

# **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY & CRAFTSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU**  
**Tuesday March 3, 2020**  
**School Meeting @ 9:00am & Town Meeting @ 11:00am**

**\*\*\*5th Annual Craftsbury Town Meeting Day Food Drive\*\*\***

**\*\*\*To benefit: Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Inc.\*\*\***

# CRAFTSBURY INFORMATION

Website : [www.townofcraftsbury.com](http://www.townofcraftsbury.com)

## Telephone Numbers:

Craftsbury Dog Warden—Emily Thompson.....	586-9090
Craftsbury Fire Dept.....	586-7786
Craftsbury Fire Warden Andrew Marckres.....	cell 279-5494
Craftsbury Justices of the Peace:	
Timothy Fritz .....	586-2887
Hester Fuller .....	586-2515
David Rowell.....	586-7798
Yvette Brown .....	586-7766
James Flint .....	586-9127
Craftsbury Post Office (Village) .....	586-9650
Craftsbury Post Office (Common).....	586-2209
Craftsbury Public Library .....	586-9683
Craftsbury School (Elementary) .....	586-9671
Craftsbury School (Academy) .....	586-2541
Craftsbury Select board—Susan Houston.....	586-2873
Craftsbury Select board—James Jones.....	586-2292
Craftsbury Select board—Bruce Urie.....	755-6713
Craftsbury Town Clerk's Office .....	586-2823
Craftsbury Town Clerk (Fax) .....	586-2323
Craftsbury Town Garage .....	586-2271
Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union .....	472-6531
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Rescue Squad Emergency .....</b>	<b>472-6666</b>
VT Fish & Wildlife Dept .....	802-241-3700
VT Poison Center .....	802-658-3456
VT State Police .....	802-988-4315

Branch Cemetery: Jane Linck	586-9629
E. Craftsbury Cemetery: Jim Whitby	586-2863
Village Cemetery: Carolyn Ryan	586-2818
Common Cemetery: Mike Martin Sexton: Mike Martin	586-9956

## Town Clerk's Office:

Open Tues– Fri 8:30am—4:00 pm

Mailing Address:

P O Box 55

Craftsbury, VT 05826

E-mail: [craftsbury@gmail.com](mailto:craftsbury@gmail.com)

## Craftsbury Public Library Hours:

Sun. 11:00am - 1:00pm

Mon. 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Tues. 10:00am - 8:00pm

Wed. 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thur. 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Fri. 10:00am - 8:00pm

Sat. 10:00am - 1:00pm

## Craftsbury Post Office:

Window Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-11:30am/12:30pm-2:30pm

Sat. 7:30am - 10:30am

Closed (Lunch) 11:30am - 12:30 pm

Lobby Hours:

Mon. - Sat. 7:30am - 6:30pm

Box mail available by 10:00am

## Craftsbury Common Post Office:

Closed until further notice.

## Craftsbury Recycling & Trash

[www.lrswmd.org](http://www.lrswmd.org) (price increase will be happening, check their Website)

Saturdays 9:00am—1:00pm

Trash cost:

45 gallon bag / \$6.00

30 gallon bag / \$4.00

15 gallon bag / \$2.00

Recycling cost:

15 gallon bag / \$1.00

## Craftsbury School Board Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the Month

@ Craftsbury Academy 6:00pm

(note: date/time may change)

## Craftsbury Select Board Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month

@ Craftsbury Town Hall 7:00pm

(note: date/time may change)

## 2019 Dedication

Growing up on the grounds of the US Military Academy at West Point, NY and listening to his dad's stories of life aboard a PT boat in the Pacific during WW II gave Dave Linck an early and enduring interest in military history.

He came to Craftsbury to begin his teaching career at Sterling School in 1969. In 1975, while teaching at Lyndon State College, he became a founding member of Herrick's Rangers, a Revolutionary War reenactment group which participated in parades, living history demonstrations and battle events throughout the northeastern US and Canada for the next 40 years. Dave returned to Craftsbury in the fall of 1976 to resume teaching at Sterling until his retirement in 2006.

In 1977 he became a charter member of the Craftsbury Historical Society which fueled his interest in the origin and growth of his adopted hometown. When Hannah Babcock donated the

"Wee Hoose" in her husband Everett's memory, the organization found a home. Society members, with help from skilled contractors, worked to make the renovations needed to create the current display space. Housing artifacts in the new museum gave Dave the opportunity to become very familiar with the scope and content of the collection. To commemorate Craftsbury's bicentennial in 1989 he edited a book of historical photographs, titled *A Craftsbury Album: Images of the Past*

Dave has generously shared aspects of Craftsbury history at CHS programs, during visits to the 4Cs and with numerous school groups and community members.

Requests for genealogical information would often send him to the town hall to find answers in the town's birth, death, marriage and property records. Dave has served as president, vice president and trustee of the Historical Society. On many summer Wednesday and Saturday mornings he may be found welcoming visitors to the Wee Hoose.

He is grateful to all those who made and kept records from the farms, businesses and schools that once occupied the town. Old diaries and letters (and more recently recorded interviews with a variety of citizens) give unique views of our social history.

Would you like to know what the weather was like on March 1, 1884? When was Old Home Day first celebrated? Where and when were skis manufactured in Craftsbury? Whose matrimonial plans were foiled by his not-to-be mother-in-law? Answers are waiting to be discovered in the Wee Hoose collection.

We are very fortunate to have someone take the effort and time to collect and log the history of this town, it is so important for future generations. We dedicate this year's book to let Dave know, how very much we appreciate all he has done.



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<u>Directors</u>	
	Term End
Harry Miller, Chair	2022
Jen Schoen, Vice Chair	2022
Mary-Lou Rylands-Isaacson	2020
Kasey Allen	2020
Anne Morse	2021
<u>Officers</u>	
Yvette Brown, District Clerk	
Yvette Brown, District Treasurer	

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts were audited by RHR Smith & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Full copies of the annual audit reports can be found at the OSSU website: <https://www.ossu.org/resources/data-reports>. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of one of the audit reports, you can call the OSSU Central Office at 802-472-6531 to have a copy mailed, or you can come view the report at the OSSU Central Office at 157 Daniels Road Hardwick VT.

## Auditors' Report

We, the Auditors for the Town of Craftsbury, have examined the accounts and records of the Town from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. We have found everything to be accurate and true.

Attest:

*Cheryl Bailey, Lisa Santamore, Amanda Cookson*

Contact us: e-mail address  
**craftsbury.town.auditors@gmail.com**

Craftsbury, Vermont

Chartered: August 23, 1781

Acreage: 25,984 acres Altitude: 904 feet

Registered Voters: 958 (as of 1/22/20)

### 5th Annual Craftsbury Town Meeting Day Food Drive 3/3/2020

To benefit : Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Inc

Please bring with you, non-perishable items to donate.

Boxes are just inside the gym doors to the right.

*161 pounds of food was  
collected last year!*

Thank you for your support!



### Pancake Breakfast

For the sixth consecutive year,

Sterling College is pleased to host a pancake breakfast in honor of the Craftsbury Fire Department and the Craftsbury Road Crew on Town Meeting Day, starting at 7:30 a.m. in Dunbar Dining Hall.

**This breakfast is free for residents.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Lunch

Snacks and lunch provided by the class of 2023. The money raised will support class activities including junior prom and a senior trip.

# TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY WARNING

## ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

THE VOTERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE  
 CRAFTSBURY ACADEMY GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY THE THIRD  
 DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2020 AT 11:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING  
 ARTICLES, TO WIT:

<b>Article 1</b>	To elect a Moderator for the Town and Town fire district.														
<b>Article 2</b>	To hear and act upon the Auditors' report.														
<b>Article 3</b>	To elect all other officers of the Town and Fire District: Select Board Member - 3yr. term (incumbent is Jim Jones) Collector of Taxes - 1yr. term (incumbent is Yvette Brown) Lister - 3yr. term (incumbent is Barbara Paterson) Auditor - 3yr. term (incumbent is Lisa Santamore) Town Agent -1yr. term (incumbent is David Rowell) Town Grand Juror - 1yr. term (incumbent is Carol Maroni) Cemetery Commissioner - 5yr. term (incumbent is Bruce Urie) Trustee of Public Funds - 3yr. term (incumbent is Rudy Chase) WWII Memorial Fund Trustee -3yr. term (incumbent is Bruce Urie)														
<b>Article 4</b>	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend \$35,000.00 from the existing "Good Neighbor Fund", to help off-set the road repairs caused by the Halloween storm.														
<b>Article 5</b>	To see how much money the Town will vote to build bridges and defray all other expenses of the town, and direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (See Select Board Report & Budget)														
<b>Article 6</b>	To see how much money the Town will vote for operation of the Town Fire Department. (See Fire Department Report)														
<b>Article 7</b>	To see if the Town will vote an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 to Purchase a new truck to be paid back in 5 yearly installments, plus Interest.														
<b>Article 8</b>	To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$12,000.00 for the Craftsbury Community Care Center.														
<b>Article 9</b>	To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$40,000.00 for the operation of the Craftsbury Public Library for the ensuing year.														
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<b>Article 14</b>	<b>To see if the Town will vote a sum of \$1,000.00 for Antiques and Uniques to celebrate it's 50th year. (new appropriation)</b>																												

Article 15	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend \$20,000.00 from the "2020 Good Neighbor Fund", contingent upon availability of funds, for Bridge 35 "The Village Bridge".
Article 16	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend \$6,000.00 from the "2020 Good Neighbor Fund", contingent upon availability of funds, for operations of Craftsbury Saplings.
Article 17	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to put \$10,000.00 from the "2020 Good Neighbor Fund", contingent upon availability of funds, into the Craftsbury Conservation Fund.
Article 18	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend \$600.00 from the "2020 Good Neighbor Fund", contingent upon availability of funds, to buy material and professional electrical labor to weatherize and help to make the Craftsbury Town Clerk's Office and the Town Hall more energy efficient.
Article 19	Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend \$4,000.00 from the "2020 Good Neighbor Fund", contingent upon availability of funds, for a project manager for the Craftsbury Trails Recreation Grant (VOREC).
Article 20	Shall the Town of Craftsbury enter into a Communications Union District (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. CH82.
Article 21	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to draw temporary loan orders for the purpose of expenditures for their respective departments in anticipation of taxes.
Article 22	To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.
Article 23	To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes on real property in three installments, with the due dates being July 15 <sup>th</sup> , September 15 <sup>th</sup> , and November 15 <sup>th</sup> (32 V.S.A.4871) and to collect interest on late and delinquent payments of one percent (1%) per month for the first three (3) months starting after December 1 <sup>st</sup> , and one and one-half percent (1 ½%) thereafter (32 V.S.A. 4873) with no discounts.
Article 24	To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Dated at Craftsbury, Vermont, January 21st, A.D., 2020**

**Select Board:**

**Bruce Urie   James Jones   Susan Houston**

**Craftsbury Town Clerk's Office received the foregoing Warning for record January 22 A.D., 2020 @ 10:00 am and duly recorded the same before posting.**

**Attest:   Yvette Brown  
Town Clerk**

## **CRAFTSBURY TOWN MEETING 3/5/19 - ABSTRACT OF MINUTES**

**Article 1.** Moderator – Jeannine Young was nominated, 1 vote was cast.

**Article 2.** Auditors' Report – Motion was approved.

**Article 3.** Town Clerk & Treasurer- (3 years) Yvette Brown  
Select Board Member – (3 year term) – Bruce Urie  
Collector of Taxes – (1 year term) – Yvette Brown  
Lister – (3 year term) – Tony Aiossa  
Auditor –( 3 year term) – Cheryl Bailey  
Town Agent – (1 year term) – David Rowell  
Town Grand Juror – (1 year term) – Carol Maroni  
Cemetery Commissioner – (5 year term) – James Jones  
Trustee of Public Funds – (3 year term) - Jeannine Young  
WWII Memorial Trustee – (3 year term) – Clyde Simmons

**Article 4.** Select Board Budget was \$757,100.0 of which \$458,306.19 be raised in taxes.  
Yes :115 No: 5 \*\*Carried

**Article 5.** Fire Dep't budget of \$50,900.00. Yes: 117– No: 5 \*\*carried

**Article 6.** Appropriation for local Committees of \$7,700.00 \*\* voice vote \*\*carried

**Article 7.** Appropriation of \$12,000.00 to Craftsbury Community Care Center.  
\*\*\*Voice Vote \*\*Carried

**Article 8.** Appropriation of \$40,000.00 to Craftsbury Public Library. Yes:115 – No: 10 \*\*carried

**Article 9.** To vote the appropriations of \$26,062.00 to the various non-profits.  
\*\*Yes: 107 – No: 9 \*\*carried

**Article 10.** “Good Neighbor Fund” for not more than \$3,000 for radar sign \*\* carried

**Article 11.** “Good Neighbor Fund” up to \$4,000.00 for Craftsbury Trails Grant \*\* carried

**Article 12.** “Good Neighbor Fund” up to \$6,000.00 Better Connections Grant \*\* carried

**Article 13.** “Good Neighbor Fund” up to \$5,000.00 for Lawyer fees to establish ownership of School and Trustee properties. \*\*carried

**Article 14.** “Good Neighbor Fund “ for Craftsbury Saplings \$6,000.00 \*\*carried

**Article 15.** Exempt the Masonic Hall from property taxes for 5 years \*\*carried

**Article 16.** Authorize Select Board to draw temporary loan orders in anticipation of taxes.  
\*\*\*Voice Vote Carried

**Article 17.** To have Taxes collected by Town Treasurer. \*\*\*Voice Vote Carried

**Article 18.** To have Taxes collected in installments. Jul.15/Sep.15/Nov.15 \*\*\*Voice Vote Carried

**Article 19.** To transact any other business.  
\*\*Old Home Day on second Saturday in August

**Meeting Adjourned @ 11:50am**

## Elected Craftsbury Town Officers

<b><u>Moderator:</u></b>		
Jeannine Young		2020
<b><u>Town Clerk:</u></b>		
Yvette Brown		2020
<b><u>Town Treasurer:</u></b>		
Yvette Brown		2020
<b><u>Select Board:</u></b>		
James Jones		2020
Susan Houston		2021
Bruce Urie		2022
<b><u>Collector of Taxes:</u></b>		
Yvette Brown		2020
<b><u>Listers:</u></b>		
Barbara Paterson		2020
Jim Whitby		2021
Anthony Aiossa		2022
<b><u>School Directors:</u></b>		
John Smith Jr.	(3yr Term)	2020
Kasey Allen	(3yr term)	2021
Mary Lou Isaacson	(2yr term)	2021
Harry Miller	(3yr term)	2022
Anne Morse	(2yr term)	2022
<b><u>Auditors:</u></b>		
Lisa Santamore		2020
Amanda Cookson		2021
Cheryl Bailey		2022

<b><u>Town Agent:</u></b>	
David Rowell	2020
<b><u>Town Grand Juror:</u></b>	
Carol Maroni	2020
<b><u>Trustee of Public Funds:</u></b>	
Rudy Chase	2020
Yvette Brown	2021
Jeannine Young	2022
<b><u>WWII Memorial Fund Trustees:</u></b>	
Bruce Urie	2020
Michael Martin	2021
Clyde Simmons	2022
<b><u>Supervisor Lamoille Solid Waste</u></b>	
Adrian Owens	2020
<b><u>Craftsbury Public Library Trustee:</u></b>	
Aliena Gerhard	2021
<b><u>Cemetery Commissioners:</u></b>	
Bruce Urie	2020
Mike Martin	2021
Lillian Fay Waterhouse	2022
Bob Davis	2023
James Jones	2024
<b>Justices Of the Peace</b>	
Hester Fuller	
David Rowell	
Timothy Fritz	
James Flint	
Yvette Brown	

## Appointed Craftsbury Town Officers

**Chair, Select Board:**

Bruce Urie

**Clerk, Select Board:**

Michelle Warren

**Town Service Officer:**

Yvette Brown

**Road Foreman:**

Steve Marckres

**Assistant Town Clerk:**

Betty Urie

**911 Coordinators:**

Bruce Urie

Cheryl Bailey

**Pound Keeper/Dog Warden:**

Emily Thompson

**Inspector of Lumber & Wood:**

James Moffatt

**Tree Warden:**

James Moffatt

**Assistant Tree Warden:**

Stuart LaPoint

**Health Officer:**

Tim Fritz

**War Memorial Committee:**

Everett Demeritt

Michael Morrison

Clyde Simmons Jr.

Harry Sweatt

Warren Williams

**Constable:**

Eric Britton

**Fire Warden:**

Andrew Marckres

**Fence Viewers:**

Chris Masse

Edmund Williams

James Jones

**Chair, Green Up:**

Sheila LaPoint

**NVDA:**

Farley Brown

Linda Wells

**VT Emergency Management Rep.:**

Bruce Urie

Rebeca Tatel

**Financial Advisory Group:**

Cheryl Crytzer

Marvin Brown

Tom Twetten

**Flood Plain Ordinance Administrator:**

Gordon Waterhouse

**Board of Civil Authority:**

5 Justices of the Peace

3 Select Board

Town Clerk

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2019**

“Whew”, would just about describe the past year for the select board. With everything from ATV “discussions” to major flooding damage and everything in between, it has been a busy year. The ATV issue started with a request from the Conservation Committee to attend a meeting to talk about ATV use in the Wild Branch River. In addition to the Committee, there were many local ATV riders present. This started a five-month process that entailed several meetings, discussions about what a side by side really is and why ATV owners wanted to be able to ride on town highways as well as why others did not want them on the roads of the Town. The board drafted an ordinance in early May that we felt had addressed almost all of the issues brought up at the meeting. After the ordinance was adopted, there was a petition presented to the board with a request for an Australian ballot to vote on the ordinance. The vote was held in August and the vote was to not adopt the ordinance. So much time was expended on the work we did originally, that there are no plans to work on further addressing the issue. Riders have generally just taken their chances by riding on the highways since there is no enforcement.

On a positive note we were very happy to support two new businesses in town by writing letters of support for the Whetstone Wellness and the new Blackbird Bistro. It is exciting to see the younger generation willing to take the steps to open new businesses. Congratulations to the Sedore Sisters and Lee Ann Kinsey and your staff.

We worked with some of the Good Neighbor Fund money to weatherize the town garage and make efforts for efficient lighting upgrades. A third radar sign was installed in East Craftsbury and we were able to install a backup generator at the town office which has been used a few times already. We met with the Craftsbury Community Care Center Board and are exploring the closeout of the grant the Town received for the construction of the Care Center. The State agency that funded the grant is working to close out the grants made to towns twenty-five years ago.

Your paving money was spent in new pavement on North Craftsbury Road from the turn to Mill Village Road to the bottom of the hill and a skim coat on the Bridge # 35 in the village. We have held meetings or heard presentations on Community Solar, hound hunting rules and citizen disputes in various places in town. All board members attended an individual’s meeting regarding the increasing of the select board to five members. We also co-sponsored a trash bulky day held at the Albany recycling center in October. At the urging of state officials, we adopted a conflict-of-interest policy which can be viewed at the town office. Our contract with Eligo Corporation for the gravel pit was reviewed and more of the pit will be opened up in the summer.

The big headache happened on the day after Halloween when we woke up to having Town Line Road, Collinsville Road, Hatch Brook Road, Paquette Road and the Wild Branch Roads gone or partially gone. The hole on the Wild Branch Road has cost us over \$60,000 so far and we still have a coat of tar to put down in the spring. Our road crew, Dwight Denton and a couple hired drivers and trucks did a fantastic job of getting the roads back to a state of where they could be used for passage. Work still will need to be done in the spring to bring them back to proper condition. We are hoping that FEMA funds will help cover some of the costs, but as of late January, we have not had any visits from the FEMA representatives. Meetings to start the process of re-imburements are being held in February. The repairs to this point are in the \$80,000 to \$ 90,000 range which has put our town in a deficit spending position. We are doing our best to find money to help deal with the deficit and as you will see, we hope to pull as much out of the Good Neighborhood fund as possible. We all are realizing that nature is starting to throw more of the extreme events at us as the climate changes.

Our other two “big ticket” items that we are facing are the replacement of one of the town trucks, one that we have used for twelve years, two years past replacement date. It is in need of replacement to keep up our trucks current and keep our roads plowed and repaired. Another item is the bridge in the Village, which is in the last few years of its life (it was built in 1939). Normally we are able to get State and Federal funds which can cover around 90 % of the costs to rebuild. A bridge inventory is maintained by the State and regional planning boards and our bridge sits in the 333rd slot with 10 to 12 bridges being funded annually. Thus our dilemma is how we fund a new bridge since State and Federal funds are many years away. We are hoping to use some of the FEMA funds to keep the bonding down to be able to build the bridge either this year or next depending on contractor bidding, but we will be looking at something in the \$300,000 range for the bridge after the State contribution. We presently have a State grant to cover the cost of East Engineering to do a bridge design and an estimated cost of construction. The design is pretty much complete and we are waiting for the estimated project cost. A bond vote for the bridge funding will be held either at town meeting or at a later time this summer.

We are working as hard as we can to keep costs in check, but with State mandates pushing our ditching work and bridges and with trucks getting more expensive each year, it is a major challenge. We all have to realize that the Good Neighbor Funds are only going to be available for maybe two more years. So all of the requests that groups make, that now come out of the so-called “free money”, will have to be budgeted out of town money raised by taxes in the future.

