## Annual Report for the Town of Jamaica



### 8008

Four years, four months and eighteen days after Tropical Storm Irene, the final FEMA project, Goodaleville Bridge, was completed on January 16, 2016.

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July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Prepared for the Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Town Meeting

### In Memory

### Ralph Coleman was

1948 - 2016





On November 27, 2016, Jamaica resident Ralph Coleman passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Ralph never complained, and always had a smile no matter how he was feeling on any given day. We should all learn a lesson from Ralph - enjoy every day to the fullest no matter what we are handed.

Ralph gave of himself to the Town as Moderator for 37 years, Justice of the Peace, a Lister and member of the Jamaica Zoning Board for several years. He served as a School Board member for Jamaica Grade School and Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School. He was a conscientious citizen and public servant who dedicated his heart and soul into everything he did.

In addition to serving his community he also ran his business on Derrybrook Road, consisting of cutting and selling lumber and maple sugaring.

Ralph leaves his loving family, wife Kathy, three daughters Aimee, Missy, Katie and eight grandchildren who brought him joy and happiness.

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### **Elected Town Officers**

**Appointed Town Officials** (One year terms unless otherwise noted)

**Moderator:** Greg Joly - one year term to March, 2017

Selectboard:

Lou Bruso - one year term to March, 2017
\*Paul Fraser - one year term to March, 2017
Judy Flower - three year term to March, 2017
Alexandra Clark - three year term to March, 2018
Andy Coyne - three year term to March, 2019

Listers:

Ralph Coleman - resigned
Peter Andrus - appointed - resigned
Vacant - three year term to March, 2017
Barbara Ferguson - three year term to March, 2018
Ed Dorta-Duque - resigned
Vacant- three year term to March, 2019

**First Constable:** Robert Willis - one year term to March, 2017

Second Constable: Ben Williams - one year term to March, 2017

Town Grand Juror: Stephen Clark - one year term to March, 2017

**Town Agent:** Peter Andrus - one year term to March, 2017

Trustee of Public Funds:

Stephen Clark - one year term to March, 2017

Agent to Deed Land: Pam Tweedy - one year term to March, 2017

**Library Trustees:** 

Rachel Stoll - two year term to March, 2017 Alice Abraham - two year term to March, 2017 Susan Stomski - five year term to March, 2017 Janet Hamilton - five year term to March, 2018 Greg Joly - five year term to March, 2019 Clara Robinson - five year term to March, 2020 \*Jennifer Dorta-Duque - five year term to March, 2021

Jamaica Village School Directors:

Amber Burrow - three year term to March, 2017
Anne Reynolds - two year term to March, 2017
\*Stephanie Amyot - three year term to March, 2018
Jennifer Dorta-Duque - two year term to March, 2018
Pamela Tweedy - three year term to March, 2019

**Leland & Gray Union High School Directors:** 

Patricia Dickson - three year term to March, 2017 Drew Hazelton - three year term to March, 2019

**Cemetery Commissioners:** 

Selectboard - one year term to March, 2017

\* Denotes chair

Fence Viewers: Stephen Clark, Peter Andrus

Animal Control Officer: Robert Willis, 1st Constable

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weighers of Coal: Vacant

Tree Warden: Ben Williams

**Cemetery Sextons**: East Jamaica - L. Bruce Chapin

Jamaica Village - L. Bruce Chapin South Windham - L. Bruce Chapin West Jamaica - Karen Ameden South Hill - Karen Ameden Pikes Falls - Karen Ameden Rawsonville - Nelson Coleman

Health Officer: Andrew Coyne - term ending Sept 30, 2017

Deputy Health Officer: Joel Beckwith

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** Paul Fraser

Rescue Inc. Rep: Stewart Barker

**Energy Coordinator:** Chris Clark

Flood Plain Zoning Administrator: Lou Bruso

Windham Regional Commissioners: Vacant

Planning Commissioners & Zoning Board of Adjustments:

\*Veda Bassett, Peter Hayward, Greg Meulemans, Christopher

Robbins, Cortland Wood

Recreation Committee: Tom Tolbert, Rob Harris, Bob Johnson,

Julie Olsson, Caroline Persson, Matt Winkler

Village Beautification Committee: Karen Ameden, Joe Dumas

Justice of the Peace (terms end 2019): Karen Ameden, Christopher Clark, Greg Joly, Clara Robinson, Robert Willis

Fire Warden: Stewart Barker

Assistant Fire Warden: Joel Beckwith

911 Address Coordinator: Erica Bowman

Council on Aging: Alice Abraham

### **Meeting Schedules**

**Selectboard**: 874-4681

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7pm at the Town Office

### **Planning Commission:**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7pm at the Town Office

Jamaica Village School: 874-4822

School Board meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm at JVS

### Jamaica Village School Club:

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm at JVS

**Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School**: 365-7355 School Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm at LGUHS

### **Jamaica Library Trustees Meetings:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30pm at the Library

### Town Offices 28 Town Office Road, PO Box 173

Town Clerk & Treasurer: 874-4681 Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4pm

> Town Clerk: Pam Tweedy Treasurer: Terri Garland

Listers: 874-4908

Thursday 8am - 3pm or By Appointment

### **Animal Licensing Notice to Dog Owners**

Vermont State Law requires all dogs 3 months or older to be licensed by the municipality on or before April 1st of each year with a valid rabies certificate. (Title 20 V.S.A. Section 3581)

January 1 <sup>st</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>		After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Spayed or Neutered	\$9.00	\$11.00
Other (Female or Male)	\$13.00	\$17.00

Please notify the Town Clerk if you no longer have your dog.

### **Post Office Locations**

Jamaica Post Office, 3912 VT Route 30	874-4242
Bondville Post Office, 43 VT Route 30	297-1671
South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main St	824-6800
West Townshend Post Office, 6573 VT Route 30	874-7092

### **Emergency Services**

**Emergency Number** for Fire (Mutual Aid) Rescue/ Ambulance, Windham County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Police (TTD)

**DIAL 911** 

### **Non-Emergency Numbers**

Fire Warden: 874-4515

Assistant Fire Warden: 874-7234

Constable: 896-6391 2nd Constable: 874-4441

Windham County Sheriff: 365-4942

### **Town Services**

Jamaica Memorial Library: 874-4901

Tuesday 12-6pm Wednesday 12-4pm Thursday 12-6pm Saturday 10am-1pm

Librarian: Karen Cawrse

Library Assistant: Darlene Hamilton

### Waste Disposal Transfer Station: 874-7171

Monday 9am-5pm Tuesday 9am-1pm Wednesday 2-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm Sunday 9am-5pm

Closed Thursdays & Fridays

Closed Town Meeting, Easter, Christmas, & New Year's

Attendant: Dan Miller

Substitute Attendant: James Dougherty

Jamaica Town Garage: 874-4265

Road Crew: Keith Hazard (foreman)
Richard Thomas, Donald Lyon

### **Websites of Local Interest**

### Official website: jamaicavermont.org

Jamaica Business: jamaicavt.com

Jamaica Historical Foundation: jamaicahf.info Jamaica Library: jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com Jamaica Village School: jamaicavillageschool.org

Leland and Gray: lelandandgray.org

WCSU: windhamcentral.org

Jamaica Facebook: facebook.com/JamaicaVermont05343

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF JAMAICA, IN THE COUNTY OF WINDHAM AND STATE OF VERMONT, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE TOWN HALL IN SAID TOWN OF JAMAICA, ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH, MARCH 7th, 2017, TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES: VIZ:

- 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- 2. To hear the report of the professional auditors.
- 3. To elect the following officers as required by law.

Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot)

Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)

Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)

Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)

Lister to fill vacant three year term ending 2019 (by ballot)

1st Constable for a term of one year

2nd Constable for a term of one year

Town Grand Juror for a term of one year

Town Agent for a term of one year

Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year

Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year

Library Trustee for a term of two years

Library Trustee for a term of two years

Library Trustee for a term of five years

4. Shall the Voters authorize the transfer of the prior year Revenue Surplus of \$144,359.00 to the following funds: \$55,814.00 to pay the FY18 Bond payment on the new Town Garage, \$50,000.00 to be moved to the Town Building Reserve Fund and \$38,545.00 to lower the amount of taxes to be raised.

- 5. To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.
- 6. To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- 7. Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?
- 8. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?
- 9. To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March, 2018 to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
- 10. To Adjourn.

APPROVED AS THE LEGAL TOWN WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF JAMAICA FOR MARCH 7st, 2017, ON THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2017.

Selectboard, Town of Jamaica, Vermont

Paul Fraser, Chair

Andy Coyne

Lou Bruso

Lexa Clark

ydith Flower

A true copy. Attest:

Pam Tweedy, Town Clerk

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Alexandra Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**Article 1**. Greg Joly was nominated as Moderator for a term of 1 year by Frances Sherwood. Seconded by David Mink. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Greg Joly was elected Town Moderator for a term of one year by voice vote.

**Article 2**. To hear the report of the professional auditors. Alexandra Clark stated that key pages could from the audit were printed in the Town Report, and the full report is available at the Town Clerk's office or electronically.

**Article 3**. To elect the following officers as required by law.

- A. Andy Coyne was nominated for Selectperson for a term of three years by Ed Flower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Mink. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Andy Coyne was elected for Selectperson for a term of 3 years by voice vote.
- B. Paul Fraser was nominated for Selectperson for a term on one year by CJ King. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Sherwood. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Paul Fraser was elected for Selectperson for a term of one year by voice vote.
- C. Lou Bruso was nominated for Selectperson for a term of one year by Ed Flower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Mink. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Lou Bruso was elected for Selectperson for a term of one year by voice vote.
- D. Ed Dorta-Duque was nominated as Lister for a term of 3 years by Ed Flower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CJ King. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Ed Dorta-Duque was elected as Lister for a term of 3 years by voice vote.
- E. Robert Willis was nominated as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a term of one year by David Mink. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Sherwood. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Robert Willis was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a term of one year by voice vote.
- F. Stewart Barker was nominated as 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable for a term of one year by Frances Sherwood. Stewart Barker declined the nomination. Kristina Barker was nominated by Drew Hazelton. Kristina Barker declined. Ben Williams was nominated by Andy Coyne. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Flower. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Ben Williams was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable for a term of one year by voice vote.
- G. Stephen Clark was nominated as Town Grand Juror for a term of one year by Ed Dorta-Duque. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Mink. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Stephen Clark was elected as Town Grand Juror for a term of one year by voice vote.
- H. Peter Andrus was nominated as Town Agent for a term of one year by David Mink. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Sherwood. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Peter Andrus was elected as Town Agent for a term of one year by voice vote.
- I. Stephen Clark was nominated as Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year by Ben Williams. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Dorta-Duque. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Stephen Clark was elected as Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year by voice vote.
- J. Pat Meulemans was nominated as Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year by David Mink. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Dorta-Duque. Pamela Tweedy was nominated by Ed Flower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CJ King. Nominations were closed. After a hand

- vote, Pat Meulemans had 11 votes and Pamela Tweedy had 28. Pamela Tweedy was elected Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year.
- K. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was nominated as Library Trustee for a term of five years by Janet Hamilton. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Sherwood. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was elected Library Trustee for a term of five years by voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the Voters authorize the transfer of the prior year Revenue Surplus of \$31,410 to the Highway Reserve Fund? David Mink moved the article. Frances Sherwood seconded. Discussion about what the funds can/will be used for followed. Highway Reserve Fund is for culverts, bridges and roads, and there are many culverts in town that will need replacing. The funds would not be used towards a new Highway Garage. Frances Sherwood made the motion to accept the article as read. David Mink seconded. Motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 5**. Alexandra Clark made the motion to raise the sum \$940,171.50 by taxation for the running expenses of the town and this along with anticipated receipts of \$228,500.00 equaling a budget of \$1,168,721.50. Taxes will be due and payable on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be delinquent on October 4<sup>th</sup> with an 8% penalty added by state law, plus interest at the rate of 1% will be added starting Dec. 1 until paid in full. Discussion followed concerning whether or not Old Home Day should be in the appropriations section of the budget. Also, it was clarified that the budget for the Windham County Sheriff's department is going up because the town will be getting more hours from them per month (from 42 to 80 hours per month). It was also noted that the difference in the 2016 and 2017 tax revenue will come from an increase in the tax rate. Tom Tolbert seconded. Motion was passed by voice vote.

**Article 6**. To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. David Mink made the motion to accept article as read. Seconded by Ed Dorta-Duque. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 7**. Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"? Ed Dorta-Duque made the motion to accept article as read. Seconded by David Mink. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 8**. Shall the Voters exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.? Ed Dorta-Duque made the motion to accept article as read. Clarification was made that this is exemption from all taxes. Seconded by David Mink. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

Greg Joly took time before Article 9 to discuss any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Discussion began about the bond vote for the new Town Garage. Ben Williams made a motion to close discussion. CJ King seconded. A hand vote followed with 30 votes to close discussion and 18 to continue discussion. Discussion closed. Drew Hazelton made a motion to have a warned meeting before the town acts on the new Town Garage if the bond vote passes. Seconded by Tom Tolbert. Motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote with 5 abstentions.

Other discussion followed regarding the town website, the Jamaica Village Arts Council, PAYT, and the Watershed Alliance.

**Article 9**. Ed Dorta-Duque made the motion to open at 10:00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March, 2017. Seconded by Ed Flower. Motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

Ed Dorta-Duque made the motion to adjourn. Dana West seconded. Town Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON MARCH 14, 2016

Jamaica Town Meeting 2016



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### Independent Auditor's Report

Selectboard Town of Jamaica, Vermont P.O. Box 173 Jamaica, Vermont 05343

### Report on the Financial Statements

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

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS		Exhibit A
JUNE 30, 2016	G	overnmental
ASSETS		Activities
Cash	\$	621,577
Due from Employees		308
Due from Fiduciary Funds		330
Total Assets		622,215
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Prepaid Taxes		9,323
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		9,323
NET POSITION		
Restricted		723,072
Unrestricted/(Deficit)		(110,180)
Total Net Position	\$	612,892

