Foam Income		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
04-22-02	Hazmat Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-22-03	Other Income	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
04-22-04	Grant income		0	0	0	\$0.00
04-22-05	Andover Income	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
		\$25,000.00	\$24,020.00	\$24,025.00	\$24,025.00	\$0.00
Expenses						
11-22-10	Salary	\$77,500.00	\$81,572.81	\$79,500.00	\$79,500.00	\$0.00
11-22-10	Hazmat Incidnet	\$2,000.00	\$1,826.61	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
11-22-11	Social Security	\$5,925.00	\$6,240.25	4000	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
11-22-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$3,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-14	Medical Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-15	Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-16	Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-17	Uniforms	\$1,500.00	\$947.19	\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
11-22-18	Co-Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-22-21	Supplies	\$0.00	\$589.04	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
11-22-22	Training	\$6,500.00	\$6,929.46	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
11-22-22	Physicals	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,750.00	(\$2,250.00)
11-22-30	Utilities	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
11-22-34	Ipad/Data Link	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
11-22-37	Contract Services		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-422-40	Assoc Dues	\$2,500.00	\$2,180.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
1-422-23	Equipment	\$24,000.00	\$21,398.46	\$19,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$2,000.00
11-22-66	Foam	\$5,000.00	\$4,961.76	\$1,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,900.00
11-22-67	Radio Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$2,007.94	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
01-422.67	Building Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$107.75	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
11-22-67	Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$5,050.07	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
11-22-68	Vehicle Maint	\$6,500.00	\$4,999.36	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
11-22-79	Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$2,170.12	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
1-422-79	Transfer to Capital	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,375.00	\$41,375.00
		\$145,325.00	\$147,855.82	\$138,000.00	\$185,025.00	\$47,025.00

Report of the Chester Ambulance Service

The ambulance service responded on 407 calls out of a 411 dispatched during 2019. A total of 403 patients were seen due to calls within the towns of Chester (322), Andover (31), Ludlow (40), Cavendish (2), Proctorsville (5), Springfield (4) and North Springfield (1) as a result of the following types of incidents:

220 Medical Emergencies	45 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes including motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile)	
71 Traumatic Incidents by other cause	6 Stand-By Requests by Fire, Police, etc.	
25 Public Assists	3 Transfers	37 Cancellations

Our above dispatched total represents a decrease by 23 under the 433 dispatched during 2018 and is the first time I have witnessed a decrease in any year to year call volume for a very long time. However, 2018 was an exceptionally busy year and as numbers stand, the 2019 dispatched total remains as increase over the 378 dispatched during 2017.

Even though 2019 was mainly a routine year, we did experience a few financial obstacles. One being an unusual string of critical calls during September and October for which additional and more expensive supplies and or medications were utilized with the second obstacle being a couple of mechanical problems with the ambulance placing it out of service for a few days each time as costly repairs were effected. As a result, to also include unexpected inflation percentages with some items, associated excess line expenditures were experienced within the 2019 budget. However, we were successful in keeping the bottom line for total ambulance expense to under the budgeted total with line adjustments being made to the proposed budget for 2020.

During the weekend of April 13 and 14, a group of EMS personnel and Chester Firefighters attended a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care course (TECC) held at Green Mountain High School. This course prepares and certifies responders to enter active shooter situations along with police to perform life-saving procedures for people injured prior to any possibility of safely initiating rescue and or evacuation. Between our two departments, I believe we now have 13 people certified to begin this type of operation prior to arrival of other teams from around the State.

I would like to thank the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad for support towards purchase of the ballistic equipment needed for the now TECC certified members of our ambulance service at over \$7000.00, but that does not include the additional supplies needed. For that purchase, you will find an increase of \$3500.00 to our 2020 ambulance equipment line to go towards our departments share of said equipment needs.

During 2019 we also welcomed a new addition into our EMS family as the youngest member and hopeful future provider for our service. Lorenzo Silva was born September 1, 2019 to Chester Ambulance Administrative Assistant, Amanda Silva and her Husband Wemerson Silva. We congratulate and wish them all happy and healthy lives together.

Recruitment plus retention of volunteers continues to be a difficult task so we do remain committed with our pursuit of new staff. If anyone is interested in EMS or if even curious about what EMS involves, please contact us; Dan Cook at (802) 875-3134(H), (802) 289-7216 (C), Dan.Cook@chestervt.gov or Amanda Silva at (802) 875-2160, Amanda.Silva@chestervt.gov or either of us at ambulance@chestervt.gov.

We would like to thank all town departments of Chester and Andover including all officials and Select Boards; the members of the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Chester Fire Department, Yosemite Engine Company, Ludlow Ambulance, Hartford Dispatch, the emergency room staff at Springfield Hospital and all other surrounding mutual aid organizations. It is with continued support from all, including the taxpayers of Chester and Andover that enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

Report of the Chester Ambulance Service

I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to all staff as well as thank their respective loved ones for gracious acceptance of any subsequent loss of family time throughout 2019. They are an incredible group of individuals with dedication that preserves our ability to continue.



(Personnel listed below are not in order specific to the picture with some missing from the picture)

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT): Jeff Knisely, Rebecka Martens and Eric Martens

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT): Mary Ann Bonneville, Amanda Silva, Dillan Coburn, Meghan Thomas, Michael Steuwe, Elizabeth Brothers, Laurie Cloud, Rachel Booth and Michael Randzio

Emergency Medical Responders (EMR): Rebecka Randzio and Michaela Gregory

Drivers: Greg Gomo, Alyssa LeTourneau, Montana LeTourneau and Brianna Dyer

Ride Along members Christina LeTourneau and Meekah Hance

In addition, I would like to recognize that Alyssa LeTourneau, Meekah Hance and Rebecka Randzio are currently enrolled in EMT courses due to end soon. We wish each of them our best towards licensure and good luck throughout the testing process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Cook, Coordinator

AMBULANCE

PT = 19

Revenues		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2020 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
04-23-01	Service Fees/ Reimburse	\$90,000.00	\$112,324.10	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$0.00
04-23-02	Gifts		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-23-03	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-23-05	Andover	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
		\$96,000.00	\$118,324.10	\$116,000.00	\$116,000.00	\$0.00
Expenses		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2020 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
11-23-10	Salary	\$80,000.00	\$50,332.27	\$75,000.00	\$60,000.00	(\$15,000.00)
11-23-10	Adm Assistant	\$30,000.00	\$29,638.60	\$32,750.00	\$34,500.00	\$1,750.00
	Overtime	0	\$3,871.14	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
11-23-11	Social Security	\$8,250.00	\$4,939.26	\$8,500.00	\$6,300.00	(\$2,200.00)
11-23-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-14	Medical Insurance	\$10,468.08	\$15,804.36	\$15,804.36	\$16,697.16	\$892.80
11-23-15	Life Insurance	\$100.00	\$98.40	\$101.00	\$101.00	\$0.00
11-23-16	Retirement	\$1,944.00	\$1,980.09	\$1,944.00	\$1,944.00	\$0.00
11-23-17	Uniforms	\$350.00	\$1,142.15	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$650.00
11-23-18	Co-Insurance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-19	Bad Debt		\$13,098.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-21	Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$11,731.66	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
11-23-21	Medical Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
11-23-22	Training	\$4,000.00	\$1,096.80	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
11-23-23	Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,616.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-34	Telephone		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,080.00
11-23-37	Billing Expense	\$7,500.00	\$6,123.87	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
11-23-37	Intercept	\$3,000.00	\$3,675.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
11-23-37	Medicaid Tax	\$2,000.00	\$3,629.79	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
11-23-66	Equipment	\$8,500.00	\$4,240.20	\$8,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,500.00
11-23-67	Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11-23-68	Veh. Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$5,846.84	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
11-23-78	Fuel	\$1,250.00	\$1,900.43	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
		\$167,612.08	\$160,765.99	\$188,669.36	\$184,842.16	(\$3,827.20)

COMMUNICATIONS

Revenues

		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
04-26-01	Tower Rent	\$27,600.00	\$37,899.36	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$0.00
04-06-02	V-Tel Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-26-05	Andover Dispatch Fee	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
		\$38,000.00	\$40,899.36	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$0.00

Expenses

		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2019 Budget	Change
11-26-10	Dispatching	\$21,000.00	\$21,193.59	\$21,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$1,500.00
11-26-34	Telephone	\$2,750.00	\$4,997.48	\$2,750.00	\$3,500.00	\$750.00
11-26-34	Cell Phones	\$8,000.00	\$14,232.59	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
11-26-67	Radio Maint	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00
		\$34,500.00	\$40,423.66	\$41,500.00	\$43,750.00	\$2,250.00

Town Constable

11-27-22	Training	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
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Total Public Safety	Revenues	\$201,500.00	\$283,871.00	\$248,025.00	\$263,525.00	\$15,500.00
	Expenses	\$935,922.08	\$1,036,610.94	\$990,611.36	\$1,028,183.32	\$37,571.96

Highway Department Report for 2019

The Chester Highway Department had a very busy year in 2019. I would like to thank the Highway Crew for their hard work during this past year and for their patience with me as I am taking over the role of the Public Works Director. I would also like to thank Graham Kennedy, Chester's previous Public Works Director of 30 years for his teaching and guidance during these past 6 months.

The Highway Department would like to thank the town folks for your vote in favor of the new Emergency Services Building and the renovations to the Town Garage building. The support of the community is much appreciated.

The 2019 year started out with heavy storms and a lot of ice, followed by a difficult mud season, all of which took its toll on the Public Works budget. These storms cause significant overtime hours and dramatically reduced the town's sand and gravel supply which has been costly to replace for the 2019/2020 winter season. Please be assured that we are doing all that we can to keep costs as low as possible, while providing the best possible service we can for the Chester residents.

I think the highlight of 2019 for most Chester residents was the paving of Route 35! I would like to thank all residents for their patience while we awaited the funding approval necessary to get the road paved. This funding opportunity contributed \$175,000 toward the \$480,000 total paving project, thereby making the project possible for 2019.

In addition to paving, the town replaced another 300 foot section of Route 35. This project included removal of existing road, underdrain installation, and a stacked stone wall built on the river side to help stabilize the bank. This was funded by a Large Structures Grant through the Vermont Agency of Transportation. In 2020, an additional 300 foot section will be replaced in the same fashion, again funded through a Large Structures Grant through the Vermont Agency of Transportation. We anticipate that there will be one more 300 foot section that will need to be completed in this manner. An Advanced Assistance Grant has recently been awarded through FEMA which will provide funding to complete survey and geotechnical work on the remaining 2+ miles of Route 35.



As you may recall, the large culvert on Popple Dungeon Road failed in the fall of 2016 and was replaced with a temporary bridge which we are renting from the State of Vermont. We are happy to report that

two Transportation Grants have been received from the State of Vermont totaling \$600,000 to help pay for the construction of a new bridge. The new bridge will be constructed this coming summer.



During 2019, the town was able to stone line several sites throughout town bringing us a little closer to meeting the State's new criteria established by Act 64. Riprap work was done in the Smokeshire area as well as the Treatment Plant locations. Through the receipt of approximately \$20,000 from the Better Back Roads Grant, the Highway Department will replace a large culvert on Eddy Road. This project will also include stone lining the ditches on Eddy Road and Potash Brook Road.

The Highway Department also worked with Cold River Bridges this past fall to make repairs to the superstructure of Palmer Bridge which was in failure status. There were five culverts replaced on Green Mountain Turnpike, Smokeshire and Witten Roads. The Highway crew redecked four bridges which included Smokeshire, Wymans Falls, Mineral Springs and Charlie Deans.

The 2020 construction season will continue to keep the Highway Department busy. A bridge on Smokeshire will see a new

superstructure replacement as well as some additional culvert replacements throughout town. Paving will include Elm Street, Sylvan Road and Peck Road.

The Highway Department will also be working with the Chester Conservation Committee on the construction of a bridge over the Lovers Lane Brook behind the Academy Building. This will allow access to an intown hiking trail. This project has been funded through a recreation grant from the State of Vermont.

The Highway Department is also anticipating the opening of a municipal gravel pit on the town owned property near the new water tank on Route 103. The project is currently seeking its ACT 250 approval and we are hoping to begin site preparations in late Spring. Sand, gravel and stone are much needed resources for a town with 97 miles of dirt road to maintain and will bring a financial savings to the taxpayers for years to come.

Thank you again for your support of the Chester Highway Department.

Kirby Putnam
Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS

1/22/2020

REVENUES

	2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
	<u>Diesel Sales</u>				
05-31-11 Ambulance	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.43	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$0.00
05-31-11 Fire	\$2,000.00	\$2,125.12	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)
05-31-11 Police	\$17,500.00	\$14,108.29	\$17,500.00	\$14,000.00	(\$3,500.00)
05-31-11 School	\$35,000.00	\$40,504.51	\$39,000.00	\$35,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
05-31-11 Sewer	\$1,250.00	\$1,373.03	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
05-31-11 Water	\$1,250.00	\$1,582.47	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
05-31-12 Sale of Material	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-31-13 State Aid	\$194,488.00	\$195,545.44	\$194,488.00	\$195,545.00	\$1,057.00
05-31-14 Other Income	\$0.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
42155 Rte 35 Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42155 2 For 1 Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-31-16 Prior Year Surplus	\$68,315.69	\$3,375.00	\$3,375.00	(\$139,062.85)	(\$142,437.85)
5/31/2017 Efficiency VT		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5/31/2018 Storm Damage		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05-31-19 Insurance Reimb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$321,303.69</u>	<u>\$261,431.29</u>	<u>\$261,713.00</u>	<u>\$112,632.15</u>	<u>(\$149,080.85)</u>

EXPENSES		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
12-31-10	Payroll	\$449,234.50	\$488,209.92	\$463,500.00	\$445,000.00	(\$18,500.00)
12-31-10	Overtime	\$47,500.00	\$61,861.11	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-31-11	Social Security	\$33,692.63	\$42,032.22	\$37,500.00	\$34,000.00	(\$3,500.00)
12-31-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-31-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-31-14	Medical Insurance	\$106,165.00	\$95,667.36	\$89,898.00	\$99,119.64	\$9,221.64
12-31-15	Life Insurance	\$700.00	\$770.80	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
12-31-16	Retirement	\$25,200.00	\$30,955.43	\$25,200.00	\$27,000.00	\$1,800.00
12-31-17	Uniforms	\$9,000.00	\$9,276.04	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-31-18	Co-Insurance		\$47,246.34	\$12,637.52	\$30,000.00	\$17,362.48
12-31-21	Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$6,734.56	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-21	Sign Replacement	\$0.00	\$277.02	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
12-31-22	Training	\$500.00	\$915.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
112-31-30	Garage Utilities	\$7,500.00	\$6,421.48	\$7,500.00	\$7,000.00	(\$500.00)
12-31-30	Street Lights	\$25,000.00	\$22,944.47	\$25,000.00	\$22,500.00	(\$2,500.00)
12-31-31	Garage Water	\$2,000.00	\$1,292.79	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-34	Telephone	\$0.00	\$1,644.46	\$2,000.00	\$1,750.00	(\$250.00)
12-31-37	Contract Services	\$5,000.00	\$6,016.74	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
12-31-37	Mower Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-31-50	PACIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Computer	\$0.00	\$808.44	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Extraction Start-Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
12-31-60	Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$2,765.90	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-31-66	Tools	\$5,000.00	\$3,730.57	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
12-31-66	Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$252.18	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-66	Blades/Chains/Plows	\$20,000.00	\$16,935.99	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-67	Communications	\$1,500.00	\$837.06	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
12-31-68	Vehicle Maintenance	\$55,000.00	\$57,324.89	\$55,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-31-69	Garage Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$998.94	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-31-70	Gravel	\$70,000.00	\$62,606.07	\$70,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$15,000.00
12-31-70	Rip Rap	\$6,000.00	\$2,437.14	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-71	Salt	\$70,000.00	\$74,855.32	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-72	Sand	\$60,000.00	\$108,579.20	\$60,000.00	\$58,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
12-31-73	Cal Chloride	\$15,000.00	\$239.40	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
12-31-74	Bond Plan Transfer	\$32,515.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-31-74	Hot Mix	\$5,000.00	\$4,592.10	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-75	General Road Permits	\$0.00	\$2,360.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
12-31-76	Capital Plan Transfer	\$22,462.46	\$53,115.00	\$53,115.00	\$203,631.00	\$150,516.00
12-31-77	Bridges	\$15,000.00	\$9,856.82	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
12-31-79	Diesel/Gasoline	\$100,000.00	\$126,395.08	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$0.00
12-31-80	Truck Replacement	\$0.00	\$12,400.00	\$0.00	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00
		\$1,213,969.80	\$1,363,355.84	\$1,233,250.52	\$1,448,800.64	\$215,550.12

SOLID WASTE**1/22/2020**

REVENUES		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
	Solid Waste District	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
EXPENSES		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
12-32-37	Transfer Station	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	(\$5,000.00)
12-32-40	Solid Waste District	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-32-95	Green Up Day	\$200.00	\$1,149.56	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
		<u>\$40,200.00</u>	<u>\$36,149.56</u>	<u>\$41,500.00</u>	<u>\$36,500.00</u>	<u>(\$5,000.00)</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE

	2018 Budget	13-Dec	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
REVENUES	<u>\$321,303.69</u>	<u>\$261,431.29</u>	<u>\$261,713.00</u>	<u>\$112,632.15</u>	<u>(\$149,080.85)</u>
EXPENSES	<u>\$1,254,169.80</u>	<u>\$1,399,505.40</u>	<u>\$1,274,750.52</u>	<u>\$1,485,300.64</u>	<u>\$210,550.12</u>

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

During the Fall season, Chester Recreation runs the Pre-K through 6th grade soccer program with over 100 children participating. From November through March we have our youth K-6th grade basketball teams play, and in the Spring our Pre-K through 6th grade baseball and softball teams play. Also mixed into that time is the Start Smart program for 3-5-year old's, wall-climbing, dance and gymnastics, and open gym time slots for the elementary school aged children.

