

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
CHARTERED 1761

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

POPULATION 2010 CENSUS - 677

REGISTERED VOTERS – 475

Panton Town Meeting, March 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Voting from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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DEDICATION

The Town of Panton wishes to dedicate this year's Town Report to the memory of Dean Jackson who passed away on July 29, 2016 at his ancestral home just days before his 100th birthday.

Dean was born on August 2, 1916 at Road's End Farm in the farmhouse settled by his ancestors in the 1790's and where he lived his entire life. He attended grade school at the one room school in East Panton and Vergennes High School through the tenth grade. Upon leaving school he joined his parents working on the farm. In 1940 he married Alberta Sprague, with whom he raised 4 children and shared 76 years of marriage. They took over the operation of the farm following his father's death in 1959. Their carefully produced herd of registered Holsteins was outstanding in the area.

In addition to working the farm, Dean was significantly involved in his church and the larger community. He served on the Board of Directors of Addison County Farm and Field Days, the Board of Directors of Co-Operative Insurance of Middlebury, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Addison Community Baptist Church. He served Panton as an Auditor for 20 years, a Lister for 44 years and Moderator for 18 years.

Dean was a great story teller and possessed a keen wit, especially evident when he would share a wry comment at Town Meeting. And above all he was devoted to his family and farm and friends throughout his long and well-lived life.

---Louise Giovannella



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2016 Panton Town Officers

<u>Elected Officers Expires</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Moderator	J Douglas Dows	1 Year
Selectboard (3 year terms)	Howard Hall - Chair	2019
	Beth Tarallo – Resigned	2018
	John Viskup – Vice Chair	2017
	Zachary Weaver – Appointed	2017
Board of Listers (3 year terms)	Beverly Biello	2019
	Cheryl McEwan	2017
	Vacant	2018
Board of Auditors (3 year terms)	J. Douglas Dows	2017
	Bob Groff (2 year)	2017
	Janah Hammach (1 year)	2017
Constable	David Palmatier	1 Year
Dog Warden	Vacant	1 Year
Town Grand Juror	Louise Giovanella	1 Year
Town Agent	Ted Bolens	1 Year
Water Commissioners	Chris Cook	2019
Panton Water District	Meddie Perry	2017
(3 year term)	David Philbrook	2018
Justice of the Peace	Gretchen Bailey	2019
(2 year term)	James Dayton	2019
	Janet Gibbs	2019
	Diana Raphael	2019
	J. Paul Sokal	2019
Vergennes Union Elementary School/Board of Directors (Till 12/31/2017)	Jason Fearon	2017
Vergennes Union High School/Board of Directors	Richard Rathbun	12/31/17
Addison Northwest School District School Board	Diana Raphael	2020

<u>Appointed Officers Expires</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Town Clerk	Jean Miller	
Treasurer	Diane Merrill	
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara Fleming	
Design Review Board/ Planning Commission (3 year term)	Howard Hall	2019
	James Darragh - Resigned	2018
	Barbara Fleming	2018
	Louise Giovanella – Clerk	2018
	Kirsten De La Cruz	2017
	Terry Findiesen - Resigned	2017
	Heidi Mahoney - Resigned	2017
	David Raphael – Chair	2019
	Mary Rudd	2019
	Katie Werthmann – Resigned	2017
David Wolniewicz	2019	
Addison County Regional Planning Representative	James Dayton	1 Year
	David Raphael (Alternate)	1 Year
Zoning Administrator (3 year term)	Edmund Hanson	2019
Assistant Town Clerk	Vacant	1 Year
Addison County Solid Waste Rep	J Paul Sokal	1 Year
	Eben Markowski (Alternate)	1 Year
Town Fence Viewer	Vacant	1 Year
Emergency Management Coordinator	Howard Hall	1 Year
Civil Defense	Selectboard	
Town 911 Coordinator	J Paul Sokal	1 Year
Green-Up Day Chair Co-Chair	Louise Giovanella	1 Year
	Paula Moore	1 Year
Town Health Officer	David Ploof	1 Year
<u>Appointed by the State</u>		
Town Fire Warden	Robert Moulton (5 year term)	2017

**Draft
Town of Panton
Town Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

J. Douglas Dows called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. He informed all present that you could vote if you were a registered voter of Panton and that people could not speak at Town Meeting unless they were residents of Panton. If a non-resident wanted to speak he would need to ask permission from the residents at the meeting.

The meeting was started with Pledge Alliance to the Flag.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator: D Dows asked for nominations for moderator. B Tarallo nominated D Dows. H Hall 2nd. Seeing there were no other nominations; D Dows closed the nominations for moderator and asked the Clerk to cast one vote for D Dows as moderator.

D Dows if there were any non-residents who would like to speak. There were two, Warren VanWyck and Diane Lanpher, Addison County Representatives. D Dows asked if there were any objections to these people speaking. There were no objections so W VanWyck spoke first.

W VanWyck stated that the State spending grows faster than the revenues. Medical professionals are leaving the State. One reason being taxes are being assessed on individual doctors, dentists and medical professionals making it harder for them to attract new business. People are leaving the State one reason is high property taxes. He is also hearing that electrical costs maybe rising. He doesn't feel that the legislature is taking into account what small businesses may need to start up and become profitable. E Markowski asked what may be causing the higher electrical rates. W VanWyck stated that the solar arrays power has been selling for three to four times the market rate and Green Mountain Power just passes on these costs to the consumer.

D Lanpher wanted to bring three things to the attention of the people. She services on the House of Appropriations Committee and has had many years of tough budgets. There have been many cuts, laid-off or allowed 300 people to retire and not rehired. There are many pressures with a lot going on. The Lake needs to be cleaned up, we need to take care of our children and there are law enforcement issues. They need to make sure that legislature is paying attention and providing either the services or the outcomes, and the budget and the staff to handle the jobs. She feels if it wasn't for the pressure that Medicaid has put on the budget this year there wouldn't be a problem. There is a 68 million dollar gap between revenue coming in and services demands. Medicaid is in the high 50 million of this gap.

D Lanpher introduced a Bill #674 to increase the notifications around combined sewer overflow. Many people have voiced their concerns regarding discharge of sewerage into Otter Creek. Vergennes alone is responsible for dumping millions of gallons. Rutland, Burlington and Vergennes are the top three abusers. There are also manure issues with things that need to be cleaned up in the Lake. She stated that there are solutions on the table right now that help address all the issues. She mentioned Biogas and wondered where the downfall of it was. She was sure there was some downfall somewhere but had not found it yet.

Lastly she asked how many people realized that they had become parents last year. She told everyone that they had just become parents of 539 children between the ages of zero and five because of the epidemic of opiates and other issues, these children are now under State care making the people of Vermont their parents responsible for their care. She added that 40% of the children live in poverty.

H Neel asked about the refugees in Burlington. D Lanpher assured him that these people were happy to be here and that they were hard working because they did make it to America. E Markowski said that diversity was a blessing for all of us. That the money spent was a true investment and diversity tends to be a solution.

D Dows wanted to bring the dedication of the annual report to everyone's attention. This year, Joan and Ralph Burt have the honors for all they have done for Town in the years that they have resided here.

D Dows asked that all present observe a moment of silence to recognize the residents of Pantton who had passed away in 2015. He named off each individual.

Article 2: To elect officers: D Dows asked that someone open article 2 for discussion. K Werthman opened the article. P Moore 2nd. A vote was taken and the Ayes have it Article 2 was opened.

K Werthman nominated H Hall for Select Board a three year term. P Moore 2nd. There were no other nominations so the clerk was asked to cast a ballot for H Hall for a three year term on the Select Board.

B Tarallo nominated B Biello for a three term as Lister. H Hall 2nd. There were no other nominations so the clerk was asked to cast a ballot for B Biello for a three year term as Lister.

For the two year term of Lister there were no nominations.

For the Auditor term of three years there were no nominations.

For the Auditor term of two years there were no nominations.

For the position of Constable a one year term P Moore nominated D Palmatier. H Hall 2nd. There were no other nominations. The clerk was asked to cast one ballot for D Palmatier as Constable for one year.

For the position of Dog Warden for a one year term, E Markowski nominated himself. H Hall 2nd. There were no other nominations. The clerk was asked to cast one ballot for E Markowski as Dog Warden.

There were no nominations for Grand Juror.

For the position of Town Agent M Neel nominated T Boelens. P Moore 2nd. There were no other nominations. The Clerk was asked to cast one ballot for T Boelens as Town Agent.

For the position of Water Commissioner a three year term A Perry nominated C Cook. H Hall 2nd. There were no other nominations. The Clerk was asked to cast one ballot for C Cook for a Term of three years as Water Commissioner.

For the position of Union School Director for a term of 4 years, (This is a new position if the Unified School District gets approved.) This should have been voted on by Australian Ballot with a petition filed. No one filed a petition so the Select Board will appoint a person at a future date.

Article 3 to hear reports of the Town Officers: Article 3 was moved by J Dayton. P Moore 2nd. D Dows asked of those in favor of hearing the Officers reports. A vote was taken and the Ayes have it. There were no Nays.

B Tarallo and H Hall presented the Select Board report. They have protected the Town interests by strengthen internal procedure, increased protections of health, safety and well-being of public and environment by adopting a Junk Ordinance, adopted a Conflict of Interest policy, had an out of house audit done by Telling & Telling, and R Cloutier, Road Forman worked with State agencies regarding pollution of the water ways. To name some of the accomplishment done:

The Town has received a Structures grant of \$27,000, a Paving grant of \$175,000, a Park and Ride Grant of \$40,000 and a Planning grant of \$10,087. Grants that are pending include a \$10,000 grant from Better Back Roads for a retaining wall at Arnold Bay, a \$20,000 grant from Better Back Roads to replace a culvert on Jackson Road, and a \$2,000 grant for Safety Equipment from PACIF.

A paving plan has been established. The plan is to pave from Pantton Bridge on Pantton Road to Pease Road this spring; retreat East Road and Hopkins Road to Rte. 22A in 2018; pave Pease Road and Arnold Bay Road to the Ferrisburgh line (may be done this Spring) 2019; retreat Jersey Street or East Street in 2020; and do Pease Road down Lake Road to Addison line in 2021.

E Markowski voiced his concerns regarding heavy farm equipment on the roads and how to protect the Town's investment in the roads. H Hall suggested that he come to a Select Board meeting for a discussion. Addison Regional Planning and Road Foreman updated the culvert inventory and the condition of the culverts. This needs to be done to apply for certain grants.

Article 4 Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums which shall be raised by taxes, to be placed in Town Reserve Funds: Highway Capital Equipment Fund \$20,000; Highway capital Project Fund \$20,000; Tire Fund \$2,000; Town Hall Restoration Fund \$15,000; and Reappraisal Fund \$2,000. The article was moved by M Neel and 2nd by E Markowski. D Dows asked for a vote and the Ayes have it. There were no Nays.

Article 5 shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$1,706 from the June 30, 2015 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Reserve Fund. The article was moved by J Dayton and 2nd by H Mahoney. D Dows asked for a vote and the Ayes have it. There were no Nays.

Article 6 Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed 2016 – 2017 fiscal year General Fund Operation Budget in the amount of \$643,423 of which \$501,258 shall be raised by taxes and \$142,165 by non- tax revenue. Article was moved by M Neel and 2nd by M Perry. D Dows asked for a vote and the Ayes have it. There were no Nays.

After the discussion of the proposed budget N Morgan asked about the East Panton Cemetery. There had been \$1000 allocated to the cemetery a couple of years ago and nothing seem to have been done. Road Foreman, R Cloutier stated that C Allen was looking into fencing to see if the Town could get it donated. He further reported the Cemetery borders a State highway and is partly in the Right of Way other channels have to be gone through and it takes more time. B Tarallo reported that the SB worked with the Foreman when the issue was initially brought to their attention, and planned to fence the cemetery: however this issue had turned out to be more complicated than initially thought. M Neel and H Neel also voiced their concerns stating headstones had fallen over and rodents had burrowed into some of the graves.