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

					Pre	ogram Cash Receip	ts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
		Cash Disbursements		Charges for Services	_	Operating Grants and Contributions	_	Capital Grants and Contributions	_	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs:										
Governmental Activities: General Government	\$	290,798	\$	20,208	\$	24,127	\$	0	\$	(246,463)
Public Safety		135,640		13,365		0		0		(122,275)
Highways and Streets		1,648,182		2,170		1,075,166		175,000		(395,846)
Culture and Recreation		16,989		0		0		0		(16,989)
Solid Waste	_	83,528	_	64,324	-	0	_	0	_	(19,204)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	2,175,137	\$_	100,067	\$_	1,099,293	\$_	175,000	_	(800,777)
	General R	eceipts: ty Taxes								991,334
		ies and Interest of	n Del	inquent Taxes						61,276
		al State Grants	n Dei	inquent raxes						34,816
		ricted Investmen	t Earı	nings						2,279
	Other								_	4,146
	То	tal General Recei	pts						_	1,093,851
	Change in	Net Position								293,074
	Net Positi	on - July 1, 2015							_	319,818
	Net Positi	on - June 30, 201	6						\$_	612,892

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash Advances to Other Funds Due from Employees Due from Other Funds Total Assets	\$ 106,808 0 308 533,343 \$ 640,459	\$ 457,175 415,000 0 0 \$ 872,175	\$ 0 0 0 0	\$ 0 0 0 269,821 \$ 269,821	\$ 57,594 0 0 355,601 \$ 413,195	\$ 621,577 415,000 308 1,158,765 \$ 2,195,650
LIABILITIES		·	·	·	· <del></del>	
Advances from Other Funds Due to Other Funds Total Liabilities	\$ 415,000 0 415,000	\$ 0 486,426 486,426	\$ 0 672,009 672,009	\$ 0 0	\$ 0 0	\$ 415,000 1,158,435 1,573,435
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCE	<u></u>					
Prepaid Property Taxes	9,323	0	0	0	0	9,323
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	9,323	0	0	0	0	9,323
FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)						
Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned/(Deficit)	0 0 0 14,252 201,884	0 385,749 0 0	0 0 0 0 (672,009)	0 269,821 0 0	20,820 46,682 203,821 141,872	20,820 702,252 203,821 156,124 (470,125)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	216,136	385,749	(672,009)	269,821	413,195	612,892
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 640,459	\$ <u>872,175</u>	\$0_	\$ 269,821	\$ 413,195	\$ <u>2,195,650</u>

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash Receipts:						
Property Taxes	\$ 991,334	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 991,334
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	61,276	0	0	0	0	61,276
Intergovernmental	314,240	0	983,264	0	11,305	1,308,809
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	200	200
Permits, Licenses and Fees	85,689	0	0	0	813	86,502
Fines and Forfeits	13,365	0	0	0	0	13,365
Investment Income	1,804	107	49	137	182	2,279
Donations	0	0	0	0	300	300
Other	4,146	0	0	0	0	4,146
Total Cash Receipts	1,471,854	107	983,313	137	12,800	2,468,211
Cash Disbursements:						
General Government	290,798	0	0	0	0	290,798
Public Safety	135,640	0	0	0	0	135,640
Highways and Streets	414,359	0	1,041,552	0	0	1,455,911
Culture and Recreation	16,989	0	0	0	0	16,989
Solid Waste	83,528	0	0	0	0	83,528
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	192,271	0	0	0	0	192,271
Total Cash Disbursements	1,133,585	0	1,041,552	0	0	2,175,137
Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts						
Over Cash Disbursements	338,269	107	(58,239)	137	12,800	293,074
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Transfers In	0	106,410	0	75,000	12,500	193,910
Transfers Out	(193,910)	0	0	0	0	(193,910)
Total Other Financing						
Sources/(Uses)	(193,910)	106,410	0	75,000	12,500	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	144,359	106,517	(58,239)	75,137	25,300	293,074
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2015	71,777	279,232	(613,770)	194,684	387,895	319,818
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2016	\$ 216,136	\$ 385,749	\$ (672,009)	\$ 269,821	\$ 413,195	\$ 612,892

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	Private-Purpose Trust Fund William W. Boynton Memoria Scholarship Fund	Agency Funds
Cash	\$ 612	\$ 8,103
Investments	10,000	0
Total Assets	10,612	8,103
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to Other Funds	330	0
Due to Others	0	8,103
Total Liabilities	330	8,103
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for Individuals	10,282	0
Total Net Position	\$ 10,282	\$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund	
		illiam W.
	-	on Memorial
	30	holarship Fund
ADDITIONS		Tunu
Investment Income	\$	35
Total Additions		35
DEDUCTIONS		
Total Deductions		0
Change in Net Position		35
Net Position - July 1, 2015		10,247
Net Position - June 30, 2016	\$	10,282

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

### C. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance polices.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following funds are nonspendable as follows:

### Non-Major Funds

### Permanent Funds:

Nonspendable Muzzy Legacy Fund Principal	\$ 5,000
Nonspendable Cemetery Fund Principal	<u>15,820</u>

Total Nonspendable Fund Balances \$20,820

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

### Major Funds

Highway Equipment Fund:	<u>821</u>
Restricted for Highway Equipment Expenditures by Statute (Source of Revenue is Highway Property Taxes)  269,9	
Non-Major Funds	
Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute	095 <u>813</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds 9,9	<u>908</u>
Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Trust Agreement	102 <u>672</u>
Total Permanent Funds <u>36,7</u>	<u>774</u>
Total Non-Major Funds 46,0	<u>682</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances \$\frac{702,7}{2}	<u>252</u>
The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:	
Non-Major Funds	
Committed for Transfer Station Expenditures by the Voters 32,3	851 375 719

The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

### Major Funds

### General Fund:

Assigned for Outside Audit Expenses \$ 4,771 Assigned for Planning Expenses \$ 9,481

Total General Fund \_\_14,252

### Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Assigned for Reappraisal Expenses 141,872

Total Assigned Fund Balances \$156,124

The unassigned deficit of \$672,009 in the Flood Damage Fund will be funded with future Federal and State aid and property taxes.

### D. Restricted Net Position

The Restricted Net Position in the Governmental Activities includes the nonspendable fund balances of \$20,820 and the restricted fund balances of \$702,252 for a total of \$723,072.

The net position held in trust for various purposes in the Town's Private-Purpose Trust Fund at June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund:

Restricted for Scholarships by Trust Agreement

\$<u>10,282</u>

### IV. OTHER INFORMATION

### A. PENSION PLAN

### **Defined Benefit Plan**

### **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 municipal and school district 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 436 participating employers.