For adults, we continue to do Zumba at the Chester Town Hall from September through June. The Summer of 2019 we had adult poolside yoga at the town pool, and street hockey and pickle ball on the tennis court. We hope that these activities continue to grow for years to come.

This past summer our Disc Golf Course at the Pinnacle went from 9 holes to 18 holes. Gary King was an intricate part of this process. Many other volunteers also helped with the process by clearing and cleaning the trails and fairways. The course is still very popular in the area and will continue to be with all the updates.

Every Presidents weekend in February the Chester Recreation Department hosts the Chester Winter Carnival. On the Board this year was business owner Scott Blair. I would like to thank the Chester Snowmobile Club for running the kids snowmobile demo rides. There are many enjoyable activities including; Troy Wunderle's Big Top Adventures Circus, horse rides from Smokeshire Hilltop Farm, sledding, broom hockey, a bonfire and ice-skating party with a DJ, and much more. Many of these activities take place at the Pinnacle on Lovers Lane.

In the summer, the Chester Town Pool and Chester Recreation's summer camps are in full swing. The pool still tends to be one of the busiest areas in the summer in Chester. Our Summer camps along with different organizations use the pool throughout the season. The specialty soccer camps are also very popular; from soccer to our very popular sports camp.

I would like to send a thank you to Todd Parah, facilities supervisor at GMUHS, and Jim Spaulding at CAES. The Recreation Department is very lucky to have 2 beautiful facilities to host some of our recreational activities.

I would like to once again thank all the workers at the Chester town garage for helping and assisting in projects. I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers that help with coaching, camps and the different activities that the recreation department runs.

Matthew A. McCarthy

Recreation Director Town of Chester, VT (802) 875-3603

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Recreation Revenues & Expenses 2020
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Revenues	2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
07-51-00 Town of Andover	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
07-51-00 Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-51-00 Pool Income	\$3,500.00	\$4,460.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$500.00
07-51-00 Donations	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
07-51-00 Food Commission/Sales	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
07-51-00 Pavilion Rental	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
07-51-00 Material Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-51-00 Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
07-51-00 League Fees	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fall Street Smart	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-07-5-10-02 Spring Smart Start	\$0.00	\$20.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-10 Smart Start Camps	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
01-346-11 Sports for Squirts	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
01-346-12 Spring Baseball	\$2,500.00	\$2,805.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)
01-346-13 Black Fly Baseball Camp	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
01-346-15 Softball Camp	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
01-346-16 Fall Soccer	\$2,000.00	\$2,434.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
01-346-17 Flag Football	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	(\$120.00)
01-346-17 Soccer Camp	\$1,000.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
01-346-18 GM Sports Camp	\$400.00	\$180.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
01-346-19 Basketball	\$1,200.00	\$2,172.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
Boys & Girls Basketball Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Wall Climbing			\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mens Basketball	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-26 Gymnastics	\$750.00	\$1,031.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	(\$250.00)
Ballet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-20 Dance Camp	\$400.00	\$625.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
01-346.20 Hip Hop Dance	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Golf Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-24 Baseball Camp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
01-346-25 Summer Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-29 Tennis Camp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
01-346-33 Babe Ruth Baseball	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-30 OWLS Adventure Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tae Kwon Do Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wrestling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-346-51 Climbing Camp	\$300.00	\$435.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)
Total Revenues	\$17,920.00	\$21,452.00	\$17,920.00	\$19,100.00	\$1,180.00

Expenses	Programs	FT = 1		1/22/2020	2020 Budget	Change
		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget		
14-51-10	Payroll	\$50,985.00	\$54,309.03	\$50,985.00	\$54,320.00	\$3,335.00
14-51-10	Snack Shack Payroll	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-11	Social Security	\$3,900.00	\$4,204.27	\$3,900.00	\$4,155.00	\$255.00
14-51-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-14	Medical Insurance	\$14,639.64	\$15,804.36	\$14,639.64	\$16,697.16	\$2,057.52
14-51-15	Life Insurance	\$100.00	\$98.40	\$101.00	\$102.00	\$1.00
14-51-16	Retirement	\$2,484.00	\$3,090.39	\$2,484.00	\$2,484.00	\$0.00
14-51-18	Co-Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Babe Ruth Baseball	\$600.00	\$625.50	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Start Smart Camp	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	(\$80.00)
14-51-21	Sport for Squirts	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
14-51-21	League Fee	\$400.00	\$1,059.75	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
14-51-21	Fall Flag Football	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
14-51-21	GM Sports Camp	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Hip-Hop Dance	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Golf	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Dance Camp	\$300.00	\$550.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	OWLS Adventure	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
14-51-51	Basketball	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Black Fly Camp	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
14-51.21	Baseball	\$1,600.00	\$884.08	\$1,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00
14-51-21	Spring Softball Camp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Tennis	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Fall Soccer	\$1,400.00	\$1,502.99	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00	\$200.00
14-51-21	Soccer Camps	\$800.00	\$1,779.40	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Basketball Camp	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Basketball	\$0.00	\$1,659.78	0	0	\$0.00
14-51-213	Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Summer Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Wall Climbing Camp	\$400.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
14-51-21	Winter Carnival	\$0.00	\$1,204.22	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
14-51-21	Gymnastics	\$0.00	\$865.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
14-51-21	Ballet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-51-22	Veh. Expense	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
	Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
14-51-31	Water & Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$938.70	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
14-51-66	Equipment Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$85,038.64	\$89,250.87	\$85,039.64	\$93,558.16	\$8,518.52

Other 2020 Recreation Expenses

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Facilities

	2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
14-58-10 Lifeguards	\$16,000.00	\$16,297.39	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$1,000.00
14-58-11 Social Security	\$0.00	\$1,682.42	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
14-58-12 Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-58-13 Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-458-21 Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,055.16	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
14-58-21 Concession Expense	\$400.00	\$21.25	\$400.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
14-58-21 Swimming Lessons	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
14-58-21 Skating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
14-58-22 Lifeguard Expense	\$0.00	\$788.80	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
14-58-23 Equipment Purchase	\$2,500.00	\$957.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)
14-58-29 Computer	\$0.00	\$808.44	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
14-58-30 Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$4,610.51	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00
14-58-31 Water & Sewer	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	(\$250.00)
14-58-34 Telephone	\$0.00	\$1,275.53	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
14-58-60 Pool Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$3,484.68	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$500.00
14-58-66 Pool Improvement	\$3,000.00	\$2,464.97	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)
14-58-68 Tractor Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
14-58-68 Vehicle Expense	\$0.00	\$3,738.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-58-69 Facility Repair	\$7,500.00	\$1,371.24	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
14-58-69 Skating Rink Maint	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
14-58-69 Disc Golf	\$4,500.00	\$2,439.90	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,500.00)
14-58-69 Tennis Court	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
14-58-70 Batting Cage	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$48,450.00	\$47,020.71	\$48,450.00	\$46,400.00	(\$2,050.00)

Cemetery Department

The Chester Cemetery Department consists of a two-person team to mow, trim, and maintain 7 cemeteries, which include:

- Pleasant View off High Street
- North Street Cemetery in the Stone Village
- Brookside Cemetery on Main Street
- Simmsbury Cemetery off Adams Road
- Spoonerville Cemetery off Trebo Road
- Smokeshire Cemetery off Cemetery Road
- Popplar Grove Cemetery off Popple Dungeon Road

We also maintain the grounds at the Pinnacle area, Cobliegh Field, in front of and behind the Historical Society building, the Green, Whiting Library, the pocket park across from the Soapshed, Town Garage, Town Hall, the flooded property on Route 11 West, a section of property on Reservoir Road, the pocket park on School Street, and the piece of property off of First Avenue with the old apple tree. The Cemetery Department also takes care of the trash receptacles placed in areas around Chester's village. In the fall, we pick up the leaves from each one of the areas that we maintain in the summer.

The Chester Cemetery Department is responsible for the selling of lots in the cemeteries, placement of markers, and installation of cornerstones, which are mandatory per all new lots. The Department preps all burials, whether full or cremation. We do our best to maintain the old stones that have fallen, cracked, or fractured due to their age or the elements.

The summer of 2019 the department had 14 burials, 4 of which were full burials, and the rest cremations. There were 11 new monuments installed, 4 sets of corner markers, and 5 new lots sold.

Each year we continue to bring in professional help to take down the older trees so we can preserve our historic landmarks that commemorate our ancestors.

I'd like to thank the highway department for the help they provide to prepare for Memorial Day.

We look forward to another busy summer maintaining and preserving the history of Chester!

As a reminder to the owners of the lots in Chester cemeteries, please remove all summer seasonal arrangements from lots by October 31 and fall Winter arrangements by April 15th. Please note that flowerpots and plastic arrangements will be disposed of by the cemetery department on or about November 1st. Also, the planting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in the cemetery lots.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Sheldon
Cemetery Sexton



Parks & Cemeteries

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Revenues		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	\$4,500.00	\$5,205.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	\$2,400.00	\$2,303.99	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
1-347-26	Other Income	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
01-347-41	Town Hall; Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$10,450.00	\$10,508.99	\$10,450.00	\$10,450.00	\$0.00

Parks & Cemeteries

Expenses		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
14-52-10	Payroll	\$46,000.00	\$39,263.73	\$50,000.00	\$41,775.00	(\$8,225.00)
14-52-11	Social Security	\$3,175.00	\$3,095.73	\$3,175.00	\$3,195.00	\$20.00
14-52-12	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-13	Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-14	Medical Insurance	\$14,650.00	\$27,266.73	\$26,300.00	\$33,394.32	\$7,094.32
14-52-15	Life Insurance	\$100.00	\$114.80	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
14-52-16	Retirement	\$2,100.00	\$3,364.25	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
14-52-17	Uniforms		\$903.72	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
14-52-18	Co-Insurance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-21	Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$1,563.90	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
14-52-30	Power on the Green	\$0.00	\$214.52	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
14-52-31	Water	\$300.00	\$480.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
14-52-37	Contract Labor	\$1,000.00	\$525.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
14-52-37	Trees	\$8,000.00	\$6,800.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
14-52-37	Perpetual Care	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
14-52-55	Survey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-60	Cemetery Fence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-66	Equipment	\$4,500.00	\$2,361.74	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
14-52-69	Cemetery Shed		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fall Festival	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-52-95	Memorial Day	\$700.00	\$304.60	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
14-52-99	Miscellaneous		\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$84,425.00	\$87,158.72	\$99,450.00	\$98,639.32	(\$810.68)

Library		1/22/2020				
		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
14-55-21	Library Expense	\$75,000.00	\$1,921.36	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
14-55-30	Utilities	\$2,500.00	\$5,625.04	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00
14-55-31	Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$698.52	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
14-55-32	Fuel	\$5,000.00	\$5,186.84	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,500.00
14-55-37	Janitorial Serv	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-455-20	Architectural Service	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	\$7,500.00	\$13,119.20	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
14-55-90	Library Fund	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$3,000.00
		\$92,000.00	\$101,550.96	\$94,500.00	\$101,000.00	\$6,500.00

Town Hall		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
14-56-21	Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,104.55	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
14-56-30	Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$6,951.96	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
14-56-31	Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$807.42	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
14-56-32	Fuel	\$7,500.00	\$5,652.27	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
14-56-37	Cleaning Service	\$6,000.00	\$360.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$4,500.00)
14-56-37	Trash	\$3,000.00	\$6,057.48	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
14-56-69	Repair/Maint	\$6,000.00	\$5,867.40	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$500.00
		\$35,000.00	\$29,801.08	\$35,000.00	\$33,500.00	(\$1,500.00)

Revitalization		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
14-57-69-01	Website Maint	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
14-57-69-02	Historic Facilities	\$30,000.00	\$22,290.30	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
14-57-69-03	Misc Maintenance	\$7,500.00	\$9,794.50	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00
14-57-69-04	Groundskeeping	\$0.00	\$7,265.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
	Info Booth Sewer Pumping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
		\$38,000.00	\$39,349.80	\$44,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$6,000.00

Total Culture & Rec Revenues	\$28,370.00	\$31,960.99	\$28,370.00	\$31,960.99	\$3,590.99
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Total Culture & Rec Expenses	\$382,913.64	\$394,132.14	\$406,439.64	\$423,097.48	\$16,657.84
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Other income & Expenses

Other Income		2018 Budget	3-Jan	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Change
08-15-11	Poor Funds	\$500.00	\$1,294.97	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
08-15-12	Cyprus Minerals	\$2,000.00	\$1,766.24	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
08-15-13	School Refund	\$60,000.00	\$71,471.99	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
08-15-15	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$62,500.00	\$74,533.20	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$0.00

Other Expenses						
01-450-15	School Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-475-61	County Tax	\$27,801.00	\$26,362.00	\$27,801.00	\$27,801.00	\$0.00
	Health Officer	\$1,000.00	\$598.75	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,600.00
	Land Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$28,801.00	\$26,960.75	\$28,801.00	\$30,401.00	\$1,600.00

2019

Other Gov't Expenditures

01-16-75-41-00 County Tax \$ 26,230.00

Total Other Gov't Expenditures \$ 26,230.00

Transfer Accounts

01-17-80-40-00 CTSD Assessment \$ 4,710,585.87

01-17-80-90-00 Transfer - Capital/Bond \$ 412,450.00

Total Transfer Accounts \$ 5,123,035.87

Voted Articles

01-18-95-21 Visiting Nurses \$ 13,807.00

01-18-81-95-22 Health Care & Rehab \$ 3,044.00

01-18-81-95-23 Council on Aging \$ 1,200.00

01-18-81-95-25 CT River Transit \$ 2,250.00

01-18-81-95-26 Meals & Wheels \$ 4,000.00

01-18-81-95-27 Family Center \$ 3,000.00

01-18-81-95-28 RSVP \$ 400.00

01-18-81-95-32 Windsor County Partner \$ 800.00

01-18-81-98-34 SEVCA \$ 3,040.00

01-18-81-95-36 Women's Freedom Center \$ 900.00

01-18-81-95-37 Chester Fireworks \$ 2,500.00

01-18-81-95-38 Chester Community Playground \$ -

01-18-81-95-87 Community Cares \$ 1,800.00

01-18-81-95-89 SRDC \$ 3,942.50

01-18-81-95-90 Neighborhood Connections \$ 500.00

Total Voted Articles \$ 41,183.50

Town of Chester
Summary of Small Funds
2019

ACADEMY FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	3,512.25
Interest	\$	-
Income	\$	-
Expenditure	\$	-
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	3,512.25

CHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
Loan Interest Income	\$	(853.15)
Other Income - Cypress Mineral	\$	40,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	39,146.85
Cobleigh Charging Station	\$	99.71
EMS Building	\$	30,400.00
Information Booth Expense	\$	7,372.63
Wayfinding Signage Expense	\$	12,117.84
Canopy Projects	\$	375.00
Zoning Audit	\$	(1,222.70)
CDF-Grant/Loan Expense	\$	2,800.00
Total Expenses	\$	51,942.48
Investment Income	\$	8,508.04
Bank Charges - Investment	\$	(3,910.60)
Gain/Loss	\$	58,054.34
Other Income Expense	\$	62,651.78
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	49,856.15
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	333,977.97
Investment Income	\$	8,508.04
Bank Charges - Investment	\$	(3,910.60)
Gain/Loss	\$	58,054.34
People's Investment Balance 12/31/19	\$	396,629.75

EMS BUILDING FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	(3,273.49)
Interest	\$	-
Feasibility Study	\$	(1,419.96)
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	(4,693.45)

FORFEITURE FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	12,495.89
Interest	\$	-
Income	\$	500.00
Expenditure	\$	-
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	12,995.89

LISTER TRAINING FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	2,686.34
State Payment	\$	-
Expense	\$	-
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	2,686.34

POLICE COMMUNITY RESOURCE		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	1,507.18
Interest	\$	-
Donations	\$	20.00
Fund Transfer	\$	-
Expenditure	\$	137.40
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	1,389.78

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	5,583.91
Donations		
Expense		
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	5,583.91

REAPPRAISAL FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	210,769.22
2019 State of Vermont Payment	\$	15,895.00
Expense	\$	84,265.11
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	142,399.11

RECREATION DONATION FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	8,146.23
Interest	\$	-
Donations	\$	3,711.00
Fund Transfer	\$	-
Expenditure	\$	4,396.74
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	7,460.49

SAM ADAMS POOR FUND		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	2,457.61
Interest	\$	-
Income	\$	589.20
Fund Transfer	\$	-
Expenditure	\$	-
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	3,046.81

250th Celebration		
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	97.22
Donations	\$	-
Expenditure	\$	-
Balance December 31, 2019	\$	97.22

Whiting Library

At a Glance

Open 200 days

14,000+ items circulated

800 + computer uses

115 items loaned to other Vermont libraries and 165 borrowed

100+ children's programs attended by over 700 kids

20+ programs for adults

We Offer

over 13,000 books 1100+ DVDs

300+ CDs 220 Graphic Novels

Telescope

cake pans

garden tools

craft kits

Whiting Library celebrated Black History Month, Women's History Month, National Library Week with "Blind date with a book," and June Pride Month. We gave away wildflower and vegetable seeds, tote bags, coffee mugs, and participated in Vermont Libraries Passport Program.