Article 7 Shall the Town vote to authorize the renaming and repurposing of the Digitization Fund to be Digitization and IT Fund, for the purpose of digitizing Town records and purchasing and or repairing IT equipment. Article moved by J Dayton and 2nd by P Moore. D Dows asked for a vote and the Ayes have it. There were no Nays.

Articles 8 through 22 are Australian Ballot items.

Article 23 To transact any other non-binding business. P Moore wanted the Town to know that 60% of the Bixby Library funding was received from the five Towns that they service. The remaining 40% is received from donations.

D Dows asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by H Neel and 2nd by M Neel. D Dows asked for a vote. The Ayes have it. There were no Nays. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Town of Panton
Ballot Results

Annual Town Meeting
March 1, 2016

	If in favor of the Article, mark a (X) in box	If opposed of the article, mark a (X) in box
		
ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town vote to give \$210 to Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects Inc. from the Town funds?	153	70
ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Home Health & Hospice fromTown Funds?	193	34
ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Addison County Parent/Child Center from Town funds?	155	69
ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to give \$691 to Addison County Transit Resources from Town funds?	157	66
ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to give \$1000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes from Town funds?	169	58
ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town vote to give \$650 to Champlain Valley Agency on Aging from Town funds?	185	42
ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Counseling Service of Addison County from Town funds?	159	68
ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to give \$850 to Elderly Services, Inc. from Town funds?	188	37
ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society from Town funds?	152	72
ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to HOPE (Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG) from Town funds?	142	82
ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to give \$300 to Hospice Volunteer Services from Town funds?	184	43
ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to give \$450 John Graham Shelter from Town Funds	150	76
ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Open Door Clinic (Community Health Services of Addison County) from Town funds?	162	62
ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to give \$350 to the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) from Town funds?	175	51
ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to give \$600 to WomenSafe from Town funds?	168	58

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Warning of Town of Panton Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Panton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Panton Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and transact business; and on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Panton Town Hall/Office, the polls to open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers:

Select Board Member 3 year

Select Board Member 1 year, to fill remaining 1 year of 3 year term

Lister 3 year

Lister 1 year, to fill remaining 1 year of 3 year term

Auditor 3 year

Auditor 2 year, to fill remaining 2 years of 3 year term

Auditor 1 year, to fill remaining 1 year of 3 year term

Constable 1 year

Dog Warden 1 year

Town Grand Juror 1 year

Town Agent 1 year

Water Commissioner 3 year

VUES Board 3/2017 thru 12/2017

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums which shall be raised by taxes, to be placed in the Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Reserve Fund	Amount
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$20,000
Highway Capital Project Fund	\$20,000
Tire Fund	\$2,000
Town Hall Restoration Fund	\$15,000
Reappraisal Fund	\$2,000
Digital/IT Fund	\$2,000
Total	\$61,000

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,856 from the June 30, 2016 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$647,400 of which \$509,662 shall be raised by taxes and \$137,738 by non-tax revenue?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$55,000 from the June 30, 2016 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve the transfer of \$15,000, received from Green Mountain Power in 2016, from the general fund to the Town Hall Restoration Fund to be used for renovation and restoration of the Panton Town Hall?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Addison Home Health and Hospice from the Town funds?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Addison Parent/Child Center from Town Funds?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to give \$691 to Addison County Transit Resources from Town funds?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to give \$210 to Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. from Town funds?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to give \$650 Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging – CVAA) from Town funds?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to give \$1000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes from Town funds?

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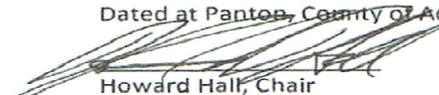
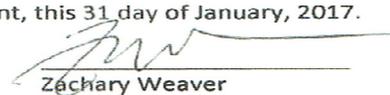
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ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to give \$350 to the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) from Town fund?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to give \$600 to Womensafe from Town funds?

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other non-binding business.

Dated at Panton, County of Addison and State of Vermont, this 31 day of January, 2017.

 Howard Hall, Chair  John Viskup, Vice Chair  Zachary Weaver

Attest: 
Jean Miller, Town Clerk

Town of Panton Select Board Report 2016

Dear Panton Neighbors,

It has been another year of significant accomplishments for our town. Here are the 2016 highlights of select board and town-related work:

Select Board Highlights:

- Entered into a memorandum of understanding with Green Mountain Power regarding their solar field project to benefit the town and residents
- Completed the procedures for enforcement and began enforcing the junk ordinance. There were 16 initial violations that were reduced to 2.
- Settled the Jersey Street ROW encroachment/ building amendment
- Adopted new requirements for solar field installations in Panton
- Entered into an agreement with other municipalities to explore the possibility of a transmission line property tax
- Adopted a new fee schedule for construction permits proposed by the DRB
- Adopted a new local emergency operations plan
- Hired Telling & Associates to complete the 2016 town audit.
- Adopted a policy to ensure that the select board considers financial impacts and approves any grant application related to the town before it is submitted.
- Considered GMP weatherization ideas for improvements to the town hall/ town garage/ park & ride lot.
- Relocated the Arnold Bay monument from Arnold Bay Road to the Panton town beach.
- Adopted a policy requiring approval of the town's road foreman before starting any
- construction impacting a Panton road.
- Appointed Katie Werthmann as the volunteer project manager to coordinate with GMP on its town buildings improvement proposals.
- Installed new LED emergency lights in town hall and exterior LED lighting for the flagpole.

Road Crew Highlights

- Paved 3.2 miles of town roads, the most the town has ever done in one year, including parts of Jersey Street and Panton Road and all of Arnold Bay Road.
- Replaced 3 culverts on Jersey Street north; 2 culverts on Hopkins Road; and a collapsed culvert at Panton Road and Jersey Street.
- Ditched the entire length of Jackson Road and completed East Road ditching.
- Leveled and raised 3/10 of a mile of eastbound Panton Road to eliminate flooding.
- Replaced guard rail on Hopkins Road

- Road crew disposed of 1,120 pounds of garbage collected by volunteers and 1.5 tons of tires as part of the Green-Up Day efforts.
- Installed the paved park & ride lot across from town hall with a \$40,000 VTRANS grant.
- Rebuilt and repainted the backhoe; completed major maintenance on the grader and loader.
- Completed the town-wide culvert inventory to ensure eligibility for increased state grant funding.
- Awarded a VTRANS grant of \$27,000 to replace the failed Jackson Road culvert.
- Worked with other towns to reduce costs and share resources – Richmond & Addison town crews helped install culverts and move the winter sand.

We are lucky to have such dedicated boards, committees and individuals hard at work on behalf of the town. Thank you for your time and efforts. Other residents are helping in profound ways: Paul Sokal, who maintains our website; Louise Giovanella, Paul Sokal and Brigitte Woody for making the town hall gardens look so good; Katie Werthmann for serving as the Town Hall/GMP project manager; the Vorsteveld Family for the use of the land for the town park; Dave Chase for maintaining the town park; Jeff Fritz, Andrew Fritz and Paula Moore for assembling this town report.

The select board also thanks staff members Jean Miller and Diane Merrill and the road crew, Rick Cloutier and Chris Dion for their efforts on behalf of the town in this past year.

This year, special recognition goes to Beth Tarallo, who served with distinction as a select board member from 2012 – 2016. Her tireless efforts have resulted in a town running more smoothly, with more business-like operations, greater efficiency and cost savings. Her dedication to the town knew no bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF PANTON SELECT BOARD

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Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board - Annual Report 2016

The Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board (PC/DRB) meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Hall, unless an alternate date is necessary and publicized. All Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings are open to the public and we welcome all those who would like to attend or wish to bring a question, concern or application to the attention of the PC/DRB. The Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board continues to be chaired by David Raphael and our Secretary is Louise Giovanella, who has faithfully served the PC/DRB for many years.

The Commission this year has seen a change in our make up as we have now reduced the membership of the combined boards from nine to seven. We have welcomed a new member this year, David Wolniewicz. The Chair also wants to thank all of the DRB and Planning Commission members for their efforts and volunteer service in 2016.

The Planning Commission has completed work on a number of revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, and will present the revisions and amendments for town adoption in 2017. We have also been making our way through the updating of our Town Plan with the Municipal Planning Grant we received in 2015. This funding has enabled us to work with the Regional Planning Commission in updating and rewriting sections, as well as adding new information and goals for the Plan. As part of this work the Planning Commission developed and distributed a town planning survey and received almost 100 responses to a series of important planning questions that will help guide the future planning decisions of the town. The Planning Commission will be having a public workshop in the Spring of 2017, final date to be announced, at which we will invite residents to weigh in on the future of Panton and our land uses, land management, growth and development.

The Planning Commission also participated in the review of the 5 MW Green Mountain Power Solar Project on 40 acres off of Panton Road and was involved in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with GMP. This project received its Certificate of Public Good and will be operational in 2017. An extensive hedgerow developed with the direct input of the Commission will serve to screen the installation from Panton Road and to help it blend in with the surrounding landscape.

The Planning Commission also has members participating in the Town Hall Committee, working with the Selectboard to address functional, maintenance and restoration issues associated with the Town's historic and iconic building and site.

The Development Review Board is convened to review permit applications that require subdivision or conditional use approval, and to grant variances from current zoning regulations. As in previous years, the Development Review Board has reviewed and approved a number of conditional use requests and variances.

Note that any new construction, changes in use, land development, additions, accessory buildings or structures with a footprint greater than 64 sq. ft, require a zoning permit. For those who are planning building or construction projects in town, or want information regarding local permitting, please contact Mr. Ed Hanson, the Town's Zoning Administrator, who can be reached via email at santorini@gmavt.net or by phone at 802-453-3785.

Respectfully submitted;
David Raphael, Chairman

**TOWN OF PANTON
YEAR-END ZONING REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

The numbers and the distribution by type of the zoning applications that were received and processed in calendar year (CY) 2016 can be summarized as follows:

New dwellings

<i>Permanent/seasonal houses</i>	6
<i>Accessory apartments</i>	0
<i>Mobile homes</i>	0
<i>Replacements</i>	0
<i>Renovations/additions</i>	2
<i>Accessory outbuildings</i>	5
<i>Exempt agricultural outbuildings</i>	1
<i>Ponds/dams/other land development</i>	0
<i>Temporary uses</i>	0
<i>Access curb cuts</i>	0
<i>Fences</i>	0
<i>Signs</i>	0
<i>Subdivisions</i>	
<i>Single-lot</i>	1
<i>Multiple lot</i>	1
<i>Boundary adjustments</i>	0
<i>Planned unit developments (PUDs)</i>	0
<i>Renewals of permit</i>	0

<i>Conditional uses</i>	2
<i>Certificates of occupancy</i>	3
<i>Certificates of compliance</i>	0
<i>Notices of Violation</i>	0
<i>Development Review Board hearing applications</i>	
<i>Conditional uses</i>	2
<i>Variances/Waivers</i>	0
<i>Appeals</i>	0
<i>Subdivisions/PUDs</i>	3

Ten applications were received and processed during the calendar year, including **three** requests which required hearings before the Town’s Development Review Board for variances, conditional uses, and a single-lot subdivision. **One** letter acknowledging the construction of an exempt agricultural accessory structure was also issued.

During the period from 1 January 2016 through 31 December 2016, **four zoning permits** were issued. The direct costs associated with the Town’s zoning and planning administration involved a total invoiced cost of **\$5,230.11** in man-hours and expenses for the Administrative Officer’s services, charged against a total of **\$1,370.00** in permit application fees that were assessed and collected, resulting in a net cost of **\$3,860.11** for the calendar year.

These figures do not include the costs incurred in warning and convening hearings before the Development Review Board, nor do they include attorneys’ fees, when and if the Town elects to retain their services (as, for instance, to pursue litigation in zoning violation cases before the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court). For a complete summary of the Town’s officially-posted zoning and planning administration costs, please refer to the Treasurer’s Report on the General Fund in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Hanson
Administrative Officer
2 January 2017

Town of Panton Personnel Committee Report – 2016

The committee revised policy language regarding paid time off to clarify its intent. Numerous edits were also made to the policy handbook.