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# TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:	Budger	Tiotaar	(Cinavolable)
Property Taxes	\$ 877,836	\$ 942,289	\$ 64,453
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	0	25,733	25,733
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	30,000	35,543	5,543
Current Use	0	17,134	17,134
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15,000	17,682	2,682
Traffic Fines	6,000	13,365	7,365
State Aid Act 60	1,000	0	(1,000)
Highway State Aid	92,000	91,902	(98)
Town Clerk Fees	20,000	17,157	(2,843)
Dog Licenses	1,500	1,258	(242)
Liquor Licenses	600	555	(45)
Marriage/Civil Union Fees	200	0	(200)
Highway Permits	0	230	230
Town Hall Rental	200	225	25
Transfer Station Fees	15,000	19,086	4,086
Pay as You Throw Fees	60,000	45,238	(14,762)
Investment Income	2,000	1,801	(199)
CT River Loss Income	2,000	2,272	272
Flood Buyout Income	0	10,250	10,250
Miscellaneous Highway Receipts	0	1,940	1,940
Other	0	4,146	4,146
Total Cash Receipts	1,123,336	1,247,806	124,470
Cash Disbursements:			
Payroll & Benefits:			
Bookkeeper	4,605	3,007	1,598
Lister's Salary	23,000	17,076	5,924
Town Clerk	25,215	25,411	(196)
Town Treasurer	27,040	28,710	(1,670)
Emergency Management	2,500	1,248	1,252
Selectboard Salaries	5,500	5,500	0
Clerks Salaries	500	455	45
Elections Expense	750	612	138
BCA Salaries	1,000	149	851
Flood Zoning Administrator Salary	500	1,694	(1,194)
Health Insurance	0	8,808	(8,808)
Social Security	7,000	9,026	(2,026)
Retirement	4,400	2,988	1,412
Unemployment Insurance	1,500	848	652
Workman's Compensation	3,300	4,670	(1,370)
Miscellaneous	0	103	(103)
Total Payroll & Benefits	106,810	110,305	(3,495)

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## TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

		Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Office Operations:	·	<u> </u>				,
Legal Fees	\$	2,000	\$	8,274	\$	(6,274)
Computer Support		5,500		3,817		1,683
Recording		3,900		300		3,600
Telephone		4,000		3,041		959
Postage		2,000		2,602		(602)
Advertising		500		1,216		(716)
Listers		6,000		3,902		2,098
Outside Audit		16,000		16,600		(600)
Compiling Town Report		1,000		0		1,000
Printing Town Report		1,500		1,101		399
Supplies		2,500		898		1,602
Office Equipment		2,200		3,850		(1,650)
Office Equipment Maintenance		1,000		645		355
Miscellaneous		750		167		583
Miscondicods	-	750		107		303
Total Office Operations		48,850	_	46,413		2,437
Town Buildings:						
Town Office Janitor		1,000		795		205
Building Caretaker		0		35		(35)
School Grounds Repairs & Maintenance		0		1,240		(1,240)
Town Office Repairs & Maintenance		1,000		198		802
Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance		500		7,487		(6,987)
Bank Building Repairs & Maintenance		500		4,358		(3,858)
Town Office Supplies		0		2,374		(2,374)
Town Hall Supplies		100		550		(450)
Bank Building Supplies		0		2,093		(2,093)
Town Office Electricity		2,000		1,672		328
Town Hall Electricity		1,000		841		159
Bank Building Electricity		500		568		(68)
Rawsonville School House Electricity		300		201		99
Town Office Fuel		5,250		3,630		1,620
Town Hall Fuel		1,500		748		752
Bank Building Fuel		300		318		(18)
Miscellaneous		0		531		(531)
Total Town Buildings		13,950		27,639		(13,689)
Police Support:						
Salaries, Constables		250		250		0
Windham County Sheriff's Department		25,000		27,936		(2,936)
Total Police Support		25,250		28,186		(2,936)
Emergency Services:						
Fire Department		93,500		93,500		0
Ambulance Service		13,954		13,954		0
Total Emergency Services		107,454		107,454	_	0

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# TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	I	Variance Favorable/ nfavorable)
Street Lighting:				
Village	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,685	\$	(485)
Rawsonville	 1,450	 593		857
Total Street Lighting	 5,650	 5,278		372
Miscellaneous Expenses:				
Windham County Tax	14,500	0		14,500
Liability & Property Insurance	30,000	20,582		9,418
Bonding	145	143		2
VLCT Dues	2,082	0		2,082
WRC Dues	2,100	1,933		167
Village Beautification	700	1,026		(326)
Village Flags	0	401		(401)
Old Home Day	2,500	2,500		0
Mileage	400	269		131
Green Up	50	0		50
Miscellaneous	 0	 81		(81)
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	 52,477	 26,935		25,542
Waste Disposal:				
Caretaker	23,600	1,550		22,050
Sub-Caretaker	2,000	22,427		(20,427)
Water & Septic	1,100	1,070		30
Brattleboro Salvage	40,600	26,632		13,968
Triple T Trucking	14,680	7,268		7,412
Pay as You Throw Expenses	10,000	8,530		1,470
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	156		844
Telephone	0	263		(263)
Windham Solid Waste Management District	14,300	14,302		(2)
Supplies	1,000	413		587
Electricity	 1,200	 917		283
Total Waste Disposal	 109,480	 83,528		25,952
Cemetery Maintenance:	 3,900	 3,420		480
Skating & Recreation Club:	 2,000	 2,000		0
Library:				
Library Programs/Books	2,100	48		2,052
Library Salary	10,702	10,702		0
Other	 7,000	 4,239		2,761
Total Library	 19,802	 14,989		4,813

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# TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Transfers:			
Transfer to Town Buildings Fund	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 0
Transfer to Transfer Station Fund	4,000	4,000	0
Transfer to Office Equipment Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	5,000	5,000	0
Transfer to Highway Capital Fund	75,000	75,000	0
Transfer to Highway Equipment Fund	75,000	75,000	0
Transfer to Highway Capital Fund	0	31,410	(31,410)
Total Transfers	162,500	193,910	(31,410)
Appropriations:			
Gathering Place	500	500	0
Neighborhood Connections	500	500	0
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250	250	0
Women's Freedom Center	900	900	0
Red Cross	500	500	0
Health Care & Rehabilitation	1,200	1,200	0
Valley Cares	1,604	1,604	0
Preservation Trust of VT	100	100	0
Vermont Art Council	100	100	0
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050	1,050	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance - VT & NH	3,236	3,236	0
Windham County Youth Services	395	395	0
L&G Educational Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Council on Aging	600	600	0
Mountain Valley Health Clinic	1,638	2,288	(650)
CT River Transit	300	500	(200)
Windham County Historical Society	250	250	0
Community Food Pantry	500	500	0
S.E. VT Community Action	950	950	0
Windham County Humane Society	500	0	500
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500	1,500	0
Southern Vermont Watershed Alliance	240	240	0
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750	750	0
Green Up	50	50	0
Village Cemetery	900	1,800	(900)
Total Appropriations	20,513	21,763	(1,250)
Highway Payroll & Benefits:			
Labor	138,000	135,218	2,782
Health Insurance	24,600	13,268	11,332
Social Security	10,550	10,247	303
Retirement	7,900	7,340	560
Workman's Compensation	12,000	19,559	(7,559)
Miscellaneous	0	1,941	(1,941)
Total Highway Payroll & Benefits	193,050	187,573	5,477

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### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