Susan Ronsheim graciously hosted lively monthly book discussions: Bread and Roses, too by Katherine Paterson, Whose body by Dorothy Sayers, A tree grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith, Big Oyster by Mark Kurlansky, Nine months to Gettysburg by Howard Coffin, The Strange in the Woods by Michael Finkel, Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card, History of the Future by James Howard Kunstler, Real American: a memoir by Julie Lythcott-Haims, Good poems, American places and Good poems for hard times edited by Garrison Keillor, and Still Life by Louise Penny.

Library patrons borrowed family passes to The Nature Museum, ECHO, Vermont History Museum, Precision Museum, Vermont day use parks and Vermont historic sites. This year, thanks to the generosity of Edgar May Recreation Center, we were able to offer family day passes to the Springfield exercise and pool facilities.

A new "park" bench was installed in front of the Library thanks to the Town of Chester and the Vermont Country Store. Chester Townscapes' plantings added color and seasonal beauty. Lillian Willis presented the children's room with a donation from the annual LEGO contest through St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The Library also received a serigraph of The Perkinsville Bridge by Harry L. Hoffman who lived part-time in Chester in the 1940's.

Malcolm Sommers attended to the critical restorations of Vermont Room books to ensure these valuable historic resources will stand up to researchers for decades to come.

Our annual fall book sale during the Fall Foliage Festival broke previous records, raising over \$1500. Guests from Bethel Historical Society joined us that day selling Vermont's Elusive Architect: George H. Guernsey (Whiting Library is on page 77).

Stephanie Kaufman joined us as Children's Librarian. In her nine months at Whiting she spoke to 3rd grade classes about the Library and its place in the community, served as guest reader at the preschool, represented the Library at Vermont Sci-fi and Fantasy Expo in Essex Jct., and spoke at Chester Rotary. Stephanie conducted Friday Story-times, CAES after-school programs, and LEGO maker space each week and helped the LEGO maker space transform with more storage for works-in-progress. Unfortunately, Stephanie resigned from the library to take a great new librarian position in Texas. We were fortunate to have Carrie King as new children's librarian.

Through the generosity of The Kyrias Foundation and a summer reading performance grant from The Vermont State Library we were able to offer great reading incentives and prizes as well as a "carnival" to conclude the summer programs. During "A Universe of Stories" in July and August, 59 children read 330 books!

The Nature Museum conducted 10 free "unplugged" workshops during the summer as well as an all-ages tracking outing. "Reversing Global Warming" was presented by Laurel Green. "Frauds, scams and con artists, coming to a computer near you" was offered by AARP, "Sustainable living" was taught by Cheryl Lipton, and we crafted miniature worlds in candy tins. Janalene Gould displayed vibrant artwork of Tribal Masks.

In the spring, Whiting Library received a generous donation from Warren Mackensen. His commitment to the town he remembers from childhood, and to the education of children in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics resulted in a new collection of STEAM books. Mr Mackensen lived in Chester, from 1948 until he left for Annapolis in June 1966 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the U. S. Naval Academy (1970). He served as an officer in the nuclear submarine service during the Cold War from 1970 to 1975. He holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and a Master of Science degree (with emphasis in Financial Planning) from the College for Financial Planning, Denver, CO. Warren is a Registered Professional Engineer in Mechanical Engineering. His sister Barbara Anne Mackensen Hoffmann also donated a charming sculpture of a reading child.

Whiting Library's Operating Budget

	2018 Budget	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
05-02-55-01-00 Grants/Programs	200.00	1,382.50	200.00	700.00
05-02-55-10-00 Town of Andover	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
05-04-55-01-00 Book Sales	2,600.00	3,572.99	2,600.00	2,600.00
05-04-55-02-00 Lost Items/Refund	300.00	300.13	200.00	200.00
05-04-55-04-00 Copier	800.00	728.56	800.00	800.00
05-04-55-05-00 Fines	1,200.00	1,063.98	1,200.00	1,200.00
05-04-55-06-00 Non Resident Fees	300.00	258.32	200.00	200.00
05-06-55-02-00 Dividends	-	0.00	-	-
05-06-55-03-00 Raffles	100.00	17.80	50.00	100.00
05-06-55-04-00 Donations	900.00	1,500.25	900.00	1,000.00
05-06-55-05-00 Fundraising	18,000.00	21,642.55	18,000.00	18,000.00
05-06-55-06-00 Silent Auction	-	1,000.00	-	-
05-06-55-99-00 Misc Income	-	0.00	-	-
Checking Acct Draw		0.00	3,050.00	4,714.00
05-05-55-01-00 Town of Chester	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	78,000.00
Total Income	101,900.00	108,967.08	104,700.00	110,114.00
Expense				
05-14-55-10-00 Payroll	67,000.00	68,537.00	69,700.00	74,828.00
05-14-55-18-00 Payroll Benefits	5,300.00	5,243.26	5,600.00	5,986.00
05-14-55-21-00 Administration	800.00	656.08	800.00	800.00
05-14-55-21-01 Fundraising	1,500.00	1,557.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
05-14-55-21-02 Supplies	3,500.00	3,144.44	3,500.00	3,500.00
05-14-55-21-03 Books & Materials	11,500.00	13,602.63	11,500.00	11,500.00
05-14-55-22-01 Professional Development	300.00	65.00	300.00	200.00
05-14-55-22-02 Travel	400.00	75.40	200.00	200.00
05-14-55-26-00 Postage	1,000.00	1,142.77	1,000.00	1,000.00
05-14-55-27-00 Programs	2,500.00	1,933.40	2,500.00	2,500.00
05-14-55-28-00 Copier	1,000.00	297.09	-	-
05-14-55-29-00 Equipment & Technology	2,000.00	2,836.91	3,000.00	3,000.00
05-14-55-34-00 Telephone	1,600.00	1,961.59	1,600.00	1,600.00
05-14-55-69-00 Repairs & Maintenance	3,500.00	3,162.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total Expense	101,900.00	104,215.07	104,700.00	110,114.00
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	4,752.01	0.00	0.00
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Bequest Income	-	0.00	-	-
Interest Income - Investment	-	19.93	-	-
05-14-55-84-00 Realized Gain/Loss	-	5,276.89	-	-
05-06-55-85-00 Unrealized Gain/Loss Investr	-	20,857.98	-	-
Total Other Income	0.00	26,154.80	0.00	0.00
Other Expense				
05-14-55-83-00 Bank Charges - Investment	-	2,404.13	-	-
Total Other Expense	0.00	2,404.13	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00	23,750.67	0.00	0.00
Net Income	0.00	28,502.68	0.00	0.00

05-101-11 Library
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31,2019	Dec 31,2018	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Library - People's Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Petty Cash Account	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.0%
Due To/From Other Funds	193,566.96	188,810.62	4,756.34	2.5%
TD Bank Money Market	0.00	20,713.93	-20,713.93	-100.0%
People's Bank - Money Market	20,733.86	0.00	20,733.86	100.0%
Total Checking/Savings	214,500.82	209,724.55	4,776.27	2.3%
Other Current Assets				
People's Bank/Wealth Management	154,120.82	130,394.41	23,726.41	18.2%
Vermont Community Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	154,120.82	130,394.41	23,726.41	18.2%
Total Current Assets	368,621.64	340,118.96	28,502.68	8.4%
TOTAL ASSETS	368,621.64	340,118.96	28,502.68	8.4%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	54.54	54.54	0.00	0.0%
Accrued Payroll	1,862.35	1,862.35	0.00	0.0%
Total Liabilities	1,916.89	1,916.89	0.00	0.0%
Equity				
Fund Balance - Whiting Library				
Opening Bal Equity	338,202.07	329,397.43	8,804.64	2.7%
Retained Earnings-Fund Balance	28,502.68	8,804.64	19,698.04	223.7%
Total Equity	366,704.75	338,202.07	28,502.68	8.4%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	368,621.64	340,118.96	28,502.68	8.4%

2020 Grant Budget

Grant Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award Amount	Town Match Required	
Grants that have been awarded:				
Sidewalk Grant	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Capital
Route 35 Construction	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	Capital
Popple Dungeon Culvert/Bridge	\$ 735,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	Bond
Better BackRoads Potash/Eddy Rd. Culvert	\$ 12,351.84	\$ 9,881.47	\$ 2,470.37	
Better Back Roads Inventory	\$ 10,005.40	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,005.40	
Brookside Trail/Bridge	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Prelim. Engineering for Stormwater System	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
Church Street Sidewalk Scoping Study	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 8,200.00	
Total Grants Received	\$ 2,168,357.24	\$ 1,730,681.47	\$ 437,675.77	
Grants applied for - awaiting award:				
Advance Assistance for Route 35	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 55,875.00	\$ 18,625.00	
Total Grants Applied For	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 55,875.00	\$ 18,625.00	
Seed Money for Potential Grants:				
Compressor/Fire Department	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Brookside Trail/Cemetery	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Municipal Planning - RSMS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Total Seed Money:	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 66,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	
Grand Totals	\$ 2,322,857.24	\$ 1,853,056.47	\$ 469,800.77	
Total Town Match		\$ 469,800.77		
Previous Year Award		\$ 437,675.77		
Net to raise in Taxes		\$ 32,125.00		

Municipal Grants Managed
during 2019

Type of Grant	Purpose	Amount	Year Awarded	Current Status
Vtrans	Sidewalk upgrades	\$ 800,000.00	2018	Right of Way phase will be completed in 2020, Construction in 2021.
Vtrans	Construction of Route 35	\$ 175,000.00	2019	Construction will take place in 2020
Clean Water Fund	Hydrant Survey & Inventory	\$ 42,000.00	2018	Draft survey and inventory completed
Vtrans	Popple Dungeon Culvert	\$ 600,000.00	2017/2018	Bidding to take place in late winter 2020. Construction in summer 2020.
Municipal Planning	Rewrite of the existing Zoning Bylaws	\$ 20,000.00	2017	Planning Commission is working on rewrite
Dept. of Recreation	Frisbee Golf Course	\$ 10,275.00	2017	We now officially have 18 holes of frisbee golf!
Better Backroads	Eddy Road/Potash Brook Road	\$ 12,350.00	2019	Construction in 2020
Vtrans	Church Street Scoping Study	\$ 32,800.00	2018	Community meetings have been held. Final report will be received in early spring 2020.
Bldgs & General Services	Brookside Trail	\$ 20,000.00	2019	Construction of bridge & hiking Trail to take place in 2020
Dept. of Public Safety	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$ 7,612.50	2019	Bidding to take place in early 2020
Clean Water	Prelim. Engineering for Stormwater System for Developments	\$ 20,000.00	2019	Preliminary Engineering to be completed in 2020
	TOTAL	\$ 1,740,037.50		

**Grant Fund
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019**

	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Grant Fund	0.00
Due to/from Other Accounts	-5,074.66
Grant Receivable	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>-5,074.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>-5,074.66</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	0.00
Fund Balance Unreserved	-55,212.13
Net Income	50,137.47
Total Equity	<u>-5,074.66</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>-5,074.66</u></u>

Delinquent Tax Report
As of December 31, 2019

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Due
2012	\$ 127.30	\$ 124.66	\$ 10.19	\$ 262.15
2013	\$ 292.59	\$ 245.85	\$ 23.41	\$ 561.85
2014	\$ 1,311.74	\$ 931.24	\$ 104.95	\$ 2,347.93
2015	\$ 7,524.36	\$ 4,176.16	\$ 601.95	\$ 12,302.47
2016	\$ 9,279.97	\$ 3,440.51	\$ 613.86	\$ 13,334.34
2017	\$ 17,809.27	\$ 4,855.33	\$ 1,270.23	\$ 23,934.83
2018	\$ 73,186.47	\$ 11,975.39	\$ 5,879.82	\$ 91,041.68
2019	\$ 233,376.44	\$ 10,251.71	\$ 18,140.39	\$ 261,768.54
Total:	\$ 342,908.14	\$ 36,000.85	\$ 26,644.80	\$ 405,553.79

PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALE

Taxes are due on Sept. 15 of each year. If taxes are not paid, or a payment arrangement made by Oct. 15, tax sale process will begin. Typically, the town holds two tax sales per year. The first one in Mar. and the second one in November. The fall tax sale is usually for those individuals who have not kept up on their payment arrangement.

A tax sale is a remedy available to a municipality to ensure collection of its local property tax. The right to sell real estate to satisfy taxes is a wholly statutory right. The first step is to have the Tax Collector "extend" his Warrant on the property in question.

The next step is to advertise such property for sale at public auction, both publicly on the notice board and in a local newspaper. In addition, Notices of Tax Sale are sent directly to the property owner by registered mail. All mortgage and lien holders are sent the same notice.

After three successive weeks of advertising, and at least ten day from the last advertisement, the property is sold at public auction if the taxes remain unpaid. The owner of a property may redeem the property within one year by paying to the Tax Collector the tax due, together with 1% interest per month plus all associated charges. The Tax Collector then returns the funds to the purchaser and releases the property from the Tax Sale Lien.

When the time for redemption (i.e. one year) has passed, and the property has not been redeemed, the Tax Collector will execute and deliver to the purchaser a Quit Claim Deed.

The Town of Chester may become the purchaser at a Tax Sale, if a bid equal to the tax and costs is not made at such Sale. Property so acquired may be held, leased, sold and conveyed like other real estate belonging to the Town of Chester. The redemption period of one year also applies to the Town.

2020 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
September 15, 2020

Interest will be assessed on September 17, 2020 at the rate of 1%. Penalty will be assessed at the rate of 3% on September 17, 2020. An additional 5% will be assessed on October 1, 2020.

Hurricane Irene Flood Damage Fund
Statement of Revenues Expenditures
 January through December 2019

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2019	\$0.00
Incurred Expenditures 2019	71,958.51
	-\$71,958.51

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	\$15,567.91
Due to/from Other Funds	-\$25,779.27
A/R Grants	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	-\$10,211.36

TOTAL ASSETS

-\$10,211.36

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Due to General Fund	
Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Retained Earnings	\$61,747.15
Fund Balance Current Year	-\$71,958.51
Total Equity	-\$10,211.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	-\$10,211.36

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Hurricane Irene Fund Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 71,087.96
Due to/from Other Accounts	\$ (25,779.27)
Hurricane Irene Fund Balance Dec 31, 2019	\$ 45,308.69

**TOWN NOTES
GENERAL FUND and CAPITAL FUND
2019**

GENERAL FUND:

Line of Credit:

TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 06/10/2019 People's United Bank
\$500,000.00 Due 10/16/2019
Borrowed/Paid:
TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 06/25/19 People's United Bank
\$ 250,000.00 Paid 10/02/2019

	original date	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total to Repay
Bond Series 1 - \$823,065	March 2016	5,584	59,345	58,688	178,619	175,868	172,920	125,741	123,244									900,009
Capital Purchases - Article 2 \$269,900																		
Paving Bond - Article 3 \$220,000																		
O'Neil Land Purchase \$333,165																		
Bond Series 3 - \$920,000	March 2017		7,875	23,824	60,824	60,114	156,355	153,461	150,352	110,069	107,528	57,860	56,400	54,875	53,300	51,670		1,104,506
People Dungeon Culvert - Article 2 \$135,000																		
Route 35 Improvements - Article 2 \$100,000																		
Fire Pumpar - Article 3 - \$500,000																		
Capital Items - Article 4 - \$185,000																		
Bond Series 2 - \$669,000	March 2018			6,668	18,186	18,186	18,186	111,186	109,233	107,159	104,955	102,555	47,593	46,279	44,884	43,538	42,175	820,782
Compaction Roller - Article 2 \$110,000																		
Sidewalk Plow - Article 2 \$115,000																		
Hazmat Trailer - Article 2 \$ 11,000																		
Podest St Park - Article 4 \$ 25,000																		
Town Hall Reno - Article 3 \$408,000																		
Bond Series 2 - \$300,000	March 2019				1,619	4,817	4,817	54,817	54,117	53,407	52,657	51,867	51,037					329,155
Paving																		
Total Bond Payments		5,584	67,220	89,181	259,248	258,984	352,278	445,204	436,946	270,635	265,139	212,282	155,030	101,154	98,184	95,208	42,175	2,825,296

* Repayments include Principal & Interest

CAPITAL FUND:

	original date	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
Capital Equipment Note \$136,500	June 2016		45,500	45,500	45,500													136,500
2016 John Deere Excavator																		
Highway Lease \$147,137.40	June 2015	49,046	49,046	49,046														147,138
2015 John Deere 544k Loader																		
Highway Ton Truck \$37,200	Sept 2018				12,400	12,400	12,400											37,200
Ton Truck Loan																		
Highway Loader \$129,500	June 2019					32,375	32,375	32,375	32,375									129,500
2019 John Deere Loader																		
Highway Palmer Bridge \$96,000	Oct 2019					96,000												96,000
Palmer Bridge Repair																		
Total Loan Payments		49,046	94,546	94,546	57,900	140,775	44,775	32,375	32,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	546,338
Total Long Term Debt		54,630	161,765	183,727	317,148	399,759	397,053	477,579	469,321	270,635	265,139	212,282	155,030	101,154	98,184	95,208	42,175	3,371,634

Report of the Water/Wastewater Departments

Once again 2019 was a very busy year with work continuing to maintain and upgrade both water and wastewater systems to keep both departments operating smooth and efficiently as possible. We are still working on getting the bugs out of the remote controls for the new tank system, which due to the lack of sunlight at the site, we have had problems in the winter of the solar system keeping the batteries charged to keep the mixer operating. Due to several days in a row with heavy cloud cover and the lower arc of the sun. We moved the solar panels to the roof of the tank which has helped some but did not completely solved the problem.