The committee will resume meeting in spring, 2017 to consider staff wages, hours, benefits and pay ranges.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Tarallo and Howard Hall, Co-Chairs, Personnel Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PANTON TOWN HALL COMMITTEE FOR 2016

The Town Hall Committee has been created and appointed by the Selectboard for the purpose of assisting the Board in the ongoing management and restoration of the building, its facilities, and site. The committee currently includes Terry Findeisen, Howard Hall and John Viskup representing the Selectboard, Deb Hartenstein, David Raphael, representing the PC/DRB, and Katie Werthmann.

This year the Committee has made specific steps towards addressing some long standing issues with the Town Hall and environs. The Committee continues to work with the design/build firm of H.J. LeBoeuf & Son to help guide us through some of the specific projects and to provide overall support. A comprehensive plan for the site and building is being developed to include energy conservation work, accessibility improvements, upgrades to the restroom and the main assembly space. The committee will continue to work on these activities and others that the committee has initiated in 2016 in preparation for presenting a plan for implementation to the residents of the town, who indicated specific support for continuing and completing town hall improvement and restoration activities in the 2016 Planning Commission survey.

One of the most important developments for the town and the committee in 2016 was the award in August of a \$25,000 Walter Cerf Fund grant for restoring the historic cupola to the roof of the building as an integral part of its 1858 architectural legacy. This is the largest grant awarded each year by the Fund, administered through the Vermont Community Foundation, and represents significant support for the cupola initiative.

For 2016 the Town Hall Committee typically met on a quarterly basis but met in the Fall on a monthly basis to forward the planning and implementation effort. Meeting times will be posted at Town Hall, Front Porch Forum and announced via the town's email list. The committee also includes interested residents who attend and all are welcome to attend any and all of our meetings. We are seeking more committee members for 2017; please contact David Raphael at 802-475-2411 if you are willing to help or have any questions about the committee's work. The committee chairperson thanks the committee members for their ongoing and effective efforts in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

David Raphael, Chairman

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	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 12-31-16	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY17 to FY18 Change
NON-TAX REVENUES						
10-6-00-10.10 Delinquent Tax Interest	5,245	2,500	14,130	3,000	2,500	-500
10-6-00-10.15 Delinquent Tax Penalty	4,187	2,500	3,825	3,000	2,500	-500
10-6-00-10.20 ACT 68 Admin Fee	3,007	2,800	0	2,900	2,834	-66
10-6-00-20 FEES, LICENSES, FINES						
10-6-00-20.00 Copies/Vault Time	2,007	1,300	956	1,400	1,700	300
10-6-00-20.05 Dog Licenses	778	800	69	800	800	0
10-6-00-20.10 DRB Hearing Fees	350	100	500	500	500	0
10-6-00-20.15 Hunting/Fishing Licenses	22	20	8	20	20	0
10-6-00-20.20 Marriage Licenses	30	40	30	40	40	0
10-6-00-20.25 Recording Fees	5,530	5,500	2,345	5,500	5,500	0
10-6-00-20.30 Traffic/Civil Fines	2,455	2,400	1,966	2,400	2,500	100
10-6-00-20.35 Weight Permits	615	300	25	300	500	200
10-6-00-20.40 Zoning/Building Permit Fees	1,083	500	350	1,000	1,000	0
10-6-00-20.45 Zoning Fines	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-6-00-20.50 Other Fees, Fines, Licenses	97	50	40	50	50	0
10-6-00-30 STATE OF VERMONT						
10-6-00-30.00 Current Use	58,381	58,491	57,412	57,895	54,136	-3,759
10-6-00-30.05 Lister Education Aid	334	386	0	0	334	334
10-6-00-30.10 State Aid to Highways	60,604	60,732	30,258	60,604	60,516	-88
10-6-00-30.15 State PILOT Payments	2,606	2,606	2,350	2,606	2,158	-448
10-6-00-40 OTHER REVENUE						0
10-6-00-40.00 Fireman Hours Reimbursed	2,244	0	0	0	0	0
10-6-00-40.10 Interest Income	324	150	39	150	150	0
10-6-00-40.99 Miscellaneous Income	12	0	15,008	0	0	0
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	149,911	141,175	129,311	142,165	137,738	-4,427

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	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 12-31-16	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY17 to FY18 Change
10-7 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES						
10-7-05 STAFF SALARIES						
10-7-05-00.00 Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	56	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
10-7-05-00.05 Ballot Clerks	197	300	350	400	400	0
10-7-05-00.10 Delinquent Tax Collector	4,064	2,500	3,688	3,000	2,500	-500
10-7-05-00.15 Office Cleaning	650	700	300	700	700	0
10-7-05-00.20 Planning/DRB Clerk	900	1,200	500	1,200	1,200	0
10-7-05-00.25 Town Clerk	33,355	33,364	16,238	34,030	35,011	981
10-7-05-00.30 Town Treasurer	20,325	20,164	10,506	20,760	21,475	715
10-7-05-00.35 Zoning Administrator	3,708	5,200	1,932	5,700	4,700	-1,000
10-7-10 STIPENDS						
10-7-10-00.00 Dog Warden	0	200	0	200	200	0
10-7-10-00.05 Health Officer	100	100	100	100	100	0
10-7-10-00.10 Internal Auditors	0	500	0	0	300	300
10-7-10-00.15 Listers	0	100	0	0	0	0
10-7-10-00.20 Planning/DRB	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	-200
10-7-10-00.25 Selectboard	2,250	2,250	1,500	2,250	2,250	0
10-7-10-00.30 Solid Waste Rep.	0	100	0	100	100	0
10-7-15 OFFICE BENEFITS						
10-7-15-00.05 FICA/Medicare	5,082	5,200	2,733	5,427	5,411	-16
10-7-15-00.10 Retirement	1,334	2,130	650	1,361	1,400	39
10-7-15-00.15 Life & Disability Insurance	545	0	294	506	513	7
10-7-15-00.20 Health Insurance	9,329	9,800	6,423	11,334	12,300	966
10-7-15-00.25 Dental Insurance	855	960	709	1,185	1,140	-45
10-7-15-00.30 Vision Insurance	108	90	28	56	56	0
10-7-15-00.35 Unemployment Insurance	230	195	233	304	220	-84
10-7-15-00.40 Workers Comp.	190	194	152	206	223	17

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	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 12-31-16	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY17 to FY18 Change
10-7-20 TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE						
10-7-20-00.00 Bank Fees	50	150	25	125	100	-25
10-7-20-00.05 Book Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-7-20-00.10 Copier Expense	171	200	102	200	200	0
10-7-20-00.15 Education	666	700	65	600	600	0
10-7-20-00.20 Electricity	1,060	1,600	512	1,200	1,200	0
10-7-20-00.25 Heating Fuel	1,672	2,600	1,098	2,400	2,400	0
10-7-20-00.30 Legal Notices	508	200	178	200	300	100
10-7-20-00.35 Loan Interest	0	500	0	0	0	0
10-7-20-00.40 Mileage	197	600	257	450	500	50
10-7-20-00.45 Office Supplies	1,648	1,800	315	1,700	1,700	0
10-7-20-00.50 Postage	1,194	1,400	689	1,300	1,400	100
10-7-20-00.55 Property & Casualty Insurance	5,766	5,690	4,671	6,411	6,797	386
10-7-20-00.60 Public Use Areas	100	0	0	0	0	0
10-7-20-00.65 Recording Supplies	0	500	0	250	250	0
10-7-20-00.70 Records Preservation	36	600	0	0	500	500
10-7-20-00.75 Small Equipment Purchases	405	0	399	0	450	450
10-7-20-00.80 Telephone & Internet	1,960	2,100	1,010	2,100	2,100	0
10-7-20-00.85 Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	1,623	1,200	40	1,200	1,200	0
10-7-20-00.95 Town Report Printing	350	250	0	450	350	-100
10-7-20-00.99 Town Office Miscellaneous	138	0	29	0	0	0
10-7-25 PUBLIC SAFETY						
10-7-25-00.00 Addison County Sheriff	5,986	6,500	2,156	6,300	6,100	-200
10-7-25-00.05 Fire Man Hours Billed	1,948	400	2,264	400	400	0
10-7-25-00.10 Fire Protection Contract	23,782	24,000	17,081	28,000	23,275	-4,725
10-7-25-00.15 Vergennes Rescue Contract	4,400	4,500	4,401	4,400	4,400	0

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10-7-30 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES						
10-7-30-00.00 Accounting Services	3,155	5,000	1,800	1,000	3,000	2,000
10-7-30-00.05 Assessor Contracted Services	6,600	6,600	3,300	6,600	6,600	0
10-7-30-00.10 Attorney/Legal Services	9,109	5,000	4,223	5,000	5,000	0
10-7-30-00.15 Audit Services - External	7,900	8,900	3,500	8,400	7,900	-500
10-7-30-00.20 Reappraisal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-7-30-00.25 Other Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-7-35 PLANNING & ZONING						
10-7-35-00.00 DRB/Planning Notices	111	250	62	400	400	0
10-7-35-00.05 DRB/Planning Expenses	5,000	5,050	0	300	300	0
10-7-35-00.10 DRB/Planning Legal Expenses	295	400	247	500	500	0
10-7-35-00.20 Zoning Administrator Mileage	975	1,400	429	1,350	1,000	-350
10-7-40 DUES & ASSESSMENTS						
10-7-40-00.00 Addison Cty Court	4,313	5,500	4,014	4,375	4,100	-275
10-7-40-00.05 Addison Cty Humane/Dog Control	550	700	0	650	550	-100
10-7-40-00.10 Addison Cty Regional Planning	803	850	823	825	825	0
10-7-40-00.15 Bixby Library	12,822	12,822	12,822	12,822	14,894	2,072
10-7-40-00.20 Cemetery Association Fees	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,080	0
10-7-40-00.25 Green-Up Day	50	50	50	50	50	0
10-7-40-00.30 Vergennes Recycling Contract	6,800	6,000	5,625	7,800	7,800	0
10-7-40-00.35 VLCT Dues	1,699	1,700	1,695	1,695	1,695	0
10-7-40-00.45 Other Dues/Assessments	55	105	105	105	105	0
10-7-45 IT/SOFTWARE EXPENSES						
10-7-45-00.00 Lister Software	454	455	455	455	455	0
10-7-45-00.05 Cloud Services	254	440	234	995	1,886	891
10-7-45-00.10 Computer Maint/Support	940	1,800	2,137	1,800	1,500	-300
10-7-45-00.20 NEMRC Support	1,291	1,400	1,337	1,350	1,400	50
10-7-45-00.21 NEMRC Disaster Recovery/Back-up	0	0	0	0	650	650
10-7-45-00.30 Other Computer Expense	226	450	563	0	0	0
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENDITURES	119,142	122,442	80,793	116,238	116,912	674
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES	203,420	209,689	128,129	207,057	208,912	1,855