FOR THE TE	AK ENDEI	J JUNE 30, 2010			Variance
					variance Favorable/
		Budget		Actual	Infavorable)
Town Garage:					 
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,500	\$	4,191	\$ (2,691)
Supplies		1,000		2,036	(1,036)
Electricity		2,000		1,826	174
Fuel	_	9,000		4,159	 4,841
Total Town Garage		13,500		12,212	 1,288
General Highway:					
Mileage		200		0	200
Mowing		8,000		6,910	1,090
Contracted - Labor		750		1,793	(1,043)
Contracted - Townshend		6,100		2,950	3,150
Contracted - Windham		6,000		5,893	107
Contracted - Old Cheney Rd		4,500		4,000	500
Materials - Winter		70,000		60,078	9,922
Materials - Other		45,000		55,710	(10,710)
Signs		1,000		2,259	(1,259)
Radios		1,600		3,237	(1,637)
New Equipment		0		1,007	(1,007)
Miscellaneous	_	500		295	 205
Total General Highway	_	143,650		144,132	 (482)
Sidewalks:	_	2,500		1,613	 887
Highway Equipment Maintenance:					
Parts/Supplies		46,000		40,027	5,973
Repairs		11,000		12,378	(1,378)
Fuel		5,000		4,940	60
Diesel	_	30,000		11,484	 18,516
Total Highway Equipment Maintenance	_	92,000		68,829	 23,171
Total Cash Disbursements	_	1,123,336		1,086,179	 37,157
Excess of Cash Receipts					
Over Cash Disbursements	\$	0		161,627	\$ 161,627
Adjustment to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting:					
Outside Audit Fund Interest Income				3	
Unbudgeted Pikes Falls Grant Income				175,000	
Unbudgeted Pikes Falls Project Expenses				(174,733)	
Unbudgeted New Town Garage Expenses				(17,538)	
Net Change in Fund Balance				144,359	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2015				71,777	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2016			\$	216,136	

The reconciling items are due to combining three (3) funds, the Stabilization Fund, the Planning Fund and the Outside Audit Fund, with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54 and unbudgeted capital expenditures and related funding.

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

	Re	pecial evenue funds	Capital Projects Funds		F	Permanent Funds	Total		
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash	\$	0	\$	0	\$	57,594	\$	57,594	
Due from Other Funds	1	51,780	_	203,821		0		355,601	
Total Assets	\$1	51,780	\$_	203,821	\$	57,594	\$_	413,195	
LIABILITIES AND FUNI	) BALAN	<u>CES</u>							
Liabilities:	\$	0	\$	0_	\$	0	\$_	0	
Fund Balances:									
Nonspendable		0		0		20,820		20,820	
Restricted		9,908		0		36,774		46,682	
Committed		0		203,821		0		203,821	
Assigned	1	41,872	_	0	_	0	_	141,872	
Total Fund Balances	1	51,780		203,821	_	57,594	_	413,195	
Total Liabilities and									
Fund Balances	\$1	51,780	\$	203,821	\$	57,594	\$	413,195	

## TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Projects Funds		Permanent Funds		Total		
Cash Receipts:										
Intergovernmental	\$	11,305	\$	0	\$	0	\$	11,305		
Charges for Services		0		0		200		200		
Permits, Licenses and Fees		813		0		0		813		
Investment Income		17		62		103		182		
Donations	_	0	-	0	_	300	_	300		
Total Cash Receipts	_	12,135	-	62	_	603		12,800		
Cash Disbursements:	_	0	-	0	_	0		0		
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements		12,135	-	62	_	603	_	12,800		
Other Financing Sources: Transfers In	_	5,000	-	7,500		0	_	12,500		
Total Other Financing Sources		5,000		7,500		0		12,500		
Bources	_	3,000	-	7,500	_			12,300		
Net Change in Fund Balances		17,135		7,562		603		25,300		
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	_	134,645	-	196,259	_	56,991	_	387,895		
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	\$	151,780	\$	203,821	\$_	57,594	\$	413,195		

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Total							
<u>ASSETS</u>											
Due from Other Funds	\$ 141,872	\$9,095_	\$ 813	\$151,780_							
Total Assets	\$ 141,872	\$9,095	\$ 813	\$151,780							
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
Liabilities:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0							
Fund Balances:											
Restricted	0	9,095	813	9,908							
Assigned	141,872	0	0	141,872							
Total Fund Balances	141,872	9,095	813	151,780							
Total Liabilities and											
Fund Balances	\$ 141,872	\$9,095_	\$ 813	\$ 151,780							

## TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Total		
Cash Receipts:						
Intergovernmental	\$ 11,305	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,305		
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	0	813	813		
Investment Income	17	0	0	17_		
Total Cash Receipts	11,322	0	813	12,135		
Cash Disbursements:	0	0	0	0		
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	11,322	0	813	12,135		
Other Financing Sources: Transfers In	5,000	0	0	5,000		
Total Other Financing Sources	5,000	0	0	5,000		
Net Change in Fund Balances	16,322	0	813	17,135		
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	125,550	9,095	0	134,645		
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	\$ <u>141,872</u>	\$ 9,095	\$813_	\$151,780		

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS ${\rm JUNE~30,2016}$

	]	Town Buildings Fund		own Office Equipment Fund	Tran	nsfer Station Fund		S	idewalk Fund		Total
<u>ASSETS</u>		Tuna		1 una		Tuna			Tuna		Total
Due from Other Funds	\$_	56,876	\$	19,851	\$	32,375	9	\$	94,719	\$_	203,821
Total Assets	\$_	56,876	\$_	19,851	\$	32,375	9	\$	94,719	\$_	203,821
LIABILITIES AND FUNI	O BA	LANCES									
Liabilities:	\$_	0	\$	0	\$	0	9	\$	0	\$_	0
Fund Balances: Committed		56,876		19,851		32,375			94,719	_	203,821
Total Fund Balances	_	56,876		19,851	_	32,375			94,719	_	203,821
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	56,876	\$	19,851	\$	32,375	9	\$	94,719	\$	203,821

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Town Buildings Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Sidewalk Fund	Total	
Cash Receipts:						
Investment Income	\$7_	\$6_	\$8_	\$41	\$62_	
Total Cash Receipts	7	6	8	41	62_	
Cash Disbursements:	0	0	0	0	0	
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	7_	6	8	41_	62	
Other Financing Sources: Transfers In	1,500	2,000	4,000	0	7,500	
Total Other Financing Sources	1,500	2,000	4,000	0	7,500	
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,507	2,006	4,008	41	7,562	
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	55,369	17,845	28,367	94,678	196,259	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	\$56,876_	\$19,851_	\$ 32,375	\$94,719_	\$203,821_	

# TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

	Muzzy		
	Legacy	Cemetery	
	Fund	Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 22,102	\$35,492_	\$57,594_
Total Assets	\$ 22,102	\$ 35,492	\$57,594_
LIABILITIES AND FUND BA	ALANCES		
Liabilities:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	5,000	15,820	20,820
Restricted	17,102	19,672	36,774
Total Fund Balances	22,102	35,492	57,594
Total Liabilities and			
Fund Balances	\$ 22,102	\$ 35,492	\$ 57,594

# TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	N	Auzzy					
	L	Legacy		emetery			
		Fund		Fund	Total		
Cash Receipts:		_				_	
Charges for Services	\$	0	\$	200	\$	200	
Investment Income		67		36		103	
Donations		0		300		300	
Total Cash Receipts		67		536		603	
Cash Disbursements:		0		0		0	
Net Change in Fund Balances		67		536		603	
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015		22,035		34,956		56,991	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	\$	22,102	\$	35,492	\$	57,594	

### TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AGENCY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2016

	Tax Sale Fund		Healthcare Deductibles Fund		Total	
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$	297	\$	7,806	\$	8,103
Total Assets		297		7,806		8,103
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Due to Others		297		7,806		8,103
Total Liabilities		297		7,806		8,103
NET POSITION						
Total Net Position	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0