In June there was a new, larger water service line and 4-inch meter installed at Drew's All Natural Manufacturing Plant to accommodate their new expansion of an additional production line.

A great deal of time this summer was involved in our attempt to upgrade our mapping system to a GIS system. This involved locating and marking all our Curb Stops, Gate valves and Hydrants within the Water system so that they could be marked with a GPS locator and mapped digitally. This was part of the state required Asset Management Program that requires us to map, record all of our water mains, gate valves, curb stops, water services as well as all of our other assets such as the Wells, Pumps and Water Tanks. While we have a good start there is still more to be done on this project, however it will be of great assistance in the future for our ease of locating utilities and with decisions on maintenance and replacement of these assets. We eventually plan to do all of the Wastewater lines and assets as well and should allow us joint mapping of them all together. Once finished we will be able to look any of the utilities up on a tablet or apt on our smart phone without going to the office to look them up on our maps.

We also replaced the aging 4-inch cast iron water main at the Town garage due to its regular habit of breaking. Being about 50 years old, and a dead-end line it was a weak leg of the system. We were repairing it on a more frequent basis and with a pending upgrade to the Town Garage, to include a sprinkler system we replaced it with 8 inch Ductile Iron to last and to be able to support any sprinkler system that would be required at that location. As the Town Garage upgrade had yet to be approved, we incurred this expense out of the water systems maintenance budget. However, by doing most of the work in house, except for the 8-inch tap in the street we saved considerable amount of money. And I am confident that we will never see any more issues with that section of main line again.

It was also discovered early this summer that the riverbed over the South Main Street to River street Water main crossing had dropped over 2 feet leaving our water main exposed and above water. This line is a 10-inch cast iron pipe that could have been broken fairly easily with a boulder or large stone hitting it due to high water in the spring. So, working with the States agency of Natural Resources and an Environmental Engineer we came up with an acceptable repair design that would *encase* and *protect* the exposed section of pipe and not distort the river bed, keep the fish and everyone else happy.

All of this was done along with our normal summer maintenance of mowing and trimming, main line and hydrant flushing, several water service line repairs, about a dozen curb stop repairs, new curb boxes and stainless steel rods, building maintenance, painting and repairs, and the new state mandated PFA testing, that we passed with flying colors so that we don't have to retest for at least 3 years.

In 2020 we are looking to install a permanent generator at the Jeffery well station to maintain our permit to operate. We have been using a portable generator, however with the new upgrades at the well it is no longer large enough. Also, it has been designated for the Town Office during emergency situations now. A new generator large enough is estimated about \$100,000 dollars with the engineering and install, however we are looking for ways to reduce the cost by doing some of the site work ourselves and are actively looking for grants to defer the cost. This is a state

requirement for a permit to operate and if the emergency involves flooding, we may not be able to get a portable generator to well to operate it.

In the *Wastewater* department this year we had to replace the Float system at the main pumps station. We are planning to simplify and upgrade the main control panel there. Both of these are about 25 years old and have had issues in recent years. As it is our main station and could cause major problems if we wait until it goes down completely, we are trying to stay ahead of any major issues.

We replaced an aging motor, impeller and volute at the main pump station to the Treatment Plant and are planning on replacing the other one in 2020. These pumps take a beating not only due to the amount that they are required to pump but the *content* of what is pumped. Some users continue to flush *clothing items, mop heads and cleaning rags* which are not meant to go through the pumps. They create an enormous amount of wear and tear to the pumps. We are looking at a new style of grinder pump for the next time they need replacing, however they are very expensive and are new to the market.

We repurposed the old UV building that has had no usage since our last plant upgrade. We filled in the pit, poured a concrete floor in it and installed garage doors so that we could store our new 25 HP tractor in it and increase our storage for a lot of things such as pipe parts so that they are no longer stored outside.

This summer there was also a State Inspection of the Wastewater plant and all of the corresponding infrastructure; i.e. Pump Stations, Wet Wells and River Crossings. We fell short of an *excellent* rating due to a couple of small violations in the last three years mostly due to high strength BOD's that we received in our influent and minor bookkeeping issues. I can assure you that our staff is striving to receive a top rating next time. The inspection report strongly suggested that we invest in a flushing trailer to assist us with emergent situations and some general maintenance such as the river crossings and some areas of the main lines. This would also allow us to cut back on the use of a Vactor Truck that we use annually for cleaning of main wastewater lines and pump stations. It will not eliminate it completely; however, we should be able to cut back one or two days of usage. At \$2150 dollars per day it would pay for itself very quickly. They also suggested that we should increase the number of staff that we have running the combine Water and Wastewater departments. They stated that for the tasks that we are required to do for Water and Wastewater we should have 4.5 personal doing them for optimum performance. I for now am trying to increase our efficiency with our work force by upgrading some of our equipment and the use outside contractors for some work that is not part of our routine work. However, with the constant increase in requirements that is delegated by the state and federal regulations I can see that we will need to hire more personnel in the very near future.

While many upgrades have been completed there are many that will be on going. We will continue the LED lighting replacement. We are still planning to complete GIS mapping of all of the utilities; i.e. water mains, wastewater mains and all service lines, hydrants and valves for both. It will also eventually include culverts and drainage within the village. It appears that this will take a few years to complete. However, will be very useful in the long run.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Holden
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided in 2018. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day.

The person who can answer questions about this report is: **Jeffrey Holden, 875-2173 or email julie.hance@chestervt.gov**

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
JEFFREY WELL	Groundwater

The State of Vermont Water Supply Rule requires Public Community Water Systems to develop a Source Protection Plan. This plan delineates a source protection area for our system and identifies potential and actual sources of contamination. Please contact us if you are interested in reviewing the plan.

Drinking Water Contaminants

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include surface water (streams, lakes) and ground water (wells, springs). As water travels over the land’s surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals. It also picks up substances resulting from the presence of animals and human activity. Some “contaminants” may be harmful. Others, such as iron and sulfur, are not harmful. Public water systems treat water to remove contaminants, if any are present.

In order to ensure that your water is safe to drink, we test it regularly according to regulations established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Vermont. These regulations limit the amount of various contaminants:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past year. It also includes the date and results of any contaminants that we detected within the past five years if tested less than once a year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily show that the water poses a health risk.

Terms and abbreviations

In this table you may find terms you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contamination Level (MCL): The “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contamination Level Goal (MCLG): The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l): (one penny in ten million dollars)

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): (one penny in ten thousand dollars)

90th Percentile: Ninety percent of the samples are below the action level. (Nine of ten sites sampled were at or below this level).

Detected Contaminants CHESTER WATER DEPT

Chemical Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Barium	06/08/2015	0.04	0.04 - 0.04	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	06/08/2015	6.7	6.7 - 6.7	ppb	100	10	
Nitrate	04/10/2018	0.3	0.3 - 0.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Combined Radium (-226 & -228)	07/07/2014	0.929	0.929 - 0.929	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha Particle Activity*	07/07/2014	0.23	0.23 - 0.23	pCi/L	NA	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-226	07/07/2014	0.476	0.476 - 0.476	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-228	07/07/2014	0.453	0.453 - 0.453	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Lead and Copper	Collection Year	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL*	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
Copper	2016	0.095	0.056 - 0.17	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	2016	1.9	0 - 2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

*The lead and copper AL (Action Level) exceedance is based on the 90th percentile concentration, not the highest detected result.

Health Information Regarding Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

WATER

	2018 Budget	31-Dec	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
04-33-01 Water Fees	\$210,000.00	\$236,895.68	\$265,000.00	\$265,000.00
04-33-02 Delinquent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-33-03 Penalty	\$3,000.00	\$5,294.45	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
04-33-05 Connection	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
04-33-06 Hydrant Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-33-07 Meter Install		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-33-08 Timber Sale	\$500.00	\$7,575.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-33-01 Interest	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
04-33-99 Other Income	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Total Income	<u>\$216,425.00</u>	<u>\$249,765.33</u>	<u>\$270,925.00</u>	<u>\$270,500.00</u>
112-33-10 Labor	\$69,000.00	\$72,119.95	\$69,000.00	\$69,000.00
12-33-11 Social Security		\$5,517.17	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-33-12 Unemployment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-13 Workers Comp		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-14 Health		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-15 Life Insurance		\$123.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
12-33-16 Retirement		\$5,420.41	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-33-17 Uniforms	\$350.00	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
12-33-18 Co-Insurance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-21 Supplies		\$192.05	\$100.00	\$200.00
12-33-22 Training	\$750.00	\$318.50	\$500.00	\$800.00
12-33-28 Paving	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
12-33-29 Computer	\$2,000.00	\$808.44	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
12-33-30 Utilities	\$20,000.00	\$18,246.06	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
12-33-33 Gas	\$500.00	\$98.01	\$500.00	\$500.00
12-33-34 Telephone	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
12-33-37 Contract Serv	\$4,000.00	\$4,603.47	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
12-33-37-01 Contract Serv Relmb		\$90,903.65	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-38 Testing	\$2,000.00	\$1,978.25	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
12-33-42 State Fees	\$3,000.00	\$3,022.07	\$3,000.00	\$3,400.00
12-33-50 PACIF Insurance	\$3,060.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,100.00
12-33-55 Tank Inspection	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-33-56 Legal Services	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
12-33-57 Audit	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
12-33-60 System Maintenance	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
12-33-60-01 Collection System	\$9,000.00	\$14,059.35	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
12-33-60-02 Meters	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
12-33-60-03 Hydrants	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
12-33-60-04 Well Repair	\$3,200.00	\$491.34	\$3,200.00	\$3,500.00
12-33-61 Chemicals	\$13,000.00	\$12,253.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
12-33-66 Tools	\$2,500.00	\$1,803.74	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-33-68-02 Tractor	\$0.00	\$9,709.50	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
12-33-68 Veh Maint	\$1,200.00	\$2,090.95	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-33-69 Repairs	\$0.00	\$181.60	\$500.00	\$500.00
12-33-78-01 Gasoline	\$2,000.00	\$1,582.47	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-33-82-02 Bond Interest		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-33-82-03 Water Bond Reimbur	\$13,703.32	\$13,531.18	\$97,419.51	\$98,000.00
12-33-83 Serv Charge	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$167,463.32</u>	<u>\$261,654.16</u>	<u>\$268,529.51</u>	<u>\$260,350.00</u>
Net	<u>\$48,961.68</u>	<u>(\$11,888.83)</u>	<u>\$2,395.49</u>	<u>\$10,150.00</u>

**Water Fund
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019**

	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
03-00-00-00-00 Water Fund	289.20
03-00-00-05-00 Accounts Receivable	307.00
03-00-00-05-10 Fixed Assets	3,535,338.17
03-00-00-05-15 Accumulated Depreciation	-48,515.00
03-00-00-09-00 Due to/from Other Accounts	405,619.40
03-00-00-30-15 A/R Water Billing	19,652.44
03-00-00-30-50 A/R Miscellaneous	12,342.48
Total Checking/Savings	<u>3,925,033.69</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,925,033.69</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,925,033.69</u></u>
LIABILITIES &	
Liabilities	
03-00-01-00-00 Accounts Payable	29,457.78
03-00-01-00-05 Accrued Payroll	2,909.86
03-00-01-00-10 Accrued Comp Balances	3,086.81
03-00-01-30-15 Water Overpayments	-1,872.12
03-00-01-70-01 Water Project Bond	3,417,568.26
Total Liabilities	<u>3,451,150.59</u>
Fund Balance	
03-00-03-00-00 Fund Balance Unreserved	389,540.56
03-00-03-00-10 Net Investment in Capital	-9,721.60
Fund Balance Current Year	94,064.14
Total Fund Balance	<u>473,883.10</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u><u>3,925,033.69</u></u>

SEWER

	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>27-Nov</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
04-34-01 Sewer Fees	\$450,000.00	\$436,573.48	\$460,000.00	\$460,000.00
04-32-02 Delinquent Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
04-34-03 Penalty & Interest	\$6,000.00	\$6,853.08	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
04-34-05 Connection	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
04-34-06 Excess BOD Charge	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
04-34-07 Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06-34-01 Interest	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
06-34-99 Other Income	\$0.00	\$1,128.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$460,600.00	\$444,555.06	\$467,100.00	\$469,600.00
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12-34-10 Payroll	\$90,000.00	\$90,118.12	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
12-31-11 Social Security		\$6,770.15	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
12-34-12 Unemployment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-13 Workers Comp		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-14 Health		\$26,298.96	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
12-34-15 Life Insurance		\$196.80	\$200.00	\$200.00
12-34-16 Retirement		\$5,128.23	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
12-34-17 Uniforms	\$1,000.00	\$2,424.71	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
12-34-18 Co-Insurance		\$6,546.56	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
12-34-21 Supplies	\$500.00	\$79.71	\$500.00	\$500.00
12-34-22 Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,349.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
12-34-24 Lab Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,099.01	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-34-29 Computer	\$0.00	\$1,408.43	\$500.00	\$1,200.00
12-34-30 Utilities	\$43,000.00	\$36,661.73	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
12-34-30-01 Pump Stations	\$12,500.00	\$4,552.27	\$4,500.00	\$10,000.00
12-34-30-02 Pumps	\$5,000.00	\$12,206.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
12-34-34 Telephone	\$2,000.00	\$1,561.62	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-34-37-01 Collection System	\$5,000.00	\$8,769.22	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
12-34-37-02 Contracted Serv	\$10,000.00	\$262.50	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
12-34-38 Testing	\$3,500.00	\$6,445.50	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00
12-34-42 State Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
12-34-50 PACIF Insurance	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
12-34-51 Flood Insurance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-55 Engineering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-55-01 Sludge Disposal	\$25,000.00	\$9,145.44	\$25,000.00	\$23,000.00
12-34-56 Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-34-57 Audit	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
12-34-60-01 Sewer Line Repair	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
12-34-60-02 Generator	\$400.00	\$1,489.02	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
12-34-60-04 Line Flushing	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
12-34-61-00 Chemicals	\$14,000.00	\$5,071.80	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
12-34-61-02 UV Disinfection	\$1,400.00	\$1,616.22	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
12-34-66 Tools	\$1,500.00	\$958.38	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
12-34-67 Safety Equipment	\$0.00	\$622.49	\$0.00	\$500.00
12-34-68 Veh Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$411.96	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
12-34-68-04 Jetty Trailer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Tractor	\$0.00	\$9,807.84	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-69 Plant Maint	\$12,000.00	\$8,129.58	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00
12-34-79 Gasoline	\$1,200.00	\$1,373.03	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
12-34-80 Reserves		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-82-01 Interest		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12-34-82-02 Bond Interest		\$34,123.94	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
12-34-82-03 Sewer Bond	\$135,911.00	\$24,788.05	\$135,911.00	\$136,000.00
12-34-83 Serv. Charge	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	<u>390,011.00</u>	<u>312,131.77</u>	<u>453,061.00</u>	<u>470,950.00</u>
Net	\$70,589.00	\$132,423.29	\$14,039.00	(\$1,350.00)

**Sewer Fund
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019**

	Dec 31, 19
ASSETS	
Assets	
04-00-00-00-00 Sewer Fund	24.00
04-00-00-05-10 Fixed Asset	1,894,743.00
04-00-00-05-15 Accumulated Depreciation	-597,573.00
04-00-00-09-00 Due to/from Other Funds	159,734.48
04-00-00-30-15 A/R Sewer Billing	31,851.40
TOTAL ASSETS	1,488,779.88
 LIABILITIES	
04-00-01-00-00 Accounts Payable	3,513.21
04-00-01-00-05 Accrued Payroll	3,660.79
04-00-01-00-10 Accrued Comp Balances	2,777.94
04-00-01-05-00 USDA Loan	766,424.85
04-00-01-30-15 Sewer Payments	5,685.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES	782,061.93
 FUND BALANCE	
04-00-03-00-00 Fund Balance Unreserved	278,226.26
04-00-03-00-10 Net Investment on Capital	289,269.00
Fund Balance current year	139,222.69
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	706,717.95
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	1,488,779.88

**SEWER and WATER DEPARTMENT NOTES
2019**

	original date	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total Repaid
Bond Series 2 - \$1,151,360	May 2015	113,372	129,847	129,872	135,991	135,991	135,991	135,991	135,991	135,991	135,991	67,996					1,393,024
<i>Sewer Bond - refinanced</i>																	
Beginning Balance	\$1,151,360	\$1,070,528	\$979,785	\$885,477	\$787,461												
Principal Payment	\$80,832	\$90,743	\$94,309	\$98,015	\$101,867												
Ending Balance	\$1,070,528	\$979,785	\$885,477	\$787,461	\$685,594												
Interest Payment		\$42,021	\$55,538	\$93,857	\$94,124												
Water Project Loan \$25,800	2014 & 2015			5,160	5,160	5,160	5,160	5,160									25,800
<i>loan for water master planning</i>																	
Beginning Balance				25,800	20,640												
Principal Payment				5,160	5,160												
Ending Balance				20,640	15,480												
Interest Payment																	
Water Project Bond \$4,050,000	May 2015																4,050,000
Beginning Balance					3,725,763												
Principal Payment					153,306												
Ending Balance				3,725,763	3,572,457												
Interest Payment					(55,886)												
Approved May 2015 vote; repayment begins 2 years from completion																	
Total Utilities Long Term Debt		113,372	129,847	135,032	141,151	141,151	141,151	141,151	135,991	135,991	135,991	67,996	0	0	0	0	5,458,824

* Repayments Include Principal & Interest

Delinquent Water/Sewer Report
As of December 31, 2019

	CURRENT	OVER 30	OVER 60	OVER 90	OVER 120	TOTAL
SEWER	\$ 22,437.75	\$ -	\$ 241.17	\$ 7,200.71	\$ 12,367.59	\$ 42,247.22
WATER	\$ 11,838.78	\$ -	\$ 149.28	\$ 3,893.98	\$ 8,206.77	\$ 24,088.81
TOTAL	\$ 34,276.53	\$ -	\$ 390.45	\$ 11,094.69	\$ 20,574.36	\$ 66,336.03

The town has adopted a stricter delinquent water and sewer collection procedure. Once a billing is sent out, it is due in 30 days and becomes delinquent in 31 days. The account will be allowed to be delinquent for 30 days before the shut off process begins. At that time, the user has the opportunity to make a payment arrangement with the requirement that all future current billings remain current. Should this not occur, shutoff will occur with further charges being assessed. We are hopeful that this stricter collection policy will help reduce the delinquencies in these funds, thereby reducing the need for rate increases.