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10-8 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT						
10-8-05 HIGHWAY STAFF SALARIES						
10-8-05-00.00 Road Foreman	48,743	48,219	24,125	49,654	51,047	1,393
10-8-05-00.05 Highway Crew	43,327	42,805	21,184	44,091	45,273	1,182
10-8-05-00.10 Overtime Wages	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
10-8-05-00.15 Seasonal Highway Help	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
10-8-15 HIGHWAY BENEFITS						
10-8-15-00.05 FICA/Medicare	7,132	7,116	3,466	7,324	7,598	274
10-8-15-00.10 Retirement	3,742	3,721	1,799	3,830	3,933	103
10-8-15-00.15 Life & Disability	705	370	443	749	761	12
10-8-15-00.20 Health Insurance	15,370	15,738	9,253	16,386	17,142	756
10-8-15-00.25 Dental Insurance	898	960	532	950	912	-38
10-8-15-00.30 Vision Insurance	104	105	53	105	105	0
10-8-15-00.35 Unemployment Ins.	223	230	205	258	195	-63
10-8-15-00.40 Worker's Comp.	6,247	6,248	4,903	6,609	7,200	591
TOTAL HIGHWAY SALARIES EXPENSE	126,491	127,512	65,963	131,956	137,166	5,210
10-8-20 HIGHWAY ADMIN/GARAGE EXPENSES						
10-8-20-00.00 Building Maintenance	1,231	1,000	272	1,500	1,500	0
10-8-20-00.05 Education	0	300	0	300	300	0
10-8-20-00.10 Electricity	1,243	1,200	525	1,400	1,400	0
10-8-20-00.15 Small Equip	300	400	0	0	1,200	1,200
10-8-20-00.20 Heating Fuel	2,384	4,000	1,284	4,000	4,000	0
10-8-20-00.25 Loan Interest	1,250	1,239	0	1,600	419	-1,181
10-8-20-00.30 Mileage	50	0	0	0	0	0
10-8-20-00.35 Property & Casualty Insurance	8,667	8,950	6,689	9,251	9,594	343
10-8-20-00.40 Supplies	2,641	4,350	2,169	5,000	5,000	0
10-8-20-00.45 Telephone/Internet	2,174	2,040	971	2,100	2,100	0
10-8-20-00.50 Tools & Small Equipment	1,221	2,000	666	1,500	1,500	0
10-8-20-00.55 Trash Collection	1,285	1,248	641	1,300	1,300	0
10-8-20-00.60 Truck Loan	23,609	23,609	0	23,609	23,609	0
10-8-20-00.65 Uniforms	413	500	338	750	750	0

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10-8-25 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE/REPAIR						
10-8-25-00.00 Backhoe	1,004	3,000	12	2,500	2,500	0
10-8-25-00.05 Grader	2,242	6,000	1,705	6,000	6,000	0
10-8-25-00.10 Hydroseeder	0	1,200	659	1,200	1,300	100
10-8-25-00.15 Loader	4,041	9,000	11,335	9,000	9,000	0
10-8-25-00.20 Misc. Equipment Repair	654	1,000	693	1,000	1,000	0
10-8-25-00.25 Mower	332	900	522	500	600	100
10-8-25-00.30 Pick-up	1,076	1,000	349	1,000	1,000	0
10-8-25-00.35 Plows	3,805	9,000	1,960	9,000	8,000	-1,000
10-8-25-00.40 Tractor	1,027	900	1,032	900	900	0
10-8-25-00.45 Truck - 2010	5,412	5,000	6,026	6,000	7,000	1,000
10-8-25-00.50 Truck - 2015	157	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
10-8-30 ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE						
10-8-30-00.00 Bridge Repair	0	300	0	300	200	-100
10-8-30-00.05 Contracted Services	5,776	10,000	5,950	12,000	10,000	-2,000
10-8-30-00.10 Culverts	2,235	4,000	1,502	6,000	6,000	0
10-8-30-00.15 Fuels & Oils	12,650	28,000	5,053	21,500	28,500	7,000
10-8-30-00.20 Guardrails	1,845	3,000	1,230	5,000	2,000	-3,000
10-8-30-00.25 Retreatment	208,811	80,650	1,027	85,650	85,650	0
10-8-30-00.30 Road Signs	1,395	3,000	1,119	3,000	1,500	-1,500
10-8-30-00.35 Summer Road Materials	31,943	39,125	15,281	43,500	43,000	-500
10-8-30-00.40 Winter Road Materials	21,531	33,675	12,448	34,050	30,500	-3,550
10-8-30-00.45 Lubricants	1,538	2,500	469	2,000	2,000	0
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	353,942	294,086	81,927	304,410	301,322	-3,088
TOTAL HIGHWAY SALARIES & EXPENDITURES	480,433	421,598	147,890	436,366	438,488	2,122

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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	683,853	631,287	276,019	643,423	647,400	3,977
PRIOR SURPLUS						
NET SUPPORTED BY TAXES	533,942	490,112	146,707	501,258	509,662	8,404
VOTED APPROPRIATIONS						
Community Services	8,601	8,601	8,701	8,701	8,701	0
Digitization/IT Fund	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
Highway Capital Project Fund	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
Reappraisal Fund	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Tire Fund	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Town Hall Restoration Fund	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	67,601	67,601	8,701	67,701	69,701	2,000
TOTAL TO BE SUPPORTED BY TAXES				568,959	579,363	10,404
Grand List Factor				1,005,861	1,018,920	**
Tax Rate				0.5656	0.5686	1.83%
					**Grand List factor subject to change 4/1/17	

**Town of Panton
2017 Highway Capital Equipment Long Range Plan**

Item	Present Age	Years to Replace	Estimated cost In 2017 dollars	Comments
John Deere (JD) Wheel Loader Backhoe	16 years - 1999	5-7	\$100,786 – \$116,699	New paint job and hydraulic hose replace in 2015. Adjusted years to replace to +2 more.
CAT Loader with Coupler Bucket	9 years - 2006	9	\$124,630 - \$144,200	Purchased used in 13/14.
JD Motor Grader	21 years - 1994	9	\$233,398 - \$297,052	Purchased used.
JD Tractor	6 years - 2009	18	\$96,660	
Ford 3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck	9 yrs - 2006	0	\$61,532 – includes snow plow	Purchased used in 12/13. Not expected to pass next state inspection.
Salter for 1 Ton Pick-up Truck	1 year	7	\$5,665	Purchased in 2015.
Salt Truck – Freightliner	5yrs - 2010	2	\$152,272	Inflation calculated at 7%.
Salt Truck – International	1 year	5	\$152,272	Inflation calculated at 7%. Purchased new in 1/15 – received 9/15.
Sprayer/ Trailer	6 yrs approx	8	\$8500 for sprayer and \$8000 for trailer	Constructed in-house. No inflation added.

3% adjustment added for all vehicles except the salt trucks (7%) and sprayer/trailer (0%).

1-23-17

Panton Five-Year Road Paving Plan

In updating this plan, we assumed: 1) continued eligibility for state improvement grants (see FYE2021 Retreatment Plans below) 2) annual voter approval of \$20,000 to the Highway Projects Improvement Fund. This fund carries over from year to year and was set up to accumulate funds for larger paving projects, including grant-eligible paving projects and 3) A minimum of \$85,000 budgeted in each annual budget year for the “Retreatment” budget line item. This plan outlines paving grant-eligible Class II roads in even numbered years and Class III paving (not state grant eligible) in odd numbered years. Unforeseen delays and costs may have an impact on scheduling

FYE 2018 Retreatment Plan

Panton will pave Pease Road, a Class II road using the assumed budgeted \$85,650 from FYE 2018 budget.

FYE 2019 Retreatment Plan

Panton will pave a Class III road/section of road such as the remainder of East Road or Jersey Street, not necessarily in this order, using the assumed budgeted \$85,650 from FYE 2019 budget.

FYE 2020 Retreatment Plan

Panton will repair miscellaneous roads as needed throughout the town.

FYE 2021 Retreatment Plan

By 2021, Panton will once again be eligible for another state improvement grant of \$175,000 and plans tackle Lake Street from Addison line to Pease Road (Panton’s portion of the grant match would use the accumulated assumed \$40K balance of the Highway Projects Improvement Fund— assumed 20K approved annually from FYE 2019 and FYE 2020-- in addition to the assumed \$80,000 for FYE 2021 budget). Total estimated cost \$295,000 (\$175,000 grant funded, \$120,000 town portion).

FYE 2022 Retreatment Plan

Panton will pave Panton Road from the Panton Bridge to the Panton/Vergennes town line, using the assumed budgeted \$85,650 from the FYE 2022 budget.

Thanks to Road Foreman Rick Cloutier for his work updating this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Hall, Chair, Panton Select Board

Town of Panton Ordinances, Procedures & Standards

Panton has very few ordinances, procedures and standards. These are available in detail at the town hall or at www.pantonvt.us

They are listed below with a brief summary of their content:

1. Traffic Ordinance – Regulates speed traveled on all Panton roads.
2. Parking Ordinance – Regulates parking at Arnold’s Bay Beach.
3. Street Naming/Address Ordinance – Develops uniform road/street naming for emergency services and deliveries.
4. Road Bridge Standards – Standards for road and bridge constructions within the Town of Panton.
5. Sewage Disposal Ordinance – Preserve the public health, prevent pollution and to secure the sanitary protection of surface and ground waters in the Town of Panton. Intended to ensure that all sewage is discharged into approved sewage treatment systems.
6. Road Debris Ordinance – Makes it illegal to track or bring debris onto the road.
7. Dog & Wolf Hybrid Ordinance – Regulates the Licensing, Vaccinations, Fees and Control of dogs in Panton. Also includes the actions taken when un-licensed dogs are taken by the Panton Dog Warden.
8. Junk Ordinance – Regulates outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles.

Town of Panton, Vermont – Property Tax Payment Information

Property taxes are due in two installments, November 1 and May 1. Tax payments are considered late if not received or postmarked on or before the due dates. Interest will be assessed at 1% per month, not prorated, for the first 3 months, then at 1.5% thereafter. All taxes outstanding after May 1 are considered delinquent, subject to an additional 8% penalty, and turned over for collection by the Panton Delinquent Tax Collector.

The Town of Panton accepts credit card payments for property taxes through an outside resource, Official Payments. Payments can be made online at www.officialpayments.com or by telephone at 800-272-9829. Use Jurisdiction Code 5519 and the property's parcel number, which is located on the property tax bill. A nominal fee is charged by Official Payments for using this service.

Town of Panton Buildings and Land

	Year Acquired
Town Hall, Carriage Barn and .32 acre	1931
School House and 4.13 acres	1963
Salt Shed	1974
Town Garage	2004
Jersey Street property .50 acre	2005

Panton Vital Statistics January 2 through December 31, 2016

Marriages/Civil Unions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
07/16/2016	Lauren Casey Harris & Daniel Peter Dolan
08/06/2016	Adam P Thomann & Chelsea K Grant

Births:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
01/19/2016	Madeline Kate Hudak	Amanda Marie Hudak & Nathanie Joseph Hudak
01/28/2016	Elizabeth Irene Porter	Tawnee Elizabeth Porter & Robert David Porter II
03/05/2016	Locke Rathbone Weaver	Megan Clarke Weaver & Zachary Howard Weaver
03/26/2016	Otis Donald Devoid	Molly Marissa Bull & Douglas Norton Devoid
04/18/2016	Oliver Finn Sullivan	Sarah Malaine Stradtner & Kevin Joseph Sullivan
07/06/2016	Bella Rain Field	Ashley Nicole Clodgo & Benjamin Michael Field
08/02/2016	Michael Robert Marszalkowski	Kara Marie Marszalkowski & Adam Robert Marszalkowski

Deaths:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
02/04/2016	Lorrette Ann Bourgeois	67	Panton
03/30/2016	Penelope Goodkind	87	Panton
05/08/2016	Lolke Harmanus Vorsteveld	81	Panton
06/22/2016	Paul Curry Thurber	64	Burlington
07/29/2016	Dean Dunsmoor Jackson	99	Panton
10/24/2016	Muriel Rose Neel	63	Panton
11/03/2016	Patrick Michael O'Brien	66	Panton
12/12/2016	Robert R. Worth	83	Panton

DOG AND WOLF-HYBRID OWNERS

Dog licensing is an ANNUAL event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid the additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st the owner has within 30 days to apply for a license; after October 1st the fee is reduced by half.

Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a current rabies vaccination certificate must be filed with the Town Clerk. A current vaccination means:

- * Within 12 months on dogs under two years of age
- * Within 36 months on dogs over two years of age

No person shall allow a dog to run at large in an “uncontrolled manner” within the limits of the Town of Pantton. An “uncontrolled manner” shall mean a dog, which is not (1) on a lease, (2) on or within a vehicle, (3) on the property of the owner.

All dogs within the town limits of Pantton shall be **registered** and have valid tags attached by a collar indicating such.

Any dog or wolf-hybrid causing a disturbance such as excessive barking as to disturb the public peace will be considered a public nuisance, and the owner will be liable for prosecution under the penalties prescribed in the Pantton Dog Ordinance (copy on file in Town Clerk’s office).