As always we would not have the reputation for excellent roads if it were not for the road crew that works in all kinds of weather and situations. The flood repair work that all involved pulled off in the couple of days following the flood was nothing short of phenomenal. All traffic could pass through the roads by nightfall on the day of the flood. We are really proud of all they accomplished in a 15 – 16 hour day. Thanks to all.

Our office and committees are all functioning well and getting valuable work done. We thank all the volunteers as well as the office staff for being there to get the work done. We are really lucky to have a great town, if we can just have Mother Nature’s disasters leave us alone.

Thanks to everybody that has supported the select board over the last year, we are working to make the best decisions possible and do realize that sometimes we just can’t reach that sweet spot for some. Let us know if you have concerns.

The Select Board



## Craftsbury Select Board Budget

Road Dep't Expenses	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed 2020
Salaries	\$ 134,564.00	\$ 133,613.24	\$ 136,900.00
Retirement/ Life Ins	\$ 5,993.00	\$ 6,100.42	\$ 7,875.00
Social Security & Medicare	\$ 10,294.00	\$ 10,221.42	\$ 10,500.00
Worker's Comp. Insurance	\$ 10,756.00	\$ 9,370.44	\$ 10,500.00
Health Insurance	\$ 57,118.00	\$ 57,118.20	\$ 55,177.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,797.09	\$ 7,000.00
Salt	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 55,565.45	\$ 62,500.00
Chloride	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 29,135.48	\$ 32,000.00
Fuel	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 37,540.83	\$ 38,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,764.59	\$ 60,000.00
Blacktop	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,882.30	\$ 60,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Insurance	\$ 19,177.00	\$ 17,158.76	\$ 18,300.00
Town Garage Utilities	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,578.97	\$ 9,000.00
Bridges	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Ditch Stone	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,258.13	\$ 4,000.00
Sand	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 33,595.50	\$ 30,000.00
Gravel	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 48,022.73	\$ 44,000.00
Contract Serv. & Equip. Rental	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,365.62	\$ 12,000.00
Culverts	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,840.10	\$ 6,000.00
Garage fire prevention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 224.95	\$ 500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,360.50	\$ 3,000.00
911 Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Roadside Mowing	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 7,000.00
Signs & Posts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,717.05	\$ 1,500.00
Class IV Roads	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 830.70	\$ 2,000.00
State of Vermont Permits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Total Road Dept. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 609,002.00</b>	<b>\$ 611,652.47</b>	<b>\$ 631,602.00</b>

## Craftsbury Select Board Budget

Select Board Budget Town Office Expenses	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed 2020
Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 37,792.00	\$ 37,772.80	\$ 38,720.00
Retirement	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 2,081.24	\$ 2,100.00
Ass't. Clerk	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,929.60	\$ 18,000.00
Select Board Clerk	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,000.00
Auditors	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,554.50	\$ 3,000.00
Listers	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,910.00	\$ 5,000.00
Select Board	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 500.00	\$ 312.50	\$ 1,200.00
Health Insurance & Medicare	\$ 15,542.00	\$ 14,918.60	\$ 14,000.00
Social Security	\$ 4,574.00	\$ 5,346.37	\$ 6,000.00
Parcel Map Update	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 500.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 11,436.87	\$ 14,000.00
Utilities (Hall & Office)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,443.34	\$ 14,000.00
Worker's Comp.	\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00
Assessments	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,581.65	\$ 24,000.00
Interest (Line of Credit)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,000.00
Office Misc.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,151.78	\$ 2,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Legal Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Committees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 758.59	\$ 1,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 448.65	\$ 1,500.00
Fire Protection		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Street Lights		\$ 2,152.00	\$ 2,100.00
Beach		\$ 405.00	\$ 450.00
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>\$ 148,098.00</b>	<b>\$ 142,378.49</b>	<b>\$ 161,930.00</b>
<b>Total Road Dept.</b>	<b>\$ 609,002.00</b>	<b>\$ 611,652.47</b>	<b>\$ 631,602.00</b>
<b>Total Town Office &amp; Road</b>	<b>\$ 757,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 754,030.96</b>	<b>\$ 793,532.00</b>

## Craftsbury Town Expenses

Expenses Paid —- Not in Budget	Actual 2019
Town Garage Energy Efficient Article 13 voted in 2017	\$ 6,439.26
Fire Department Expenses (see breakdown)	\$ 55,456.53
Town Appropriations (article 6 voted)	\$ 7,680.04
CCCC Appropriation (article 7 voted)	\$ 12,000.00
Library Voted (article 8 voted)	\$ 40,000.00
Appropriations (article 9 voted)	\$ 26,062.00
Road Sign ( Article 10 voted)	\$ 2,940.50
Craftsbury Saplings (article 14 voted)	\$ 6,000.00
Generator	\$ 8,713.50
Delinquent Taxes to School	\$ 13,183.26
Adjustment for Prior Year Taxes	\$ 36,260.22
Yvette Brown (Tax Collector Fees)	\$ 14,994.08
Loan Repayments (see indebtedness)	\$ 101,201.50
LOC Loan	\$ 135,000.00
Loan Interest	\$ 6,591.04
Recreation Expenses	\$ 2,607.03
Logging Expense	\$ 250.00
Dog Expenses	\$ 1,631.02
Road Repairs	\$ 38,742.68
FEMA Expenses	\$ 62,414.39
Town Grant	\$ 224.95
Broadband Grant	\$ 17,885.28
Antiques & Uniques	\$ 15,769.11
Broadband and Fiber Optics	\$ 1,904.52
Misc. & Transfers back to Reappraisal, Recreation	\$ 8,357.03
Reimbursements	\$ 621.48
Subtotal	\$ 622,929.42
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,376,960.38</b>

Income	Budget 2019	Proposed 2020
Balance Carried Forward	\$ 59,793.81	\$ (78,035.22)
State Aid (Highway)	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 141,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Current Use	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 94,000.00
Good Neighbor	\$	\$ 35,000.00
Town Tax	\$ 458,306.19	\$ 586,567.22
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>\$ 757,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 793,532.00</b>

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Beginning Cash Balance January 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 59,793.81</b>
Fire Dept carry over	\$ 13,920.99
Bank Interest	\$ 591.55
General Taxes	\$ 464,931.32
LOC Loans	\$ 135,000.00
Fire Department Taxes	\$ 50,900.00
Fire Dept. Misc. Income	\$ 1,295.00
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 199,984.11
Interest on Taxes	\$ 10,406.73
Tax Collector's Fee	\$ 15,325.96
State of Vermont - Highway	\$ 141,260.92
State of Vermont misc.	\$ 6,605.84
Reappraisal	\$ 6,749.00
Dog Fees	\$ 2,475.00
Beverage License Fees	\$ 325.00
Copy/Vault Fees	\$ 1,933.96
Recording Fees	\$ 10,942.80
Weight Permit Fees / Flood Permit Fees	\$ 220.00
West Hill Rd Grant	\$ 13,600.00
Better Back Road Grant	\$ 16,244.36
Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 94,291.00
School Reimbursements Town Report	\$ 925.54
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	\$ 7,319.93
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,117.27
Antiques & Uniques	\$ 15,255.20
Recreation	\$ 3,343.14
Broadband Grant	\$ 10,437.02
Good Neighbor	\$ 19,736.51
Beach	\$ 652.66
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,869.82</b>
Total Funds Available	<b>\$ 1,309,584.62</b>
Less Select Board Expenses	<b>\$ (1,376,960.38)</b>
Less Fire Department carryover	\$ (10,659.46)
<b>Cash Balance as of Dec 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ (78,035.22)</b>

## TOWN SALARIES, ASSESSMENTS

Yvette Brown, Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 37,772.80
Yvette Brown, Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 14,994.08
Cheryl Bailey, Clerk Aide	\$ 1,924.25
Elizabeth Urie, Assistant Clerk	\$ 6,949.25
Lisa Santamore, Clerk Aide	\$ 56.10
Barbara Paterson, Lister	\$ 2,951.00
Anthony Aiossa, Lister	\$ 0.00
James Whitby, Lister	\$ 1,209.00
Tyler Buswell, Lister Asst.	\$ 750.00
Lisa Santamore, Auditor	\$ 1,066.00
Cheryl Bailey, Auditor	\$ 1,423.50
Amanda Cookson, Auditor	\$ 65.00
Steven Marckres, Road Department	\$ 50,514.83
Kent Young, Road Department	\$ 42,878.56
Steven Perkins, Road Department	\$ 40,219.85
Michelle Warren, Select Board Clerk	\$ 945.00
Susan Houston, Select Board	\$ 1,000.00
Bruce Urie, Select Board	\$ 1,000.00
James Jones, Select Board	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 206,719.22</b>
<b>ASSESSMENTS:</b>	
County Clerk, County Tax	\$ 20,274.65
VT League of Cities & Towns	\$ 2,467.00
VLCT Insurance	\$ 840.00
<b>Total Assessments:</b>	<b>\$ 23,581.65</b>

**TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY**  
*Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2019*

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Checking Account (Town & Fire Department)	\$ (78,035.22)
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,199.34
Appraisal Account CD	\$ 17,241.01
Appraisal Account	\$ 29,832.36
Beach-Merchants	\$ 0.00
Curtain Account	\$ 8,218.95
Dustan-Preservation Account	\$ 417,040.48
Hatch-Webster-Logging Account	\$ 2,123.84
Logging CD	\$ 16,986.87
Solid Waste Management	\$ 3,035.90
Trustee of Public Funds	\$ 4,599.14
Good Neighbor Fund	\$ 45,688.83
Antiques & Uniques	\$ 4,181.90
Craftsbury Recreation	\$ 6,753.58
Community Bond	\$ 50.00
<b>Total of Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 479,916.98</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 165,188.16
<b>TOTAL RECIEVABLES</b>	<b>\$ 165,188.16</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 645,105.14</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Craftsbury School Delinquent Taxes	\$ 33,465.91
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
2019 Town Truck	\$ 76,843.76
Fire Dept. Tanker	\$ 94,741.24
2017 Town Truck	\$ 31,282.04
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 236,332.95</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 408,772.19
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 645,105.14</b>

<p>Town of Craftsbury Statement of Taxes Raised</p>
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<b>Tax Money Voted:</b>	
Exempt Buildings (school portion) + Veteran Exemptions	\$ 4,117.69
General Fund	\$ 458,306.19
Appropriations	\$ 33,762.00
Fire Department	\$ 50,900.00
Loans: New Truck / Grader / Loader / Fire Truck	\$ 110,492.54
Public Library	\$ 40,000.00
Town School District	\$ 1,833,465.91
Craftsbury Community Care Center	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Tax Money Voted</b>	<b>\$ 2,543,044.33</b>

<b>Total Billed:</b>	\$ 2,918,954.86
Plus Tax on State Land	\$ _____
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>\$ 2,918,954.86</b>

<b>Taxes Billed By Department:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 1,034,588.95
Fire Department	\$ 50,900.00
School District	\$ 1,833,465.91
<b>Total Taxes Assessed &amp; Billed</b>	<b>\$ 2,918,954.86</b>

<b>Collections By Departments:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 313,604.41
Education Reimbursement	\$ 421,318.70
Current Use Received	\$ 94,291.00
Fire Department	\$ 50,900.00
School District	\$ 1,833,465.91
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 205,374.84
<b>Total Collections By Department</b>	<b>\$ 2,918,954.86</b>

## STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Notes Payable	Ma-turity Date	Balance Jan 1, 2019	Borrowed	Interest Rate	Interest Paid 2019	Principal Paid 2019	Balance Dec 31, 2019
2016 Truck	2020	\$ 62,126.19		2.0%	\$ 1,246.10	\$ 30,844.15	\$ 31,282.04
FD Truck	2021	\$ 140,723.21		2.0%	\$ 2,814.46	\$ 45,981.97	\$ 94,741.24
2019 Truck	2022	\$ 101,219.14		2.5%	\$ 2,530.48	\$ 24,375.38	\$ 76,843.76
LOC	2019	\$ 0.00	\$ 135,000.00	2.0%	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$304,068.54</b>	<b>\$ 135,000.00</b>		<b>\$9,291.04</b>	<b>\$ 236,201.50</b>	<b>\$ 202,867.04</b>

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Tax Year	Balance 01/01/2019	Abated	To Collector	Collected 2019	Balance 12/31/2019
2014	\$ 1,301.95			\$ 538.32	\$ 763.63
2015	\$ 980.00			\$ 111.37	\$ 868.63
2016	\$ 20,422.58			\$ 9,989.42	\$ 10,433.16
2017	\$ 29,038.31			\$ 17,614.75	\$ 11,423.56
2018	\$ 108,054.59			\$ 79,057.08	\$ 28,997.51
2019			\$ 205,374.84	\$ 92,673.17	\$ 112,701.67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 159,797.43</b>		<b>\$ 205,374.84</b>	<b>\$ 199,984.11</b>	<b>\$ 165,188.16</b>

## CRAFTSBURY TOWN ASSETS

	Acquired	Replacement Date	Original Cost
Heavy Trailer	2007	-	\$ 4,000.00
2007 International Truck 10 wheeler	2006	2016	\$ 130,000.00
2012 Grader	2012	2022	\$ 200,000.00
Culvert Thawer	2013	-	\$ 7, 300.00
2012 John Deere Loader	2014	2024	\$ 128,244.00
Solar Tracker	2014	-	\$ 30,000.00
2006 Chevy Silverado 2500	2016	2024	\$ 12,043.00
2017 International 7600 Dump Truck	2016	2026	\$ 142,335.79
2019 International 7600 w/body & plow	2018	2028	\$ 178,371.00

## ADDITIONAL TOWN ACCOUNTS

<b>REAPPRAISAL INVESTMENT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 23,071.89
Plus: Interest	\$ 11.47
Transfer to reappraisal	<u>\$ 6,749.00</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 29,832.36</b>

<b>REAPPRAISAL CD ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 17,198.08
Plus: Interest	<u>\$ 42.93</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 17,241.01</b>

<b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 3,034.38
Plus: Interest	<u>\$ 1.52</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 3,035.90</b>

<b>TOWN LOGGING ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 2,373.60
Plus: Interest	\$ .24
Withdrawn	<u>\$ (250.00)</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 2,123.84</b>

<b>TOWN LOGGING CD ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 16,944.46
Plus: Interest	<u>\$ 42.41</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 16,986.87</b>

<b>AUGUSTA DUSTAN PRESERVATION FUND</b>	
Money Market Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 251,287.76
Loans Borrowed /Withdrawn	\$ (135,000.00)
Payments on Loans	\$ 236,201.50
Interest paid on loans / Interest & dividends	\$ 15,981.92
Reimburse General Acct. for 1/2 generator	\$ (4,356.75)
Reinvested	<u>\$ (1,175.55)</u>
<b>Money Market Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 362,938.88</b>
Bonds	\$ 24,286.52
Mutual Funds	<u>\$ 29,815.08</u>
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$ 417,040.48</b>

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 383.00
Transferred to Other Conservation / See Conservation Report	<u>\$ (383.00)</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## Town Accounts Continued

<b>STAGE CURTAIN ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 8,198.71
Plus: Interest	\$ 20.24
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 8,218.95</b>
<b>CRAFTSBURY WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND</b>	
Balance 01/01/2019	\$ 21,284.31
Income Earned	\$ 1,931.41
Withdrawn	\$ ( 175.00)
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 23,040.72</b>
<b>BEACH ACCOUNT</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 667.66
Service Charges	\$ (15.00)
Closed Account	\$ (652.66)
<b>Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>ANTIQUES AND UNIQUES</b>	
Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 4,694.33
Income	\$ 15,255.20
Plus: Interest	\$ 1.48
Less: Expenses	\$ (13,695.61)
Total given to local organizations	\$ (2,073.50)
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 4,181.90</b>
<b>REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	
Cemetery Trust Funds (Principal as of 1/1/19)	\$ 840.00
Interest earned prior to 1/1/16	\$ 3,747.66
Interest Earned in 2019	\$ 11.48
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 4,599.14</b>
<b>GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND Balance 1/1/2019</b>	
2018 correction	\$ (3.00)
Deposit	\$ 28,703.19
Plus: Interest	\$ 20.62
Less: Withdrawals	\$ (13,297.25)
2017 Voted Article #13; spent	\$ ( 6,439.26)
Article 13 money held - add back in	\$ 15,878.35
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 45,688.83</b>

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI
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TAXABLE PARCELS	760		
ACRES	23,508.80		
LAND	57,817,100		
BUILDING	96,882,400		
REAL	154,699,500	76,105,800	78,593,700
Add			
(+) NON-APPROVED CONTRACTS		0	39,200
(+) NON-APPROVED FARM CONTRACTS		0	0
(+) INVENTORY	0		
(+) EQUIPMENT	0		0
Subtract			
(-) VETERAN	280,000	240,000	40,000
(-) FARM STAB	0	0	0
(-) CURRENT USE	17,051,533	4,632,724	12,418,809
(-) CONTRACTS	39,200	0	39,200
(-) SPECIAL EXEMP.		0	269,300
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GRAND LIST	1,373,287.67	712,330.76	658,655.91
HOMESTEAD	98,088,500		
HOUSESITE	82,832,500		
LEASE	0.00		
NON-TAX COUNT	29		
NON-TAX VAL.	2,830,300		
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY:			4,212.59
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RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST	= TOTAL RAISED
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NON-RESIDENTIAL ED.	1.5383	658,263.91	1,012,607.45
HOMESTEAD ED.	1.6678	712,330.76	1,188,025.23
LOCAL EXEMPTS	0.0030	1,373,287.67	4,120.35
TOWN LOANS	0.0430	1,373,287.67	59,051.85
FD LOANS	0.0360	1,373,287.67	49,438.38
LIBRARY	0.0300	1,373,287.67	41,198.62
CCCC	0.0100	1,373,287.67	13,732.84
APPROPRIATIONS	0.0260	1,373,287.67	35,705.54
FIRE DEPARTMENT	0.0370	1,373,287.67	50,811.99
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	0.3350	1,373,287.67	460,050.02
TOTAL TAX			2,918,954.86
TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS			421,318.70
MUNICIPAL PAYMENTS			23,560.00
EDUCATION PAYMENTS			397,758.70

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Craftsbury 2019 Billed Grand List  
Form 411 - (Town code: 168)  
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	193	34,548,000	22,318,600	12,229,400	34,548,000
Residential II R2	228	56,941,600	40,211,400	16,730,200	56,941,600
Mobile Homes-U MHU	13	507,900	431,000	76,900	507,900
Mobile Homes-L MHL	32	3,121,400	2,402,500	718,900	3,121,400
Seasonal I S1	51	8,484,300	1,206,500	7,277,800	8,484,300
Seasonal II S2	56	12,222,200	1,717,900	10,504,300	12,222,200
Commercial C	14	8,630,000	0	8,630,000	8,630,000
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	1	285,700	285,700	0	285,700
Utilities-E UE	6	3,158,900	0	3,158,900	3,158,900
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	26	11,614,200	4,936,300	6,677,900	11,614,200
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	29	3,243,600	77,000	3,166,600	3,243,600
Miscellaneous M	108	11,941,700	2,518,900	9,422,800	11,941,700
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>154,699,500</b>	<b>76,105,800</b>	<b>78,593,700</b>	<b>154,699,500</b>
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>154,699,500</b>	<b>76,105,800</b>	<b>78,593,700</b>	<b>154,699,500</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	7/7	70,000	60,000	10,000	70,000
Veterans >10K		210,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>280,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	1/1	39,200			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>39,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	141/141	17,051,533	4,632,724	12,418,809	17,051,533
Special Exemptions	4		0	269,300	269,300
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>17,370,733</b>	<b>4,692,724</b>	<b>12,698,109</b>	<b>17,390,833</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>17,370,733</b>	<b>4,692,724</b>	<b>12,698,109</b>	<b>17,390,833</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>1,373,287.67</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>714,130.76</b>	<b>658,955.91</b>	<b>1,373,086.67</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>					
29 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

Vermont Department of Taxes

NOTICE of  
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2020

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY

Prepared: July 12, 2019

**NON-HOMESTEAD TAX RATE**

Non-Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.5383

**HOMESTEAD TAX RATE**

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.6678

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations will be available on the Department of Taxes website at:

*<http://www.tax.vermont.gov>*

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-homestead rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.