TOWN OF CHESTER LAND AND BUILDING ASSETS

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>ACRES</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
CEMETERY ADAMS RD	1	\$6,500.00
CEMETERY BROOKSIDE	3.8	\$63,900.00
CEMETERY LAND-NORTH ST	5.74	\$46,500.00
CEMETERY PLEASANT VIEW	8.9	\$93,400.00
CEMETERY POPLAR GROVE	0.42	\$2,700.00
CEMETERY SMOKESHIRE	0.49	\$1,200.00
CEMETERY SPOONERVILLE	0.28	\$1,800.00
CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY BLDG	3.86	\$481,800.00
DAN DAVIS LAND & PUMP HOUSE	3	\$125,800.00
EMERGENCY SERVICES LAND	4.04	\$95,400.00
HAMMOND PARK	0.55	\$41,000.00
JEFFREY WELL STATION, BARN	17	\$834,900.00
LAND ONLY (GMUHS TANK SITE)	1	\$20,000.00
LAND ONLY (PECK LAND)	4	\$42,000.00
LAND ONLY (DODGE LAND)	9.08	\$57,200.00
LAND ONLY (HADLEY LAND)	14.1	\$66,300.00
LAND ONLY (BOUCHARD)	0.12	\$19,200.00
LAND ONLY (COLBETH)	0.12	\$16,200.00
LAND ONLY (HALF LOT)	0.11	\$13,600.00
LAND ONLY (NORTH ST BRIDGE FIELD)	0.5	\$32,000.00
LAND ONLY (QUIMBY LAND)	1.1	\$10,000.00
LAND ONLY (WILEY LOT)	3	\$75,200.00
LAND ONLY KINGSBURY RD	0.25	\$69,200.00
LAND ONLY KINGSBURY RD	3	\$67,900.00
LAND ONLY RESERVOIR RD	40	\$105,000.00
LAND ONLY RESERVOIR RD	0.2	\$700.00
LAND ONLY RTE 11 WEST	1.3	\$24,800.00
LAND ONLY RTE 11 WEST	2	\$12,000.00
LAND ONLY-ADAMS AQUIFER	30.53	\$90,800.00
LIBRARY BUILDING	0.46	\$623,300.00
OLD FIRE HOUSE YOSEMITE	0.11	\$96,800.00
RAINBOW ROCK	1.84	\$23,000.00
RESERVOIR	501.35	\$855,900.00
RIVER BANK	3.47	\$15,200.00
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	13.45	\$2,752,900.00
SHEDS	0.63	\$28,300.00
THE GREEN	1.5	\$57,500.00
TOWN GARAGE	6.12	\$717,000.00
TOWN HALL	0.41	\$580,900.00
TOWN RECREATION AREA	37.28	\$743,500.00
WATERTANK RTE 103 SOUTH	139.57	\$1,449,700.00
TOTALS	865.68	\$10,461,000.00



**2020 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINIC
CHESTER, VERMONT**

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Chester Town Garage

Licenses are available for Chester residents only

Reminder to renew dog licenses by April 1

Neutered: \$9; Non-Neutered: \$13

After April 1

Neutered: \$11; Non-Neutered: \$17

To: Windsor County Town Clerks
From: Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie
RE: County News for inclusion in your town's Town Meeting Report
Date: Jan. 16, 2020

The County held the preliminary budget meeting on December 11, and the final budget meeting on January 16. The 2020-2021 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$455,361, a slight increase of .016 % over the current year's amount of \$448,185. The tax rate will be .0048368 per hundred dollars. Last fiscal year, the rate was .0048571 per \$100 of valuation; the year before that it was .00483684 per \$100 of valuation. So, the rate is holding steady. What changes each year is the value of the grand list in the county, and in each town in the county.

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, expenses are slightly down from FY 19-20 \$570,137 to \$568,333. Income is projected to be slightly up from FY 19-20 \$566,841 to \$568,333.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2020.

Construction Bond Repayment

The Windsor County Court House rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are now in the sixth year of repayment of the bond. A rate of .00257238 is assessed to collect the total 2020 bond repayment of \$240,747. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2020.

Projects completed in the Past Year

The County completed the following projects on it properties at 12 The Green and 62 Pleasant Street:

The parking lot at the County Building was repaved and re striped;
The courtroom lights were switched from metal halide bulbs to LED bulbs;
We purchased and installed interior storm windows on the first and second floors of the Sheriff's office;
The second story windows on the Court House were prepped and repainted;
The entryway to WCTV 8 (our tenant upstairs at the County Building) was expanded and Hard packed;

In the works for the summer: a new roof membrane over the cell block in the rear of 62 Pleasant Street.

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER FIRE WARDEN

We have had another good year, fortunately it was a wet summer with only one incident reported of a brush fire within the Town of Chester for the year of 2019.

With most people getting it and understanding the dangers and calling to make sure that the conditions are favorable to burn.

I did have to issue one ticket for burning of Hazardous Materials, and one verbal warning for burning unpermitted material and two verbal warnings given for burning without a permit.

I did however have a subject that burnt an unwanted structure after stripping out all of what he considered hazardous materials. He did not ask for a permit for it and it was called in as a structure fire, to which the fire department responded with a second alarm response due to the reported location of it. The situation was turned over to the State Environmental Officer to investigate, which is ongoing at the time of this report.

I issued somewhere around 160 verbal permits, turning down about 2 permits due to conditions.

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Chester for calling for permits to burn. This is the main reason that we have had a good year, with only one unnecessary Fire Department response to a permitted burn and one due to an unpermitted burn.

I would also request that people continue to call in the winter to burn legal materials so that I can keep track of where the fires are and continue to avoid unnecessary Fire Department responses. This will continue to be a cost savings to the tax payers by avoiding unnecessary responses.

I would like to remind everyone that you may call for a permit any day of the week on my cell at 802-384-3001.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Holden
Town of Chester Fire Warden



The Yosemite Engine Company has continued to fundraise for our mission of supporting the Chester Fire Department, town of Chester, and our community. Our fundraising efforts have continued to improve and allowed us to give back in many ways. As our efforts and visibility grow the question of “what is the Yosemite Engine Company” keeps coming up. The Yosemite Engine Company is a not for profit 501(C)(3) volunteer organization with the following mission:

“The purpose of the company is to promote goodwill, encourage public support, promote fire safety and prevention, and improve cooperation among members. The purpose of the company shall also be to provide training opportunities for members of the Chester Fire Department and to conduct fund-raising activities for the benefit of said department and the community.”



In 2019 the Yosemite Engine Company spent \$22,524.62 on equipment and training for Chester firefighters. This included the purchase of high visibility coats for all of the firefighters, tactical gear in case of an active shooter scenario, technical rescue gear, and food while firefighters were away at training. The high visibility coats will give firefighters protection from the elements while making them more visible during the night and day. These coats were purchased so typical firefighter bunker coats are only needed when necessary. This will allow less wear and tear on bunker coats and Chester firefighters are able to stay out of potentially toxic gear as much as possible.

The tactical gear includes bullet proof vests and helmets that help us act as part of a team that would go into an active shooter scenario in cooperation with law enforcement to help triage and extract individuals. Although this may seem unrealistic, with the situations happening around our nation, and the recent threats that happened at our school we want to be ready to protect the students and faculty in our community and around us. The technical rescue gear included new ropes, webbing, pulleys, and other equipment to make us more proficient in our skills and capabilities.

Christmas trees and the Fall Festival remain our best and most favorite fundraisers. We were happy to have our old Christmas tree vendor back this year and the trees were great!!! With the timing of Thanksgiving in 2020 we will most likely be getting our trees the week before Thanksgiving so make sure to come see us.



2020 will certainly be a bigger than normal year for us with the building of a new Emergency Services Building. We are thrilled at this opportunity and look forward to helping outfit parts of the new facility while continuing to support training and other needs with our fundraising efforts. Thank you for your continued support and allowing us to help you.

Ben Whalen, President
Yosemite Engine Company

American Legion Chester Post 67
PO Box 75 51 Legion Drive
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-6009
amlegion67@vermontel.net

On July 3, 2020 the American Legion Post 5 Band will play, and the fireworks display will be set off at dusk over the American Legion field. On July 4, 2020, there will be horse pulls, food, kids' activities, and much more. Join us while we celebrate Independence Day with activities for the whole family.

The American Legion Family wishes to thank the Town and community for their continued support of our many community functions and for their contributions to the Fireworks Fund.



Ron Farrar
Chester Post 67 Commander



SNOWFALL

Snowfall is presently measured at Dian Circle, elevation 760 feet above sea level. Some areas of town exceed 1,800 feet in elevation; therefore, snow totals there may be higher. Steadman Mountain at 2,300 feet is the highest elevation in Town while the Missing Link Road, between Peck Road and Green Mountain Turnpike, at 530 feet above sea level is the lowest elevation in Town.

SEASON	Shown in Inches							TOTAL
	OCT.	NOV	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	
1984-85	0	10	16.25	7	11	13	5	62.25
1985-86	0	11.5	14.5	27	18	8.5	8.5	88
1986-87	0	18	23	54.5	1	9	4	109.5
1987-88	4	11	15	19	36	7.5	1	93.5
1988-89	0	0	9.5	7.5	15.5	9	6	47.5
1989-90	0	5	15.5	38	27	6	0	91.5
1990-91	0	1	13.5	21	10.5	8.5	0	54.5
1991-92	0	2	20.5	5.5	8.5	5	7.5	49
1992-93	0	3	5.5	26.5	40	26	7	108
1993-94	0.5	0	13.5	46	13	22	0	95
1994-95	0	5	6	7	15	4	0	37
1995-96	0	8	29.5	32	9.5	22.5	11	112.5
1996-97	0.5	4	19.75	30	22.75	22	8	107
1997-98	0	19	13	25.5	7	15	0	79.5
1998-99	0	1.5	6	34	9.5	19	0	70
1999-00	0	0.5	2.5	20.25	26.5	15	1	65.75
2000-01	0.5	1	16	6	27.5	53	0	104
2001-02	0	0	8	30.5	5.5	20.5	2	66.5
2002-03	7	18.75	31.5	27.5	17.5	5	15.5	122.75
2003-04	0.5	5	30.75	10	14.5	12.25	0	73
2004-05	0	0	11	29.75	16.25	22	0	79
2005-06	1	4.5	17.5	21.5	13.5	0	0	58
2006-07	0	0	4	4.25	24.25	25.25	18.75	76.5
2007-08	0	2.5	40	17.5	38	12	1	111
2008-09	0	2	35	35	13.5	6.5	0	92
2009-10	0	0	22	13	31.25	0	0	66.25
2010-11	0	Trace	16	34.5	37.5	10	2.2	100.2
2011-12	8.75	10	2	15.25	3.5	15	0	54.5
2012-13	0	0	22	9.75	25	15.75	0	72.5
2013-14	0	0.75	24.75	12.5	34	12.5	0	84.5
2014-15	0	9.75	13	17.25	38.25	3.5	1	82.75
2015-16	0	0	5	4.5	8	0	2.5	20
2016-17	3.5	0	25.25	13	28.5	26.5	6	102.75
2017-18	0	trace	26.25	11.75	27.25	36.25	5.25	106.75
2018-19	Trace	20	3.5	26.5	15.25	11	0.5	76.75
2019-20	0	2	16					
AVERAGE	0.75	4.96	16.49	21.79	19.84	14.35	3.33	80.58

Health Officer Report 2020

Dear Chester Residents,

This past year has been an active time for the Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer! The position has changed over the years and in 2016 the role and responsibilities have increased significantly. Therefore, we have made changes yet again. Amanda Silva has been promoted from Deputy Health Officer to Health Officer as part of her job description as the Assistant in the Ambulance Department. I have resigned as the Health Officer.

Amanda has gone to many trainings and will continue her great work this coming year. When residents have a need please call town hall at (802) 875-2173 and request to speak to Amanda.

Thank you,

Heather Chase

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org

The District was chartered in fourteen Vermont towns. appoints a representative and Board of Supervisors. Derek Suursoo; the alternate position is vacant.



1981 and currently serves Each member municipality an alternate to serve on the Chester’s representative is

 The District hosted four backyard composting workshops in spring 2019 and we plan to continue that schedule in 2020. Attendees were able to purchase a composter for the greatly discounted price of \$30.00 (additional units were \$50). These prices will be offered again. All food scraps will be banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for free (including meat and bones).

 Five hundred and twenty-four people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District’s three collections in FY19, including eighty-two Chester residents. The District will host two HHW events in 2020 – dates and times to be determined.

 Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring the unlabeled, rusty and leaky cans to an HHW event).

 AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Springfield Transfer Station. Batteries are “special recycling” and do NOT go in with other recycling.



Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy Mary T. O’Brien Ham Gillett
District Manager Recycling Coordinator Outreach Coordinator



Chester Townscape
P.O. Box 561, Chester, VT 05143
www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape
FOR 2019 TOWN OF CHESTER ANNUAL REPORT
CHESTER TOWNSCAPE

In 2019, Chester Townscape [CT] celebrated its 6th Anniversary. This year, we had 19 members. We are an all-volunteer group of highly motivated and active individuals dedicated to enlisting public and private resources to enhance the natural, historic, and architectural features of the town and to further Chester's environmental and cultural vitality. We continue to enhance the beauty of our town with seasonal landscaping and maintenance, as well as decorations for public buildings and properties. The very popular Walking Tour brochure of Chester Village, developed by CT members, that promotes Chester's historic appeal continues to be distributed free of charge.



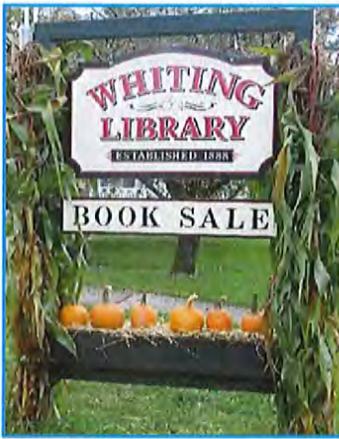
**One of 26 bridge boxes in the Town of Chester
planted, watered, and maintained by
Chester Townscape volunteers**



**Beautiful whiskey barrel planters at the
Pocket Park on School Street**



**Whiskey barrels and flowers enhance the
area in front of Brookside Cemetery**



Fall decorations dress up the Library sign



Winter decorations at the Information Booth

Chester Beautification. CT members raise the funds necessary to purchase the flowers as well as the Fall and Winter enhancements. In Summer, the bridge boxes, public and private flowerpots are planted and distributed to their locations by CT volunteers thus providing a consistent look to the town. Public flowerpots, bridge boxes, and the gardens are maintained and watered by CT.

Chester Townscape worked with a local landscape designer to develop long-term plans for areas around the Information Booth, The Gazebo on the Green, and the Brookside Cemetery entrance. Landscaping projects were successfully completed at the Information Booth and at the Gazebo this year. The gardens incorporate native plants to attract pollinators and butterflies and the plants are labeled for additional public education. The Town of Chester provided funding for the new brick walkway and metal bench that enhance the Information Booth garden, two permanent improvements to downtown Chester. Under CT management, the Gazebo received a well-deserved make-over. Future projects are currently in the planning stages.