Any dog or wolf-hybrid found to be running at large shall be delivered to the pound. The pound will notify the dog or wolf-hybrid owner if the dog is licensed. The dog or wolf-hybrid shall be held for three (3) days after the owner is notified. If the dog is unlicensed; the pound will still hold the dog or wolf-hybrid for three (3) days. If the owner does not claim the dog or wolf-hybrid, it shall be given to whoever pays the fees, the rabies shots and licensing fees. If no one shall desire the dog or wolf-hybrid it shall be humanely destroyed and the owner, if known, shall pay the fees.

No dog of wolf-hybrid will be released from the pound until it is properly licensed and all charges paid. Each person claiming a dog or wolf-hybrid from the pound shall pay to the Town of Pantton the sum of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense and \$200.00 for each offense thereafter to a maximum of \$500.00. In addition to the aforementioned fines, the owner shall also pay all pound keepers’ charges before the dog is released.

IS YOUR PET DUE FOR A RABIES VACCINATION?
Check the Addison Independent in March for local rabies clinics.
They’re quick and much less expensive than an office visit!

Dog Licensing Fees:
Neutered/Spayed: \$11.00
Un-neutered/Un-spayed: \$19.00
50% Late Fee after April 1
You can mail in your License Fee

DEFEAT **RABIES** - Fight with **Facts**

Rabies Kills

animals and people!



Vermont

25-50 animals/year
positive for rabies

Around the world

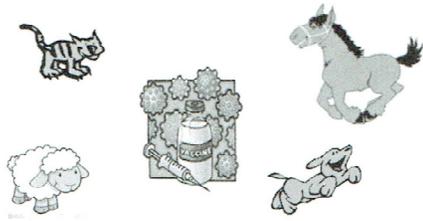
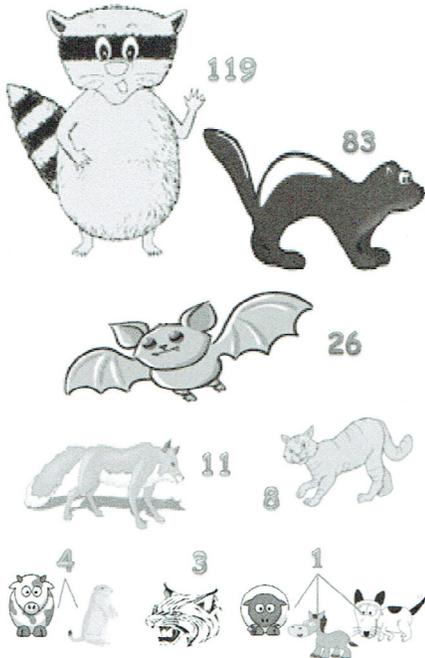


Rabies kills 1 person
every 10 minutes

RECOGNIZE RABIES

PREVENT RABIES

VT rabies cases since 2011:



Vaccinate your animals!

Avoid any weird-acting
animals - then tell an adult!



TALK to your doctor
if you get bitten by an animal
or wake up to find a bat in
your house.

Community Service Agencies Requesting Funding

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-7259, web: www.achhh.org, email: info@achhh.org

Addison County Parent/Child Center, P.O. Box 646, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3171, web:
www.addisoncountypcc.org, email: info@addisoncountypcc.org

Addison County Transit Resources, 297 Creek Road, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-922-2287, web:
www.actr-vt.org, email: info@actr-vt.org

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc., P.O. Box 881, 282 Boardman Street,
Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3888, web: www.acrjs.org

Age Well, (Formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging – CVAA), 76 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT
05452, 802-865-0360, Helpline: 800-642-5119, web: www.agewellvt.org,

Boys & Girls club of Greater Vergennes, 55 School Street, Vergennes, VT 05491, 802-877-6344,
web: www.bgcvergenes.org, email: bgcvergenes@comcast.net

Counseling of Addison County, Inc., 89 Main Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-6751, web:
www.csac-vt.org, **24 Hour Hotline: 802-388-7641**

Elderly Services, Inc., P.O. Box 581, 112 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 055753, 802-388-3983,
web: www.elderlyservices.org, email: mail@elderlyservices.org

Homeward Bound Animal Welfare Center – Addison County Humane Society, 236 Boardman
Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-1100, web: www.homewardboundanimals.org, email:
shelter@homewardboundanimals.org.

HOPE, Formerly Addison County Community Action Group-ACCAG, P.O. Box 165, 282 Boardman
Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3608, web: www.hope-vt.org

Hospice Volunteer Services, P.O. Box 772, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-4111, email:
sryan@hospicevs.org

John Graham Emergency Shelter, 69 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 05491, 802-870-7029 or 802-
877-2677, web: www.johngrahamshelter.org, email: Elizabeth@johngrahamshelter.org

Open Door Clinic, 100 Porter Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-0137, web:
www.opendoormidd.org, email: odc@opendoormidd.org

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – RSVP, 48 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, web:
www.volunteersinvt.org, email: rsvpvcadd@aol.com

WomenSafe, P.O. Box 67, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-9180, web: www.womensafe.net,
Email: info@womensafe.net, **24 Hour Hotline 800-388-4205 or 802-388-4205**



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Department of Health
Middlebury District Office
156 So Village Green, Set 102
Middlebury, VT 05753
HealthVermont.gov

[phone] 802-388-4644
[fax] 802-388-4610
[toll free] 1-888-253-8804

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: United Way of Addison County was recently awarded a 5-year grant of \$130,000 per year to focus on substance abuse prevention. The efforts will be focused on reducing underage and binge drinking; reducing marijuana use and reducing prescription drug misuse.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: We responded to 96 cases of infectious disease in Addison County last year. For calendar year 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 we participated in a large-scale exercise to practice our procedures for distributing medicine, to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$57,096 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. Finally, we are recruiting for Emergency Medical Services providers and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. For more information and to sign up, please visit <http://www.oncallforvt.org/>.

Trained Town Health Officers: Town Health Officers from Addison and Rutland counties gathered for our 4th Annual Town Health Officer training. Information was provided about the prevention of Anaplasmosis, an emerging tick borne infection in Vermont, as well as an update about Lyme Disease. Health Officers were also given an overview of Zika virus infection including the present situation in the United States, what Vermonters and travelers need to know to prevent infection, and mosquito testing efforts.



For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury> and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

VUES School Board Report - 2016

As the Chair of the Vergennes Union Elementary School Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express my pleasure in serving the town as their representative for the past five years. In my short time, we have had three principals, two superintendents, a large fiscal overhaul, and the merger of our district. Faculty has changed, curriculum has evolved, a robust after school program has been added, and through it all our children continue to grow and thrive. So, I would also like to take this time to thank you for your continued concern and support for our youngest citizens. It is because of your appreciation for education and belief in our youth that our school is able to be so successful.

This has been a year of transition. This past Spring, we hired a new Principal, Matthew DeBlois, who has taken on the leadership position with passion and commitment. It is never easy to take on a new role and to immerse yourself into the community but Mr. DeBlois has done so with humor and intelligence and is making adjustments to continue the level of quality we expect for our schools. Not only has he worked to create a smooth transition for students and staff from one administrator to the next but he has also worked hard to transition our school from one district to a larger system.

Last Town Meeting day the town of Panton, along with Waltham, Addison, Ferrisburgh, and Vergennes voted to merge under the provisions of Act 46. This new district will be served by one larger board. This board has been working hard since the vote last Spring to set a new course for our schools. While this new board has been planning, and preparing, the VUES board has continued to see the 2016/2017 budget through while transitioning roles and responsibilities to the larger district. Many people have made this move possible but again, it was only possible through your support.

These transitions should be seen as expanding the possibilities for education in our community. The opportunity for us to come together, work together, and build together a path forward in our pursuit of a better future. We are lucky to have strong leadership in both our Superintendent and our principal, and the board is committed to making Vergennes Union Elementary School a great experience for our students. Again, thank you for your support of our schools, your trust in my representation, and your belief in our children.

Sincerely,

Jason P. Fearon

Board Chair, Vergennes Union Elementary School

Addison Northwest School District Report - 2016

As you may know, the Addison Northwest Supervisory School District is in a transition period, due to the passage of Act 46 and subsequent School Board consolidation votes in Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham. Although the old school boards are still operational at each school, we will soon transition to a single board governing all of the public schools within these towns. The new ANWSD board was sworn in by Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcomb, at the end of June 2016. We have been working hard to prepare for town meeting day. These preparations include the formation of a unified budget to cover the operations of all schools, an update of all board policies, ongoing contract negotiations, and the formation of a new vision statement for the unified district.

The ANWSD board is committed to transparency. Teacher negotiations are public. In the coming year we hope to find ways to address our declining student population while maintaining our high standards of education and keeping rising costs under control. Act 64 outlines requirements that our new board must follow. Engaging the community is one of them. The ANWSD Community Engagement Committee consists of four board members, two students, a principal and three staff members. We have been working hard to solicit input for creating an expansive vision for our new district. We have reached out to a broad constituent base including, the elderly, neighborhood communities, parents, students and staff. A Google form was posted on Front Porch Forum asking for input as well.

The proposed budget is responsible, conservative and well below the cost of living increase, not only in Vermont but also in the country. The budget represents level programming, a 1.68 % increase over last year's budget but represents a 0.002% decrease in Panton's tax rate.

Comparing next year's budget with the current one is difficult because the new one has been consolidated across the new school district. Although the budget you will be voting on is much larger than what you are accustomed to seeing, keep in mind the budget is for all four district schools as well as the Central Office.

There will be two budget items present on the ballot. The first asks for adoption of a \$21,116,289 budget representing spending for the entire district. The other asks for voter authorization to establish a reserve capital improvement and maintenance fund, with the transfer of a \$100,000 surplus, generated by member schools.

Sincerely,

Diana Raphael
Panton ANWSD school director



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website:

www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours:

M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours:

M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2016 Highlights

Act 148. The District has devoted most of its resources in 2016 toward public outreach in preparation for expansion of leaf & yard debris in 2016 and food scrap collection in 2017. One of the first tasks in 2016 was to survey all District residents and businesses to gather valuable feedback on their general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns. We received 1,513 responses and were encouraged by both the number and quality of responses. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort

to share their thoughts with us! The survey will be repeated five years from now to measure any changes in awareness levels, with a goal toward increasing awareness as a result of our outreach efforts. District staff spent months gathering data for the first annual Implementation Report required by its SWIP. The District has also assisted haulers, member towns and businesses in implementing the new deadlines of Act 148. As of 7/1/16, all commercial waste haulers had to begin offering collection of leaf & yard debris, at least seasonally. A statewide landfill ban also took effect on 7/1/16 for leaf & yard debris and clean wood.

Product Stewardship. As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont were required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16. The District Transfer Station is a Collector under this program. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,270 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance and State law to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2016, 19 member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one – Goshen – provided a curbside program. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. **Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. As of 9/1/16, the Sheriff's office investigated 25 illegal burning/disposal complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 13.44 tons of roadside trash, 7.29 tons of tires, 11 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 28 E-Waste items, and 5 appliances, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,882.

2017 Budget

The District adopted a 2017 Annual Budget of \$2,989,316, a 6% increase over the 2016 Annual Budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2017.** For a copy of the full 2016 Annual Report, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

What's New with Universal Recycling?

Recently, a few of Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) deadlines came into effect on July 1, 2016, including a statewide landfill ban on leaf & yard debris and clean wood. On July 1, 2017, facilities and haulers that accept trash will have to begin accepting food scraps. Check out the headlines below for more information! The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is here to help you with the requirements of the new law and to prepare for the upcoming changes that are scheduled to take effect in 2017.

**JULY 1
2016**

- » Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill
- » Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection
- » Food scrap generators of 26 tons/year (1/2 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles

**JULY 1
2017**

- » Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept food scraps
- » Haulers must offer food scrap collection
- » Food scrap generators of 18 tons/year (1/3 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles

**JULY 1
2020**

- » Food scraps are banned from the landfill



Constable's Report -2016 Town of Panton

The Select Board has designated the duties of the town constable to include:

“Panton’s Town Constable enforces the Arnold’s Bay Parking Ordinance and advises the Select Board on matters pertaining to law enforcement.”