		2016	2017	2018	
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE					
Tax Collections	877,836.00	873,593.64	4,242.36	940,171.50	965,851.00
Delinquent Tax- Principal	011,000.00	134,872.18	(134,872.18)	340,171.30	303,031.00
Delinquent Tax- Interest		25,735.72	(25,735.72)		
Delinquent Tax- Penalties	30,000.00	35,543.23	(5,543.23)	30,000.00	30,000.00
PILOT Payments	15,000.00	17,682.14	(2,682.14)	15,000.00	17,700.00
Traffic Fines	6,000.00	13,364.74	(7,364.74)	15,000.00	25,000.00
State Aid Act 60	1,000.00	13,304.74	1,000.00	1,000.00	23,000.00
	·	17 156 75		·	17,000,00
Town Clerk Fees/photocopy	20,000.00	17,156.75	2,843.25	15,000.00	17,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,258.00	242.00	1,000.00	1,300.00
Dog Fines	200.00	555.00	-	000.00	202.22
Liquor Licenses	600.00	555.00	45.00	600.00	600.00
Sale of Mail Labels/Grand List		10.00	(10.00)		200.00
Marriage License	200.00	(85.00)	285.00	200.00	200.00
Flood Zone Permits	-		-	150.00	150.00
Town Hall Rental	200.00	225.00	(25.00)	500.00	500.00
Transfer Station Revenue	15,000.00	19,085.75	(4,085.75)	15,000.00	18,000.00
Pay As You Throw Revenue	60,000.00	45,238.30	14,761.70	40,000.00	45,000.00
Earned Interest	2,000.00	1,800.53	199.47	1,000.00	2,000.00
CT River Losses	2,000.00	2,272.00	(272.00)	2,000.00	2,272.00
Water St. Home buyout revenue		10,250.00	(10,250.00)		
Miscellaneous Revenue		1,920.81	(1,920.81)		
Highway State Aid	92,000.00	91,901.33	98.67	92,000.00	92,000.00
Highway Misc. Revenue		1,940.00	(1,940.00)		
Highway Permit Fees	-	230.00	(230.00)	100.00	300.00
HW Structure Grant Revenue		175,000.00	(175,000.00)		
TOTAL REVENUE	1,123,336.00	1,469,550.12		1,168,721.50	1,217,873.00
EXPENSES					
~Payroll & Benefits~					
	4,605.00	2 006 64	1 500 20	2 000 00	2 000 00
Bookkeeper		3,006.61	1,598.39	3,000.00	3,000.00
Lister Salary	23,000.00	17,075.88	5,924.12	22,464.00	26,000.00
Town Clerk	25,215.00	25,410.52	(195.52)		
Town Office Solony	27,040.00	28,710.00	(1,670.00)	- E0 200 00	F6 000 00
Town Office Salary	0.500.00	052.20	1.540.70	52,300.00	56,000.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00	953.28	1,546.72	2,000.00	1,000.00
Selectboard Salaries	5,500.00	5,500.00	-	5,500.00	5,500.00
Selectboard Clerk	500.00	454.58	45.42	500.00	500.00
Elections Expense	750.00	612.03	137.97	1,000.00	500.00
Payment in lieu of COLA			-	5,250.00	
BCA	1,000.00	149.10	850.90	500.00	1,000.00
Flood Zoning Admin.	500.00	1,693.62	(1,193.62)	500.00	500.00
FICA	7,000.00	9,025.60	(2,025.60)	7,650.00	9,000.00
Employers Retirement	4,400.00	2,988.08	1,411.92	2,876.50	4,550.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,500.00	848.00	652.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Workers Comp Insurance	3,300.00	4,671.24	(1,371.24)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Health Insurance		8,807.81	(8,807.81)	19,075.00	8,500.00
Expenses	-			500.00	-
Total Payroll & Benefits	106,810.00	109,906.35		130,115.50	123,050.00
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	2016	2017	2018	
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BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
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1,000.00		1,000.00	-	-
1,500.00	1,100.84	399.16	1,500.00	1,500.00
4,000.00	3,304.08	695.92	3,000.00	3,000.00
2,000.00	2,601.50	(601.50)	2,000.00	2,600.00
2,500.00	897.56	1,602.44	2,000.00	1,000.00
16,000.00	16,600.00	(600.00)	23,000.00	16,000.00
750.00	90.00	660.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
6,000.00	3,980.63	2,019.37	3,000.00	2,000.00
		-	4,500.00	3,000.00
	49,045.20	(49,045.20)		-
	105.00	(105.00)		
	476.85	(476.85)		
48,850.00	96,302.96		54,000.00	42,800.00
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25,000.00	27,936.00	(2,936.00)	43,290.00	43,290.00
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		2016	2017	2018	
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
~Emergency Services~					
Ambulance - Rescue Inc.	13,954.00	13,953.73	0.27	14,373.00	14,373.00
Fire Department	93,500.00	93,500.00	-	96,291.00	99,991.00
Total Emergency Services	107,454.00	107,453.73	0.27	110,664.00	114,364.00
~Street Lighting~					
Village	4,200.00	4,685.42	(485.42)	4,500.00	4,500.00
Rawsonville	1,450.00	593.35	856.65	700.00	700.00
Total Street Lighting	5,650.00	5,278.77		5,200.00	5,200.00
~Miscellaneous Expense~					
Tax Maps Update			-	750.00	-
Windham County Tax	14,500.00		14,500.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
VLCT PACIF	30,000.00	20,582.00	9,418.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Western Surety Bonding	145.00	143.00	2.00	145.00	145.00
VLCT Dues	2,082.00		2,082.00	2,089.00	2,160.00
WRC Dues	2,100.00	1,933.00	167.00	2,000.00	2,300.00
BCA Tax Appeals/ Abatement	·	82.35	(82.35)	100.00	100.00
Village Beautification	700.00	1,426.94	(726.94)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Old Home Day	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-
Mileage	400.00	268.68	131.32	300.00	300.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense	52,427.00	26,935.97		46,884.00	44,005.00
~Waste Disposal~			_		
Attendant	23,600.00	1,549.67	22,050.33	23,600.00	23,600.00
Sub-attendant	2,000.00	22,426.71	(20,426.71)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Water/Septic	1,100.00	1,070.00	30.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Waste Disposal	40,600.00	26,632.00	13,968.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Recyclying Disposal	.0,000.00	_0,0000	.0,000.00	00,000.00	8,300.00
Waste Trucking	14,680.00	7,267.50	7,412.50	9,000.00	-,
Pay As You Throw Expense	10,000.00	8,530.00	1,470.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00	155.82	844.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
WSWMD Assessment	14,300.00	14,301.86	(1.86)	12,650.00	11,950.00
Supplies	1,000.00	412.93	587.07	200.00	500.00
Electricity	1,200.00	916.66	283.34	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Waste Disposal	109,480.00	83,263.15		80,550.00	83,450.00
~Cemetery Maintenance~					
Stone Maintenance	500.00		500.00		500.00
Cememtery Maint.	2,500.00	3,420.00	(920.00)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Flags	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	.,	-	475.00	475.00
Total Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	3,420.00	(420.00)	3,975.00	4,475.00
~Library~			_		
Library Programs/Books	1,000.00	48.00	952.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Librarian Salary	10,702.00	10,702.00	-	15,268.00	16,500.00
Library World	10,102.00	. 5,7 52.50		.0,200.00	1,000.00
Total Library	11,702.00	10,750.00		19,268.00	21,500.00
~Capital Reserve Funds~					
Town Buildings Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	2,500.00
Transfer Station Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00