32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

**ORIGINAL:** Chair Selectboard / City Council

**COPY:** Town / City Treasurer

**FY2020 Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality, Phase I**  
Based on PRELIMINARY Education Grand Lists sent to PV&R as of 11-Sep-19

District: **Craftsbury**  
s.u.: Orleans Southwest SU

LEA ID: **T055**  
County: Orleans

**FY2020 Education Spending Summary**

	Local	
1. Total Education Grant Owed to the School Districts	2,970,233	-
4. Percent of equalized pupils at school district(s) from Craftsbury	100%	0.00%
5. Education spending Craftsbury is responsible for	-	-

	Reference	Municipal Treasury	School District Treasury	State Treasury
6. Homestead Education Tax				
6. Homestead Education Grand List	711,032.76			
7. Homestead tax rate (base rate is \$1.00, adjusted by district spending per pupil and CLA)	1.6678			
8. Homestead education property tax liability	1,185,860.00			
<i>Homestead EGL x Homestead tax rate</i>				
9. Total tax credit for tax bills	382,865.91			
10. Municipal portion of tax credit	21,184.00			
11. Education portion of homestead tax credit	361,781.91			
12.				
13. Amount raised on homestead properties	824,078.09			
14. 0.225 of 1.0% of homestead liability retained by municipality	1,854.18			
15. Net homestead education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund	822,223.91			
16. Local amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	100.00%		822,223.91	
17.			-	
18.			-	
19. Homestead education tax liability to the State Treasury				-
20. Subtotals	824,078.09	1,854.18	822,223.91	-
<b>Non-Residential Education Tax</b>				
21. Non-Residential education grand list	658,858.41			
22. Non-Residential tax rate (base rate is \$1.594, adjusted by the CLA)	1.5383			
23. Non-residential education liability	1,013,522.00			
24.				
25. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties	1,013,522.00			
26. 0.225 of 1.0% of non-residential liability retained by municipality	2,280.00			
27. Net non-residential education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund	1,011,242.00			
28. Local amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	100.00%		1,011,242.00	
29.			-	
30.			-	
31. Non-residential education liability to the State Treasury				-
32. Subtotals	1,013,522.00	2,280.00	1,011,242.00	-
33. Totals	1,837,600.09	4,134.18	1,833,465.91	-

**FY2020 Municipality Payment Schedule TO the State Treasury**  
(Homestead payments are based on line 20, non-residential payments on line 32)

	September 10, 2019	December 1, 2019	December 10, 2019	April 30, 2020	June 1, 2020
Homestead taxes		0.00			0.00
Non-residential taxes		0.00			0.00

A. Payments to the School District by the Town Treasurer		School District Subtotals	
16 V.S.A. §§ 426(a)(b); 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(a)			
34. Homestead taxes to the local school district	line 14	822,223.91	
35. Non-residential taxes to the local school district	line 26	1,011,242.00	
			1,833,465.91
36.	line 15	-	
37.	line 27	-	
38.	line 16	-	
39.	line 28	-	
40. Act 144 local construction property tax sent to the school district by Craftsbury		-	
41. Total education tax dollars sent to the school district by Craftsbury	Total	1,833,465.91	

If you have any questions about these data, please contact Julie Robinson at 479-1022.  
If she cannot be reached, contact Brad James at 479-1043.

**FY2020 Education Funding Cash Flow for School District, Phase I**  
**Based on PRELIMINARY Education Grand Lists sent to PV&R as of 11-Sep-19**

District: **Craftsbury**  
 s.u.: **Orleans Southwest SU**

LEA ID: **T055**  
 County: **Orleans**

**Summary Data**

			Rev Codes	
1. Budgeted expenditures as reported by School District		3,972,421		1.
2. Capital costs excluded from local education spending	Act 144, amended by Act 150 of the 2002 Legislative session	-		2.
3. Revenues dedicated to excluded capital costs		-		3.
4. Netted capital costs to be raised by local construction tax	line 2 - line 3	-		4.
5. Net budgeted expenditures, less eligible Act 144 costs	line 1 - line 2	3,972,421		5.
6. Net Budgeted local revenues as reported by School District (less Act 144 revenues)		1,137,643		6.
7. Preliminary education spending	line 5 - line 6	2,834,778		7.
8. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	Sec. 23(a), Act 60, 1997 amended by Sec. 99(a), Act 71, 1998	-		8.
9. Education Spending	line 7 - line 8, 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6)	2,834,778		9.
10. 87% of base education payment to tech center paid by the State for the district	16 V.S.A. § 1561(d)	22,738	3114	10.
11. Adjusted Education Spending	line 9 - line 10	2,812,040		11.

**School District Cash Flow**

**Categorical Grants**

		Required Funding		
12. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	Sec. 23(a), Act 60, 1997 amended by Sec. 99(a), Act 71, 1998	-		12.
13. Small schools support grant	16 V.S.A. § 4015(b)	158,193		13.
14. Small schools financial stability grant	16 V.S.A. § 4015(c)	repealed		14.
15. Transportation aid	16 V.S.A. § 4016(a)	na		15.
16. Extraordinary transportation aid	16 V.S.A. § 4016(b)	na		16.
17. Subtotal of categorical grants		158,193		17.
18. Adjusted Education Spending plus categorical grants	line 11 + line 17	2,970,233		18.
20. Total education grant from the Ed Fund owed to the School District	Line 18 - Line 19	2,970,233		20.

**Education Fund sources**

		Reference	Sources	
21. Payment to school district by town on behalf of State from homestead education taxes	Page 1, line 16		822,223.91	21.
22. Balance of education spending after homestead taxes	line 20 - line 21	2,148,009.09		22.
23. Payment to school district by town on behalf of State from non-residential education taxes	Page 1, line 28		1,011,242.00	23.
24. Balance of education spending after non-residential taxes	line 22 - line 23	1,136,767.09		24.
25. Subtotal of education property taxes	line 21 + line 23		1,833,465.91	25.
26. Additional funding required from the Education Fund, including categorical grants	16 V.S.A. § 4028(a)		1,136,767.09	26.
27. Total of funding sources	lines 25 + 26		2,970,233	27.

**Revenue Codes**

		Coding		
28. Adjusted education grant owed the school district by the Ed Fund	line 11	2,812,040	3110	28.
29. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	line 12	-	3160	29.
30. Small schools support grant	line 13	158,193	3145	30.
31. Small schools financial stability grant	line 14	repealed	3146	31.
32. Transportation aid	line 15	na	3150	32.
33. Extraordinary transportation aid	line 16	na	3152	33.
35. Subtotal of funding sources		2,970,233		35.

**Summary of School District Cash Flow**

36. Total funds required by school district	line 20	2,970,233		36.
37. Total funding from the Education Fund	line 35		2,970,233	37.
38. net Act 144 funds required by school district		-		38.
39. net Act 144 tax dollars from municipality			-	39.
40. Total of funding sources		2,970,233	2,970,233	40.

**FY2020 School District Net Payment Schedule FROM the State Treasury**  
 (based on line 26)

	September 10, 2019	December 1, 2019	December 10, 2019	April 30, 2020	June 1, 2020
Receipts from the Ed Fund	378,923.00		378,923.00	378,921.09	

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**FY2020 Education Funding Summary, Phase I**  
Based on Budget Submitted by School Districts as of 11-Sep-19

District: **Craftsbury**  
s.u.: Orleans Southwest SU

LEA ID: **T055**  
County: Orleans

**Calculation of Homestead Tax Rate**

The FY2020 Homestead tax rate is based on the local school district budget and each union district budget of which it may be a member. A rate is calculated for each budget and pro-rated, based on the number of equalized pupils that belong to each district (Local & Union) from the municipality. The pro-rated tax rates are divided by the CLA and summed to determine the municipality's homestead education tax rate. (Line 10)

	Local School District
1 Education spending per equalized pupil	-
2 Net offsets per equalized pupil for excess spending calculation	-
3 Amount per equalized pupil over excess spending threshold, if any	-
4 Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess spending for tax rate	-
5 District spending as a percent of base spending amount	0.000%
6 District equalized tax rate (line 5 x base rate of \$1)	-
7 Percent of equalized pupils from Craftsbury at school district(s)	100.00%
8 Equalized tax rate from school district (line 6 x line 7)	0.7913
9 Actual tax rate from the school district (line 8 / CLA)	0.00%
10 Actual homestead tax rate on municipal tax bills	1.6678

**Calculation of Education Tax Dollars**

	Homestead	Non-Residential
11 Education grand list	711,032.76	658,858.41
12 Education tax rate	1.6678	1.5383
13 Education tax liability	1,185,860.00	1,013,522.00
14 Homestead education tax credit	361,781.91	-
15 Prior year education tax credit, if applicable	-	-
16 Education property taxes raised	824,078.09	1,013,522.00
17 Education property taxes retained by town (0.225 of 1.0%)	1,854.18	2,280.00
18 Education property taxes available for education spending & Education Fund	822,223.91	1,011,242.00

**Calculation of the Distribution of Education Fund Taxes**

This section distributes the education taxes raised by the municipality to the municipality's school district(s). The education taxes are apportioned by the equalized pupil ratios for the municipality (line 19). The municipality's equalized pupils at a union(s) as a percent of the union total is used for calculating the amount the municipality owes to the union school district (lines 23 & 24).

	Local School District
19 Municipal equalized pupil ratios	100.00%
20 Homestead education taxes for education spending & Education Fund <small>line 19 x line 18</small>	822,223.91
21 Non-Residential education taxes for education spending & Education Fund <small>line 19 x line 18</small>	1,011,242.00
22 Subtotal: Total education property taxes available for education spending & Education Fund	1,833,465.91
23 Craftsbury's equalized pupils at union(s) as a percent of union total	-
24 Total amounts owed local and union school districts from Education Fund	2,970,233.00
25 Craftsbury's share of education spending	2,970,233.00
26 Municipal homestead tax transfers to school districts	822,223.91
27 Municipal non-residential tax transfers to school districts	1,011,242.00
28 Additional funds paid to the school district by the State from the Education Fund	1,136,767.09
29 Amount of homestead education taxes municipality owes Education Fund	-
30 Amount of non-residential education taxes municipality owes Education Fund	-
31 Net amount owed to Education Fund	-

Estimated payments to:		
Number of education property tax due dates	Education tax source	Local School District
1	Homestead	822,223.91
	Non-Residential	1,011,242.00
2	Homestead	411,111.96
	Non-Residential	505,621.00
3	Homestead	274,074.64
	Non-Residential	337,080.67
4	Homestead	205,555.98
	Non-Residential	252,810.50

## Craftsbury Dog License Report

Dog Warden: Emily Thompson 586-9090

All dogs/wolf hybrids 6 months or older shall be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> and must have a valid rabies vaccination certificate. The rabies certificate is good for three years. For puppies under 6 months certificate is only good for 1 year. A 50% penalty will be charged for dogs licensed after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Females: \$13.00 Males: \$13.00**  
**Spayed Females: \$ 9.00 Neutered Males: \$ 9.00**

\*The above figures include a \$1 fee per dog charged by the state for the purpose of a rabies control program. Also a \$4 spaying & neutering fee surcharge that goes to the state.

Note: \*\*\*NO Rabies Clinic @ Town Hall\*\*\*

\*\*\*The Rabies Clinic at Hardwick Veterinary Clinic (64 N. Main St) will take walk-ins during 3 Saturdays in March: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 from 8:30 -10:00 for \$20.00.

\*\*\*Rabies shot only first come first serve

The State of Vermont continues to recommend that all dogs and cats be vaccinated again this year, due to the increased number of confirmed cases of rabies. If your pet's rabies certificate is current, you may mail in the fee and a certificate and the tag will be returned to you.

LICENSE DESCRIPTION	# LICENSES	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Regular Licenses:</b>			
Female Dogs (not spayed)	12	\$ 13.00	\$ 156.00
Female Dogs (spayed)	96	\$ 9.00	\$ 864.00
Male Dogs (not neutered)	9	\$ 13.00	\$ 117.00
Male Dogs (neutered)	108	\$ 9.00	\$ 972.00
<b>Kennel Licenses</b>			
Male & Female Dogs	0	0	0
<b>Late Fee Licenses:</b>			
Female Dogs (not spayed)	3	\$ 19.50	\$ 58.50
Female Dogs (spayed)	9	\$ 13.50	\$ 121.50
Male Dogs (not neutered)	4	\$ 19.50	\$ 78.00
Male Dogs (neutered)	8	\$ 13.50	\$ 108.00
Lost Tag Fee	0	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Fees Collected:</b>			\$ 2,475.00
<b>Less Fees Paid to State</b>	249	\$ 5.00	\$ (1,245.00 )
<b>Total Fees to the Town</b>			<b>\$ 1,230.00</b>

## Craftsbury Fire Department Report

2019 Request for service:

Fires: Structure (7) Other Material (1) Chimney Fire (1) Vehicle (1) Grass/Powerline(2)

Motor Vehicle Accidents (4)

Propane Smell In Residence (2)

Smoke Alarm Activations: Alarm Malfunction (10) With Cause (4)

First Responder (Medical) (56)

Total Calls (88)

The department has purchased 9 new SCBA bottles and we have taken the opportunity to upgrade to a larger size. We will be purchasing a similar amount this year in our efforts to keep equipment up to date and compliant.

We currently have 24 hydrants in town. We have plans to update and standardize the hydrant heads in the next couple years, changing them all over to 6" female fittings. As always, let us know if you will be building a pond. It is much easier to install a hydrant as part of the process as opposed to after.

The department would like to expand its use of the KNOX Box system. A KNOX Box is a small key safe mounted to the exterior of your building. It allows the Fire department secure access to your building. We currently have them installed at the school and the care center. Any Interested homeowners or business owners should see us for more info.

We are seeking a small increase in our budget. This increase is prompted by actual expenditures of truck maintenance. Two of our trucks are 25 years old and we intend to keep them in serviceable condition with scheduled replacement in mind.

Our roster appears robust, however, we are very understaffed during daytime hours. If you have any interest in joining the department please come check us out.

Officers: Chief: Eric Britton Assistant Chiefs: Jeremiah McCann, Steve Perkins

Captains: Robert Hoyt, Kiel Britton

Lieutenants: Logan Masse, Adam Allen, Andrew Marckres

President: Bruce Urie

Secretary/Treasurer: Thomasina Jacobs

Safety Officer: Chris Masse

## Craftsbury Fire Department Auxiliary

We lost a dear member of our CFD Auxiliary family this year. Laura Britton will forever be in our hearts as we move forward with the adventures each year brings our team. She selflessly gave what she could of her energy and time. She was eager to help out ironing uniforms to be sure our department looked their best. She had an important job to do and was one of the few allowed to 'step over the line' (LOL!) to keep the fries coming at Old Home Day. We will miss her warm and giving spirit, her beautiful dimpled smile and gentle inviting presence. CFD Auxiliary kept busy this summer supporting the efforts of the Craftsbury Fire Department. We gave our time for fundraising events and support of the community during the Annual Chicken BBQ, Antiques and Uniques, and Old Home Day. During the colder months we provided potluck meals at the CFD business meetings and during Ice Water Rescue training. It's truly wonderful for us to see firsthand the hard work and effort our Craftsbury Fire Department puts into training to keep our community safe and supported. We're proud to be a part of this family.



Fire Dept. Training Events and Hours

	1/10/19 Truck Operations	2/4/19 CPR/AED	2/16/19 Ice Water Rescue	3/21/19 MAST Straps	4/13-14/19 Regional Fire School	4/25/19 Wildland Fire and Portable Pumps	5/9/19 & 5/16/19 Dry Hydrant	6/20/19 Air Pak	7/18/19 Dry Hydrant Repair	8/3/19 Hose Testing	8/29/2019 Handlines and Deck Gun	9/12/19 & 9/19/19 Vehicle Extrication & Stabilization	11/14/19 Vehicle Stabilization	11/21/19 Chimney Fire Response	12/12/19 SCBA	12/19/19 SCBA Search and Rescue	Total Individual Training Hours
Eric Britton	2	3	6	2	16	2		2		4	Eric Britton	2		2		2	45
Jeremiah McCann	2	3	6	2	16	2	4	2			Jeremiah McCann		2		2	3	44
Steve Perkins	2	3	6		16	2	2	2	2	4	Steve Perkins	2	4	2	2	3	50
Robert Hoyt	2	3	6	2	8	2	4	2	2	4	Robert Hoyt	2	4	2	2	3	48
Kiel Britton	2	3	6	2	8	2	4	2		4	Kiel Britton	2	4	2		3	46
Adam Allen	2	3	6		8		2	2			Adam Allen	2					25
Logan Masse	2	3	6			2	2	2	2		Logan Masse	2	2	2		3	26
Andrew Marckres	2	3	6		8	2	2	2	2		Andrew Marckres	2	2	2			33
Chris Masse	2	3	6		2	2	4	2	2		Chris Masse	2					23
Bruce Urie	2	3			2	2	4	2	2	4	Bruce Urie	2	2	2	2	3	32
Ethan Morrison											Ethan Morrison						0
Kent Young	2	3	6		8	2	2			4	Kent Young	2		2			31
Thomasina Jacobs	2	3	6	2	16	2	4	2	2	4	Thomasina Jacobs	4	2	2	2	2	55
Cori Jean Demeritt											Cori Jean Demeritt						0
Will Strong	2	3					2			4	Will Strong	2					13
Jeff Richardson	2	3	6				4			4	Jeff Richardson	2	2				23
Bruce Guillian	2	3	6	2	16	2					Bruce Guillian	2	2	2		3	40
Matthew Orlovsky	2	3		2	16	2	2	2	2	4	Matthew Orlovsky		2	2	2		41
Jason Masse	2		6		8	2		2			Jason Masse						20
Colby Masse	2		6		8	2		2			Colby Masse						20
Iva Wright	2	3	6		8						Iva Wright	2					21
Pablo Coudido								2			Pablo Coudido	2					4
Aidan Guebara				2	16			2			Aidan Guebara		2	2			24
Joe Silva				2	16			2			Joe Silva			2			22
Aidan Hoyt	2		6			2	2	2		4	Aidan Hoyt	2		2			22
Tim Fritz											Tim Fritz						0

## Fire Department Balance Sheet

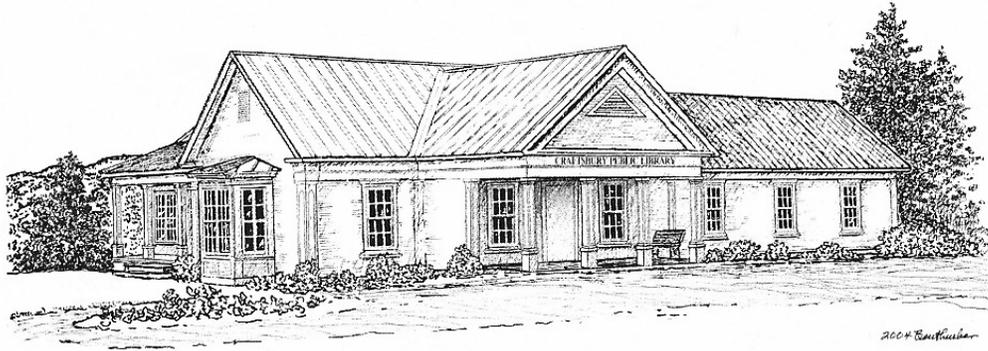
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 13,920.99
Insurance Refund	\$ 1,295.00
Tax Money Voted	\$ 50,900.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 66,115.99</b>
Less Fire Department Expenses Paid	\$ ( 55,456.53 )
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 10,659.46</b>

<b>FUNDS DISBURSED</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Insurance & Dues	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,827.80	\$ 15,000.00
Telephone & Dispatch	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,596.71	\$ 1,400.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 27,159.01	\$ 15,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,365.26	\$ 15,000.00
Fire Prevention/Training	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 2,500.00
Dry Hydrant	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,665.40	\$ 2,000.00
Hepatitis Shots/ Medical	\$ 500.00	\$ 95.90	\$ 500.00
Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 276.45	\$ 500.00
Emergency Medical Training/Equipment	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 50,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,456.53</b>	<b>\$ 53,900.00</b>

<b>Augusta Dustan Bequest—CD</b>	
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 10,596.34
Interest	\$ 26.38
<b>Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 10,622.72</b>

<b>Fire Dept CD</b>	Balance 1/1/19	\$ 20,427.01
	Interest	\$ 61.37
	Balance 12/31/19	\$ 20,488.38

<b>Fire Department Assets</b>	<b>Acquired</b>	<b>Replacement Date</b>	<b>Original Cost</b>
1993 Simon Duplex Pumper	2007	2025	\$115,000
1995 Freightliner Rescue Truck	2004	2024	\$100,000
2005 Sterling Tanker	2013		\$142,398
2017 Ford 550	2017	2039	\$230,000



## Craftsbury Public Library

In 2019 the library underwent a major assessment of our current offerings as well as the needs of the region we serve. We held public meetings, had a paper and online survey, and solicited input from everyone throughout the community. The summary of this needs assessment can be viewed on our website, and was the first step in considering expansion needs for the library. We learned that people love their library, but a few factors emerged that we could change to improve library services. Providing better separation between the active, louder areas of the library and contemplative, study space became a priority as we designed the addition.

This project was undertaken in response to a generous gift from a summer library patron as a memorial to his wife, Leesa Fine. Leesa and her husband Milan Kubic spent summers at their cabin on Shadow Lake Road for decades, and Leesa's visits to the library were always a great opportunity to talk books as she was an avid reader. Milan Kubic placed his faith in the library and the Craftsbury community to provide a fitting memorial to his wife, and we will use these funds to build an extension on to our main library room. The new Leesa Fine Room will provide a quiet space for reading and study in the midst of our bustling community center. The library board hopes to begin construction this spring and complete the addition before next winter.

While considering the big picture goals, the library also focused on the town's tiniest residents with the launch of a Books for Babies program this year. The library now provides every newborn or newly adopted resident a canvas book bag, which includes new books for the child, and parenting resources for the family.