Since last town meeting day, one parking violation notice (a written warning) was issued on March 16, 2016. The driver subsequently returned to the boat launch area by boat, was positively identified, and agreed to immediately move his vehicle.

During the last year, approximately 10 additional drivers were verbally asked to remove their vehicles from the town boat launch/beach. All immediately complied with the instructions regarding parking at the top of the hill leading to the boat launch area. The cheerful cooperation of all drivers was very much appreciated.

If you want to report an illegally parked vehicle at the town boat launch/beach, please call me. If I am not available, any certified law enforcement may be contacted to enforce the posted parking regulations. The Addison County Sheriff Department may be reached by calling (802) 388-2981.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the duties of the constable, my contact information is:

David C. Palmatier
Phone: (802) 475-3099
Email: DavidPalmatier@pantonvt.us

Auditor's Report

(This section has a separate page numbering and table of content.)

Town Of Panton

Board of Auditors

2016 Report

Each year Town Auditors are charged with reviewing the town financial records and financial operations. Since we do not have the skill or expertise of professional auditors, we use common sense and tools provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to guide the work we do.

Periodically, the town will have outside certified public accountants audit the financial operations of the town. These audits are especially valuable in that the financial operations of the town are reviewed in accordance with accept standards for accounting for governmental funds. The last professional audit was completed on the FY2016 financial reports (included in this year's town report). The professional auditors noted again this year a weakness in the town financial operations, commonly referred to as "segregation of duties". This is a difficult standard for small towns to meet, we simply do not have sufficient staff to meet this standard.

The Auditors are pleased to report that the Selectboard has continued to make progress in developing personnel policies. Last August they approved the Personnel Manual. Policies are often recommended by auditors to shore up weaknesses in financial operations. A review of Selectboard minutes shows there are still a few unresolved issues, but the town is in much better shape. There is one policy area that still needs attention, compensation for elected and appointed town officers. Questions like "when should officers be paid (end of term? mid-term?) and should officers be compensated hourly or by stipend?

During the past twelve months, Diane Merrill, town treasurer, transferred the town financial records to software specifically designed for municipal financial operations. A transition like this is challenging and the auditors congratulate Diane for making this change. The road crew also produced an inventory of town equipment and tools. This will also help the town track assets and can be invaluable for insurance purposes.

During our review of the financial reports for the last several years, it was noted that the town had an operating surplus at the end of the year. The accumulation of these surpluses reached a high of \$171,310 at the end of FY15. The current surplus is \$107,962. These surpluses were the result of mild winters, federal grants that covered town employee payroll and other savings. Two years ago, the Selectboard proposed transferring some, but not all, of the general fund surplus to other capital funds. The remaining funds, approximately \$48,000, could have eliminated the need to raise the tax rate that year. While these surpluses are great, the auditors believe that *all* of the funds should either be transferred to a capital fund *or* returned to the town residents in the form of a tax rate reduction. The auditors have recommended that the board adopt this as a policy to guide budget development.

Since the 2016 financial statements were audited by external certified public accountants, we restricted our internal review to financial operations not covered by their review.

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above and included in the town report, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Panton of its operation for the year ended 6/30/2016.

Signed:

J. Douglas Dows

Janah Hammach

Bob Groff

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2016

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Certified Public Accountants
5 Park Street – Middlebury, VT 05753

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Panton, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Panton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Panton, Vermont, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion, analysis and budgetary comparison information, schedule of local government's proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedule of the local government contributions on pages 3-9 and 31-33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Pantton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Middlebury, Vermont
December 26, 2016
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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Town of Panton, Vermont's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. This section is a summary of the Town's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Panton, Vermont's revenues were \$2,183,655 compared to \$1,934,488 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively; this is a 12.9% increase.

The Town of Panton, Vermont's expenditures were \$1,938,407 compared to \$1,774,740 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively; this is a 9.2% increase.

The Town of Panton, Vermont's total assets, in accordance with GASB 34 accounting, were \$2,052,575 compared to \$1,694,585 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The Town of Panton, Vermont's total liabilities, in accordance with GASB 34 accounting, were \$228,997 compared to \$92,162 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Town:

- The first two statements are Town-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the Town-wide statements. The fund financial statements concentrate on the Town's major funds with all other non-major funds listed in total in one column.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as highway and capital improvements were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Town's budget for the year.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Town’s financial statements, including the portion of the Town’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of MD&A highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-1 Major Features of the Town-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Town-Wide	Fund Financial Statements Governmental Funds
	Scope	Entire Town
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of assets/deferred outflows of resources/liability/deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due or available during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Town as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Town’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the Town's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the Town's overall health, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements, the Town's activities are shown as Governmental Activities. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as general government and public works. Property taxes and state aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the Town as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Town uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Town establishes other funds to control and to manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as state grants).

The Town has the following types of funds:

- **Governmental Funds:** All of the Town's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

The Town's total assets and deferred outflows of resources were \$2,068,972, a 21.7% increase from the prior year.

Total liabilities increased to \$228,997 from the prior year as a result of an increase in accounts payable and net pension liability. The excess of revenues over expenditures resulted in the increase in net position.

All the changes are detailed as follows:

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	Percentage Change
Assets			
Other assets	\$ 464,640	\$ 346,818	34.0%
Capital assets	1,587,935	1,347,767	17.8
Total assets	<u>2,052,575</u>	<u>1,694,585</u>	<u>21.1%</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pensions	<u>16,397</u>	<u>4,863</u>	<u>237.2</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 2,068,972</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,448</u>	<u>21.7%</u>
Liabilities			
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 50,430	\$ 50,481	-0.1%
Other liabilities	<u>178,567</u>	<u>41,681</u>	<u>328.4</u>
Total liabilities	<u>228,997</u>	<u>92,162</u>	<u>148.5</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Taxes paid in advance	380	2,998	-87.3
Pensions	<u>792</u>	<u>10,733</u>	<u>-92.6</u>
	<u>1,172</u>	<u>13,731</u>	<u>-91.5</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	1,540,718	1,276,941	20.7
Restricted	153,891	211,035	-27.1
Unrestricted	<u>144,194</u>	<u>105,579</u>	<u>36.6</u>
Total net position	<u>1,838,803</u>	<u>1,593,555</u>	<u>15.4</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u>\$ 2,068,972</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,448</u>	<u>21.7%</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2016, total revenue increased 12.9%. This was a result of an increase in property tax revenue and operating and capital grants from the State of Vermont.

For the year ended June 30, 2016 total expenditures increased 9.2%. This was a result of an increase in school tax expense and highway retreatment expenses.

All the changes are detailed as follows:

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	Percentage Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 10,511	\$ 14,603	-28.0%
Operating grants	63,059	91,160	-30.2
Capital grants	191,672	-	100.0
General revenues			
Real property taxes	1,851,090	1,762,782	5.0
State sources	64,161	60,176	6.6
Miscellaneous	3,162	5,767	-45.2
Total revenues	<u>2,183,655</u>	<u>1,934,488</u>	<u>12.9%</u>
Expenses			
General government	178,909	164,576	8.7
Education	1,280,107	1,218,882	5.0
Public safety	36,117	34,040	6.1
Public works	433,323	347,669	24.6
Interest	1,250	1,022	22.3
Community services	8,701	8,551	1.8
Total expenses	<u>1,938,407</u>	<u>1,774,740</u>	<u>9.2</u>
Change in net position	<u>245,248</u>	<u>159,748</u>	<u>53.5</u>
Net position – beginning of year, as previously stated	1,593,555	1,443,049	10.4
Prior period adjustment	-	(9,242)	-100.0
Net position – beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,593,555</u>	<u>1,433,807</u>	<u>11.1</u>
Net position – end of year	<u>\$ 1,838,803</u>	<u>\$ 1,593,555</u>	<u>15.4</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

The Town's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Based on this presentation, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the fund's projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payment for debt in its revenue and expenditures.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town had a negative performance of expenditures with the budget of \$631,228 and actual performance of \$911,395. The negative performance is due to unbudgeted paving expenses.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town had \$1,587,935 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation), compared to \$1,347,767 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)			
	Governmental Activities and Total Town		Percentage
	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Change</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 17,409	\$ 17,409	0.0%
Building and improvements	221,261	204,257	-7.7
Infrastructure	819,438	1,114,886	36.1
Vehicles	211,772	159,878	-24.5
Machinery and equipment	77,887	74,833	-3.9
Construction in Progress	-	16,672	100.0
Total	\$ <u>1,347,767</u>	\$ <u>1,587,935</u>	<u>17.8%</u>

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the Town had \$74,039 in long-term liabilities that includes notes payable of \$47,217, and net pension liability – proportionate share of \$26,822.

	Total Town		Percentage Change
	Beginning	Ending	
Notes payable	\$ 70,826	\$ 47,217	-33.3
Net pension liability - proportionate share	3,264	26,822	721.8
Total	\$ <u>74,090</u>	\$ <u>74,039</u>	<u>-0.06%</u>

FACTORS BEARING ON THE TOWN'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Town was not aware of any circumstances that could affect its future financial health.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the Town's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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 Town of Panton, Vermont
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 Panton, VT 05491
 (802) 475-2333

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

Assets

Current assets:

Cash	\$	393,903
Accounts receivable		1,080
Grants receivable		16,672
Property taxes receivable		52,838
Prepaid expenses		147
Total current assets		464,640

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,587,935
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Deferred outflows of resources

Pensions		16,397
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Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	\$	2,068,972
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Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	145,323
Accrued liabilities		9,635
Notes payable, current		23,609
Total current liabilities		178,567

Long-term liabilities:

Notes payable, less current portion		23,608
Net pension liability		26,822
		50,430
Total liabilities		228,997

Deferred inflows of resources

Taxes paid in advance		380
Pensions		792
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,172

Net position

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt		1,540,718
Restricted		153,891
Unrestricted		144,194
Total net position		1,838,803

Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$	2,068,972
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

<u>Functions and programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Capital Grants</u>	
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ (178,909)	\$ 10,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (168,398)
Education	(1,280,107)	-	-	-	(1,280,107)
Community services	(8,701)	-	-	-	(8,701)
Public safety	(36,117)	-	2,455	-	(33,662)
Public works	(433,323)	-	60,604	191,672	(181,047)
Interest	(1,250)	-	-	-	(1,250)
Total Governmental activities	\$ (1,938,407)	\$ 10,511	\$ 63,059	\$ 191,672	(1,673,165)
General revenues					
Real property taxes					1,851,090
Investment income					362
State sources not restricted to specific programs					64,161
Miscellaneous					2,800
Total general revenues					1,918,413
Change in net position					245,248
Total net position - beginning of year					1,593,555
Total net position - end of year					\$ 1,838,803