	2016			2017	2018		
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET		
Stabilization			-				
Office Equipment Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,800.00		
Re-Appraisal Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Surplus to Reserve		31,410.00	(31,410.00)				
Total Capital Reserve Funds	12,500.00	43,910.00		12,500.00	14,300.00		
~Voted Appropriations ~							
Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
Neighborhood Connections	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
VT Center For Independent Living	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00		
Women's Freedom Center	900.00	900.00	-	900.00	900.00		
Red Cross	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
Healthcare & Rehab Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Valley Cares	1,604.00	1,604.00	-	1,604.00	1,604.00		
Preservation Trust of VT	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00		
VT Art Council	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00		
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050.00	1,050.00	-	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Visiting Nurse Service	3,236.00	3,236.00	-	3,236.00	3,236.00		
Windham County Youth Services	395.00	395.00	-	395.00	395.00		
L&G Educational Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	-	600.00	600.00		
Mt. Valley Health Clinic	2,288.00	2,288.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00		
CT River Transit	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
Windham County Historical	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00		
Community Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
SEVCA	950.00	950.00	-	950.00	950.00		
Windham County Humane Soc.	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00		
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00		
So VT Watershed Alliance	240.00	240.00	-	240.00	240.00		
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	750.00		
Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	50.00		
Village Cemetary	900.00	900.00	-	900.00	900.00		
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00		
Recreation Club	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Total Appropriations	23,463.00	23,463.00	-	20,675.00	20,675.00		
General Government Totals	528,636.00	570,817.59		546,621.50	535,159.00		
General Government Totals	320,030.00	370,017.33		340,021.30	333,133.00		
HIGHWAY EXPENSES							
~Payroll & Benefits~							
Highway Labor	138,000.00	135,217.51	2,782.49	140,000.00	143,500.00		
Health Insurance	24,600.00	13,267.75	11,332.25	23,000.00	18,000.00		
Employers FICA	10,550.00	10,246.87	303.13	10,700.00	11,000.00		
Employers Retirement	7,900.00	7,340.45	559.55	8,000.00	8,000.00		
Insurance Workmans Comp	12,000.00	19,558.76	(7,558.76)	17,500.00	22,000.00		
Total Payroll & Benefits	193,050.00	185,631.34	(1,000.10)	199,200.00	202,500.00		
Total Layron & Delients	155,550.00	100,001.04		100,200.00	202,000.00		
~Town Garage~							
Repairs/Maintenance	1,500.00	4,191.29	(2,691.29)	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Electricity	2,000.00	1,825.62	174.38	2,000.00	1,500.00		
Fuel	9,000.00	4,158.99	4,841.01	9,000.00	5,000.00		

		2016		2017	2018
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
Supplies	1,000.00	2,036.49	(1,036.49)	500.00	1,000.00
Total Town Garage	13,500.00	12,212.39		14,000.00	10,000.00
~Highways - General~					
New Garage Equipment					11,500.00
Contract Town of Townshend	6,100.00	2,950.00	3,150.00	7,350.00	5,000.00
Contract Town of Windham	6,000.00	5,892.53	107.47	7,750.00	6,000.00
Contract Old Cheney Road	4,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
Mowing~Sweeping	8,000.00	6,910.00	1,090.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
Labor Contracted	750.00	1,793.00	(1,043.00)	400.00	10,000.00
Road Signs	1,000.00	2,259.10	(1,259.10)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Radios	1,600.00	3,236.50	(1,636.50)	1,600.00	1,600.00
	1,000.00	1,941.01	(1,030.30)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses	200.00	1,941.01	200.00	200.00	200.00
Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Materials ~ Winter	70,000.00	60,077.95	9,922.05	70,000.00	70,000.00
Materials ~ Summer	45,000.00	55,709.52	(10,709.52)	45,000.00	45,000.00
Miscellaneous/Expenses	500.00	295.90	204.10	500.00	500.00
Pikes Falls Road Improvement		1,500.00			
Pikes Falls Culvert Replacement		173,232.85	(45.505.55)		
New Town Garage Exp		17,537.75	(17,537.75)		
New Town Garage Bond Pmt.			-		55,814.00
New Equipment Purchase		1,006.69	(1,006.69)		
Total Highways - General	143,650.00	338,342.80		145,800.00	211,114.00
~Sidewalks~					
Winter Sidewalk Maintenance	2,500.00	1,612.50	887.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
Materials	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Total Sidewalks	2,500.00	1,612.50	887.50	3,100.00	3,100.00
~Highway - Equipment~					
Parts	46,000.00	40,026.93	5,973.07	50,000.00	50,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	11,000.00	12,377.95	(1,377.95)	11,000.00	12,000.00
Gas	5,000.00	4,940.05	59.95	4,000.00	4,000.00
Diesel	30,000.00	11,483.72	18,516.28	30,000.00	25,000.00
Total Highway - Equipment	92,000.00	68,828.65	10,510.20	95,000.00	91,000.00
Total riigiiway - Equipment	32,000.00	00,020.00		33,000.00	31,000.00
~Reserve Funds~					
Highway	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Equipment	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00
Sidewalk	-		-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Flood Damage	-		-		
Total Reserve Funds	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	165,000.00	165,000.00
Highway Budget Totals	594,700.00	756,627.68		622,100.00	682,714.00
Total Canaral 9 Highway Budget	4 422 226 00	1 227 445 27		1 160 704 50	1 217 072 00
Total General & Highway Budget	1,123,336.00	1,327,445.27		1,168,721.50	1,217,873.00

# **Delinquent Tax List**

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Tax Years						
Brown, Timothy	0OL-24	2012 & prior	2013	2014	2015			
Donna, Greg	0000MH-P-27.6				2015			
Hatheway, John H. 000K-1-3					2015 *			
PBJ Associates 00G-28-1					2015 *			
Pollack, Jessica	00 <i>O</i> -16				2015 *			
Warner, Molly E	00L-26				2015			
Westwood Hills Partnersh	00 <i>G</i> -11				2015 *			
Wilkins, Daniel 0000MH-P-27.8		2012	2013	2014	2015 *			
Totals include penalty & interest		4,152.96	2,879.97	2,883.55	9,439.11			
* Paid after 6/30/16								

# Statement of Taxes Billed & Accounted for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Taxable Parcels 1284			
	Tax Rates X Gr	and List = Taxes to Raise	
Non Resident Ed.	1.3647	2,043,795.30	2,789,167.71
Homestead Ed	1.4339	668,217.25	958,156.73
Local Agreement	0.0032	2,710,616.17	8,674.21
Municipal	0.3251	2,710,616.17	881,213.19
08/08/2015 Taxes Bille	ed		4,637,211.84
Changes to Grand List:			
HS-122 Changes			(24,165.91)
Total Taxes to be colle	ected 6/30/16		4,613,045.93
Taxes accounted for:			
Municipal Tax	es Collected		1,222,312.16
·	maica Village S	chool	1,018,619.00
Payment to Le			1,014,552.00
Education tax	Education taxes paid to State of		1,346,028.79
Education mo	ney retained		7,890.55
Delinquent/U	ncollected		7,912.97
Over/under			(4,269.54)
Final Taxes Accounted	d for 2015		4,613,045.93