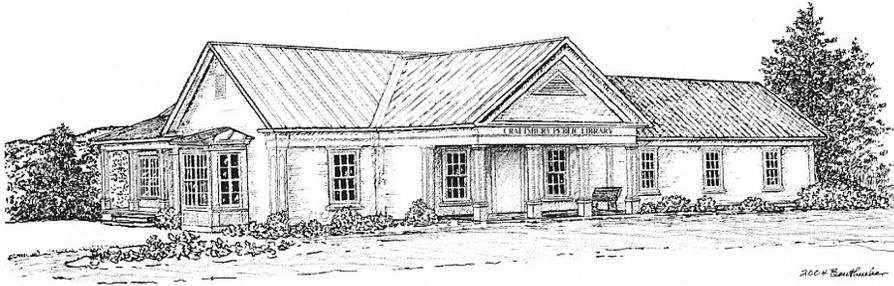
The library continues to be a busy community space. While providing access to a great collection of reading material and internet access seven days a week, we also hold book discussions, guest speakers, story time, lego club, and meeting space for dozens of organizations. Please reach out if you or your organization would like to collaborate on a project, use our meeting space, or provide a program for the community. Visit our website [www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org](http://www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org) to see our current events and programs.

Susan O'Connell, Library Director



The Craftsbury Public Library was named a Five Star Library in a nationwide comparison of libraries. One of 261 star libraries identified nationwide, Craftsbury is the only community in Vermont with this distinction for 2019.





Craftsbury Public Library

# 2019 by the Numbers



18,389 books, movies, and audio books were checked out in 2019.



## Items available to borrow from the library:



4,790 books



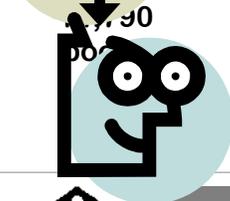
470 audio books



2,218 DVDs



7 museum passes



392 Interlibrary loans for patrons

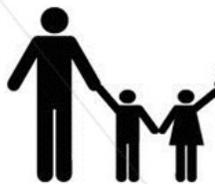
264

Library programs were held

[www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org](http://www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org)

7,491 website visits

18,912 catalog searches



101 story times  
1,383 attendees



71

meetings held by community groups

### Library Hours

Sunday 11am-1pm  
Monday 2pm-5pm  
Tuesday 10am-8pm  
Wednesday 10am-1pm  
Thursday 2pm-5pm  
Friday 10am-8pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm

**CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2019**

<b>Year Ended December 31st</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$625.67	\$1,947.19	\$2,065.40
<b>Receipts</b>			
Plant sale			
Book Sales	\$2,530.00	\$2,594.00	\$2,241.90
Antiques & Uniques	\$5,270.00	\$4,940.00	\$4,349.00
Other Fundraiser Events	\$322.50	\$457.50	\$292.50
Barn			
Dance	\$1,210.00	\$5,278.81	\$5,457.17
Interest	\$5,285.55	\$4,081.15	\$5,892.52
Transfer Investment Acct.	\$7.37	\$7.17	\$7.00
Donations	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Grants	\$15,035.39	\$16,214.85	\$27,374.75
Town Of Craftsbury	\$18,047.03	\$18,598.00	\$10,280.00
Miscellaneous	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$40,000.00
	\$1,353.74	\$1,893.26	\$182.79
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$108,061.58</b>	<b>\$113,064.74</b>	<b>\$116,077.63</b>
<b>Opening Balance &amp; Receipts</b>	<b>\$108,687.25</b>	<b>\$115,011.93</b>	<b>\$118,143.03</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Books & Videos	\$12,200.00	\$10,915.15	\$8,860.28
Electronic Resources/	\$3,442.34	\$813.50	\$847.76
Propane-Heat	\$2,328.75	\$2,238.08	\$2,379.18
Electric	\$1,474.99	\$1,469.36	\$1,690.01
Telephone	\$451.41	\$532.35	\$524.63
Insurance	\$2,883.00	\$2,525.09	\$2,727.00
Programs & Museum passes	\$479.00	\$1,055.12	\$300.00
Postage	\$1,336.31	\$1,716.93	\$1,657.45
Payroll Expenses	\$68,999.45	\$70,358.46	\$69,345.40
Conference & Travel	\$2,059.20	\$2,020.63	\$1,696.23
Internet & Computers	\$1,659.22	\$486.49	\$1,115.09
Equipment	\$408.23	\$5,747.57	\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,440.40	\$1,906.53	\$2,185.09
Accountant & Bookkeeper	\$1,200.00	\$1,340.00	\$3,755.00
Mainte-			
nance	\$2,028.61	\$2,580.53	\$2,683.99
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.99
Consulting Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Replenish Endowment	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
Miscellaneous	1349.15	\$2,240.74	\$254.16
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 106,740.06</b>	<b>\$112,946.53</b>	<b>\$110,330.26</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$1,947.19</b>	<b>\$2,065.40</b>	<b>\$7,812.77</b>



Craftsbury Community Care Center has been a trusted resource for elders and their families for over twenty-four years, serving many residents of Craftsbury and the surrounding communities since its creation by the Craftsbury community in 1994. The Care Center is a non-profit, non-denominational, tax-exempt organization which provides a safe, caring, homelike and affordable residence for elders who can no longer live independently. It encourages independence, activities, and involvement with family, friends, and the larger community.

The Care Center offers recreational, wellness, and cultural activities that are available to residents and many that are available to members of the surrounding communities. These include exercise classes for older adults, concerts by local musicians, art classes, intergenerational activities, trivia, visits by a variety of animals, ballet performances, book talks/readings, Vermont history discussion group, Veterans presentations, forestry and nature talks, just to name a few. Residents have participated in community events such as, parades, ice cream socials, blueberry picking, trips to local vendors, picnics at local lakes, just to name a few.

The Care Center also offers both employment and volunteer opportunities for local residents and many have been involved with the Center over its 24 years of service.

The organization has an active and engaged Board of Directors, six of whose members are Craftsbury residents, that works closely with the Center's management to improve the facility and develop new programs for the residents and surrounding communities. This past year has continued to be an extremely productive one for the board in developing new ways to increase our revenue sources by engaging with our local legislators, working to launch an endowment fund, working to expand our annual fund drive and working with a local grant writer.

The spacious facility has twenty-four private rooms, one-third of which are reserved for elders whose care is supported by Medicaid payments. Because Medicaid covers less than a third of the cost of care, the Center relies on donations from community members and towns in the Northeast Kingdom whose residents we serve.

The Craftsbury Community Care Center is the only residential care center in our immediate area and provides an invaluable and necessary service for elders in our community who can no longer live independently or whose families cannot care for them at home. The support of the Craftsbury community will help ensure that this irreplaceable resource remains available for many years to come.

Our inclusion in the Town appropriation will be gratefully welcomed by the Board, Staff, and Residents of the Center. Thank you

The Board of Directors

& Kimberly Roberge, Executive Director

## 2019 Recreation Committee Report

The Recreation Committee had another fun filled year, providing social and athletic opportunities for the Craftsbury community. We hosted many traditional Craftsbury events, supported more recently conceived (and already beloved) community celebrations and tried out some new things.

The theme of “collaboration” wove its way throughout the year, working in unison with other town committees, organizations, businesses and townspeople.

In the winter, we co-organized moonlit snowshoe/bonfires with Wonderarts. Our peewee basketball and soccer programs worked to help strengthen the Craftsbury Schools sports programming, and many of our members are active on the school’s sports program working group.

During the summer, we invited the Craftsbury Outdoor Center to participate in our “bike nights” (and hopefully “paddle days” in the future), building bridges for families to learn about the many recreational opportunities the COC has available. We helped support the community block party, and sidlined with the Craftsbury Farmers’ Market at Old Home Day.

In the fall, we hosted a soggy, yet successful Trick or Trunk. The “Free-Play”, weekly open gym for toddler-elementary age kids and families continues to be a hit each Sunday 11:00-12:30. As it turned to winter, we collaborated with the Village Improvement Society and local businesses to organize for holiday decorations at the Town Hall and around the Common. We paired with Rusty Deewees, a regional performer, for a successful fundraising event for the Recreation Committee. To round out the year we hosted the second annual Light Up the Night Festival!

In the coming year we look forward to these and further collaborations within the community, perhaps taking part in Antiques and Uniques, presenting an initiative to build an outdoor basketball court at Dustin Field and participating in the town’s VOREC grant application/implementation.

The Recreation Committee welcomes your participation, ideas, and feedback.

Members: Jodi Smith & Kris Coville (CO-chair), Angel Baraw, Nat Bacon, Emily McClure, Barb Flint

Light Festival



Pee Wee Soccer



Trick or Trunk



Photos by Jodi Smith

**Craftsbury Recreation Committee  
2019 Treasurer's Report**

<b><u>Dean Johnson Memorial Fund –Time Link CD</u></b>	
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 1,548.93
Interest Earned	<u>\$ 3.87</u>
Current Balance 12/31/19	<b>\$ 1,552.80</b>
<b><u>Dean Johnson Memorial Fund—MMA</u></b>	
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 763.77
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Current Balance 12/31/19	<b>\$ 763.77</b>
<b><u>Craftsbury Recreation Committee—Time Link CD</u></b>	
Balance 1/1/19	\$ 1,436.62
Interest Earned	<u>\$3.60</u>
Current Balance 12/31/19	<b>\$1,440.22</b>
<b><u>Craftsbury Recreation Committee—MMA</u></b>	
Balance 1/1/19	<b>\$ 1,336.29</b>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	
Interest Earned	\$ .18
Income	\$ 3,945.11
Town Appropriations	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total Income 2019	<b>\$ 6,781.58</b>
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	
Expenses	<b>\$ ( 28.00)</b>
<b>Current Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 6,753.58</b>

## Antiques & Uniques

We had a wonderful Antiques & Uniques in July 2019 with record attendance. There were some wonderful and well needed changes and, there is always room for improvement!

There were lovely blue skies with beautiful puffy white clouds, over 100 vendors and ample volunteers. Three things that make the festival a real joy to run. We had great music by How Two, Green Corduroy and Iain MacHarg played bagpipes. Although there are still changes that need to be made, A&U was very happy to welcome the C Village store as the kitchen support and we were so grateful to be able to use the high school kitchen for a second year. The C Village did a wonderful job serving the public and we are happy that they have agreed to come back this year! (No harm in crossing your fingers)

Because the C Village had staffed a lot of the kitchen needs, we did not need quite as many volunteers for 2019. However, that does not mean that we will not need any fewer volunteers for 2020- in fact, we really need many more!

The year 2020 is Antiques & Uniques 50<sup>th</sup> year! (I wonder how many of you will be celebrating *your* 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2020?!) Several of us have been planning a GRAND celebration at our monthly meetings (which started early this year) and we welcome any and all volunteers for brainstorming, coordinating and participating the day of the event.

We have exciting ideas of remapping the flow on the Common for an all new tent layout which will feel more circular with a central gathering area for picnicking and live music throughout the day. We hope to have a children's square with story-telling, crafts and old-fashioned games and perhaps with the Farmer's Market incorporated into the event. We are asking all of the vendors to demonstrate their art whether it be painting, weaving or wood carving.

I will be the first to admit that there was some tension between the Farmer's Market and Antiques & Uniques just before the 2019 event. Although it came to the surface this year, this not the first time issues have arisen and this long supersedes my work as coordinator. Who gets the Common when and where and for how long and who pays what and to what extent, was the name-of-the-game and there were a whole slew of us that had a good romp around in the hay with those questions. (And not the fun kind of hay romping.) The Antiques & Uniques committee is happy that a representative of the Farmer's Market has now joined us at our monthly meetings and we are talking well in advance of the 2020 event. If you think the topic is cut and dry, you should attend a meeting so you can understand the full picture. We welcome your interest and participation.

We, the Antiques & Uniques committee, and on behalf of the town of Craftsbury, are asking each resident for your full support to put on a spectacular 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this July. Remember that this event brings a lot of money to the entire town of Craftsbury, is a huge fundraiser for the fire department and many businesses and non-profits greatly benefit. (As a reminder, in exchange for volunteer hours the event's proceeds are donated to the business of the volunteers choice. Ask any committee member to how to join and how your business can benefit!) Please consider volunteering for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for 2020.

Special thanks to the "day of" volunteers in 2019! And a round of applause for those who help plan throughout the year: Bruce Urie, Effie Brown, Jeannine Young, Jenny Stoner, Don Houghton, Thomasina Jacobs and newly joined Kris Coville, Susie Houston, Geoff Bok, and Kristy LaMare... And, YOU?!

Anne-Marie Keppel  
[AntiquesAndUniquesVT@gmail.com](mailto:AntiquesAndUniquesVT@gmail.com)



The Conservation Commission focuses on stewardship of Craftsbury’s natural and cultural resources through diverse avenues and activities. The commission welcomed new members, Stephen Moffatt and Heidi Rich, who have become vital and active commission members. The commission extended its appreciation to chairman Joe Houston for his years of service as chair. Upon his resignation, Stephen Moffatt graciously accepted the position of chairing the commission.

In 2019, the Commission focused on the following:

**Japanese Knotweed Eradication Project:** The site treated with chemical injection of Rodeo showed very little new Spring growth. Plants were pulled and the area covered with cardboard and plastic. Restoration of the area with native plantings is under study. The project was coordinated with the Vermont Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

**Gardening for Wildlife and Pollinators:** The planting of perennials and shrubs for pollinators and wildlife habitat was completed in collaboration with Wonder Arts at the Community Greenspace. The site met the 5 criteria for designation as an official National Wildlife Habitat. More information available at <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Create.aspx>.

**Craftsbury Conservation Fund:** The Craftsbury Conservation Fund was approved by the Select Board to enhance the vision of conservation as set forth in the Town Plan adopted June 14, 2016. A Conservation Fund Guidance document explaining its purpose, administration, project selection criteria, and application process was drafted by the commission and approved by the Select Board this year. As of December 31, 2019, the Fund has a balance of \$1,816.17 from private donations and volunteer hours donated at Antiques & Uniques. Your donations are deeply appreciated and we thank you for them. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, see the Conservation Commission page on the town website.

**New ATV Temporary Ordinance:** The commission did not make any formal recommendation to the Select Board regarding the new temporary ATV ordinance. In responding to the board’s request for input from town committees on the temporary ordinance, the commission cited questions to be researched in fully understanding the impact of ATVs on the natural environment and community.

**Signage Wild Branch River Crossings:** Recommendations for signage language apprising ATV riders of Vermont laws pertaining to ATV use in waterways were made to the Select Board.

**Community Resource:** The commission participated in the Sterling College Community Resource gatherings for students and community.

The Commission meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Members are Chair, Stephen Moffatt; Treasurer, Diane Morgan; Secretary, June Cook; Select Board Liaison, Susie Houston; John Brodhead; Farley Brown; Carol Maroni; Elinor Osborn; Heidi Rich; and Steve Wright.

Conservation Fund	
1/1/19 balance	\$ 1,211.02
Interest income	\$ .32
Donation/ transfer from other acct	\$ 988.00
Total Balance	\$ 2,199.34

## Craftsbury Planning Commission

The Craftsbury Planning Commission is responsible for writing and implementing the Craftsbury Town Plan as well as addressing land use issues as determined by the Craftsbury Select Board. The intent of the planning commission is to be proactive in order to protect community values. We encourage residents to visit the Craftsbury website ([www.townofcraftsbury.com](http://www.townofcraftsbury.com)) to access a variety of planning resources and town maps.

**Craftsbury Enhanced Energy Plan:** The Craftsbury Planning Commission completed an energy plan according to the Vermont Energy Development Improvement Act of 2016; the town will now be given “substantial deference” when proposed energy projects are reviewed by the Vermont Public Utility Commission in the Section 248 process. The plan includes pathways and recommended actions to achieve energy targets, provide reasonable justification.

The Enhanced Energy Plan was approved by the Craftsbury Planning Commission after a public hearing on April 18th, 2019. Once approved by the Craftsbury Select board, the plan will be approved by the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, and the Craftsbury Town Plan will be amended. This amendment can be viewed in the Craftsbury Town Plan 2016 on the town website or [http://www.nvda.net/town\\_files/Craftsbury\\_Town%20Plan\\_June%2014,%202016.pdf](http://www.nvda.net/town_files/Craftsbury_Town%20Plan_June%2014,%202016.pdf)

**Affordable Housing in Craftsbury:** Affordable housing is a complex issue which many Vermont towns are working to address. A household’s total housing costs should be 30% or less of the household income in order to be considered affordable. By statutory definition of “affordable” housing costs for homeowners include principal, interest, taxes, insurance, and association fees. For renters, costs include rent, utilities, and association fees.

An important action step in the 2016 Craftsbury Town Plan is to explore the availability of affordable housing options in Craftsbury. The planning commission is now collecting data on the housing stock and questioning affordability. This includes a look at the housing values in Craftsbury as well as the data of median income, with the intention of better understanding affordable housing needs in Craftsbury. While the commission is digging through the data, we are also exploring how other towns have researched and addressed affordable housing. There will be a community meeting on the topic of affordable housing in 2020.

**Craftsbury Village Infrastructure:** The Craftsbury Planning Commission established a village infrastructure subcommittee in December 2019. This subcommittee will be researching issues in the village such as parking, walkability, and wastewater treatment. This research will include exploration of funding to conduct necessary studies. More information will be available in the spring of 2020.

For further information regarding the Craftsbury Planning Commission, please contact any of the members: Farley Brown - chair, Rudy Chase - vice chair, Ross Davis, Emily Maclure, Lucas Schulz, Linda Ramsdell - secretary, Annie Rowell, David Rowell, Gordon Waterhouse - Craftsbury floodplain zoning administrator

## Craftsbury Energy Committee

In 2019 the Craftsbury Energy Committee (CEC) worked cooperatively with area town energy committees which resulted in a positive impact regionwide. We worked on building energy awareness and increasing energy savings with presentations and DIY (Do-It-Yourself) projects.

There were two winter presentations from Efficiency VT (EVT). One on Healthy Homes and the other on Mobile Home Efficiency. These were followed by our 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Energy Fair which we did this year collaborating with Glover and Greensboro. Twenty-three vendors shared energy saving ideas, products, financial incentives and financing strategies. Over 100 people attended the fair.

During April and May, the CEC, Glover and Greensboro Energy Committees hosted 6 home energy tours featuring net zero building, weatherization and energy saving technologies. Over 150 people attended the open house tours.

Jack Sundberg of the Glover Energy Committee has attended trainings to learn how to make low-cost insulating window inserts that function as interior-mounted storm windows from Window Dressers of Rockland, Maine. (See <https://windowdressers.org/>). Glover piloted a program of making these DIY window inserts, and Jack worked with the CEC to make these window inserts. In the fall of 2019 after custom measuring windows for 18 homes the CEC, along with the homeowners, built 150 inserts. Glover made 150 inserts and Greensboro another 70 inserts. Each insert saves an average of 1 gallon of fuel oil/square foot of window area, paying for themselves in just one year. Efficiency VT also offered a \$100 rebate if you built 3 inserts or more. The CEC will be broadening this DIY effort for homeowners in 2020. Look for more information at the CEC table at Town Meeting in March.

In the fall we also collaborated with the Greensboro Energy Committee for Efficiency Vermont's Button-Up program and another home weatherization tour.

Coming up in 2020 the CEC is going to expand the DIY window insert program and work toward locating an Electric Vehicle Charging Station somewhere in Craftsbury. Another project will be Phase 3 for the Town Solar system.

The CEC meets from September through May on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Craftsbury Public Library. We always welcome new members! Please join us or contact Kevin Gregoire (802-281-4432).

CEC members are Kevin Gregoire, chair, Lisa Sammet, Secretary, Ned Houston, Mabel Houghton, Anna Kehler (Greensboro Energy Committee), Hannah Dreissigacker, Kathryn Prentice, Matt Moody and Paula Davidson. Susan Houston is the Select Board Liaison.



# TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Our intention is to send business your way!**  
Please check your business/organization listing on the website and email us any changes.

**Check out Craftsbury's calendar of events!**  
Let us know if you have a Craftsbury event to share — we will list it online and also in the printed monthly calendar distributed around town.

If your business/organization is not listed, let us know so we can include it.

We can also share your information on the Town of Craftsbury Facebook page.