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2016

	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway Capital Project</u>	<u>Highway Capital Equipment</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets					
Cash	\$ 198,178	\$ 60,021	\$ 74,161	\$ 61,543	\$ 393,903
Accounts receivable	1,080	-	-	-	1,080
Grants receivable	16,672	-	-	-	16,672
Property taxes receivable	52,838	-	-	-	52,838
Due from other funds	42,315	-	-	334	42,649
Prepaid expenses	147	-	-	-	147
Total assets	<u>\$ 311,230</u>	<u>\$ 60,021</u>	<u>\$ 74,161</u>	<u>\$ 61,877</u>	<u>\$ 507,289</u>
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 145,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,323
Accrued liabilities	9,635	-	-	-	9,635
Unearned property taxes	45,604	-	-	-	45,604
Due to other fund	334	42,315	-	-	42,649
Total liabilities	<u>200,896</u>	<u>42,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,211</u>
Deferred inflows of resources					
Taxes paid in advance	380	-	-	-	380
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>
Fund balances					
Nonspendable	147	-	-	-	147
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	17,706	74,161	61,877	153,744
Assigned	1,845	-	-	-	1,845
Unassigned	107,962	-	-	-	107,962
Total fund balances	<u>109,954</u>	<u>17,706</u>	<u>74,161</u>	<u>61,877</u>	<u>263,698</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 311,230</u>	<u>\$ 60,021</u>	<u>\$ 74,161</u>	<u>\$ 61,877</u>	<u>\$ 507,289</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets, Liabilities	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position
Assets				
Cash	\$ 393,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 393,903
Accounts receivable	1,080	-	-	1,080
Grants receivable	16,672	-	-	16,672
Property taxes receivable	52,838	-	-	52,838
Due from other funds	42,649	-	(42,649)	-
Prepaid expenses	147	-	-	147
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	1,587,935	-	1,587,935
Total assets	507,289	1,587,935	(42,649)	2,052,575
 Deferred outflows of resources				
Pensions	-	16,397	-	16,397
 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources				
	\$ 507,289	\$ 1,604,332	\$ (42,649)	\$ 2,068,972
 Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 145,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,323
Accrued liabilities	9,635	-	-	9,635
Due to other funds	42,649	-	(42,649)	-
Unearned property taxes	45,604	(45,604)	-	-
Notes payable	-	47,217	-	47,217
Net pension liability	-	26,822	-	26,822
Total liabilities	243,211	28,435	(42,649)	228,997
 Deferred inflows of resources				
Taxes paid in advance	380	-	-	380
Pensions	-	792	-	792
Total deferred inflows	380	792	-	1,172
 Fund balance/net position				
Total fund balance/net position	263,698	1,575,105	-	1,838,803
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance/net position				
	\$ 507,289	\$ 1,604,332	\$ (42,649)	\$ 2,068,972

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway Capital Project</u>	<u>Highway Capital Equipment</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 1,788,872	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 1,847,872
Licenses, fees, & permits	2,974	-	-	-	2,974
Intergovernmental	313,264	-	-	3,173	316,437
Charges for services	7,537	-	-	-	7,537
Fines & forfeitures	2,455	-	-	-	2,455
Miscellaneous	3,128	12	8	14	3,162
Total revenues	<u>2,118,230</u>	<u>20,012</u>	<u>20,008</u>	<u>22,187</u>	<u>2,180,437</u>
Expenditures					
General government	170,574	-	-	-	170,574
Education	1,280,107	-	-	-	1,280,107
Community services	8,701	-	-	-	8,701
Public safety	36,117	-	-	-	36,117
Public works	679,742	-	-	-	679,742
Debt service:					
Principal	23,609	-	-	-	23,609
Interest	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Total expenditures	<u>2,200,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,200,100</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(81,870)</u>	<u>20,012</u>	<u>20,008</u>	<u>22,187</u>	<u>(19,663)</u>
Other financing source (uses)					
Transfers in	28,200	-	50,000	-	78,200
Transfers out	(7,686)	(42,315)	(17,461)	(10,738)	(78,200)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>20,514</u>	<u>(42,315)</u>	<u>32,539</u>	<u>(10,738)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in fund balance	(61,356)	(22,303)	52,547	11,449	(19,663)
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>171,310</u>	<u>40,009</u>	<u>21,614</u>	<u>50,428</u>	<u>283,361</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 109,954</u>	<u>\$ 17,706</u>	<u>\$ 74,161</u>	<u>\$ 61,877</u>	<u>\$ 263,698</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenues, Expenses	Capital Related Funds	Long-term Debt Transactions	Reclassification and Eliminations	Statement of Activities Totals
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 1,847,872	\$ 3,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,851,090
Licenses, fees, & permits	2,974	-	-	-	-	2,974
Intergovernmental	316,437	-	-	-	-	316,437
Charges for services	7,537	-	-	-	-	7,537
Fines & forfeitures	2,455	-	-	-	-	2,455
Miscellaneous	3,162	-	-	-	-	3,162
Total revenues	<u>2,180,437</u>	<u>3,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,183,655</u>
Expenditures/Expenses						
General government	170,574	8,335	-	-	-	178,909
Education	1,280,107	-	-	-	-	1,280,107
Community services	8,701	-	-	-	-	8,701
Public safety	36,117	-	-	-	-	36,117
Public works	679,742	170,646	(417,065)	-	-	433,323
Debt service:						
Principal	23,609	-	-	(23,609)	-	-
Interest	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>2,200,100</u>	<u>178,981</u>	<u>(417,065)</u>	<u>(23,609)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,938,407</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(19,663)	(175,763)	417,065	23,609	-	245,248
Other financing sources						
Transfers in	78,200	-	-	-	(78,200)	-
Transfers out	(78,200)	-	-	-	78,200	-
Total other sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change for the year	<u>\$ (19,663)</u>	<u>\$ (175,763)</u>	<u>\$ 417,065</u>	<u>\$ 23,609</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 245,248</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Pantton, Vermont (the Town) is a unit of local government chartered by the State of Vermont. The Town operates under a Select Board – form of government and provides services as outlined in its charter. The Town provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

a) Reporting Entity

The Town is governed by a three member elected Select Board. Control or dependence on the Board was determined on the basis of budget adoptions, designation of management, influence over operations, and accountability for fiscal matters.

b) Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the Town's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Adjustments have been made to minimize the effect of internal transactions. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operations or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Town of Pantton, Vermont are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for using a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures as appropriate.

Governmental Funds

Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds and account groups are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, as follows:

General fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Highway capital project fund - This fund is used to account for revenue and expenditures of the highway capital project fund.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b) Basis of Presentation (continued)

Special Revenue Funds - To account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Town-wide financial statements are reported using economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the town gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Property tax revenue is considered available if collected within sixty days of fiscal year end.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of reporting cash flows, all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

e) Capital Assets

Property, vehicles, and equipment are recorded at cost with depreciation computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 7-30 years. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to income as incurred; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The capitalization threshold (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to capital assets) is \$3,000 for buildings, equipment and vehicles and \$10,000 for infrastructure.

f) Interfund Transactions

The operations of the Town include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowing. The Town may loan resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services. In the government-wide financial statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent the amount due between different fund types. Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between funds.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

f) Interfund Transactions (continued)

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the Town's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 7 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures, and revenue activity.

g) Net Position/Governmental Fund Balance

In the government-wide financial statements, there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.

Restricted net position – Reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – Reports all other net position that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-spendable Fund Balance – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Town has \$147 non-spendable fund balance as of June 30, 2016.

Restricted – Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balances.

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purpose pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's highest level of decision making authority, i.e. the legal voters of the Town. The Town has \$153,744 committed fund balance as of June 30, 2016.

Assigned – Includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$1,845.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g) Net Position/Governmental Fund Balance (continued)

Unassigned – Includes all other General Fund net position that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Town.

Order of use of fund balance:

The Town's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, non-spendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignment of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

h) Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily related to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement actual results may differ from estimated source.

i) Taxes paid in advance

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds report taxes paid in advance as deferred inflows of resources. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

j) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) has been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

a) Budgetary Information

At the annual meeting, the Select board presents a general fund budget for the proposed expenditures of the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget, as enacted by town meeting establishes the legal level of control and specifies that certain appropriations are to be funded by particular revenues.

b) Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The budgetary data for the general fund is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of operations of the general fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison to the budgetary data.

The following are summaries of adjustments made to the actual revenues and expenditures to conform to the budgetary basis of accounting.

General fund:	
Total revenues (GAAP basis)	\$ 2,118,230
Less: school taxes collected	(1,280,107)
Total revenues budgetary basis	\$ <u>838,123</u>
Total expenditures (GAAP basis)	\$ 2,200,100
Less: school taxes paid	(1,280,107)
community services	(8,601)
Total expenditures budgetary basis	\$ <u>911,392</u>

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the fund statements and the government-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the statement of activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

Total fund balances of the Town's governmental funds differ from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements (continued)

The costs of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings and equipment) financed from the governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the balance sheet. However, the statement of net position includes those capital assets among the assets of the Town as a whole, with their original costs capitalized and depreciation expensed annually over their useful lives. Long-term liabilities are reported in the statements of net position, but not in the governmental funds, because they are not due and payable in the current period.

Explanation of difference between Governmental Fund Balance and Government-wide Net Position

Ending fund balance reported on governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	\$	263,698
Capital assets net of related depreciation		1,587,935
Deferred outflows of resources Pensions		16,397
Liabilities:		
Unearned property taxes		45,604
Long-term liabilities:		
Notes payable		(47,217)
Net pension liability – proportionate share		(26,822)
Deferred inflows of resources Pensions		<u>(792)</u>
Ending net position reported in Statement of Net Position for governmental activities	\$	<u>1,838,803</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements (continued)

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of four categories. The amounts shown below represent:

i) Long-term Revenue and Expense Differences:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

ii) Capital Related Differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

iii) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences:

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

iv) Pension differences:

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the Town's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share to the total contributions to the pension systems.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements (continued)

Explanation of Differences Between Governmental Funds Operating Statements and the Government Wide Statement of Activities

Total revenues and other funding sources of governmental funds	\$	2,180,437
<p>Revenue in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources (property taxes not collected within 60 days of fiscal year end) are not reported as revenue in the funds. This amount represents an increase in deferred property taxes.</p>		
		3,218
Total revenues of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities	\$	2,183,655
Total expenditures reported in governmental funds	\$	2,200,100
<p>Governmental funds report Town pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.</p>		
		2,084
<p>When the purchase or construction of capital assets is financed through governmental funds, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in the years they are incurred. However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Expenditures for capital outlays		(417,065)
Current year depreciation		176,897
<p>Repayment of note principal and are expenditures in the governmental funds, but reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position, and does not affect the Statement of Activities.</p>		
		(23,609)
Total expenses of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities	\$	1,938,407

Note 4. Cash (and Cash Equivalents) – Custodial Credit Risk

Cash:

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Town’s aggregate bank balance (disclosed in the financial statements) included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Collateralized securities held by the pledging financial institution	\$	15,577,160
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 5. Capital Assets

Property, vehicles, and equipment used by the Town are as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2015	Additions	Retirement	Balance June 30, 2016
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 17,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,409
Buildings & improvements	372,655	-	-	372,655
Infrastructure	1,264,380	382,932	-	1,647,312
Vehicles	363,259	-	-	363,259
Machinery and equipment	274,539	17,461	-	292,000
Construction in progress	-	16,672	-	16,672
Total	2,292,242	417,065	-	2,709,307
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building & improvements	(151,394)	(17,004)	-	(168,398)
Infrastructure	(444,942)	(87,484)	-	(532,426)
Vehicles	(151,487)	(51,894)	-	(203,381)
Machinery and equipment	(196,652)	(20,515)	-	(217,167)
Total	(944,475)	(176,897)	-	(1,121,372)
Total capital assets - net	\$ 1,347,767	\$ 240,168	\$ -	\$ 1,587,935

Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 7,640
Public works	169,257
	\$ 176,897

Note 6. Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

Unearned revenue in the General Fund consists of \$45,604 in delinquent taxes receivable not collected within 60 days of year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 7. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund balances and activity at June 30, 2016 and for the fiscal year then ended, were as follows:

Fund	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable	Revenues	Expenses
General Fund	\$ 42,315	\$ 344	\$ 28,200	\$ 7,686
Highway Capital Project Fund	-	42,315	-	42,315
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	-	-	50,000	17,461
Reappraisal Fund	344	-	-	-
Digitization Fund	-	-	-	-
Grader Tire Fund	-	-	-	1,998
Town Hall Restoration	-	-	-	8,740
	<u>\$ 42,659</u>	<u>\$ 42,659</u>	<u>\$ 78,200</u>	<u>\$ 78,200</u>

The Town typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues.