Newly installed garden, brick walkway, and metal bench at the Information Booth



The gazebo landscaping on the Town Green received a makeover

The spectacular array of flowers which cascaded from 26 planters placed on various Chester bridges were as stunning as in years past and delighted both residents and visitors. Along the Brookside Cemetery wall, 1,500 new daffodils bulbs were planted this Fall along with various bulb varieties to enhance the appearance of the two new garden sites. The bulb purchase is made possible by our annual fundraiser, "Light Up Chester" campaign, held during the Fall Festival. This year a new snow crocus bulb variety was offered in addition to 2 allium varieties and the always popular mixed daffodils. Following the daffodil bloom along the Brookside Cemetery wall, CT volunteers planted, watered, and fertilized alternating begonias and sunpatiens that flourished and bloomed well into the fall. Sunpatiens were planted along the fence at the Chester-Andover Family Center and in the flower bed around the sign, thereby creating a colorful welcome for those entering Chester from the East. Summer plantings were followed by fall ornamental kale, pumpkins, and cornstalks at various locations. Winter saw green boughs placed in the whiskey barrels and window boxes with wreaths hung in public locations.

Community Support. CT members participated in public outreach at the Chester-Andover Elementary School where community service was discussed with the 3rd grade class. Additionally, we were invited to attend the Senior Luncheon and talked with our seniors about our organization.

CT provides funding to the Overture to Christmas Committee for the purchase of lights for the Green. CT member Chris Meyer once again coordinated the addition of more white lights to the trees on the Green for a superb visual effect.

In Appreciation. CT is very grateful for the support received from many individuals in our town: Stu Stocker for managing the bridge boxes with repairs and enhancements; our watering partners Candy Anderson, David Carey, Leigh Dakin, Bev and Steve Groshens, Jim and Joan Houghton, Ann Paterno, and Sarah Yake; Newsbank for all it does to help CT improve our community; and the Town of Chester for its support and collaboration in our projects. Special thanks to Chester Historical Society for maintaining the perennial gardens at the Academy Building and to Green Mountain Union High School for the beautiful seasonal plantings at the school entrance. We want to thank Sarah Yake of Salon 2000 for beautifully decorating the Depot gazebo and recognize CT member Nancy Rugg for decorating the gazebo on the Green. We also want to thank all the homeowners and businesses that beautifully decorated their homes and establishments making Chester a "winter wonderland".

For Information. The Chester contacts for the flowers and beautification programs may be found on the Town of Chester website at www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape. Support for CT's projects comes from private donations and grants. Contributions to Chester Townscape, a subcommittee of the tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) Chester Community Alliance, Inc. [CCA], may be sent to CCA at PO Box 561, Chester, VT 05143, with the pertinent Chester Townscape project noted in the memo line.

Respectfully submitted,

2019 Chester Townscape Committee

Mary Bittner, Mariette Bock, Nancy Chute, Jane Davis, Suzy Forlie, Carol Gilbert, Cheryl LeClair, John McAweeney, Chris Meyer, Evan Parks, David Pride, Nancy Rugg, Lynn Russell, Rosann Sexton, Tory Spater, Margie Straub, Ann Summers, Barb Westine, and Lillian Willis

Chester Historic Preservation Committee

The Chester Historic Preservation Committee (CHPC) entered its third year of advisory work to address the value, condition, and present and future uses of the seven historic buildings owned by the Town of Chester: Jeffrey Barn on Route 103, Hearse House, Public Tomb, Academy Building/Central School, Whiting Library, Town Hall, and District No. 2 Firehouse/Yosemite Firehouse. The committee views historic structures as assets and important landmarks of Chester's cultural, artistic, historic, and architectural heritage. Many of the buildings already house essential services in the life of the town and its residents. Others have potential that can be of future benefit to citizens, businesses, and visitors. All of them need regular maintenance and improvements to their appearance, function, and accessibility. By making researched, realistic suggestions for repairs and changes and by working with the Town to make those improvements, CHPC acts to garner public support for those plans and the private and public funding that make them possible.

Jeffrey Barn on Route 103, northwest of the Stone Village. Alas, the immense size of the former dairy barn and its need for substantial repair, coupled with its immediate proximity to Route 103 but with little other surrounding land, made potential future uses challenging. The sawn-timber building was not needed for storage by the Town of Chester, and research into other uses by other parties yielded no suggestions. Therefore, on May 15, 2019, CHPC informed the Select Board that it had been unable to find potential renters that would justify spending Town funds on renovation and/or restoration. The Select Board then agreed to take on the task of seeking a museum or potential buyer to remove the structure and restore a clean site.

Hearse House Museum. Frost heaves continued to affect the easy operation of the sliding doors. To alleviate that problem, one door was shortened slightly in 2019. The other door will be shortened slightly in 2020, and weather strips will be added to both doors to adjust for the floating slab and to discourage dirt and vermin. A fire extinguisher will be installed inside. Although it is a difficult structural problem to solve, a gutter and downspout should be added at the entrance to prevent splashing inside or onto the doors. In the meantime, the unheated seasonal museum is regularly open to the public from Memorial Day through Columbus Day for self-guided tours. Photographs of the museum's interior and all of the informative texts are available on the Town's website under History and linked to that website from QR codes on the museum displays.

Public Tomb. A small amount of trim work beneath the roof that had been broken off when a large tree limb fell onto the slate roof was repaired. One dropped slate still needs to be re-attached and will be re-positioned when roofers do work on other Town buildings.

Academy Building/Central School. CHPC created a new comprehensive form to record the historic facts, present condition, and obvious needs of historic Town-owned buildings. CHPC used that new form on an initial investigation of the Academy Building with the Town Manager on June 11. CHPC sent the detailed form, with accompanying photographs, to the Town Manager and to the Select Board on August 21. While exterior-door damage has been repaired, many other items still need to be addressed, including leaks and a non-functioning lavatory. CHPC secured a plaster expert to examine the fallen ceiling over the stairway and second-floor landing. A repair estimate has been

received, but access to the attic needs to be attained to determine both the extent of further potential damage and the correct method of repair. Roofers working on the Town Hall roof examined the leaking western side of the roof and sent an estimate for repair/replacement.

Whiting Library. Heating/air-conditioning problems were fixed. The drain and dry well at the base of the lower entrance were investigated and found clear of obstacles that might contribute to past flooding in the basement meeting room. Future photographs in time of flooding are requested to substantiate needed changes to runoff and drainage along the sidewalk and driveway. The handicapped parking spot along Main Street still needs to be relocated toward the driveway for better curb access.

Town Hall. CHPC research and graphed designs helped determine changes on the second floor for the auditorium and kitchen. Renovations included ceilings, painting, new floor upstairs, and a newly configured kitchen, as well as the addition of a new lavatory, since actual costs came under the estimates. All these changes will make for a more attractive and functional asset that invites expanded uses by the public. Two potential future improvements to the auditorium involve suggested noise-abatement panels and window shades. Now that renovations are complete, upcoming meetings should determine the necessity of those improvements. Exterior improvements to the building included a new slate roof, re-pointing of bricks and steps, painting of handrails, and removal of the fire escape. Potential changes to the first floor will not be considered until the Town EMS building is finished.



Before renovation. Town Hall warming kitchen.



After renovation. Town Hall warming kitchen.



Before renovation. Town Hall Auditorium.



After renovation. Town Hall Auditorium.

Fire District No. 2/Yosemite Firehouse. Since preliminary research suggests that Yosemite may be the only firehouse in the nation to have two towers (the taller being the hose tower, the shorter being the bell tower), the building – which is already on the State Register of Historic Places – will like qualify for the National Register. Hugh Henry has completed that application, which will be presented to the appropriate authorities on January 23, 2020. The planned replacement of the three piers holding up the riverside addition took place in May to begin the task of straightening and aligning the building. Dead trees along the riverbank were cut/removed. Outside locks were installed on the sliding doors to enable entry to the building during the winter months when the side door on Route 103 is traditionally iced in. The roof was investigated in detail via a tall lift by the roofers who were working at Town Hall, and an estimate for repairs sent to the Town for anticipated repairs in 2020

Meanwhile, CHPC continued meeting with State and local officials, fuel and insulation companies, plaster professionals, etc., to determine the best solutions to renovation and to solving problems of insufficient parking and of a desirable museum layout that would satisfy other official departments. In early October an agreement for the sole benefit of the future fire museum was reached by which the landowner of the adjacent field granted the determined amount of land that would be necessary for the site of the future parking area and fuel-tank burial. CHPC's layout plan for the future museum was sent to the architect whose firm did the two Condition Assessments for the building to enlist his help in gaining approval of the layout from the Fire Marshal. Buildings open to the public have many more requirements which must be met and which affect design layouts. The Select Board funded a Feasibility Study to secure a layout with measured drawings in time to meet the Town's application for a State grant in October. More work needs to be done to that plan to make it both meet requirements and be appropriate for the museum and the volunteers who will man it. The Town intends to re-apply for that State grant next year when more details have been resolved. In the meantime, some initial changes inside the building may make it possible to schedule museum openings in good weather to educate the public about the resource and its benefit to the Town. That should help move the project up the State's list of applicants whose facilities are already open to the public, even if only part of the year.

Steps still need to be taken to further identify structural needs in the continuing process of slowly righting the building. Heating options will be detailed, as they directly affect the layout of the museum, and other costs for improvements will be secured. Areas where the Town can easily supply workers to do appropriate parts of the project will be identified and put on the job list. Meanwhile CHPC continues to solicit memorabilia,

equipment, and information concerning Yosemite and firemen associated with the building. Anyone with pertinent items, photos of previous Fire Chiefs and facts about them, or other information about the old fire department is urged to contact CHPC Chair Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.



View of the section of adjacent field whose southernmost section would be available for parking.

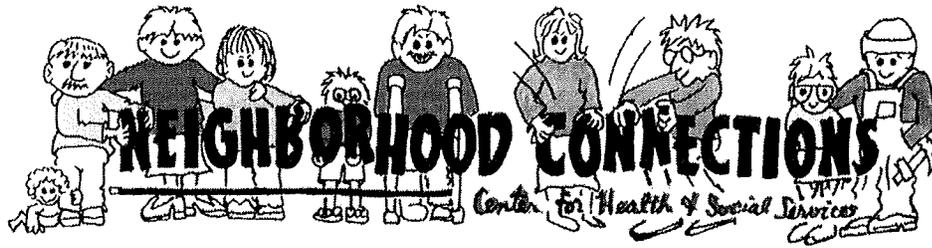


Three new piers with proper footings, finished in May 2019, replaced the inadequate ones that contributed to the former lean of the addition at the river side of the firehouse.

Summary. Progress on the Town's historic buildings in 2019 continued, albeit slowly, but the Town is allocating some funding in the budget for regular maintenance and renovation. CHPC is trying to publicize these assets by displays at events, such as Town Voting Day and at the Chester Fall Festival. CHPC also added information about the committee and each of the Town's historic buildings in an entry on the Town's website. It is important to build on an increasing positive attitude toward Chester's history and to view these buildings as attractions and valuable resources. CHPC looks forward to another productive year in its private/public partnership with the Town.

Chester Historic Preservation Committee

Kelly Arrison, Frank Bidwell, Ron Chute, John DesLauriers, Suzy Forlie, Carolyn Frisa, Cynthia Prairie, Margie Straub, Lillian Willis; Advisor: Chris Curran.



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556 Elm Street
PO Box 370
Chester, VT 05143

Re: Appropriation Request for 2020

Dear Select Board:

Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is a community-based nonprofit serving nine towns in southern Vermont, including Chester. Our focus is on people who have fallen through the cracks of governmental support systems. They may suffer from: poor health, inadequate housing, food insecurity, loneliness or depression amongst various other challenges. Too often they experience more than one of these challenges.

In order to enable us to continue providing supports for our neighbors, we are requesting \$1500 from Chester for use in our general operating budget. This is an increase from the \$500 we received last year, as the amount of services we have provided have increased. During the past year Chester residents accounted for over 102 services provided by Neighborhood Connections.

Some of the other services provided include (this is not an exhaustive list):

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| *Advocacy and referrals | *Short-term Financial Assistance |
| *Health Services | *Safety and wellness monitoring |
| *Food Assistance & Nutrition | *Access to Mental Health services |
| *Heating crisis and Funds for Repair | *Applications for Medicare and Medicaid enrollment |
| *Employment Counseling | *Crisis Intervention |
| *Tax Return Assistance | *Legal Referrals |

In addition, we coordinate services voluntarily provided by other organizations and volunteers with whom we partner. These may include home improvements, transportation services, companionship home visits, etc. Coordination with the Chester Family Center especially has enabled Neighborhood Connections to significantly expand the quantity and range of services that we can offer to those in need.

Neighborhood Connections also provides a “Meeting Place” for a variety of community organizations. In the past year, the Meeting place hosted more than 50 meetings and talks with over 400 attendees. Among the groups using the Meeting Place are Clean & Sober, the Tri-Mountains Lions Club, AARP (for tax assistance), and mental health providers. Since 2014, the Meeting Place has also served as the location for monthly meetings of “Community Partners”- an initiative composed of more than 30 volunteers groups and community-based organizations that come together to share information and strategies on the most effective and efficient ways to meet the needs of the residents of the towns they serve.

We hope you will continue to provide us with the financial support that we need so that we can help our neighbors in need.

With sincerest gratitude,

Delores Barbeau, MD,
Interim Executive Director

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 2019

We held our annual meeting at the Town Hall on January 21, 2020 with the wealth management officers of Peoples Bank Trust Department for the year 2019. They reported the economic conditions of the trust. A report of our assets, mutual funds, real estate and equity funds were presented to the board. We were please to hear that the market year 2019 was a profitable year and our trust funds gained almost \$79,000.00

There was one request for funds of \$40,000.00 from the select board to be used towards the new emergency services, town highway building. This request was granted and came from the Cypress Minerals fund. This fund was set up by a previous select board to be used as necessary and is a restricted fund.

Anyone can donate funds to the Town of Chester for special project or gift. A letter is required with your instructions for disbursement for the life of the fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Barrett
Erron Carey
Sandra Walker

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Net Income 2019*	\$ 8,155.40
Principal Money Market Fund	\$ 56,489.58
Mutual Funds: Fixed Income	\$ 346,800.97
Equity	\$ 355,142.74
Real Assets	\$9,860.34
Total Investments	<u>\$ 776,449.03</u>

*\$ to be disbursed January 2019	\$8,155.40
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**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PAYABLES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Due Town of Chester	\$ 6,778.70
Due Chester Town School District: Abbie Ingalls School Fund	\$ 17.66
Due Chester Schools: Williams School Fund	<u>\$ 1,359.05</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,155.40

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 2019**

	Receipts		Disbursements			Invested Principal
	Income	Principal	To Town	To Schools	To Cemetery	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,797.65		\$ 2,797.65			\$
Campbell for Poor	231.12		231.12			
Samuel Adams Cemetery	0.70		0.70			
Howe-Peabody	1,337.08		1,337.08			
Fullerton Cemetery	11.51		11.51			
Samuel Adams Poor	721.56		721.56			
Salter Poor Fund	17.66		17.66			
Cyprus Minerals	1,661.42		1,661.42			\$40,000
Abbie Ingalls School	17.66			17.66		
Williams School Fund	1,359.05			1,359.05		
Capital Gains Distributions		50,949.22				\$50,949.22
	<u>\$ 8,155.40</u>	<u>\$ 50,949.22</u>	<u>\$ 6,778.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,376.70</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$50,949.22</u>

Inc MMkt Bal 12/31/18 \$ 8,155.40

12/31/2019 Year-End Market Value	Contribution Amount	Total	Old %	New %
\$776,449.03	-	\$776,449.03		
Cemetery Fund	\$266,354.73		32.52%	34.30%
Campbell for Poor	\$22,004.14		2.67%	2.83%
Samuel Adams Cemetery	\$66.91		0.01%	0.01%
Howe Peabody	\$127,299.49		15.40%	16.40%
Fullerton Cemetery	\$1,095.61		0.13%	0.14%
Samuel Adams Poor	\$68,697.07		8.31%	8.85%
Salter Poor Fund	\$1,681.05		0.20%	0.22%
Cyprus Minerals	\$158,178.64		24.91%	20.37%
Abbie Ingalls School	\$1,681.05		0.20%	0.22%
Williams School Fund	\$129,390.35		15.65%	16.66%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$776,449.04</u>		<u>100.00%</u>

Chester Conservation Committee 2019 Report

The Chester Conservation Committee (CCC), established in 2006, is an informal group of volunteers dedicated to fostering awareness and stewardship of Chester's natural and recreational resources. The CCC focuses its efforts and energy on outdoor recreation, conservation projects, public outreach and education. In collaboration with the Town, the CCC also serves as a primary point of contact or liaison to third party organizations interested in enhancing Chester's natural and recreational assets.

Outdoor Recreation

Hiking Trails

The CCC oversees and maintains several hiking trails in Chester:

The Lost Mine and Butternut Hill Trails, both located within Chester's 550 acre Town Forest on Reservoir Road, offer over four miles of year-round hiking and snowshoeing opportunities. The photo at right is a view of Mount Ascutney from the Lost Mine Trail.



The Green Mountain Nature Trail, located behind GMU High School, is a 1.8 mile loop trail that traverses through a 160 acre forest adjacent to Green Mountain Union High School (GMUHS). It too offers year-round hiking opportunities.

At present, the CCC is also working in partnership with the Town to develop the Brookside Forest Trail on Town property located on the hillside behind Brookside Cemetery and across Lovers Lane Brook.