**Craftsbury Website Committee**—Michelle Warren, Yvette Brown, June Cook, Don Houghton & Margie Ramsdell

**Contact Us:** [craftsburywebsitecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:craftsburywebsitecommittee@gmail.com)

**Info on Town committees, events & more!**

**Almost 15,000 visits in 2019!**

January 2020

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
			1	2	3	4
			10:30a Baby and Me Yoga at WW	9a All Levels Yoga at WW 10a Bone Builders at CCCC 4p Sound Bath at WW 6p Al-Anon at UCC	10a Story Time at CPL 3p Lego Club CPL 3:30p Crossfit at COC	8a Active Yoga at COC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10a Sunday Service at UCC 10a Adult Bible Study at ECPC 10:30a Community Yoga at COC 11a Worship at ECPC 11a Free Play at CA 6p Kripalu Vinyasa Level 2/3 at WW	10a Bone Builders at CCCC 1p Mahjongg at UCC 2p Music-Sentimental Journey Ryke Loske & Lynn Birdsall at CCCC 4p Chair Yoga at COC 4:30p Crossfit at COC	10a Story Time at CPL 1p Singer Carol Ann Jones at CCCC 4p Tuesday Night Ski Race Series at COC 6p AA at UCC 7p Selectboard Meeting & Energy Plan Hearing at TH	10:30a Baby and Me Yoga at WW 11:15a Tummy & Tea Time at WW 4:30p Crossfit at COC 5p Community Yoga at COC 6p Community Strength at COC 6p CA's School Life Association	9a All Levels Yoga at WW 10a Bone Builders at CCCC 4p Sound Bath at WW 6p Healing Songs w/ Maria at WW 6p Craftsbury Mental Health Group at CPL 6p Craftsbury	10a Story Time at CPL 3p Lego Club CPL 3:30p Crossfit at COC	8a Active Yoga at COC

## Village Improvement Society Financial Report

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 4,943.12
<u>Receipts:</u> Community Donations	\$ 1,045.00
Events [concert donations & Sweetheart's Dance]	\$ 2,330.60
Town Contribution	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 4,875.60</u>
<u>Total Funds Available</u>	\$ 9,818.72
<u>Expenses:</u> Hardwick Electric – Bandstand	\$ 53.18
Lawn Maintenance	\$ 1,225.00
Event Costs [concerts & Sweetheart's Dance]	\$ 3,000.00
Misc. [stamps]	\$ 66.00
General Fence Repairs	<u>\$ 673.55</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 5,017.73</u>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 4,800.99</b>

In February we hosted a Sweetheart's Dance at Sterling with the Starline Rhythm Boys. The crowd was small but everyone enjoyed a fun evening out. It was great to be able to host our three summer concerts outside on the Common. The Craftsbury Vibrations, Radio Rangers, and Beg, Steal or Borrow put on fantastic performances and had the crowd clapping and dancing. Your generous donations covered 90% of the cost. We hope you will join us for the 2020 season.

With the help of many wonderful volunteers we were able to replace the fence from the northeast corner to the bandstand AND scrape the west side of the fence. Thanks to the Craftsbury Academy students who helped us finish the painting of that section the last day of school. Thanks to Ann Ingerson and her great crew who kept the flower beds looking beautiful all summer and also to Polly & Kasey Allen for donating the much needed mulch. See you all in the spring at our annual work bee.

We crowned a repeat champion at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual kickball tournament. About 60 participants formed 6 energetic teams that enjoyed the friendly competition. It would be great if you could join us in 2020 for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual event.

We are very excited that Pat Reil [grandson of the Ray Reil – the original mason who built the water fountain] will restore the fountain on the Common this spring. We hope to have a rededication ceremony in July once the fountain is operating again.

The 2019 Town appropriation helped pay for mowing [\$1,225], and for part of the general maintenance of the fence [\$275]. We hope you will support our request for \$1,500 on Town Meeting day 2020.

The Village Improvement Society is a non-profit organization and your donations are always welcome. Any donations should be sent to: Craftsbury Village Improvement Society, c/o Carolyn Ryan, P.O. Box 24, Craftsbury, VT 05826.

Harry Miller, President  
John Brodhead, Vice President

Carolyn Ryan, Treasurer  
Annie Rowell, Secretary

## Historical Society Report

2019 was a year of transition for the Craftsbury Historical Society. Faced with dwindling personnel resources - we've gone a number of years with the same officers and trustees, and age-related factors eventually caught up with us - we needed to take the time to step back and evaluate whether the Historical Society had a viable future, and, if so, how might we proceed?

To the end, we held an open public meeting in which we described the issues that we were facing, and asked for advice as to how to get more people actively involved in the ongoing activities of the Society, as well as to how to confront the general perception that a major portion of Craftsbury's population seems disinterested in the Society's activities, as evidenced by low levels of membership, and low numbers of visitation during the times when the museum is open in the summer.

Our task has been, then, to try to become a more visible and robust Society. We've made some progress: a number of new, younger volunteers have come forward with ideas to implement that will depend very much on their good will and energy to come to fruition. Among these: digitizing and cataloguing our collection of documents, photographs and artifacts; developing and maintaining a CHS website; looking for opportunities to collaborate with Craftsbury's schools, Sterling, the Outdoor Center, and the Library. There's a lot to be done, and we're getting the word out that what we're doing is a vital part of the life of the Town of Craftsbury, and that there's room for anyone who wants to become involved, to become involved.

In November we sent a membership appeal to every address within the Town's two zip codes. It described the programs we've put on in past years, described specific ways that someone with some time and interest might be able to help, and asked for concrete support in the form of membership, including a request for donations to help us buy archival supplies as we organize and preserve our collection. Of the more than 500 appeals sent, to date we've received replies from just under 50 individuals, families or groups. And while we're heartened by that number, we understand that there's much room for improvement.

The bottom line is, I think, that we've turned a corner, and that 2020 has all the potential for becoming the first year of a newly relevant Craftsbury Historical Society that will continue to build strength through participation as we move through the next decade.



1923 Old Home Day Miss Jean's Chariot

## **CRAFTSBURY BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

The Select Board chose Kingdom Fiber as the Internet Service Provider to activate the Craftsbury Fiber Network. Installations have commenced and will continue to be provided to all homes and businesses along the fiber route who desire to subscribe to the service. Information on the service is available online at [kingdomfiber.net](http://kingdomfiber.net) or by phone at 888-534-2377.

The Select Board has included Article 19 in this year's Warning at Town Meeting calling for a vote for Craftsbury to enter a Communications Union District (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband. The goal of the CUD is to provide access to high speed internet service to every home and business in the Northeast Kingdom. The CUD will be established under a law that prevents any liability or cost of the CUD from being passed on to the taxpayers of the towns that join the CUD.

**WHAT IS A CUD?** It is a municipality created by two or more towns for the purpose of building a communications infrastructure. 24 towns are voting at 2020 Town Meetings to form the CUD.

**WHAT IS THE COST TO TOWN AND TAXPAYER?** None. The CUD functions just like a town and -by statute- its costs can't be passed back to the towns that form the CUD.

**WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO TOWN AND TAXPAYER?** None. If the CUD fails, no liability falls to the member towns or taxpayers (30 V.S.A. Chapter 82).

**HOW MUCH WILL THE NETWORK COST?** Cost will be determined by an engineering study for the towns that join the CUD. The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has already secured grant funds to develop a business plan and initial engineering study. The network will be expensive, but the CUD will qualify for large grants and low interest loans.

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?** This will be a multiyear project. The promise of access to internet service at speeds of 100Mbps symmetrical to all homes and businesses in Vermont by 2025 is a goal of the Vermont Legislature, and this CUD provides the best chance to obtain the necessary federal and state funding for this goal to be met in our town.

**WILL IT WORK?** EC Fiber in Central Vermont formed a CUD in 2015 that operates profitably. It now serves 3500 customers in 22 towns with service up to 700Mbps.

**WHAT IS NEXT?** First, we need a YES vote on the CUD warning at the Town Meeting. Then, the Selectboard will appoint a delegate and one or more alternates to serve on the CUD Board. The CUD Board will be responsible for designing a plan to build the network and raise funds to construct and manage the network.

**HOW DO WE BENEFIT?** Participating in this CUD offers the best opportunity for Craftsbury to extend our current network to all e911 addresses.

**QUESTIONS?** The NEK Collaborative has more information at [NEKCollaborative.org/broadband](http://NEKCollaborative.org/broadband) and the full text of the statute can be found at <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/082>.

Craftsbury Broadband Committee:

Brian Machesney, Kristen Fountain, Dave Stoner, Michael Birnbaum

## Road Safety Committee

### Accomplishments in 2019:

- Installation and use of the three speed monitors/solar signs and warning signs are a success. Positive discussion of their effect followed. We appreciate the recent installation of the speed monitor on East Craftsbury Road for the Saplings, the church and the Community Care Center.
- Crosswalks are in use On the Common and in East Craftsbury and town has repainted them each year. The principal of Craftsbury Academy is especially appreciative of the resulting slightly slower traffic, although the signs are not fully respected.
- Existence of Trail Committee as spin off of Traffic Safety Committee is working on developing a pedestrian route connecting the Common with the Village. This effort should have continued support.

### Proposals for next year

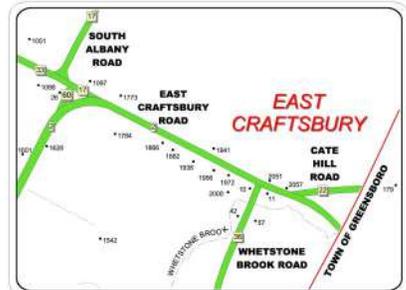
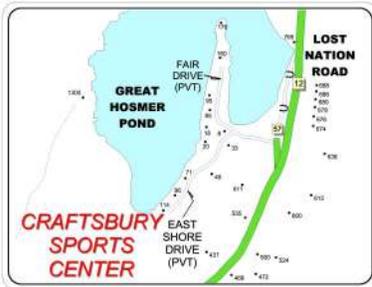
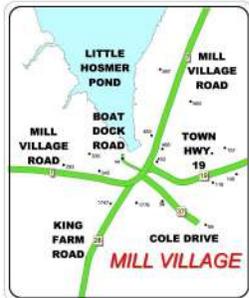
#### **Our top priority is**

- **Blinking traffic signals to slow traffic when school is in session. The priorities of the school are as follows: First one flashing sign on the northbound lane of N. Craftsbury Rd where the current school caution sign is near the cemetery. The second sign should go above the Elementary School in the S turns on the south bound lane.**
- The committee is currently trying to monitor speeds on the Common for some hard data to accompany the personal observations of speeding in the school zone.

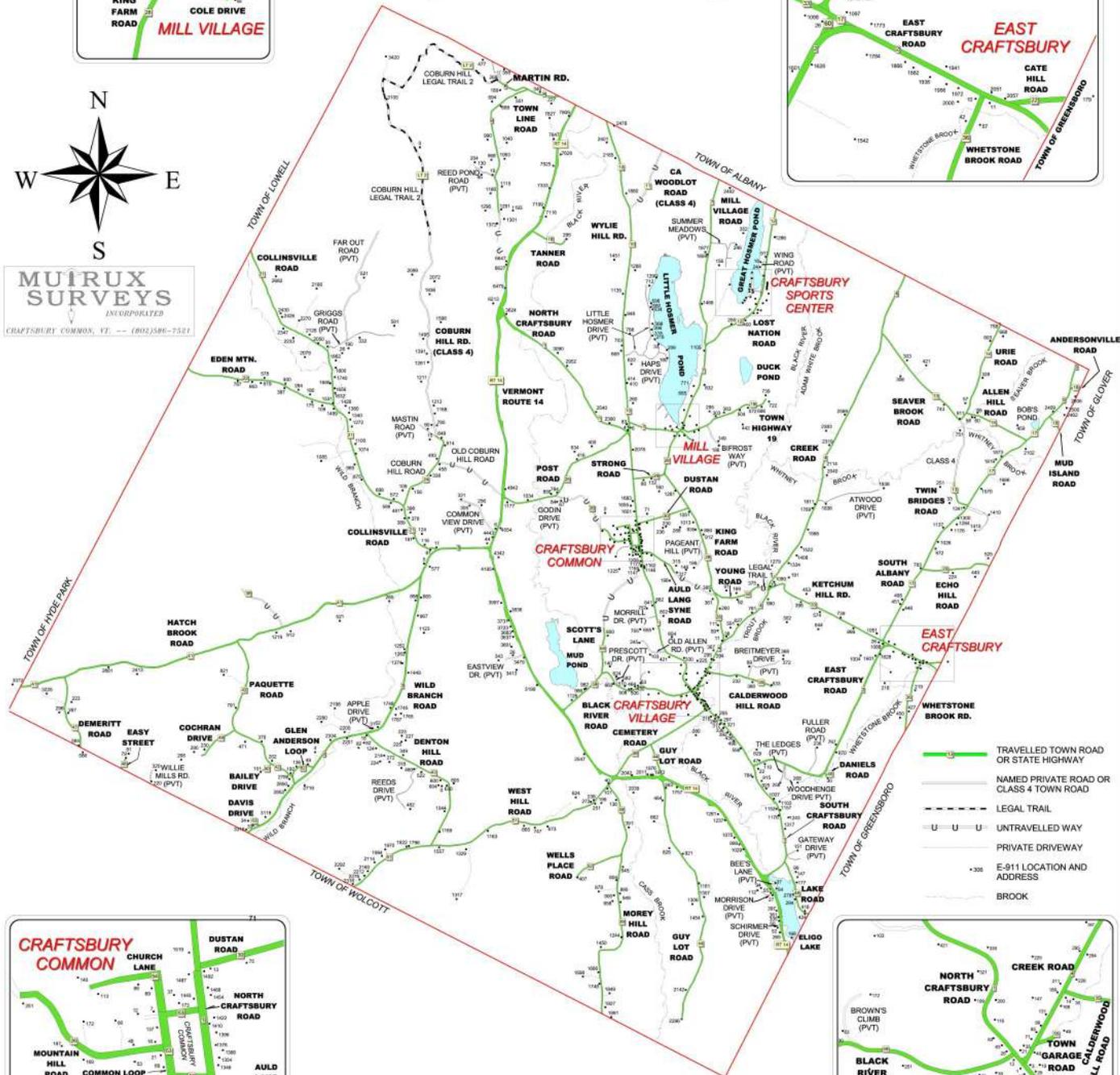
### Other concerns

- There is concern about speeding on Mill Village road. It is currently posted once at 35 mph, but traffic often speeds by at 50 or more. Reducing the speed limit to 30 mph would be best, but at the very least one or two more signs on the way to the outdoor center of 35 mph should reduce speeding.
- We trust that the fog-lines that were approved by the Select board from the Common to the Village will be provided in 2020. This would reduce speeding and improve road visibility at night., both of which are important safety matters.

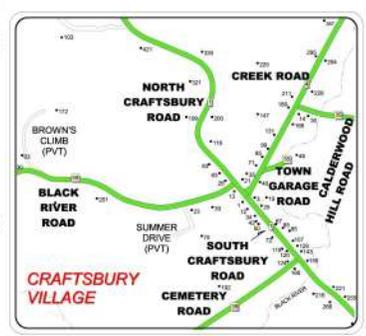
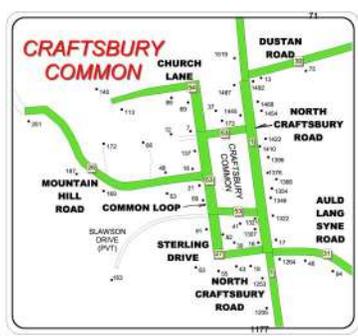




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# TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY

## ORLEANS COUNTY, VERMONT

2019

## Craftsbury Trails

### **What is “Craftsbury Trails”:**

Craftsbury Trails (CT) was formed in 2018 when a group of residents representing businesses, non-profits, and other town committees came together with the goals of providing easy access for people of all ages and abilities to trails for non-motorized activities such as skiing, walking, running, hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding; improving the health and quality of life of Craftsbury residents; and increasing economic opportunities associated with outdoor recreation.

While some trails are already in place, the focus is on improving trail access in each of the Craftsbury village areas - Craftsbury Common, Craftsbury Village and East Craftsbury and in providing improved connections between all the village areas and to trail assets at the Outdoor Center, school Woodlot and Sterling Trails.

### **Craftsbury Trails 2020-21 Priorities:**

Create a brand that identifies Craftsbury as an outdoor recreation destination in coordination with the Outdoor Center, but separate, and linked to NEK outdoor recreation marketing efforts. All to help visitors connect with Craftsbury’s business, cultural, agricultural and educational assets.

Design and install trail wayfinding signs

Improve mapping of Craftsbury trails by using an existing state trail mapping digital platform that is easily modified as new trails are added

Install a Craftsbury Trails information kiosk on Dustan Field, thus providing parking and linkages to improved Sterling trails and new routes connecting Craftsbury Common with the Village and the Outdoor Center. It would be the first of several at each of the village centers and include maps, information about the town’s natural and cultural history and businesses, and upcoming events.

Establish a trail link between the Common and the Village to serve both recreation and as a safe alternative transportation route for walkers and biker

Create a trail network in Craftsbury Village that improves access to the Black River flood plain and better connects the Community Green Space with the Village while also addressing Village bike and pedestrian safety and parking

Identify a trail route that connects Craftsbury Village to East Craftsbury and partnering with the 4Cs, Saplings and others on an East Craftsbury trails network

### **VOREC 2020 Request:**

Craftsbury Trails has submitted a 2020 Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economy Collaborative grant to the state (Forest Parks and Recreation Department) on behalf of the town. State officials indicated that the town was a finalist in 2019 and was encouraged to apply again.

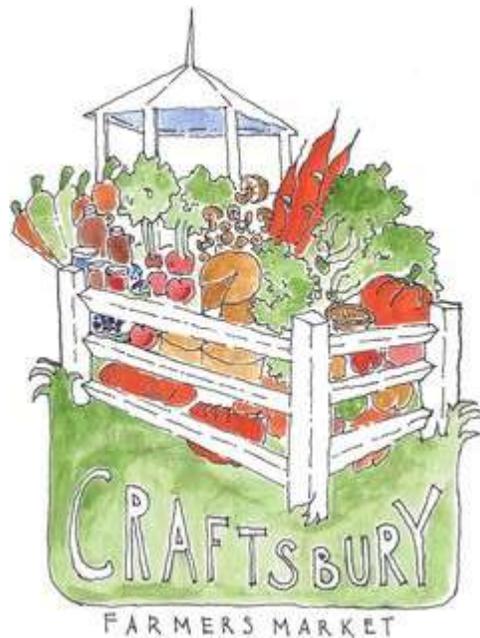
The state is looking for projects that will have demonstrated economic benefits to businesses, increases in job numbers and gets more people out in the woods to improve the health and welfare of Vermonters. Craftsbury’s grant request includes funds for mapping, branding, a kiosk and wayfinding sign design and construction and installation of kiosks and signs on Dustan Field that will lead trail users to the Common, Sterling Trails and a future Common-Village connector and other trails.

The budget for this and all grant applications will include donated volunteer time and use of equipment from both individuals, Sterling, and the Outdoor Center. The town’s Good Neighbor funds are being requested to support the grant’s administrative costs.

Craftsbury Trails intends to apply for additional 2020 funding for trail construction through an NEK federal pass through for outdoor recreation purposes and other private grant sources.

Craftsbury Trails welcome all to become involved. Contact us if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Submitted by Gina Campoli, chair and Matt Krebs, vice chair, Craftsbury Trails



The Craftsbury Farmers Market continues to grow with the support of the area community, vendor initiatives, and special activities. The Saturday morning venue offers not only a selection of fresh produce, local products, handmade crafts, baked goods, and prepared foods but music and festivities.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Blueberry Festival drew a large crowd and raffling of over \$800 in prize money. Tomato tasting was a big event with 21 different kinds of tomatoes from which to sample. The Harvest Festival with free cider pressing and more than 20 kinds of apples for tasting created a bountiful celebration in paying homage to autumn in Vermont. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vermont Authors Fest, a major event attended by forty writers and poets, was an unusual chance to browse and explore a wide variety of books and poetry and meet personally with writers.

Market by-laws were amended to expand the Steering Committee with three members added. Currently serving on the Steering Committee are Kris Coville, John Smith, Katie Sullivan, Lyman Locke, and Nancy VanWinkle. A closer association with the Antiques & Uniques Festival is a top priority for the 2020 season along with increasing the number of market vendors, variety of offerings, and special activities.

The market hired Parathana Shrestha as Site Coordinator for the 2019 season which enhanced the market's smooth operation. The CFM deeply appreciates the sponsors who make it possible for the music entertainment each week and prizes offered at special events: Craftsbury Outdoor Center, Bourne's Energy, Calderwood Insurance, Community National Bank, Craftsbury General Store, Sterling College, Peter D. Watson Real Estate, and Pete's Greens.

Special thanks and appreciation to Larry Bohem who serves as the market's webmaster and "taskmaster."

This year the landscape of higher education in Vermont changed dramatically. The town meetings in Poultney, Bennington, West Rutland, and Marlboro will undoubtedly focus attention on the closure of the colleges in each of those communities. Sterling is not immune to the challenges of the day. It has, however, important attributes that have contributed to its success. Among those is the strong and active support of its local community. Under the circumstances, however, it seems only right that I provide the Town of Craftsbury with a thorough update on the health and future of Sterling College.

Those who may not regularly follow the saga of Vermont's colleges and universities should be alarmed by the news of the last five years: five colleges have closed, two public colleges have merged, and another college is presently on probation by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The loss of nearly half of the private liberal arts colleges reflects a trend away from rural colleges. Demographic changes have resulted in fewer college age students, particularly in New England, and most acutely in Vermont. To survive, Vermont colleges will need to radically change; to thrive, they may need to entirely reinvent their business model.

Among the characteristics that distinguish Sterling is that it is enjoying a period of transformational success in fundraising. It is not uncommon for small colleges to be dependent on tuition for 90% of the revenue they need to operate. This was the case at Sterling for many years, but over the better part of a decade, giving has increased and, today, 50% of our operational revenue is generated from tuition. This means that half of our \$6 million operational budget - *which supports more than 50 employees, \$51,482.14 in local taxes, and millions of dollars of local economic activity* - comes from the generous support of donors and foundations.