Note 8. Indebtedness

Long-term debt: Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	6/30/15 Balance	Additions	Reduction	6/30/16 Balance
Governmental Activities				
Notes payable	70,826	-	23,609	47,217
	<u>\$ 70,826</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,609</u>	<u>\$ 47,217</u>
		Interest Rate	Maturity Date	6/30/16 Balance
Note payable – 2015 International Dump Truck		1.750%	5/01/2018	\$ 47,217
Less: current portion				(23,609)
				<u>\$ 23,608</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 8. Indebtedness (continued)

The debt service requirements at June 30, 2016 for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 23,609	\$ 826	\$ 24,435
2018	23,608	413	24,021
2019	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-
	\$ 47,217	\$ 1,239	\$ 48,456

Note 9. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of the beginning of the year. Taxes are levied in April, and are payable in two equal installments due November 1 and May 1. The Town of Panton, Vermont bills and collects its own property taxes, as well as those for the Town School District and other assessments. Collection of the school taxes and other assessments and remittance of them are accounted for in the General Fund. All unpaid taxes become delinquent the day after second tax installment is due.

All delinquent taxes are assessed a late payment penalty of eight percent of the amount delinquent, and are charged interest at the rate of one percent per month for the first three months and then one and a half percent per month thereafter. Delinquent taxes and related penalties and interest are recognized as revenue when received.

Town tax rate	\$ 0.5558
Education tax rate - residential	1.5518
Education tax rate - nonresidential	1.4998

Note 10. Pensions

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for school districts and other municipal employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended, June 30, 2016, the retirement system consisted of 437 participating employers.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 10. Pensions (continued)

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975 and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representative elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives – one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Board Association. Nailed

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

Benefits Provided

VMERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.4% of the employee's final 5-year average compensation times the employee's years of service. Employees with 35 years of continuous service are eligible to retire at age 55. Employees are eligible for service-related disability benefits regardless of length of service. Five years of service is required for nonservice-related disability eligibility.

Disability benefits are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but are payable immediately without an actuarial reduction.

Contributions

Employees are required to contribute 2.5% of their annual pay. The Town's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 4.0% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan for the Town were \$5,026 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2016 the Town reported a liability of \$26,822 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating towns, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the Town's proportion was 0.03479%, which was a decrease of .00098 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

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Note 10. Pensions (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town recognized pension expense of \$2,084. At June 30, 2016, the Town reported deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ 847	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	5,342	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	5,182	-
Change in proportional share of contributions	-	792
Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,026	-
Total	\$ 16,397	\$ 792

\$5,026 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Amounts reported as deferred outflow and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:

2016	\$ 7,017
2017	1,991
2018	1,991
2019	4,606
Thereafter	-
	\$ 15,605

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0%-3.25%
Salary increases	5%
Investment rate of return	7.95%

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Note 10. Pensions (continued)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Tables for Males and Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on function relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and long term horizons by weighing the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.8.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return is employed.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2014 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	31.50%	8.61%
Fixed income	33.00%	1.91%
Alternatives	15.50%	6.93%
Multi-strategy	20.00%	4.88%

Nominal long-term expected rates of return for these asset classes are equal to the sum of the above expected long-term real rates and the expected long-term inflation rate of 3.0%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate to measure the total pension liability was 7.95%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with current funding policy. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.95%, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.95%) or one percent higher (8.95%).

1% Decrease (6.95%)	Current discount rate (7.95%)	1% Increase (8.95%)
\$ 53,575	\$ 26,822	\$ 4,395

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Note 10. Risk Management

The Town of Panton, Vermont is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. The Town of Panton, Vermont maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three (3) fiscal years.

Note 11. Contingencies

Federal and State Grants

In the normal course of operations, the Town receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authorities, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as a result of such audits is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Town's funds.

Note 12. Subsequent Events

The Select Board has evaluated subsequent events through December 26, 2016, the date on which the financial statements were available.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 490,113	\$ 499,334	\$ 9,221
Non-tax revenues:			
Act 68 administration	2,800		(2,800)
Current use tax	58,491	58,381	(110)
Delinquent tax penalty	2,500	4,187	1,687
Delinquent tax interest	2,500	5,245	2,745
Fines and forfeitures	2,400	2,455	55
Grant funds	-	191,672	191,672
Interest income	150	328	178
Licenses, fees, and permits	8,610	10,511	1,901
Lister education	386		(386)
Miscellaneous	-	2,800	2,800
State aid highway	60,732	60,604	(128)
State pilot payment	2,606	2,606	-
Total revenues	631,288	838,123	206,835
Expenditures			
Office salaries expense:			
Salaries	67,978	65,955	2,023
Payroll taxes	5,201	5,082	119
Benefits	13,369	12,589	780
	86,548	83,626	2,922
Town office expenditures:			
Accounting services	5,000	3,155	1,845
Addison county sheriff	6,500	5,986	514
Audit services	8,900	7,900	1,000
Bixby library	12,822	12,822	-
Capital outlay	-	8,640	(8,640)
Cemeteries	2,080	2,080	-
DRB/planning expense	5,050	5,000	50
Dues and assessments	8,300	6,869	1,431
Fire protection agreement	24,000	23,782	218
Legal and professional	5,000	9,109	(4,109)
Lister expense	6,600	6,600	-
Miscellaneous	7,650	8,649	(999)
Office/recording supplies	2,300	1,648	652
Property and casualty	5,690	5,766	(76)
Recycling	6,000	6,800	(800)
Repairs and maintenance	3,700	3,843	(143)
Software/support expense	2,750	2,225	525
Utilities	6,300	4,692	1,608
Vergennes rescue	4,500	4,401	99
	123,142	129,967	(6,825)
Highway salaries expense:			
Salaries	93,024	93,616	(592)
Payroll taxes	7,116	7,132	(16)
Benefits	27,372	27,288	84
	127,512	128,036	(524)
Highway expenditures:			
Capital outlay	-	17,461	(17,461)
Chloride and cold patch	16,850	12,365	4,485
Contracted services	10,000	5,776	4,224
Debt services:			
Truck loan	23,609	23,609	-
Loan interest	1,239	1,250	(11)
Gas, diesel, and lubricants	30,500	14,187	16,313
Guard rail and culverts	7,000	4,080	2,920
Miscellaneous	5,000	4,003	997
Property and casualty insurance	8,950	8,667	283
Repairs and maintenance	39,100	24,084	15,016
Retreatment	80,000	208,811	(128,811)
Retreatment - grant	-	191,672	(191,672)
Road topping	18,125	14,203	3,922
Salt, ice-b-gon, and sand	33,675	21,531	12,144
Stone	4,800	5,900	(1,100)
Supplies and equipment	6,750	5,077	1,673
Utilities	8,488	7,087	1,401
	294,086	569,763	(275,677)
Total expenditures	631,288	911,392	(280,104)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ -	\$ (73,269)	\$ (73,269)

See the independent auditor's report.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of the Local Government's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2016

VMERS Pension Plan
 Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0348%	0.0358%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 26,822	\$ 3,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 125,640	\$ 121,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	21.35%	2.69%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 12/31

See the independent auditor's report.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of Local Government Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2016

VMERS Pension Plan
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Contractually required contributions	\$ 5,026	\$ 4,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	5,026	4,863	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 125,640	\$ 121,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	4.000%	4.000%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See the independent auditor's report.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Combining Balance Sheets
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2016

	<u>Reappraisal Fund</u>	<u>Digitization Fund</u>	<u>Grader Tire Fund</u>	<u>Town Hall Restoration</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets					
Cash	\$ 17,331	\$ 6,008	\$ 2,106	36,098	\$ 61,543
Due from other funds	334	-	-	-	334
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,665</u>	<u>\$ 6,008</u>	<u>\$ 2,106</u>	<u>36,098</u>	<u>\$ 61,877</u>
Fund balance					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	17,665	6,008	2,106	36,098	61,877
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balance	<u>17,665</u>	<u>6,008</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>36,098</u>	<u>61,877</u>
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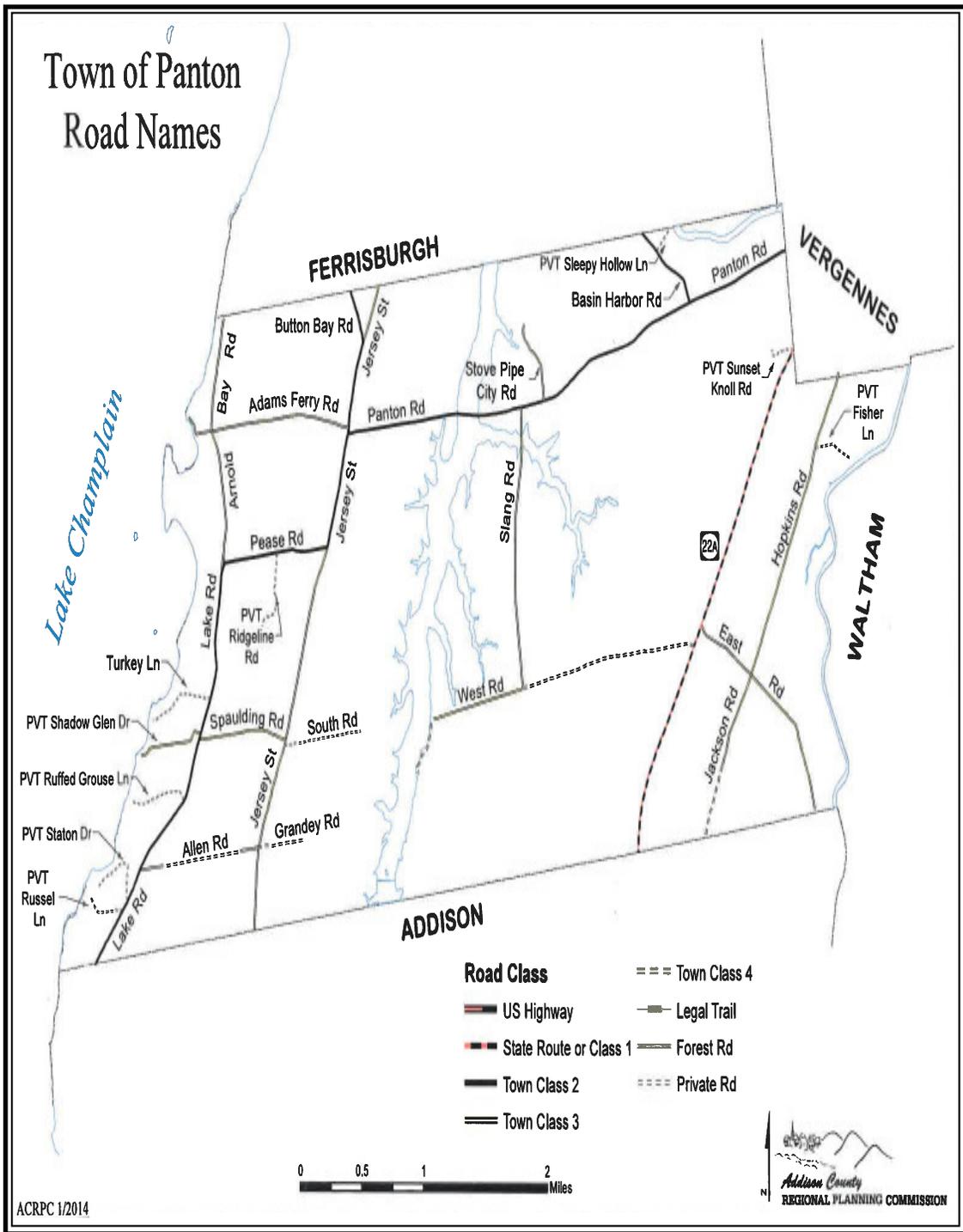
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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Reappraisal Fund</u>	<u>Digitization Fund</u>	<u>Grader Tire Fund</u>	<u>Town Hall Restoration</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 19,000
Interest	4	2	-	8	14
Intergovernmental	3,173	-	-	-	3,173
Total revenues	<u>5,177</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>15,008</u>	<u>22,187</u>
Expenditures					
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>5,177</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>15,008</u>	<u>22,187</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(1,998)	(8,740)	(10,738)
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,998)</u>	<u>(8,740)</u>	<u>(10,738)</u>
Change in fund balance	5,177	2	2	6,268	11,449
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>12,488</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>29,830</u>	<u>50,428</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 17,665</u>	<u>\$ 6,008</u>	<u>\$ 2,106</u>	<u>\$ 36,098</u>	<u>\$ 61,877</u>

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