Trail maps can be downloaded: www.chestervt.gov/recreation

Disc Golf Course



Since first opening in 2016, the Chester Disc Golf Course has been a popular recreational activity for Chester-area residents as well as disc golf enthusiasts from afar. The course features an informational kiosk, baskets, tee boxes, unique benches and signs. The course winds its way through hilly, wooded and previously under-utilized town property at the Pinnacle Recreation Area.

In the summer of 2019, nine additional holes were constructed and the course now features a full 18 hole experience. Players can be seen on the course year-round.

Conservation Projects

The CCC remains actively involved in several on-going volunteer projects focused on monitoring, evaluating and improving environmental conditions in Chester.

Vermont Green-Up Day: The CCC recruits and coordinates volunteers and resources for the annual VT Green-Up Day activities in Chester, removing and properly disposing trash and other abandoned materials from community roadways and neighborhoods.

Williams River Water Quality Monitoring project: In collaboration with the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance (SeVWA), the CCC recruits and coordinates volunteers to collect water samples from seven different Chester locations during July and August. The samples are tested and results are uploaded to the SeVWA website.

Public Outreach & Education

The CCC continues to be involved in a variety of public outreach and education programs benefitting the Chester community.

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Scholarship: Since 2012, the CCC has provided tuition-matching scholarships to students from Chester-Andover Elementary School and GMUHS to attend a weeklong session of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp.

Chester Fall Festival: The CCC participates annually in the Chester Fall Festival by setting up a booth and providing attendees with information related to Chester's natural resources and recreational opportunities.

The Chester Conservation Committee meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Chester-Andover Elementary School. If you are interested in learning more about the CCC's member-driven initiatives or want to volunteer to support our on-going projects, please attend our meeting. We welcome new members and new ideas. For more information about the CCC, contact Gary King at gking@thesca.org.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

In the year 2019 the Boards of Civil Authority and Tax Abatement had little business before them. There were two appeals this year for lower property assessments beyond the level of Lister grievance. One of the appeals was withdrawn and the other appeal was denied. The Board of Civil Authority thanks the Listers for their hard work and expertise in setting assessments and handling grievances. Their dedication makes our work much easier.

The Board of Tax Abatement reviewed one request for abatement. The request for abatement was for inability to pay and the Board of Tax Abatement voted to abate a portion of the taxes, penalty and interest and requested that the taxpayer set up a payment plan with the Delinquent Tax Collector to pay the remaining balance. The small number of abatement requests reflects an awareness of how few grounds for abatement are permissible under Vermont law.

In 2019 the Board of Civil Authority conducted the biennial review of the voter checklist, as required by law. The Board members went through the entire checklist page by page, name by name, identifying names of those believed to be no longer here, whether by moving away or deceased, and having the Town Clerk send inquiries whenever anyone on the Board of Civil Authority had reason to ask whether the name was still properly on the list.

There will be three elections in 2020. There will be the Town Meeting and Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 3, for voting on local office candidates, unified school budget and President of the United States. The town budget is voted at Town Meeting, the evening before the election on Monday, March 2. The Primary Election will be held August 11 and the General Election will be November 3. Do your duty.... PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE! There are several options for voting besides coming to the polling place (Town Hall) on Election Day. A voter can request an absentee ballot from the Vermont Elections Management System/My Voter Page, come to the Town Office or call the Town Office at 875-2173.

We thank the Town Office Staff and Listers for doing all the preparation and work that makes our job so much easier.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Chase, Chairman
Board of Civil Authority and Tax Abatement

REPORT OF THE CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chester Historical Society, found in 1966 after the celebration of the town bicentennial, is a tax exempt 501c 3 designated organization. There are no paid personnel, only volunteers. We hold meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month except November and December. Meetings are held at the Town Hall January thru April and at the Historical Society May thru October. All are welcome to join us! Most members are from the local area, but we have some members from outside the area who wish to maintain a local connection. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for a family.

The Historical Society published a new book in 2019, a collaboration between the Historical Society of Chester, Londonderry, Weston, and Peter Farrar of Andover. This book has over 140 pages of old pictures and post cards of the area. The book has been well received. Our thanks to Ron Patch and Tom Hildreth for their work involved for compiling this book. The society also published our yearly calendar which also features historic pictures of Chester.

Paul Bremer offered a \$1000.00 prize this year for a student history essay contest. The 2019 recipient of this prize was Chestina Tenny.

Our website received many hits and members have helped people with genealogy questions, tours of Brookside Cemetery to find graves of ancestors and have answered historical questions in general. Our interactions with the public not only help the people seeking information, but often help fill in some of the gaps of our local knowledge. Basic town history is well recorded, but it is anecdotes and personal stories that make the history interesting.

The Historical Society has offered to loan items from our collection to decorate the newly renovated second floor of the Town Hall. The select board has tentatively accepted our offer and will work with us to bring this to completion.

We continue as a society to thank Edward (Ted Spaulding) for his continuing gifts to the Society of papers, photos and artifacts of Chester history. Several members have spent countless hours over the last two years cataloging the tremendous amount of material we have received. Some of the Spaulding donation came from John L. (Gramp) Spaulding who passed away this past spring. Our condolences go to the Spaulding family in the loss of Gramp, who was a treasure trove of knowledge and stories of Chester history.

The Chester Historical Society was saddened this past fall upon learning upon the sudden passing of long term member and Trustee, Bud Nadeau. Bud had a love and deep knowledge of local history, especially of the Green Mountain Turnpike and Bartonsville area. Plus, few could match his woodworking skill and craftsmanship.

We thank Jen Rosenthal, who volunteers to maintain our perennial gardens. Our gardens beside the cemetery and in front of the Historical Society feature native plants and enhance the downtown area. We thank our volunteers and donors, both for financial help and gifts to our collection. It is only with dedicated donors and volunteers that we are able to continue our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Barrett, Treasurer

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

For the third consecutive year we must acknowledge the fact that revenues from recycled material have fallen as steadily as expenses have risen. Yet, the intrinsic environmental benefits have not changed. Thousands of trees were saved, but doing so has become an expensive proposition.

Near the end of the fiscal year action was taken to address a serious budget short fall. Access stickers were required to be displayed on vehicles entering the facility. This is a user fee of \$25, to be collected annually, and has gone a long way toward filling the gap in funding this service.

The last step in Vermont's "Universal Recycling Law", Act 148, will go into effect July 1, 2020. Household food waste, with the exception of meat and bones, should be kept out of your trash. For those not able to compost at home, the transfer station will continue to work with a company called "GROW COMPOST". This outfit will take meat and bones along with other food waste. However, food waste is all they want. Please, no flowers, yard trimmings, paper or plastic trash (including the bag you bring it in). Please see attendant before depositing your kitchen waste. Contaminating a load with anything other than food would be an expensive mistake we need your help to avoid making.

News of sea level rise, environmental degradation and climate change is discouraging. Yes, but in spite of all that, we will go on doing what we do and invite your continued support as well.

Dan Farrar, Recycle Coordinator

Website: www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the Southern Windsor County Region, including Chester. The activities and programs of the SWCRPC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the SWCRPC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY19, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$1,054,616. The town dues assessment of \$3,943 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY19, the SWCRPC assisted the Town of Chester to prepare a Local Emergency Operations Plan and continue conducting an inventory of roads and road-related erosion.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Tom Bock, Derek Suursoo and Arne Jonynas who have served on the SWCRPC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the SWCRPC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at www.swcrpc.org, or look us up on Facebook.

Thomas Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TOWN REPORT 2019
January 2020

On behalf of SRDC, our Board and our members, many thanks for the continued support and partnership from the Town of Chester this past year.

We continue to provide assistance to the Town and Chester Economic Development Corporation on a variety of matters, from meeting with prospects to assisting existing businesses with their needs. We served 11 clients in the community this past year including those looking to start a business as well as Chester's major employers. This includes our direct efforts as well as those of the Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center, which are all part of our office.

SRDC has provided professional support to the Town's ongoing efforts with implementation of the "Better Connections" plan. We also worked with an ad-hoc subcommittee on how the community can develop a marketing plan for tourism as well as business development and residential relocation.

Workforce is the dominant issue for employers in Chester and the region. SRDC remains closely involved in the River Valley Technical Center with the Executive Director currently serving as the Board Chair of RVTC and Co-Chair of the Workforce Investment Board. We co-sponsored a regional Workforce Summit for employers and providers this past November.

SRDC is always grateful and appreciative of our relationship with the community. We appreciate our connections with David Pisha and Julie Hance at Town Hall and we work very closely with Chester Economic Development Corporation. Dale Williamson of Newsbank continues to serve as a member of the SRDC Board.

As always, we are ready and anxious to talk to any existing company or anyone looking to start a business venture. If you would like to know more about SRDC, please feel free to contact me at our offices at 14 Clinton Street, Springfield, 885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. You can also learn more about SRDC through our web site at www.springfielddevelopment.org or on our Facebook page!

Again, many thanks for your continued support. Working together, we will ensure that "Great Things Happen Here" for many years to come.

Bob Flint
Executive Director



Chester-Andover Family Center

Our Mission: *The Chester -Andover Family Center makes a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods.*

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The Chester-Andover Family Center

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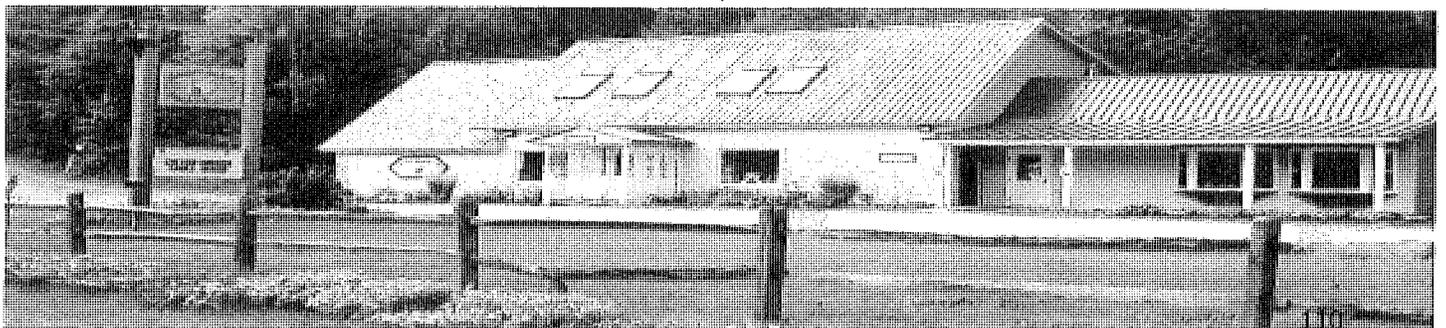
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- **History:** The Family Center has been providing relief from hunger and financial stress for the most vulnerable residents of Chester and Andover for thirty-two years. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers.
- **Partners:** Neighborhood Connections offers our financial assistance recipients counseling, assistance with budgeting, and referral to other sources of assistance. We also partner with the Vermont Foodbank, Healthy Harvest Network, Hunger Council of the Windham Region and other hunger relief and service organizations.
- **Thrift Shop:** We provide affordable, quality clothing, small housewares and linens. Thrift Shop income supports the Food Shelf, our Financial Assistance Program and operating expenses.
- **Food Shelf:** Over one hundred fifty households are enrolled to receive nutritious, supplemental food. Food is purchased from the Vermont Foodbank, area grocery stores, and local growers. Individuals and organizations donate money, shelf-stable food and fresh produce.
- **Financial Assistance Program:** The Family Center provides financial assistance for utilities, heating fuel, rent and transportation (gas cards).
- **Gratitude:** The Chester-Andover Board of Directors acknowledges and thanks our donors, the community and our volunteers who donate resources and time in support of our mission.

"Making a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods. "



Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Chester we have provided the following services during FY2019:

- Weatherization:** 22 housing units (36 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$39,118
- Emergency Heating System Replacement:** 5 homes (11 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$8,567
- Emergency Home Repair:** 3 homes (3 people) received services to address health and safety Risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$12,406
- Head Start:** 18 families (122 people) received comprehensive child development and Family support services valued at \$291,093
- Vermont Matched Savings:** 1 household (4 people) earned \$1,240 in matched savings, and received financial literacy education services valued at \$1,661
- Micro-Business Development:** 1 person received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$2,235
- Ready-for-Work:** 1 participant (2 in household) received job readiness education and support valued at \$496
- Tax Preparation:** 9 households (19 people) received tax credits & refunds totaling \$36,347 and services valued at \$1,886
- VT Health Connect Navigation:** 3 households (4 people) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$1,116
- Family Services:** 38 households (86 people) received 224 services valued at \$1,690 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)
- Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 35 households (73 people) received 56 assists valued at \$46,570
- Thrift Store Vouchers:** 9 households (22 people) received goods and services valued at \$865
- Solar Energy Assistance (new):** 3 households (6 people) will receive \$90 in energy credits on their electric bills

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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**Town Narrative - Chester
For July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

Windsor County Mentors (formerly Windsor County Partners) is in its 46th year of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based Pals program extends across the county. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. In our surveys, 100% of the young people in our Pals mentorships report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCM creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a child. Matches are made with children up to age 12. Since matches are renewed annually, mentored children range in age from 7 – 18. These mentoring partnerships meet for 2 hours per week for at least a year, with many partnerships continuing for years.

In FY 2019, WCP served and supported 34 school- and community-based mentorships, with children from 12 towns. Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 16 Windsor County public schools. Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring. Mentors (94%) report that their mentee is gaining social skills. Mentee parents (94%) said that they would recommend mentoring to others, and mentees (89%) reported feeling hopeful about the future.

WCM has invested in three part-time regional outreach coordinators who are serving the towns in their region to increase the number of mentors recruited and the number of mentor matches.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmembers.org, or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Chester for their support for the children of Windsor County.

David Sleeper
Interim Executive Director



ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Chester and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year we received grants from the National Council on Aging to expand our outreach to vulnerable elders, the Granite United Way to expand our Friendly Visitor and Veteran to Veteran program and the US Department of Justice to assist victims of abuse in later life. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek donations from the public and have established a planned giving program through the Vermont Community Foundation.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we implemented the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects, expanded our popular aquatics program for arthritis, trained counselors to provide the PEARLS home-based program for people with depression and trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

This is a summary of services provided to Chester residents in the last year (09-01-18 through 08-31-19).

Information and Assistance: 228 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 63 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 46 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based services for 304.50 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 36 Chester seniors received 7052 meals at home through Springfield Meals on Wheels and also received community meals from the Springfield MOW mealsite. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible “Special Help Fund” that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Chester

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Senior Solutions Advisory Council, established pursuant to the Older Americans Act, advises the agency on matters relating to older adults in our region, which includes most of Windsor and Windham counties and a few surrounding communities. As the designated Area Agency on Aging, Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) has served older adults since 1973.

To assist us in fulfilling our mission of promoting the well-being and dignity of older adults, Advisory Council members provide feedback on such issues as healthcare, transportation and housing needs; help identify resources and suggest ideas for improvement in services; assist with community meetings, focus groups, and other agency activities; and suggest ways that the agency can best serve older adults and caregivers.

The Advisory Council is comprised of individuals representing towns, community organizations and interests concerned with older adults. We welcome representatives from all towns in our service region.

Meetings are usually held monthly at the **Bellows Falls Senior Center** on the last **Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Typically the Executive Director and a representative of the Board of Directors attend the meetings. Other staff and interested members of the community also often attend.

Meetings feature educational speakers, updates on legislative issues and agency services. Members are encouraged to share information so that staff and other members can learn more about issues impacting older adults in our communities, promising practices and unmet needs.

Advisory Council members can advocate for older adults by learning more about the issues that impact their quality of life, reporting back to their community and reviewing and commenting on policies, programs and actions that affect them.

**To learn more about our Advisory Council,
call our office at 802-885-2655 or email
Info@SeniorSolutionsVT.org.**

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August, 2019

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Chester, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 4,069 homecare visits to 143 Chester residents. This included approximately \$92,092 in unreimbursed care to Chester residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,637 home visits to 109 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 986 home visits to 15 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 1,300 home visits to 15 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 146 home visits to 4 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, and flu shots.

Chester's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence (1-888-300-8853)

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY19 for Town of Chester

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

During FY19, HCRS provided 6875 hours of services to 110 residents of the Town of Chester. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Chester.

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

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Chester**

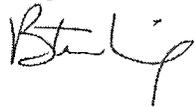
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to all survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for survivors and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting them to get to us and other times it means us going to them, somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the Women's Freedom Center responded to 2,010 hotline calls, sheltered 123 people (83 adults and 37 children) and had 8,660 contacts through which we provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,441 people** (882 women, 52 men, 3 gender non-binary individuals and 504 children) who were abused. These figures include at least 22 survivors—15 adults and their 7 children— from Chester. In addition, we provided community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

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

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center



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Chester Annual Town Report FY 2019

Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (GMRSVP), a Senior Corps Program sponsored by SVCOA continued its work this year in recruiting and placing older Vermonters into volunteer opportunities where they used their skills and experience to address vital community needs. Across Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties, 377 GMRSVP volunteers provided 46,278 hours to causes throughout southern Vermont. Key outcomes for the GMRSVP fiscal year include 892 tax returns submitted on behalf of those needing assistance; 741 food-insecure individuals served; 783 Bone Builder participants served; 230 Meals on Wheels recipients served; 493 rides provided by transportation volunteers; friendly visits to 12 older Vermonters; and 5 individuals assisted by money management volunteer. Additionally, many nonprofit organizations in the GMRSVP service area received support from volunteers, and include activities at museums, schools, hospitals, blood drives, senior centers and meal sites, libraries, and more. There are many benefits to volunteering, not only for the community, but for the volunteer as well.