Donors give generously to Sterling in support of our decades long commitment to environmental stewardship. The role played by Craftsbury residents - former faculty and staff - in sustaining this commitment is in good hands. Last spring the faculty and the Board of Trustees voted to adopt a new strategic initiative that will establish Sterling as a leading institution in using education as a force to advance ecological thinking and action. In particular this new initiative acknowledges the threat climate change presents to our community, by focusing the programs of the college on addressing the effects of extractive growth and consumption.

Sterling will sustain an enrollment of 125 students. Sterling has experienced two large recent entering classes and retained 90% of its students from the fall to spring semester. The College also has become more academically selective over the course of the past three years, a trend we intend to continue. While enrollment at Sterling is more stable than at many peer colleges, we remain challenged by the same issue facing other colleges: increasing levels of institutionally funded financial aid. Two simple solutions to improve financial health of colleges - growing enrollment and reducing financial aid - are neither achievable or desirable for us.

It is for these reasons that the reinvention of the business model of Sterling College is now underway. With respect to our relationship to the Town of Craftsbury, we intend to become a stronger and financially sustainable partner. To do so, in addition to being a small, rural, college in Craftsbury Common, Sterling will lead projects and programs in other places that are fully supported by donors and foundations who share our interest in using education as a force to advance ecological thinking and action and provide critical new revenue for current operations. The first of these projects is our Wendell Berry Farming Program in Kentucky.

Sterling is very pleased with the renovation of the former "industrial arts building" into Strong Hall. This accomplishment is an example of our increasingly close partnership with Craftsbury Schools and support from townspeople, for which we are grateful. A ribbon-cutting for the community will be held once the final phase of renovations is complete. We are still working to meet a challenge grant from the Peter Alford Foundation to create a new wellness center named in honor of the late philanthropist. This project includes the renovation of the U.S. Post Office on Craftsbury Common.

As a resident of Craftsbury, I know I am a newcomer. However, as a president of a Vermont college and Sterling, I am rather long in the tooth. With that dual perspective in our minds, Julian and I remain proud to make our home here with you and to devote ourselves to the wellbeing of this remarkable little college and town. Yet in thinking about community membership, I am aware of the work Sterling, like Vermont and Craftsbury, must do to become an inclusive, anti-racist community. In the coming years, the College will devote resources to this work and approach it in partnership with the town.

It is with deep appreciation for your continued friendship and support that I share this report. In this new, second decade of the new millennium, the state of the human relationship with the natural world is a great concern. Sterling and Craftsbury are positioned to continue to do good work, locally, nationally, and globally.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Derr  
President



In September 2019, Craftsbury Saplings began its third year in operation. That means we're toddler age! For children, toddlerhood is a time of great cognitive, emotional, physical and social development. The same is true for Saplings. We've made huge strides this year to strengthen our program. The new playground and summer garden provide hours of gleeful fun and hands-on learning. We have hired great new staff. Our teachers are developing new curriculum that supports and expands upon children's interests. Program Director, Kristin Urie, provides stability, guidance and a calm presence as we grow.

Access to Early Care remains a huge concern and need in our rural community. We continue to maintain a large waiting list of families looking for care. During the summer, we worked to increase our licensing capacity from 12 FTE (Full Time Equivalents) to 18 FTE in order to serve more families. We were awarded 4 STARS (STep Ahead Recognition System). This accomplishment allows us to receive more state reimbursements and help us to keep our rates low. We continue to work on capacity building for staff and program through careful analysis of our finances and program structure.



While inspiring life-long learning in children, we strive to strengthen families and our community by making early care inclusive and accessible to all. In 2019, we hosted 4 family workshops and 2 professional development opportunities for area early care providers. We are only able to do this because of our amazing, loving and dedicated staff, volunteers, and community supporters. We understand that the strongest program is one that is lifted up by many hands.

Craftsbury Saplings is a non-profit children's center. Our programming is child-centered, intergenerational and community inspired. We respect children's learning and needs. We provide a space for concentration, room to explore and play with friends and opportunities to ask questions. Thank you for your support of families and children.

Submitted by Melissa Jacobs

Craftsbury Saplings Inc.

Chair of Board of Directors





## **WonderArts Appropriation 2020**

We would like to extend our gratitude to Craftsbury residents for continuing to support WonderArts programs, activities, and projects! Town support for WonderArts has a great impact on community members of all ages. For the last several years, the town of Craftsbury has specifically supported our scholarship fund to help Craftsbury families attend summer camps and classes at little to no cost. The summer camp program provides children and families with equitable access to enriching programs, for ages 3 to 12, throughout the summer. Camp themes for 2019 included: Public Voice + Parade, Environmental Heros, Exploring Global Cultures, Tools + Technology, and Animal Kingdom Adventures. We had a blast, and the campers appreciate your support!

**For 2020, WonderArts is asking the Town of Craftsbury to continue to support our programs by appropriating \$1,500 for Craftsbury families.** This year, funds will support in-school programming at Craftsbury Academy, Craftsbury Elementary, and local preschools. Please visit our website for additional information including program offerings, events, information about the organization, and additional ways to support WonderArts.

### **Visit [www.WonderArtsVT.org](http://www.WonderArtsVT.org) and/or 'like' us on Facebook!**

#### **In 2019, we...**

- ? Reached **1200** adults and **500 youth**
- ? Collaborated with **29** partner organizations
- ? Led **305** program activities, classes, and events
- ? Offered programs at **15** local venues and **13** school sites
- ? Hired **21** community members to lead classes
- ? Provided scholarships for **27** summer campers.



#### **Continuous Offerings in Craftsbury:**

**After School Classes!** K- 8 after-school programs taught through the REACH program.



In January 2018, the Craftsbury Mental Health Resources Group convened for the first time. In the wake of the death of Wesley Warren, his death by suicide, several concerned citizens of Craftsbury gathered to figure out how to help people better access the mental health resources available, how to address the growing concern of inadequate mental health resources, and how to reduce and eliminate the stigma related to mental illness.

Here's a list of some of our 2019 activities:

- ❖ In January 2019, hosted an informational meeting after the Craftsbury Community Supper with a presentation by Sharon Moffatt discussing anxiety and depression
- ❖ Provided a resource table at Town Meeting, Antiques & Uniques Craft Fair and the Craftsbury Farmers' Market
- ❖ Organized a group of contact people to companion with people as they walk through the mental health system and developed a protocol
- ❖ Participated on the panel at a Wellness Seminar at Craftsbury Academy
- ❖ Participated and raised over \$2,500 in the 2019 "Out of Darkness Walk" in Newport, sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- ❖ Sponsored the screening of the documentary film "Suicide The Ripple Effect" at Sterling College in September, 2019 with 30 participants and a discussion following
- ❖ Participated in Vermont Department of Mental Health 10 Year Vision Planning
- ❖ Participated in a panel presentation at the VT Department of Mental Health annual conference
- ❖ Attended and presented at the Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting

#### Mission Statement

*The Craftsbury Mental Health Resource Group seeks to*

- *Provide hope for persons and families struggling with mental health issues*
- *Increase access to mental health resources*
- *Increase support for those navigating mental health resources*
- *Decrease the stigma surrounding mental health issues in our community.*

*We will do this by*

- *Providing information on mental health issues and resources to the Craftsbury community*
- *Recruiting and training local folks to be companions of support for those who seek help through the mental health system, helping to navigate through that system*
- *Seeing opportunities for and speaking openly about mental illness and mental well-being*
- *Advocating for improvement of mental health resources in our community and our state*
- *Encouraging others toward this same mission in other parts of the Northeast Kingdom, and all of Vermont.*

*Approved June 18, 2018*

**[www.nevtsuicide.com](http://www.nevtsuicide.com)**

**Agencies Requesting Town Funds — Articles 11 & 12**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>2019 Paid</b>	<b>2020 Request</b>
American Red Cross	Redcross.org/nhvt 800-660-9130	\$500.00	\$500.00
AWARE	Awarevt.org 802-472-6463	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
BSA Troop 827	Scoutmaster 802-586-9900	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Green Mountain Farm to School	programs@gmfts.org	\$450.00	\$450.00
Greensboro Nursing Home	gnh@plainfield.bypass.com 802-533-7051	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	802-472-5940	\$500.00	\$500.00
Hardwick Rescue Squad	802-472-5936 Non emergency 472-6343	\$7,001.00	\$13,248.00
Lamoille Family Center	lamoillefamilycenter.org 802-888-5229	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
North Country Animal League	adopt@ncal.com 802-888-5065	\$500.00	\$500.00
NE Kingdom Council on Aging	nevaaa.org 802-748-5182	\$650.00	\$650.00
NE Kingdom Human Services	nkhs.org 800-696-4979	\$1,266.00	\$1,266.00
NE Kingdom Learning Service Adult Basic Ed	neklsvt.org 802-334-6532	\$250.00	\$0.00
NE VT Development Association	nvda.net 802-748-5181	\$905.00	\$905.00
Old Stone House Museum	802-754-2022	\$650.00	\$0.00
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy	occavt.org 802-525-1133	\$800.00	\$800.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	802-334-8224	\$300.00	\$300.00
Orleans/Essex VNA & Hospice Inc	Orleansessexvna.org 802-334-5213	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter	frontieranimalsociety.com 802-754-2228	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rural Community Transportation	802-748-8170	\$600.00	\$600.00
VT Assn for the Blind & Visually Impaired	vabvi.org	\$500.00	\$500.00

<b>Agencies Requesting Town Funds - Articles 11 &amp; 12 cont...</b>			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>2019 Paid</u>	<u>2020 Request</u>
VT Center for Independent Living	vcil.org 800-639-1522	\$140.00	\$140.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	vacd.org 802-828-4582	\$100.00	\$100.00
Wonder Arts	WonderArtsVT.org 802-533-937	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26,062.00</b>	<b>\$31,159.00</b>

<b>New Agency Requesting Town Funds - Article 13</b>		
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>2020 Request</u>
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	lamoille.org 802-888-5026	\$1,500.00

<b>Town Agencies Requesting Funds - Articles 8 &amp; 9</b>		
	<u>2019 Paid</u>	<u>2020 Requested</u>
Craftsbury Public Library	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$52,000.00</b>	<b>\$52,000.00</b>

<b>Town Committees Requesting Funds - Article 10</b>		
	<u>2019 Paid</u>	<u>2020 Requested</u>
Block Party Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Craftsbury Town Cemeteries	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Memorial Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Recreational Committee	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Historical Society	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Village Improvement Society	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	<b>\$7,800.00</b>

## Land Transfers Recorded 2019

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Rec. Date</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Location</u>
Martin	Colt & Johnson	1/16/19	2.1	L/DW	150,438.32	619Eden Mtn. Rd.
Alexander	Nunery	1/31/19	10.1	L/DW	352,000.00	335 Mill Village Rd.
Rowell	Rowell	2/27/19	1	L/DW	157,440.00	57 Whetsone Brk Rd.
Ravin	Aiston	2/28/19	10.1	L/DW	663,000.00	218 Whestone Brk rd.
HP Hood LLC	Miller & Ziglar	3/15/19	1.6	Land	15,000.00	King Farm Rd.
Klinke	3997 Vt. Rt. 14, LLC	3/29/19	72.82	L/DW	300,000.00	3997 VT Route 14
Inouye	McDowell & Barton	4/5/19	23.7	L/DW	250,000.00	450 Whetstone Brk. Rd.
Courage	Taylor	4/25/19	33.1	L/DW	305,000.00	2500 South Albany Rd.
Lang & Sevigny	Ste. Marie	4/26/19	38	L/DW	152,000.00	2384 Hatchbrook Rd.
Sedore	Sedore Sisters,LLC	4/13/19	4.57	L/DW	400,000.00	1037 S. Craftsbury Rd.
Sandison	Sunne LLC	6/10/19	.25	L/DW	70,000.00	1 N. Craftsbury Rd.
Smith	882 NCR LLC	7/12/19	.79	L/DW	17,000.00	882 N. Craftsbury Rd.
Leibovitz	Sutton	7/18/19	46.9	L/DW	127,500.00	459 Allen Hill Rd.
Wilhelm & Majoros	Masse	7/24/19	10.1	L/DW	95,000.00	582 Black River Rd.
Mellet	Lukie, LLC	7/29/19	2.1	Land	45,000.00	Lot 1 Lake Rd.
Ulman	Schulz & McDevitt	7/30/19	34.5	L/DW	359,000.00	662 Guy Lot Rd.
Fuller	Rowell	8/1/19	44.7	Land	72,500.00	E. Craftsbury Rd.
Patterson	Royan	8/12/19	36	L/DW	735,000.00	288 Dustan Rd.
Richter-Bohannon	Richter	8/16/19	10.03	L/DW	153,000.00	614 Coburn Hill Rd.
Day	Lukie, LLC	8/27/19	2.19	Land	70,000.00	Lake Rd.
Reuben Estate	Fellinger & Sims	8/27/19	.33	L/DW	171,000.00	35 Creek Rd.
Duane & Bueckendorf	Donaghy	8/28/19	50	L/DW	380,000.00	1410 S. Albany Rd.
Donaghy	Vanwinkle	9/25/19	5.09	L/DW	185,000.00	151 Gateway Drive
Smith	Rossi	10/8/19	.14	Land	10,000.00	VT Route 14
Waterhouse	Blaisdell	10/24/19	2	L/DW	150,000.00	398 Collinsville Rd.
Marckres & LeScouezec	Califano & Rosco	11/5/19	2	L/DW	150,000.00	2569 Creek Rd.
Patmos Farms,LLC	The 2012 Home Trust	11/12/19	175	Land	235,800.00	Creek Rd.
Reiner	Barker Rev.	11/13/19	1.95	L/DW	204,000.00	147 Lake Rd.
Urie	The 2012 Home Trust	11/20/19	22.46	Land	120,000.00	Creek Rd.
Hawkins	Carey	3/29/19	.38	L/DW	77,100.00	95 Fair Drive
Bombardier Estate	Smith	11/5/19	38.7	L/DW	101,000.00	82 Denton Hill Rd
Doty	Johnson	12/2/19	14.43	L/DW	260,000.00	1991 Morey Hill Rd.
Boissy & Tinker	Franklin	12/16/19	11.5	L/DW	180,000.00	1787 Wild Branch Rd.

## Marriages Recorded in Craftsbury in 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
4/27/19	Christopher Duval Colt Katherine Manchester Johnson	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
6/22/19	Adam Mark Blaisdell Jr. Taylor Sue Phelps	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
7/6/19	Andrew Robert Calderwood Madelynn Zinnia Johnston	Granby, MO Granby, MO
7/26/19	Christopher Ryan White Corinne Grace Mesa	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
9/1/19	William Joseph Bisson Julianne Vivian Lois Chase	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
9/7/19	James Robert Collins Meredith Anne Helfrich	Bend, OR Bend, OR
9/21/19	Jason Michael Allen Kelly Ann Marckres	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
10/12/19	Jesse Hugh Potter Jennifer Michelle Lee	Milford, MA Milford, MA

## Births Recorded in Craftsbury in 2019

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Parents</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Birth</u></b>
1/14/19	Leah Beverly Masse	Karen Lee Potter Logan Louis Masse	Copley
2/21/19	Blake Alan-Robert Martin	Taravna Lynn Scott Andrew Nolan Martin	Copley
2/27/19	Hazel Colette Fritz	Hanna Roos Marijin Broer Jacob William Fritz	Copley
3/17/19	Gage Edward Hodgdon	Desiree June Hodgdon Joel Nelson Hodgdon	Copley
5/8/19	Eben Robert McDevitt	Ellen Rebecca McDevitt Lucas Cunningham Schultz	Copley
6/15/19	Aster Beatriz Richardson	Jeniffer Tobon Jeffrey Richardson	Copley
8/1/19	Hayden Harold Sawyer Sims	Katherine Elizabeth Hitchcock Sims Jeffrey Alan Fellingner	North Country Hospital
8/29/19	William Stewart Houston	Mary Lynn Hastings Joseph William Houston	Copley
11/3/19	Lucas Alan Nutter	Chelsea Louise Paton Steven Michael Nutter	Copley
12/17/19	Josiah Tufts Franklin	Corrina Lynn Thurston Daniel Joel Franklin	Copley

## Deaths Recorded in Craftsbury in 2019

Date	Name	Age	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1/3/19	Robert Michael Smith	71	Residence	Craftsbury Village Cemetery
1/13/19	Marcelo Coddou	77	UVM	Mount Pleasant Crematory
1/15/19	Mary Anthony Rowell	86	The Manor	Direct Cremation Services
2/15/19	Robert Barry Johnson	74	Colchester, VT	Craftsbury Village Cemetery
2/22/19	Patricia V. Richardson	86	East Norriton, PA	East Craftsbury Cemetery
3/4/19	Bettie Farrar Gray	85	Lebanon, NH	Craftsbury Common Cemetery
3/7/19	Reginald L Griggs	87	McClure Miller Respite House	Branch Cemetery
3/15/19	Frederick Ralph Cleveland	80	Albany, VT	Branch cemetery
3/24/19	Estelle M McAndrew	97	CCCC	St. Catherine's Cemetery Moscow, PA
4/15/19	Sarah Larrabee	99	CCCC	Green Mountain Crematory
4/22/19	Joseph Clark Jr.	72	Morrisville, VT	Branch Cemetery
5/3/19	Nancy Richter-Bohannon	88	Texas	Branch Cemetery
8/24/19	Charles Sedore	89	Copley Hospital	Mount Pleasant Crematory
9/1/19	Shirley T. Sorrell	62	The Manor	Mount Pleasant Crematory
9/9/19	Roger Martin	69	Residence / Camp	Craftsbury Common Cemetery
10/10/19	Wayne G. Dunbar	81	Residence	Mount Pleasant Crematory
10/14/19	Roderick Neale Gray	58	Burlington, VT	Craftsbury Common Cemetery
10/18/19	Marvin P. Brown	90	UVM	Mount Pleasant Crematory
11/6/19	Vivian Urie	100	Newport City, VT	East Craftsbury Cemetery



# Craftsbury Town School District

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## 2020 Annual School District Meeting Materials

2018 – 2019 School Report  
2019 Financial Report (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)  
2021 Proposed Budget (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

### Important Dates

March 3, 2020 9:00AM  
Annual School District Meeting  
Craftsbury Academy Gymnasium

### Administration

Principal Merri Greenia  
Superintendent Adam Rosenberg

### School Board

Harry Miller , Chair  
Jen Schoen, Vice Chair  
Mary Lou Rylands-Isaacson  
Anne Morse  
Kasey Allen

**WARNING**  
CRAFTSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
March 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Craftsbury Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Craftsbury Academy Gymnasium on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To elect the following officers for:

- School District Meeting Moderator
- School District Treasurer
- School District Clerk

**Article 2:** To elect the following school district officers for the ensuing year:

- School Board Director for a term of three years.
- School Board Director for a term of two years.

**Article 3:** To see if the voters of the school district will authorize the following salaries to be paid for the officers and directors of the school district:

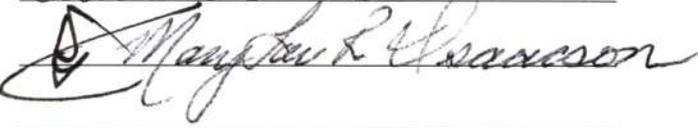
School Board Chair	\$ 000.00/ yr	District Treasurer	\$ 4997.50/ yr
School Board Member	\$ 000.00/ yr	District Clerk	\$ 000.00 / yr

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$4,014,955, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,346.66 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.14% higher than spending for the current year.

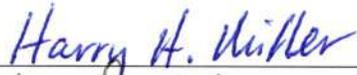
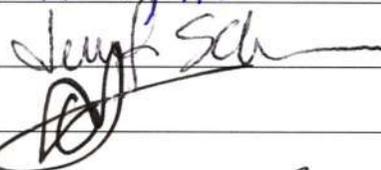
**Article 5:** To see if the voters of the school district will authorize the school board to borrow money in anticipation of state revenues.

**Article 6:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Hardwick, Vermont this 16th day of January, 2020

Craftsbury Town School District Directors

  
  
Attest:   
District Clerk

## Craftsbury School Board Annual Report

The past year has been a positive one for Craftsbury. New resident families have increased our student population by twenty, bringing many young students into the school system. Act 46 has left our school district intact as a member of the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU). This has allowed us to continue to pursue a number of innovative collaborations which will greatly enhance and increase the opportunities for our students.

We have met with the Hazen Union board several times outside of our regular meetings. We are exploring new, innovative ways to collaborate with the intent of creating more opportunities for our high school students. We have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding with Hazen that will solidify an exchange agreement, allowing for a one-to-one student exchange between Hazen and Craftsbury.

We have made significant steps in revitalizing our connection with and use of the Craftsbury Academy Woodlot. We have finally legally clarified all the boundary lines in the woodlot. We have a new forestry management plan approved with the help of our county forester Jared Nunnery and retired teacher Rob Libby. Numerous classes have conducted field trips to the Woodlot for a variety of programs, and we hosted a community “bioblitz” last June to help us understand the forest community and what plants and animals live there.

Our collaboration with Sterling College has been fruitful. We currently have seven high school students enrolled in an art class through the dual enrollment program, and have four signed up for woodworking in the spring. A Sterling course, taught by John Zaber, has created an outdoor education curriculum for 4th and 5th grades that utilizes the school woodlot. Farley Brown's class in September conducted a wildlife habitat inventory in the Woodlot, and provided us with a report of their findings. Sterling students supervised by Anne Morse facilitated team building programs on the challenge course for middle schoolers, and further programs in winter adventure will be led by John Zaber's students. Our students continue to enjoy our Sterling collaborations focused on composting, farm visits, and taste testing.

Our Craftsbury Outdoor Sports Academy continues to attract new students. We currently have nine high school students participating in the program. The Craftsbury Outdoor Center Team of Anna Schultz, Audrey Mangan, Jake Barton and Ollie Burruss have made this program a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Our Student Life Association has been very active, with many parents participating and volunteering in our school. To all of our community volunteers we are so grateful.

We have been disappointed with our state-of-the-art wood pellet boiler. The manufacturer is bankrupt and parts are no longer available. We cannot receive any financial assistance from Energy Efficiency of Vt. until the boiler fails, so hopefully, we can make it through another budget season before having to address the issue. Replacing the boiler will represent anywhere from eighty to a one-hundred-thousand-dollar investment.

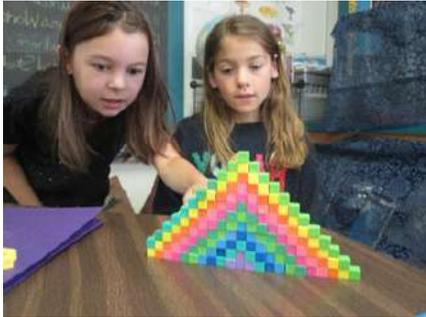
We are in the process of issuing a Request for Proposal for Architectural Services for a new elementary school building to be located on Dustan Field, as we have outgrown our old building. This is the only land we have available, as our site around the Academy is completely filled. We are planning to make this an innovative and energy efficient building. Current options include having childcare programs, such as “Saplings” collaborate with us, potentially serving infant to 4th grade. It will make Craftsbury Schools even more attractive to young parents. In addition, it will provide a good setting for students to continue on to our middle and high school. The town offices would then be able to move into the current elementary school building - allowing for the use of the town hall for musical, theater performances, and arts programs. This would be another huge asset for our town, especially given the central location.

We welcomed two student representatives to the board - Juniors Phoebe Stoddard and Aiden Casey. The student representatives bring a valuable perspective to the board’s discussions.

The members of the Craftsbury School Board wish to thank the community for its continued strong support, our collaborating partners, our fine Principal, Merri Greenia, our dedicated teachers, and the OSSU staff who help us navigate the legal and financial complexities inherent in today’s public education.

Harry Miller,  
Craftsbury School Board Chair

# Craftsbury Schools Year in Review



# Craftsbury School Report

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Craftsbury Schools welcomed many new families in 2019, bringing our preK to 12 population over 200. The twenty new Craftsbury resident students and seven new tuition students enrich the Craftsbury Schools and community in many ways. Several newcomers have arrived from urban areas across the country, and they make a convincing case for the power of a small school within a supportive town. The staff is currently developing a vision for the next five years around the theme of big opportunities in a small school. We invite students and parents to join us in creating that vision.

Strong academics for all students is an important part of the vision. As we have implemented proficiency based learning and grading, the staff has made certain to maintain high academic standards. Craftsbury Academy earned a U.S. News # 5 ranking of Vermont high schools for the second year in a row, strong evidence of academic rigor.

Creating and maintaining systems that support the social and emotional wellness of students is a critical component of an academically rigorous school. Today's young people face many stressors that were not present even five years ago. Last year we began to implement restorative justice practices, and we are continuing that work with a coach from the Lamoille Restorative Justice Center. Much of our professional development time is spent on ways to improve emotional health and social learning.

We are extremely fortunate to work with a variety of community partners. Our students ski and mountain bike at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Sterling College provides a variety of workshops to elementary and middle school students and dual enrollment classes to juniors and seniors. WonderArts partners with us in the middle school self expression Monday classes and after school REACH. Several community volunteers tutor, teach Four Winds workshops, coach, and help monitor field trips. These partnerships between the school and community will continue to draw new families to Craftsbury.

## **RECENT SUCCESSES**

- U.S. News named Craftsbury Academy the 5th strongest high school in Vermont for a second year in a row. The ranking is based on state tests, graduation rates, college admissions, and the percent of students taking AP courses and passing AP exams.
- The elementary school adopted the READY Math program. The program includes the student problem solving instructional practices supported by research. The staff agreed to adopt the Lucy Calkins reading program K-8. This research -supported program has brought about strong literacy scores in middle school.
- We increased the study of world languages, including an increased time for French to extend French into the high school. The Craftsbury School Board voted to make 2 years of language a graduation requirement.
- With support from the School Life Association, the playground in back of Minden Hall received several pieces of new equipment.
- Co-curricular activities expanded and included opportunities in drama, dance, student leadership, and athletics. An athletic summit sponsored by the Student Life Association

brought several stakeholders together to celebrate successes and plan for the future. As an outgrowth of the summit, Craftsbury now has a full time athletic director.

### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

- Math scores continue to fall below literacy score on district and state assessments.
- The behavior data suggests that developmentally appropriate, comprehensive social emotional learning is needed across the grades.
- Craftsbury needs to continue expanding co-curricular participation among students.
- Craftsbury needs to provide support services to students who experience trauma.
- Craftsbury needs to continue refining safety procedures and protocols.

### **PLAN TO MEET NEEDS / ACHIEVE GOALS**

- The Craftsbury faculty will continue to implement the math curriculum with fidelity and analyze student data to provide interventions and enrichments as needed.
- In response to the social and emotional needs of students, we will continue with our restorative justice training and adopt a social emotional curriculum, practices, and procedures that are sequenced from grade to grade.
- We will continue to work with the athletic director, the drama director, the School Life Association, the REACH program, and community partners to expand and support co-curricular activities and student participation.
- Craftsbury will continue to employ a full time school based clinician and provide referral services for students and families.
- The Craftsbury School community will continue to refine practices that support social/emotional wellbeing, and to support ongoing emergency drills.

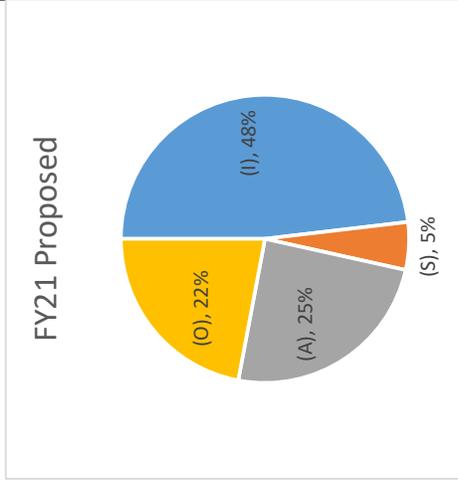
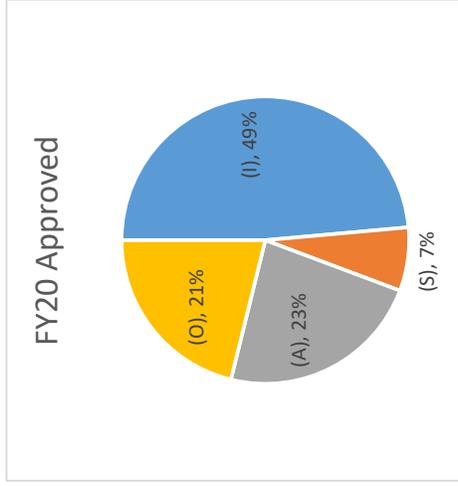
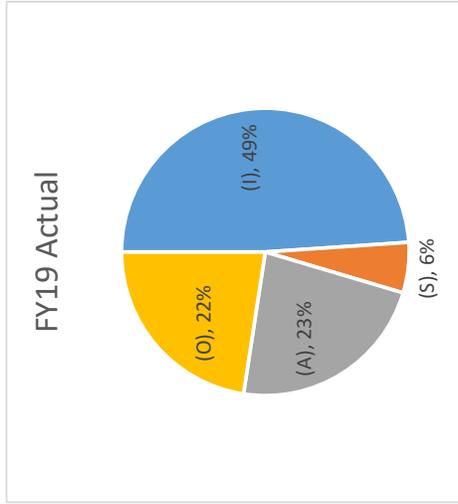
# Cash Flow Fiscal Year 2019

## Craftsbury Town School District

	July-18	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	430,152.49	258,694.27	78,210.04	207,029.42	122,712.08	306,056.04	462,738.99	455,487.64	889,854.26	609,619.87	844,513.66	875,586.55
<b>Receipts - (Add)</b>												
Taxes		100,000.00		200,000.00	400,000.00		300,100.00	655,854.71			13,183.26	
Tuition				21,964.97	1,550.00	26,300.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	223,612.71	33,000.00	298,494.11	
State Aid			352,862.00			352,862.00				373,495.12	11,080.91	120.00
Driver's Ed							9,939.27			1,420.00		1,013.40
Transportation Aid												
Grants								\$ 9,648.01	654.53	420.00		
Food Service		43.60	3,874.30	2,522.25	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 3,748.20	1,809.60	\$ 7,074.31	7,956.20	\$ 7,265.40	\$ 8,817.06	\$ 9,178.23
Interest	52.50	20.52	27.56	23.38	\$ 25.72	\$ 60.92	69.42	\$ 60.97	83.64	\$ 64.43	\$ 107.33	\$ 97.29
Misc: Reimbursements, Services, Assessments, etc.	10,735.20	1,742.83	6,605.87	5,033.65	16,186.68	39,508.79	6,557.48	1,921.04	17,570.65	196.00	17,860.89	21,318.35
Line of Credit Draw		126,000.00										647,586.40
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>440,940.19</b>	<b>486,501.22</b>	<b>441,579.77</b>	<b>436,573.67</b>	<b>541,553.48</b>	<b>728,535.95</b>	<b>782,764.76</b>	<b>1,131,596.68</b>	<b>1,139,731.99</b>	<b>1,025,480.82</b>	<b>1,194,057.22</b>	<b>1,554,900.22</b>
<b>Disbursements - (Subtract)</b>												
Current Expenses	108,365.96	53,665.82	85,413.14	80,614.49	120,161.58	84,216.81	82,260.77	122,065.70	119,021.59	118,239.07	174,161.19	290,908.35
Payroll Warrants	73,879.96	354,625.36	149,137.21	233,247.10	115,335.86	181,580.15	245,016.35	119,676.72	411,090.53	62,728.09	144,309.48	1,044,065.05
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>182,245.92</b>	<b>408,291.18</b>	<b>234,550.35</b>	<b>313,861.59</b>	<b>235,497.44</b>	<b>265,796.96</b>	<b>327,277.12</b>	<b>241,742.42</b>	<b>530,112.12</b>	<b>180,967.16</b>	<b>318,470.67</b>	<b>1,334,973.40</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance:</b>	<b>258,694.27</b>	<b>78,210.04</b>	<b>207,029.42</b>	<b>122,712.08</b>	<b>306,056.04</b>	<b>462,738.99</b>	<b>455,487.64</b>	<b>889,854.26</b>	<b>609,619.87</b>	<b>844,513.66</b>	<b>875,586.55</b>	<b>219,926.82</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Yvette Brown, Treasurer



<b>Categories</b>		
Instruction (I)	\$1,729,501	\$1,932,558
Support for Student / Instructors (S)	\$199,922	\$214,317
Administration (A)	\$807,306	\$983,372
Other (O)	\$797,229	\$884,709
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,533,958</b>	<b>\$4,014,955</b>

Further detailed budget reports can be found at the OSSU website: <https://www.ossu.org/resources/data-reports>. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of one of the budget reports, you can call the OSSU Central Office at 802-472-6531 to have a copy mailed, or you can come view the report at the OSSU Central Office at 157 Daniels Road Hardwick VT.

Craftsbury Town School District  
FY20 SUMMARY BUDGET

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Approved	FY21 Proposed	Variance (\$)
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Local Sources	\$840,377	\$753,377	\$913,997	\$720,626	(\$193,371)
SU Sources	\$53,976	\$60,834	\$80,000	\$68,550	(\$11,450)
State Sources	\$2,725,200	\$2,802,213	\$2,830,540	\$3,106,140	\$275,600
Federal Sources	\$5,514	\$5,395	\$5,000	\$3,463	(\$1,537)
Prior Year Revenues	\$1,205	\$7,972	\$0	\$0	\$0
PY Surplus Applied	\$0	\$0	\$121,812	\$116,176	(\$5,636)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,626,272</b>	<b>\$3,629,791</b>	<b>\$3,951,349</b>	<b>\$4,014,955</b>	<b>\$63,606</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Ed Instruction	\$1,668,663	\$1,637,307	\$1,837,666	\$1,839,904	\$2,238
Special Ed Instruction	\$202,520	\$12,483	\$0	\$0	\$0
Co-curricular Ed Instruction	\$20,734	\$41,974	\$38,019	\$35,714	(\$2,305)
Athletics Instruction	\$58,863	\$37,737	\$44,049	\$56,940	\$12,890
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$1,950,780</b>	<b>\$1,729,501</b>	<b>\$1,919,734</b>	<b>\$1,932,558</b>	<b>\$12,824</b>
Guidance	\$108,195	\$98,048	\$108,069	\$125,282	\$17,213
Health Services	\$83,026	\$35,470	\$89,697	\$6,120	(\$83,577)
Psychological Services	\$15,079	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Speech Services	\$17,349	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	\$2,936	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Physical Therapy/IEP Evaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Improvement of Instruction	\$25,900	\$2,092	\$9,000	\$4,855	(\$4,145)
Library/Media	\$62,302	\$63,127	\$75,066	\$78,060	\$2,994
Technology Integration	\$88	\$1,184	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$314,876</b>	<b>\$199,922</b>	<b>\$281,832</b>	<b>\$214,317</b>	<b>(\$67,516)</b>
School Board	\$22,484	\$10,228	\$39,884	\$21,578	(\$18,305)
Office of Superintendent	\$33,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Admin	\$242,676	\$213,211	\$233,982	\$231,941	(\$2,041)
SPED Admin	\$7,025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Business Office/HR	\$99,988	\$570,372	\$640,097	\$728,853	\$88,756
Technology Admin	\$69,765	\$13,496	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Grants Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$475,204</b>	<b>\$807,306</b>	<b>\$913,963</b>	<b>\$983,372</b>	<b>\$69,409</b>
Operations & Maintenance	\$311,241	\$297,602	\$302,572	\$340,611	\$38,038
Student Transportation	\$138,286	\$89,008	\$91,520	\$93,350	\$1,830
Food Service	\$101,927	\$106,834	\$124,128	\$126,796	\$2,667
Debt Service	\$291,656	\$291,344	\$317,600	\$323,952	\$6,352
Prior Year Expenditures	(\$3,865)	\$12,441	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payoff PY Deficit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$839,246</b>	<b>\$797,229</b>	<b>\$835,821</b>	<b>\$884,709</b>	<b>\$48,888</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,580,106</b>	<b>\$3,533,958</b>	<b>\$3,951,349</b>	<b>\$4,014,955</b>	<b>\$63,606</b>
<b>REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$46,166</b>	<b>\$95,833</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## Craftsbury Town School District 2020-2021 (FY21) Budget Notes

With your continued support of Craftsbury School and our budget, the Board and its staff continue to improve the education of our greatest resource, our children.

The proposed FY21 budget brings an estimated increase of \$0.084 in the actual homestead tax rate for our homesteads.

Craftsbury's estimated Actual Homestead tax rate is \$1.7420 per \$100 of assessed home value, an increase of \$0.0844. This translates to an estimated increase of \$84.40 on a house valued at \$100,000.

### **Some points of interest that affect this budget include the following:**

#### **REVENUES**

- Secondary tuition has decreased by (\$156,718) due to families moving into Craftsbury.
- The Small School Grant is anticipated and shows an increase of \$158,193.
- The district used \$116,176 from the FY19 fund balance to bring down the tax rate.

#### **EXPENSES**

- This budget continues to preserve all academic programs.
- There was a 12.9% cost increase in health insurance absorbed in this FY20 budget.
- This budget reflects the addition of a full time Mental Health Clinician.

#### **OTHER**

- We have been fortunate to receive funds from the Trustees to help support & maintain the current facilities.

#### **SUMMARY**

- Total expenditures are up \$63,606.
- Local Revenues are down (\$474).
- This results in a \$64,079 increase in Education Spending.
- Equalized Pupils are up 3.27.
- Education Spending per Equalized Pupil is increasing 0.14%
- CLA is decreased 6.2%
- All of this contributes to the increase in the tax rate which can be better understood by following the tax Impact calculations and explanations.

Voters are encouraged to review the 2018-2019 Craftsbury Town School Report to learn more about the educational programming and goals that will be supported by this budget.

# Craftsbury School District

## Historical Tax Rate Calculation

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	
Total Expenditures	4.9%	-8.0%	2.9%	7.67%	1.61%	
Local Revenues	19.5%	-28.4%	0.9%	13.72%	-0.04%	
Education Spending	-1.5%	3.1%	3.6%	5.45%	2.26%	
Equalized Pupils	2.5%	-2.1%	1.7%	0.43%	2.12%	
Education Spending/Eq Pupil	-4.0%	5.4%	1.8%	6.94%	0.14%	
CLA	-7.7%	-1.3%	0.7%	8.0%	-6.2%	
Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.6761</b>	<b>1.6861</b>	<b>1.7728</b>	<b>1.7176</b>	<b>1.6936</b>	
% ETR Increase over PY	-5.4%	0.6%	5.1%	-3.1%	-1.4%	
						<b>Change</b>
1 Total Expenditures	3,876,117	3,567,661	3,669,830	3,951,349	4,014,955	63,606
2 Local Revenues	1,362,807	976,099	985,000	1,120,143	1,119,669	(474)
3 Education Spending	2,513,310	2,591,562	2,684,830	2,831,206	2,895,286	64,079
4 Equalized Pupils	154.57	151.28	153.88	154.54	157.81	3.27
5 <b>Ed Spending per Eq Pupil</b>	<b>16,260.01</b>	<b>17,130.90</b>	<b>17,447.55</b>	<b>18,320.22</b>	<b>18,346.66</b>	<b>26.44</b>
<b>Ed Spending With Overage Per Eq Pupil</b>					<b>18,346.66</b>	
Base Ed Amt/Prop Yield	9,701	10,160	9,842	10,666	10,833	167
District Spending Adjustment	167.612%	168.611%	177.277%	171.763%	169.359%	-2.404%
Base Tax Rate	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
7 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	<b>1.6761</b>	<b>1.6861</b>	<b>1.7728</b>	<b>1.7176</b>	<b>1.6936</b>	<b>-0.0240</b>
8 Common Level of Appraisal	96.58%	95.30%	95.92%	103.62%	97.22%	-6.40%
9 <b>Actual Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>1.7355</b>	<b>1.7693</b>	<b>1.8482</b>	<b>1.6576</b>	<b>1.7420</b>	<b>0.0844</b>

Add/cut 1c on actual homestead tax rate Homestead 100,000 Tax increase \$ 84.40

**Education tax on a home assessed at:**

\$ 100,000	\$ 1,657.62
\$ 200,000	\$ 3,315.24
\$ 300,000	\$ 4,972.87

EdSpend/EqPupil	
18,756	Threshold
18,347	Current draft
NO	OVER threshold
0	by amt

CLA	Measure	Value	Homestead Tax Rate	Tax Bill
100.00%	Market	100,000	equalized 1.6936	1,694
103.62%	Grand List	103,620	actual 1.7420	1,805

## OSSU and Member School Districts Tax Rate Calculation Description

Row #	Explanation
1	Total Expenditures represents the money spent to operate all school district programs, functions, and services.
2	Local Revenues represents non-property income tax revenue.
3	Education Spending (ES) is row #1 minus row #2. It represents the amount to come from the State Education Fund.
4	Equalized Pupils (EP) represents the average of the district's students for the prior two years, weighted based on a variety of factors, such as for PreK, poverty, English Language Learner (ELL), and secondary students.
5	Educational Spending (ES) per Equalized Pupil (EP) is row #3 divided by row #4.
6	District Spending Adjustment represents the percentage a district's ES/EP to the Property Yield. The property yield (formally the base ES per EP) is a term from ACT 46. It represents the amount of education spending per equalized student that can be supported by \$1.00 of homestead property tax on the statewide grand list. The yield is divided into row #5 to determine the adjustment. The yield is ultimately set by the legislature. At the time of this printing this is the current estimated yield for the fiscal year.
7	Equalized Homestead Tax Rate is the District Spending Adjustment (row #6) multiplied by the base tax rate of \$1.00. It represents the homestead tax rate that is equalized across all towns based on each town's level of spending.
8	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) represents the relationship of each town's grand list is to market value. 100% means that a town's grand list is at market value. The CLA is calculated by the state based on actual property sales in a community throughout the year and is used in the tax calculation to represent fairness across all towns in the state.
9	Actual Homestead Tax Rate is row #7 divided by row #8 and represents what the homestead education property tax is that will appear on each town's property tax bill.

Amounts are shown for properties assessed at \$100,000, \$200,000, and \$300,000, assuming no income sensitivity adjustment.