All GMRSVP Volunteers enjoy the benefits of supplemental insurance, direct support from the volunteer coordinator, newsletters, volunteer recognition events, information and social gatherings, supplies and equipment. In addition, Bone Builder classes are provided weights for the group and instructor training and certification. Nonprofit organizations benefit from GMRSVP recruitment and orientation of volunteers. DMV and Criminal Record Checks are done on all volunteers expected to work one on one with a child or senior which is a significant savings for organizations where volunteers are placed. We are seeking additional grants to support a new training program for older adults in our communities to educate them on financial exploitation.

Chester is an active community with several volunteers. We have 7 volunteers at the Chester Andover Family Center. Volunteers work in the thrift store and the food shelf and serve on the BOD of this organization. Preparing food distribution is labor intensive and requires many hands. Volunteers gather, sort, shelve and distribute food to residents weekly. There is also one tax aide assisting residents with tax prep.

Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps. Your partnership within the Chester community can truly make a difference for Windsor County with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

You are welcome to contact Corey Mitchell in our Ascutney office at (802) 6744547 for more information. Thank-you for your consideration and continued support.



Supported in part by The Corporation for National and Community Service
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK
OF
CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. helps the senior citizens of Chester/Andover to stay in their own homes longer, safely. CCN, INC. provides transportation to doctors and hospital appointments. We also assist with record keeping, friendly visiting and check-ins, shopping, and miscellaneous services. We help people get to the Chester/Andover Family Center and Food Shelf.

CCN, INC. sponsors a low-impact exercise group for senior citizens to help them maintain their health. We sponsor social activities and potlucks. We also try to keep our senior citizens educated on many health issues.

This year CCN, INC. worked with the Chester Ambulance and Chester Rescue Squad to host an information session for the senior citizens where members of the Ambulance and the Rescue Squad explained a new DNR form that they are required to use. They answered many questions and took the time to explain a lot about their procedures.

CCN, INC. is continuing to work with Senior Solutions, Visiting Nurses & Hospice of Vt. and N.H. CCN, INC. also works with the Chester/Andover ministerium to assist senior citizens that are in need.

CCN, INC. has been able to give our clients emergency kits which have been very well received.

This fall the CCN, INC. board was able to celebrate our volunteers with an appreciation luncheon.

CCN, INC. held its annual spring Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser in May at the Andover Town Hall. We also held our annual Apple Pie Fund Raiser in the fall. Our volunteers and clients worked together to make the apple pies for the sale. This year they made 105 pies!

Respectfully submitted by
The Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. Board

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

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

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 60 homeowners in 2019 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2019, 80 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2019, WWHT completed the new construction of the Snow Block in Downtown Brattleboro, with 23 mixed income apartments and a new commercial space. WWHT is also in the planning phases of a similar mixed use, mixed income development located in Downtown Bellows Falls, revitalizing a prominent building in the northern gateway to Downtown Bellows Falls.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 867 rental apartments and 16 commercial properties with 1349 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org



Meals on Wheels

Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc.

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During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019, Meals & Wheels served over 40,000 meals to seniors living in the greater Springfield and Chester areas and at our congregate meal site. We are doing our part to help seniors “age in place”.

Beyond meeting the nutritional needs of seniors, another important role of our program is to provide a safety net. For many, the delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day. Our volunteers report back about any concerns they have with the people they deliver to. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

All this work was done with the help of 3 employees and over 50 volunteers. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers, as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community. And for the people we serve, seeing one of our friendly volunteers can be the highlight of their day.

The Current Town Report Town of Chester FY 20

We thank you again for Chester's contribution last year of \$2,500. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The Current relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds and provide operating support and the required match for our new vehicles. Chester has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The Current's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns we serve. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled non-emergency medical transportation services through our fleet of 23 buses, vans, and a network of 15 volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The Current's total operating expenses last year were \$2,642,941. We provided 153,691 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 872,290 miles over 29,500 hours.

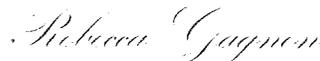
Chester's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

In Chester we provided van and volunteer services for the elderly and disabled. We provided 645 rides at a cost of \$14,891 in FY19. We also provided season shuttle service to Okemo and weekend shuttle service during the fall festival. We are requesting a \$2,500 contribution from the Town of Chester this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager



We Provide the Ride!

**TOWN OF CHESTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2019**

Moderator William E. Dakin, Jr. called the Town Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection to non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Select Board, Lee Gustafson, Ben Whalen, Heather Chase and Arne Jonynas, Town Manager, David Pisha and Town Clerk, Deborah Aldrich.

Moderator Dakin introduced Tom Bock, State Representative. Representative Bock spoke about Springfield Hospital and some of the Acts and Bills that are being discussed in Montpelier. Moderator Dakin then introduced State Senator Alice Clarkson. Senator Clarkson also spoke about Acts and Bills being discussed in Montpelier.

Moderator Dakin then read the warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 and 2 will be by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot). Results attached.

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving the following roads: Route 35, Green Mountain Turnpike from Route 103 to bottom of Flamstead Road, Coach Road, First Avenue and Sylvan Road? (Australian Ballot) Results attached.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters eliminate the office of Town Grand Juror effective immediately? Julie Hance moved Article 3 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Amber Wilson asked if someone could explain what the Town Grand Juror does and why does the Town want to eliminate this position. There was no explanation. William Lindsay made a motion to table Article 3 until the next Town Meeting. Seconded by Amber Wilson. Article 3 tabled until next Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4: **Shall the voters rescind and eliminate the election of members to an Advisory Budget Committee, effective immediately?** Ben Whalen moved Article 4 as written. Seconded by Julie Hance. Nancy Lindsay asked what the purpose was of removing. Arne Jonynas explained that it was just an advisory committee and no one has run for the position in years. Nancy Lindsay asked if the committee is appointed. Kathy Pellett asked if the Town wanted to eliminate the Budget Committee all together or just the election of a Budget Committee. Julie Hance explained that the Budget Committee was established in the 1950's by Article. From that Article there should be 27 members, with members from the Schools and Supervisory Union. With a Town Manger form of government, Towns do not usually have a Budget Committee. The Town Attorney's advice is to eliminate the elected position of a Budget Committee and the Select Board can establish an Advisory Budget Committee. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5: **To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Rosemarie Dube, \$500.00; Deanna and Norman Stowell, \$250.00.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 6: **Shall the voters establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 20% of the amount raised in taxes to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay nonrecurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a)?** Kathy Pellett moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Fred Greenwell asked for clarification of the Article. David Pisha explained that VLCT and Auditors had advised the Town to establish a Reserve Fund to help with emergencies. The goal over time is to grow the fund to a maximum of 20% of the annual budget, this will not be reached for decades. Margie Straub explained that the way the Article is worded is that it could be done in one year. Arne Jonynas advised that the money would come from a surplus and there is a policy that will be established. Bill Lindsay advised that people need to read the town report. The Town's total bond indebtedness is \$1.6 million. Deb Epler asked if there would have to be voter approval to move money into this fund and will there have to be voter approval to spend money from this fund. Arne Jonynas replied there would be voter approval to move money into this fund, but not voter approval to spend money from this fund. Arne Jonynas explained that this Article was to only vote to establish a Reserve Fund. Fred Greenwell explained that he felt that it is not how this article reads. Fred Greenwell made a motion to table this article to the next town meeting. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Tory Spater asked if it is 20% of surplus or 20% of the total budget. David Pisha explained that the fund can never be over 20% of the total budget. After more discussion Moderator Dakin explained that there would be a vote on the motion to table. Motion to table defeated. Moderator Dakin explained that there would now be a vote on the Article 6 as written. Derrick Suursoo asked for a point of order to discuss the

Article. Derrick Suursoo explained that he is not in support of this article as written. The Article should be clearly stated. Jay Blodgett made a motion to amend Article 6; to establish a Reserve Fund only, to not fund the Reserve Fund this year and at the next town meeting establish rules for funding and disbursement and present it to the voters. Seconded by Robbo Holleran. Tim Roper asked for clarification of statute. Does that statute establish. Are there other towns that have this fund and have other towns had issues? Arne Jonynas read the statute. Moderator Dakin asked for a division of the house: 63 in favor of the amendment, 34 opposed to the amendment. Article 6, as Amended, voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7: **To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,087,586.86 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2019, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.** Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 7 as written. Seconded by Kathy Pellett. Town Manager David Pisha made a power point presentation. (copy attached). Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8: **To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$490,414.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$46,600.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$40,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Highway Department; \$35,000 to be used for the purchase of air paks (\$22,500) and turnout gear (\$12,500) for the Fire Department; \$13,800 for the purchase of a new computer server for the Police Department; \$4,157.00 to be used for maintenance of operating facilities and \$225,857.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.** David Liebttag moved Article 8 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 9: **To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327. The municipal taxes in 2018 for the Gassetts Grange #327 were \$1,439.52 and \$2,590.04 for Education.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 9 as written. Seconded by Nonie Spaulding. Kathy Giurtino asked why is there an exemption for the Grange? Leigh Dakin referred to page 112 of the Annual Report for a letter from Grange. Margie Straub made a motion to amend Article 9 from a five-year exemption to a one-year exemption. Seconded by Marilyn Mahusky. Wanda Purdy explained that this property has been exempted from taxation every five years for many years. They have had some major issues with flooding and the listers will be reducing their assessment. They cannot use the building. Moderator Dakin reread the amendment. The Amendment to change from five years to one year failed. Derek Suursoo spoke on behalf of the Grange and explained that the Grange does a lot for the community. Douglas Green, representing the Grange,

advised that the Grange has estimates of around \$50,000 to repair the Grange Hall. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10: **Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizen of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691. (By Petition)** David Liebttag moved Article 10 as written. Seconded by Nancy Lindsay. Nancy Lindsay spoke on behalf of Meals on Wheels. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11: **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.** David Liebttag moved Article 11 as written. Seconded by Bill Lindsay. Bill Lindsay thanked Pat Budnick for her many years of organizing the fireworks. Ron Farrar spoke on behalf of the American Legion. It is the American Legion's 100th anniversary this year. The American Legion will have control of the fireworks this year and the fireworks will be on July 5th. On July 6th there will be an all-day affair of activities going on at the American Legion. The fireworks will not be Labor Weekend. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12: **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Rebecca Brown. Leigh Dakin advised that the Visiting Nurse's report was on page 121 of the Annual Report. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13: **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Sandra Vincent moved Article 13 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14: **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 14 as written. Seconded by Kathy Giurtino. Carrie Stevens, representing SEVCA, explained services and advised that the SEVCA report was on page 117 of the Annual Report.

Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900)** to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Deb Epler moved Article 15 as written. Seconded by Melody Reed. Kari Storm advised that the Women's Freedom Center report was on page 125 of the Annual Report. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00)** for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 16 as written. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars)** for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Julie Hance moved Article 17 as written. Seconded by Amie O'Brien. Robbo Holleran asked if anyone rode the bus? Sandra Vincent replied yes, and they do provide transportation for residents at Senior Circle. They also do transports for appointments. Leigh Dakin advised that the report for the Current is on page 131 of the Annual Report. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$800 (eight hundred dollars)** to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Kari Storm moved Article 18 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. The report for Windsor County Partners is on page 118 of the Annual Report. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$400 (four hundred dollars)** to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Leigh Dakin moved Article 19 as written. Seconded by Nora Ellen Spaulding. Article 19 voted in the affirmative.

- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00)** toward the support of the **Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc.** a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with **24 V.S.A. §2691**. David Armstrong moved Article 20 as written. Seconded by Ted Spaulding. David Armstrong advised the report for Community Cares is on page 127 of the Annual Report. Article 20 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of **THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000)** to assist in the services of the **Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need**, in accordance with **24 V.S.A. §2691**. Joan Grossman moved Article 21 as written. Seconded by Charles Giurtino. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)** to **Neighborhood Connections** to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with **24 V.S.A. §2691**. (This article is by petition) Sandra Vincent moved Article 22 as written. Seconded by Tory Spater. Trisha Paradis explained all that Neighborhood Connections does. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will authorize the **Selectboard** to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness. Bill Lindsay moved Article 23 as written. Seconded by Tom Hildreth. Article 23 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 24:** To act on the reports of the **Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2018**. Julie Hance moved Article 24 as written. Seconded by Amie O'Brien. Nancy Lindsay advised that there was a correction to the Historical Society Report on page 109 of the Annual Report; Fred Provost should be Francine Provost. Article 24 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Chester adopt the following advisory resolution? (By Petition)

Climate Solutions Resolution

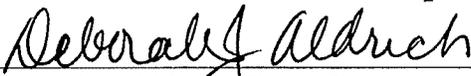
WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and
WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester urge the State of Vermont to:**
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
 - b. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.
- 2. That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:**
 - a. Protecting townlands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing townlands;
 - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools to make them as energy efficient as possible;
 - c. Enlisting state support to develop solar electric supplies for town and school buildings;
 - d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
 - e. Encourage landowners, municipalities, and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
 - f. Form a Town Energy Committee to work towards reducing town emissions and meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.
- 3. Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of Chester, to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes supporting and opposed to the article.** Cheryl Lipton moved Article 25 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. This Article is an advisory Article only. There was discussion in favor of Article 25 and discussion not in favor of Article 25. Article 25 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Nonie Spaulding made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Armstrong. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

A true record.



Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk



William E. Dakin, Jr., Moderator

Arne Jonynas, Selectboard Chairman

**Town of Chester Special Town Meeting
June 10, 2019
Minutes**

Moderator William E. Dakin Jr. Called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Moderator Dakin explained that the Special Meeting was to vote on the purchase of a new loader for the Highway Department, which was included in the 2019 budget, but not properly voted on.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Select Board Ben Whalen, Arne Jonynas, Heather Chase, Town Manager David Pisha, Julie Hance and Amie O'Brien.

Moderator Dakin then read the Warning and Articles to be voted on from the floor:

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to purchase a loader for the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$165,000. Said Loader to be financed as illustrated in the Capital Plan for a 4 year term beginning in 2020. The purchase of the loader was inadvertently left out of the Capital Plan approval article 8 on the 2019 Warning although the expense is already budgeted within the Capital Plan. Julie Hance moved Article 1 as written. Seconded by Dick Jewett. Moderator Dakin read Article 1 again and asked if there were any comments. No comments. Article 1 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 2: To Transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Article 2 had no comments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

A true record.

Amie O'Brien
Asst. Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
EMS/TOWN GARAGE BOND VOTE
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

Meeting called to order by Arne Jonynas, Chairman of the Selectboard, at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Jonynas welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no objections to non-voters speaking if asked to.

Chairman Jonynas then read the warning.

The Legal Voters of the Town of Chester are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian ballot on November 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

Article 1: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of constructing a new Emergency Services building as well as renovations to the Public Works facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194)? (Australian Ballot)

Chairman Jonynas then turned the meeting over to Selectboard Member and Building Committee Member A. Lee Gustafson. Mr. Gustafson made a power point presentation. (Copy attached)

Tom Hildreth asked if there would be a need for emergency traffic lights on Route 11 and Route 103. Chief Rick Cloud explained that there would not be a need for emergency traffic lights.

Tim Roper asked if the committee had looked at energy efficient opportunities. Lee Gustafson explained that the committee had looked and is looking at that aspect.

Scott Bonneville asked why it was still in design stage. Lee Gustafson explained that they have the foot print and design, but do not have any mechanical design etc.

Kevin Racek, from Centerline Architects, explained that they have 50% schematic design done. They are confident that they have the correct contingency figures built in and that the outline spec gives over all costs. Selectboard Member Heather Chase explained that the Selectboard put 50% into the present design and did not want to put more money in before vote.

Phil Cooper asked what % is the contingences. The answer was 5%.

Kathy Pellet asked what the time table was for construction/completion. Lee Gustafson explained that it would start in May 2020 and would take 10 – 12 months to complete. Bidding would be done in the winter.

Butch Stearns asked if the construction fees include construction and permit cost. The answer was yes.

Derek Suursoo asked if there was an estimate for annual operating cost. Lee Gustafson replied not yet.

Article 2: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Article.

Chairman Jonynas asked if there was other business. With there being none Heather Chase made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

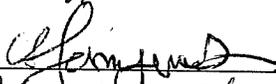
The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 and 2 will be by Australian ballot on March 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

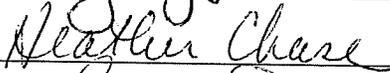
- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot).
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- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Robert and Carol Ploof, \$250.00; Linda Morton, \$250.00; George and Elizabeth Hazen, \$250.00; Ronald P. and Adrienne M. Farrar, \$250.00; Robert Gosselin, \$250.00.
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Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 17th day of January, 2020.


_____/s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman


_____/s/ Heather Chase


_____/s/ Leigh Dakin


_____/s/ Ben Whalen


_____/s/ Lee Gustafson