**Please understand that these calculations are estimates since the legislature has not yet set the final property yield.**

District: **Craftsbury**  
 SU: **Orleans Southwest**

**T055**  
 Orleans County

Property dollar equivalent yield  
**10,883**  
**13,396**

Homestead tax rate per \$10,883 of spending per equalized pupil  
**1.00**  
 Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

**Expenditures**

		FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,567,661	\$3,646,582	\$3,972,421	\$4,014,955	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$3,567,661	\$3,646,582	\$3,972,421	\$4,014,955	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	\$3,567,661	\$3,646,582	\$3,972,421	\$4,014,955	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

**Revenues**

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$976,099	\$985,000	\$1,137,643	\$1,119,699	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	NA	12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$976,099	\$985,000	\$1,137,643	\$1,119,699	13.

14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$2,591,562	\$2,661,582	\$2,834,778	\$2,895,256	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	151.28	153.88	154.05	157.81	15.

		FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$17,130.90	\$17,296.48	\$18,401.67	\$18,346.47	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,927.55	\$1,894.98	\$2,061.67	\$2,053	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$53.37	\$50.47	\$39.62	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,386	threshold = \$17,816	threshold = \$18,311	threshold = \$18,756	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	\$18,756.00	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,131	\$17,296	\$18,402	\$18,346.47	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	168.611% based on yield \$10,160	169.241% based on yield \$10,220	172.818% based on \$10,648	168.579% based on yield \$10,883	28.

**Prorating the local tax rate**

29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$18,346.47 + (\$10,883 / \$1.00))]	\$1.6861 based on \$1.00	\$1.6924 based on \$1.00	\$1.7282 based on \$1.00	\$1.6858 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Craftsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.69)	\$1.6861	\$1.6924	\$1.7282	\$1.6858	31.
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	95.30%	108.80%	103.62%	97.22%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6858 / 97.22%)	\$1.7693 based on \$1.00	\$1.5555 based on \$1.00	\$1.6678 based on \$1.00	\$1.7340 based on \$1.00	33.

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

34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$18,346.47 + \$13,396) x 2.00%]	2.86% based on 2.00%	2.79% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.74% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.74%)	2.86% based on 2.00%	2.79% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.74% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	#/N/A	-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#/N/A	-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,883 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.654. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Minutes**  
**Craftsbury Town School District**  
**Annual School District Meeting**  
**March 5, 2019**

**The legal voters of the Craftsbury Town School District met at the Craftsbury Gymnasium on Tuesday, The fifth day of March 2019 at 1:00 pm.**

**Moderator, Jeannine Young, brought the meeting to order. She reminded everyone of the "Roberts Rules of Order". She asked if anyone wish to make a motion to suspend of the reading of the warning. Joe Young made the motion and was seconded by Lisa Santamore. Motion voted and carried.**

**Article 1. To elect the following officers for:**

**Moderator: Tim Fritz nominated Jeannine Young and seconded by Harry Miller. There were no other nominations. Carolyn Ryan made a motion to have the Clerk cast one vote. Seconded. Motion carried.**

**District Treasurer: Harry Miller nominated Yvette Brown. Seconded. Harry Miller made motion to have the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded and carried.**

**District Clerk: Lisa Santamore nominated Yvette Brown, seconded by Tim Fritz. Mary Lou Isaccson nominated Jen Schotz. Jen declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Tim Fritz moved the Clerk to cast one ballot. Seconded, voted and carried.**

**Article 2. To elect the following school district officers for the ensuing year:**

**School Board Director for a term of three years:**

**John Smith nominated Harry Miller. Seconded. There were no other nominations. Aaron Cornelius made a motion to have the Clerk cast one ballot. Voted and carried.**

**School Board Director for a term of two years:**

**Princess nominated Anne Morse. Seconded. There were no other nominations. Tim Fritz move, that the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded, voted and carried.**

**School Board Director for a term of two years remaining on a three year term:**

**Gail Kroeger nominated Rudy Chase. Seconded. Jim Flint nominated Casey Allen. Seconded. Nominations ceased. Casey Allen has been performing the duties for the last 6 months. Both candidates stood so people could recognize them.**

**Votes cast: 84 Casey Allen: 66 Rudy Chase: 17 Spoiled: 1 Needed: 43**

**Casey Allen has been elected.**

**Article 3. To see if the voters of the school district will authorize the following salaries to be paid for the officers and directors of the school district:**

**District Treasurer is the only position with a salary that is \$4997.50 for the year.**

**Harry Miller moved the article as read. Seconded, voted and carried.**

**Article 4. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,949,683.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,309.43 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.88% higher than spending for the current year.**

**Harry Miller made a motion to accept the budget of \$3,949,683.00 for the School District. Seconded. Discussion.**

**Lisa Santamore noted to the Board that the detailed budget was not put in the Town report as requested. Gail Kroeger spoke to the article that was in The Chronicle regarding Small School Grants. Superintendent spoke, with voted permission, that the small school grants will be phased out in two years. Number of students expedited to attend including tuition students. Sometimes the number of tuition student, changes through- out the year.**

**Votes cast:88      Yes: 76 No: 11 Spoil: 1 Needed:45    Budget Passed.**

**Article 5. To see if the voters of the school will authorize the school board to borrow money in anticipation of state revenues.**

**Harry Miller moved the question. Seconded. Voted and carried.**

**Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.**

**David Stoner gave an applause to all the School Board members and Town people for all their work.**

**John Zaber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Many Seconds.**

**2:10 pm Meeting adjourned.**

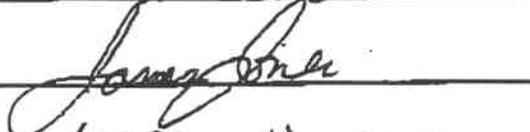
**Dated at Craftsbury on March 8, 2019**

**Select Board:**

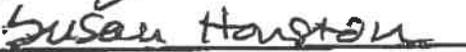
**Bruce Urle**



**James Jones**



**Susan Houston**



*Attest: Yvette Broux  
Clerk*



# Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

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## Fiscal Year 2021 Supervisory Union Shared Services Budget

Empowering students with the knowledge, skills and disposition to be college and career ready and become successful, responsible and contributing members of society -- locally and globally.

### Town School Districts

- Craftsbury
- Stannard
- Wolcott

### Union School Districts

- Hazen Union
- Orleans Southwest Union Elementary

OSSU is an educational services, planning, and administrative unit that serves six towns and five school districts.

Dear OSSU community members:

Since joining the OSSU community in July, I have watched students, staff, families, board members, and community partners come together in multiple collaborative efforts to create and enhance community in support of cultivating learners who take control of their own learning by knowing where they are, where they're going, and how to get there.

At our summer leadership team retreat it was evident that OSSU principals and central office directors believe in this goal of learner agency through reflective practice. During August convocation staff members met in district teams to begin the work of envisioning a model of what teaching and learning that fosters learner agency might look like five years from now. That was the first step in ongoing collaborative work to articulate and draft a five year roadmap to school transformation that is personalized for each school community.

While every district will design its own personalized roadmap, each will target some common values, such as educational equity--ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to the specific quality educational resources that they need. This fall our principals and central office directors received training in equity awareness while our supervisory union-wide equity leadership team, comprised of OSSU staff members, community members, administrators, and a student, have been meeting monthly to identify areas of need and professional development to address those needs.

At the center of each of our district's long-term vision is one of OSSU's greatest strengths: the collaborative relationship so many of our staff have developed with community partners. This year the new OSSU Community Partners Coalition, comprised of OSSU staff and community partner representatives, has met monthly to identify ways to position offsite place-based student learning opportunities at the center of our educational model, giving students authentic opportunities to choose how, where, and when to learn.

It has been a pleasure taking part in ongoing conversations in all of our schools about ceding more ownership of learning to students by giving them opportunities to goal-set and reflect on learning. Thank you for the key role you play in raising self-directed learners who will have the skills needed to be happy and successful once they leave our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Rosenberg", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Rosenberg  
Superintendent of Schools  
Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

**Cash Flow FY2019**  
Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

	July-18	August-18	September-18	October-18	November-18	December-18	January-19	February-19	March-19	April-19	May-19	June-19
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	575,271.16	(49,628.27)	2,007,588.78	1,467,928.89	1,785,968.47	563,840.03	1,197,362.10	1,787,162.47	900,528.28	1,113,259.24	1,678,253.03	1,036,276.08
<b>Receipts - (Add)</b>												
State Transportation Aid			111,106.00			111,106.00						\$ 18,721.36
State Grants/Medicaid/Food Service	33,613.91	576,883.69	75,814.60	262,081.88	144,943.00	995,020.89	377,318.53	\$ 925.25	304,633.37	1,320,277.99	217,744.37	314,231.11
REACH local revenue	6,979.34	700.00		\$ 6,687.25		12,444.22			\$ 4,533.27		\$ 3,988.25	\$ 3,357.59
ERATE	14,162.39					\$ 15,167.38	\$ 21,022.79					
Interest	67.56	114.39	205.41	142.95	\$ 168.11	\$ 132.55	198.07	\$ 179.64	147.34	\$ 180.08	\$ 175.97	\$ 116.05
Misc: Reimbursements, Services, Assessments, etc.	40,051.06	2,101,529.01	111,305.29	1,119,344.42	21,793.42	317,790.18	1,082,300.16	175,035.32	654,033.71	153,458.03	268,416.23	96,058.15
Voided checks & chargebacks	225.70											
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>670,371.12</b>	<b>2,629,598.82</b>	<b>2,306,020.08</b>	<b>2,856,185.39</b>	<b>1,952,873.00</b>	<b>2,015,501.25</b>	<b>2,678,201.65</b>	<b>1,963,302.68</b>	<b>1,863,875.97</b>	<b>2,587,175.34</b>	<b>2,168,577.85</b>	<b>1,468,760.34</b>
<b>Disbursements - (Subtract)</b>												
Current Expenses												
Payroll Warrants	471,602.44	260,693.35	356,512.85	367,000.89	557,585.74	379,845.86	370,249.21	377,661.43	378,878.44	400,131.77	623,427.95	981,239.50
Vendor Warrants	247,913.02	339,219.50	472,110.95	639,175.67	745,960.51	413,693.44	393,560.90	666,654.19	344,729.35	454,601.60	461,880.98	703,114.34
DataPath Auto Payments	483.93	22,097.19	9,467.39	64,040.36	85,486.72	24,599.85	127,229.07	18,458.78	27,008.94	54,188.94	46,992.84	30,677.94
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>719,999.39</b>	<b>622,010.04</b>	<b>838,091.19</b>	<b>1,070,216.92</b>	<b>1,389,032.97</b>	<b>818,139.15</b>	<b>891,039.18</b>	<b>1,062,774.40</b>	<b>750,616.73</b>	<b>908,922.31</b>	<b>1,132,301.77</b>	<b>1,715,031.78</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance:</b>	<b>(49,628.27)</b>	<b>2,007,588.78</b>	<b>1,467,928.89</b>	<b>1,785,968.47</b>	<b>563,840.03</b>	<b>1,197,362.10</b>	<b>1,787,162.47</b>	<b>900,528.28</b>	<b>1,113,259.24</b>	<b>1,678,253.03</b>	<b>1,036,276.08</b>	<b>(246,271.44)</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  


Orise Ainsworth, Treasurer

### FY21 OSSU Shared Services Assessment Summary

	Based on Equalized Pupils			Total
	HAZEN	UNIFIED ELEMENTARY	PRE-K	
CRAFTSBURY	158.92	0	31.05	189.97
GREENSBORO	0	56.21	9.00	65.21
HARDWICK	0	215.12	2.00	217.12
STANNARD	11.14	0	4.50	15.64
WOLCOTT	262.37	0	17.00	279.37
WOODBURY	0	40.79	88.05	128.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>432.43</b>	<b>312.12</b>	<b>106.64</b>	<b>1,068.64</b>

1,068.64

	Allocation					Total \$	Less Revenue	Allocated \$
	CRAFTSBURY	STANNARD	WOLCOTT	HAZEN	Union Elementary			
<b>Purchased Services</b>						\$ 1,318,461	\$ 1,318,461	\$ -
ELL (1000)	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	24,721	-	24,721
SPED Pre-K (1200.11)	19.31%	0.00%	27.83%	0.00%	52.87%	42,927	10,000	32,927
SPED K-12 (1200.13/30)	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	4,470,610	3,353,944	1,116,666
Guidance (2120)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	98,567	-	98,567
Health Services (2130)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	248,284	-	248,284
Psychological Services (2140)	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	318,269	-	318,269
Speech Language Pathology	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	282,314	-	282,314
Occupational Therapy	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	128,896	-	128,896
Physical Therapy	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	3,500	-	3,500
Improvement of Instruction	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	198,603	-	198,603
School Board	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	136,833	-	136,833
Office of the Superintendent	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	266,493	-	266,493
Special Ed Administration	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	100,812	-	100,812
Fiscal Services	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	639,469	438,000	201,469
Technology Administration	14.72%	1.03%	24.30%	28.91%	31.05%	585,653	-	585,653
Operations & Maintenance (2600)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	191,850	-	191,850
General Transportation (2700)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	964,082	375,339	588,743
SPED Transportation (2700.211)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	312,000	-	312,000
Food Service (3100)	14.87%	0.00%	24.55%	29.21%	31.37%	20,685	-	20,685
<b>Total</b>						\$ 10,353,029	\$ 5,495,744	\$ 4,857,285

FY21 Total  
FY21 % Alloc  
FY20 Total  
Variance  
Variance %

	Assessment					Total Assessment \$
	CRAFTSBURY	STANNARD	WOLCOTT	HAZEN	Union Elementary	
<b>Purchased Services</b>						\$ -
ELL (1000)	\$ 3,638	\$ 255	\$ 6,007	\$ 7,146	\$ 7,675	\$ 24,721
SPED Pre-K (1200.11)	\$ 6,357	-	\$ 9,162	-	\$ 17,408	\$ 32,927
SPED K-12 (1200.13/30)	\$ 164,349	\$ 11,521	\$ 271,333	\$ 322,782	\$ 346,682	\$ 1,116,666
Guidance (2120)	\$ 14,658	-	\$ 24,200	\$ 28,789	\$ 30,920	\$ 98,567
Health Services (2130)	\$ 36,923	-	\$ 60,958	\$ 72,517	\$ 77,886	\$ 248,284
Psychological Services (2140)	\$ 46,842	\$ 3,284	\$ 77,334	\$ 91,998	\$ 98,810	\$ 318,269
Speech Language Pathology	\$ 41,550	\$ 2,913	\$ 68,598	\$ 81,605	\$ 87,648	\$ 282,314
Occupational Therapy	\$ 18,971	\$ 1,330	\$ 31,320	\$ 37,258	\$ 40,017	\$ 128,896
Physical Therapy	\$ 515	\$ 36	\$ 850	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,087	\$ 3,500
Improvement of Instruction	\$ 29,535	-	\$ 48,761	\$ 58,007	\$ 62,301	\$ 198,603
School Board	\$ 20,139	\$ 1,412	\$ 33,248	\$ 39,553	\$ 42,481	\$ 136,833
Office of the Superintendent	\$ 39,222	\$ 2,749	\$ 64,754	\$ 77,032	\$ 82,736	\$ 266,493
Special Ed Administration	\$ 14,837	\$ 1,040	\$ 24,496	\$ 29,141	\$ 31,298	\$ 100,812
Fiscal Services	\$ 29,652	\$ 2,079	\$ 48,954	\$ 58,237	\$ 62,548	\$ 201,469
Technology Administration	\$ 86,195	\$ 6,042	\$ 142,305	\$ 169,288	\$ 181,823	\$ 585,653
Operations & Maintenance (2600)	\$ 28,531	-	\$ 47,103	\$ 56,034	\$ 60,183	\$ 191,850
General Transportation (2700)	\$ 87,553	-	\$ 144,547	\$ 171,955	\$ 184,687	\$ 588,743
SPED Transportation (2700.211)	\$ 46,398	-	\$ 76,602	\$ 91,127	\$ 97,874	\$ 312,000
Food Service (3100)	\$ 3,076	-	\$ 5,079	\$ 6,042	\$ 6,489	\$ 20,685
<b>Total</b>	\$ 718,942	\$ 32,659	\$ 1,185,609	\$ 1,399,522	\$ 1,520,553	\$ 4,857,285
	14.80%	0.67%	24.41%	28.81%	31.30%	100.00%
	\$ 619,097	\$ 10,662	\$ 1,058,198	\$ 1,310,179	\$ 1,460,754	\$ 4,458,890
	\$ 99,845	\$ 21,997	\$ 127,411	\$ 89,343	\$ 59,799	\$ 398,395
	16.13%	206.32%	12.04%	6.82%	4.09%	8.93%

# Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU)

## 2020-2021(FY21) Spending Plan Budget Highlights

The OSSU is by state law the administrative and planning unit for all its member districts. Services include instructional and special education coordination and oversight, student assessment coordination, curriculum coordination, professional development coordination, human resources, business and accounting services, IT network, data systems, transportation, food service management, and school board support.

The FY21 OSSU Preliminary Spending Plan Budget as approved by the OSSU Board is \$9,034,568 This represents a 14.36% over the current budget. Eighty - Three percent (83%) of this budget goes towards student instruction, instructional support services, student support services, and transportation that are utilized at the school buildings and paid for at the supervisory union level.

The FY21 Purchased Services are also provided through the SU and total \$1,318,461, an increase of 22.35% from the current budget. These are services which the school boards have approved and will purchase from the SU. When these services are added to the Spending Plan Budget total is \$10,353,029.

- There was an 12.90% cost increase in health insurance absorbed in this FY21 budget.
- Special Education spending increased 13.87% from the FY20 budget
- Health Services Model change centralized staff out of individual district budgets to increase flexibility in responding to needs to students within the supervisory union increased overall SU budget 3%
- Addition of School Psychologist on staff and Occupational Therapy staff member to meet the needs of students within the district increased the overall SU budget 1.4%
- SU to purchase two small buses to transport student around the district and open up learning opportunities across schools increased the overall SU budget 1%.
- Non-Special Education spending increased 16.41% from the FY20 budget
- Overall, this is a 15.29% increase from the FY20 budget.

Related terms and definitions:

Assessment: Costs are pooled and a member district is charged for access to a range of services provided by the SU to its member districts based on the number of equalized pupils in the district, regardless of the exact quantity of services received by the member districts. Transportation is one example of an assessed cost.

Purchased service: A member district is charged for the precise, measurable cost of a specific service provided by the SU to the member district. A 0.20 FTE behavioral specialist is an example of a purchased service charged to a single member district.

Orleans Southwest SU  
General Fund - Four Year Summary

Expenditures	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21		
General Education	1,068,918	1,138,063	939,704	1,150,369	210,665	22.42%
Special Education	3,624,861	3,605,015	3,963,928	4,513,537	549,610	13.87%
Athletics	3,091	-	1,545	1,545	-	0.00%
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>4,696,870</b>	<b>4,743,077</b>	<b>4,905,176</b>	<b>5,665,451</b>	<b>760,275</b>	<b>15.50%</b>
Guidance	171,331	125,509	184,656	191,974	7,317	3.96%
Health Services	-	-	-	248,284	248,284	0.00%
Psychological Services	207,637	238,945	258,070	318,269	60,198	23.33%
Speech Language Pathology	256,424	206,431	320,063	282,314	(37,749)	-11.79%
Occupational Therapy	52,288	50,466	65,744	131,206	65,462	99.57%
Physical Therapy/IEP Evaluations	-	-	1,500	3,500	2,000	133.33%
Improvement of Instruction	168,081	246,333	273,865	276,965	3,100	1.13%
<b>Total Student/Instructor Support</b>	<b>855,761</b>	<b>867,684</b>	<b>1,103,899</b>	<b>1,452,511</b>	<b>348,612</b>	<b>31.58%</b>
School Board	127,763	145,272	147,364	137,348	(10,016)	-6.80%
Office of the Superintendent	247,542	235,118	283,985	266,493	(17,492)	-6.16%
Office of the Principal	8,360	215	-	-	-	0.00%
SPED Administration	123,873	83,461	94,742	100,812	6,070	6.41%
Business Office/HR	590,701	587,726	614,133	639,469	25,336	4.13%
Tech Administration	436,483	503,615	620,256	585,653	(34,603)	-5.58%
Grant Administration	-	500	1,500	-	(1,500)	-100.00%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>1,534,722</b>	<b>1,555,907</b>	<b>1,761,979</b>	<b>1,729,775</b>	<b>(32,205)</b>	<b>-1.83%</b>
Operations & Maintenance	134,584	132,164	156,751	191,850	35,100	22.39%
Student Transportation	994,358	1,096,307	1,052,436	1,292,757	240,321	22.83%
Food Service	1,407	6,122	-	20,685	20,685	0.00%
Fund Transfers/Prior Year	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>1,130,349</b>	<b>1,234,593</b>	<b>1,209,187</b>	<b>1,505,292</b>	<b>296,105</b>	<b>24.49%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,217,702</b>	<b>8,401,261</b>	<b>8,980,241</b>	<b>10,353,029</b>	<b>1,372,788</b>	<b>15.29%</b>

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts were audited by RHR Smith & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Full copies of the annual audit reports can be found at the OSSU website: <https://www.ossu.org/resources/data-reports>. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of one of the audit reports, you can call the OSSU Central Office at 802-472-6531 to have a copy mailed, or you can come view the report at the OSSU Central Office at 157 Daniels Road Hardwick VT.





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