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

	(Taxable properties on		,				
1	1	Parcel	Municipal	Homestead Ed	Non-Resi Ed.	Total Education	
Ĺ	egory/Code	Count	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	
	D4-34-3-T D1			24 205 522			
	Residential I R1	541	120,236,501	34,026,600	86,209,901	120,236,501	
	Residential II R2	264	97,315,000	28,081,600	69,233,400	97,315,000	
	Mobile Homes-U MHU	38	846,100	267,000	579,100	846,100	
	Mobile Homes-L MHL	30	3,276,600	978,900	2,297,700	3,276,600	
	Seasonal I S1	31	3,106,900	0	3,106,900	3,106,900	
	Seasonal II S2	21	2,801,600	0	2,801,600	2,801,600	
	Commercial C	40	12,921,800	1,778,900	11,142,900	12,921,800	
	Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0	
	Industrial I	1	118,800	0	118,800	118,800	
	Utilities-E UE	2	6,714,500	0	6,714,500	6,714,500	
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	TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,280	277,978,564	65,331,100	212,647,464	277,978,564	
	P.P. Cable	2	139,631		139,631	139,631	
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	P.P. Inventory	0	0				
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	Veterans 10K	8/8	80,000	80,000	0	80,000	
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	Grandfathered	1/1	320,200	0	320,200	320,200	
	Non-Apprv (voted)	1/1	178,300				
	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0				
	Total Contracts	4/2	638,131	0	320,200	320,200	
	FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0	
	Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0	
	Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0				
	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0				
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#### **Selectboard Report**

2016 proved to be a pretty busy year for your Selectboard. After a spirited debate within the Jamaica community, the Town voted its support for a new Town Garage. We expect to be breaking ground this Spring, and have it completed by October 1st. Other infrastructure improvements we saw included the final work on the Goodaleville Bridge, and the replacement of the bridge on Castle Hill Rd. We also purchased a new excavator which dramatically improves the speed and efficiency with which our road crew handles our road maintenance, especially ditching along the roads.

In addition to the roads and bridges, we also saw improvements to other Town assets. The Town Hall has a new well, and we have contracted for roof work on the Town Office. Pat Meulemans led the effort to repair the roof over the bell tower on the Rawsonville School.

Some of the long term issues your Selectboard is working on for the coming year include a decision regarding our participation in the Windham Solid Waste District Solar Energy Project, and the changes that are coming to our relationship with the WSWD involving their decision to discontinue collecting recyclables. And, of course, how to best manage the State mandated organic waste composting that will start July 1, 2017.

Probably one of the more vexing issues that we will be addressing is how to manage the situation in our Listers' office. While the law requires a Town to have at least three elected Listers, we currently have only one. We have contracted with an outside agency to perform our town wide reassessment, but that does not include, at this time, other Lister duties, such as the hearing of grievances. Absent increased citizen involvement, we may be forced to vote to eliminate the Office of Listers, and turn to an outside source to accomplish those duties.

The budget that the Selectboard has prepared for proposal for the coming year to run the Town is actually more than \$8,000 less than last year. Adding in the bond for the garage, and the total budget still has an increase of less than 3%.

The Selectboard would like to express our sincere appreciation for everyone who has been, and continues to be, involved in the many dialogues that arise in the business of running our Town.

Paul Fraser Chair, Jamaica Selectboard

#### **Jamaica Transfer Station Report**

The Transfer Station is seeing several changes lately. Among these changes include our new attendant and assistant, the Swap Shop, donations of redeemable bottles and cans, and coming next July, the revamping of our recycling program, and the composting of food scraps. We welcomed Dan Miller and Jim Dougherty as our attendant and substitute. Both men seem to be fitting in well in their new positions. The Swap Shop has been up and running since December. Thanks go to Matt Jenkins, Harry Robinson, and Ray Ballantine for their work on the shelving and the ramp. Be sure to check out the items that are continuously coming in and remember all items are free. The collection of solid waste (trash) in the "Pay as You Throw Bags" continues to go well. Before this program began, the filled compactor had to be emptied every week and a half. Now it's emptied about once every three weeks. This saves the Town a lot of money. The returnable bottles and cans are now being donated on a rotating basis to organizations in the Jamaica community. The large bin next to the recycling area is for these items. Donating your redeemable cans and bottles is voluntary.

Starting July 1st, Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) will no longer handle the recyclables of paper goods, glass, bottles, cans, and plastics. The Selectboard is in the process of getting prices from Vendors who will haul and dispose our recyclables. The cost for this service will become a new line item in the budget but may be a "wash" because of the reduction in our membership fees for WSWMD. In July, we will also begin to collect organic waste such as food scraps. We will be getting a "bear-proof" container for this purpose. More information will be made available concerning this new required program as we receive it.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Flower, Supervisor

#### **Jamaica Planning Commission**

The Jamaica Planning Commission meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Town Office. Our meetings are open and we welcome visitors to come and be involved. Our commission is currently made up of 5 members: Greg Meulemans, Cortland Wood, Peter Hayward, Chris Robbins, and Veda Bassett. This past year one of our main projects was to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community Development. In December, we received the good news that we received the full funding requested. Now the task for the next several months will be to follow through with the project of updating our Town Plan. Input from anyone who wishes to share their opinions is welcome. This past year we looked at updating our flood hazard regulations, and we reviewed our sign ordinance and would like to update it soon. Early in 2016 we were able to renew our Village Center designation which is helpful to qualify us for certain tax incentives. We have visited the issues surrounding legal town trails and discussed how to maintain and regulate their use. We have many interesting projects on our plate and are open to your ideas!

Respectfully Submitted, Veda Bassett

#### **Jamaica Board of Listers Report**

2016 marked the beginning of the town-wide reappraisal, which is being conducted by New England Municipal Consultants and is set to be completed by Spring 2018. Residents who have not already had a representative of NEMC visit their property can expect to be contacted this year.

Below are the 2016 Equalization Study Results:

Education Grand List: \$271,857,753

Equalized Education Grand List: \$244,308,943 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA): 111.28% Coefficient of Dispersion (COD): 26.53%

The high CLA means that properties in Jamaica are generally listed for more than their fair market value. The high COD means that taxes are unequally dispersed; many people in town are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. Both of these numbers reinforce the necessity of the town wide reappraisal. For more information on this, check out the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" at <a href="http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/Intro%20to%20Vermont%27s%20Equalization%20Study.pdf">http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/Intro%20to%20Vermont%27s%20Equalization%20Study.pdf</a>

The Listers office faces several ongoing challenges that have required us to explore our options.

The town mapping project challenge has continued. In efforts to control costs and produce a quality product several alternative venues were explored. The board decided to temporarily table the in house mapping project and partner with the VTrans statewide parcel mapping project, a federally funded project. Their grant will pay a mapping contractor to verify, update and improve Jamaica's parcel (tax map) data to meet the new state standard expanding its usefulness beyond town needs to include VTrans, emergency and other state and federal agencies. There is no cost to the town. Once the state has completed their project the in-house system and its maintenance will be will be revisited.

The additional challenge of maintaining a full board (3) has led to the discussion other options:

- 1) Appoint or elect interested individuals.
- 2) Maintain office of Lister but hire an Assessor to assist.
- 3) Eliminate the office of Listers and replace it with a professional assessor.

Please consider your opinion on this matter and bring it and any questions to Town Meeting.

Our office hours are Thursdays from 8am-3pm, and Fridays by appointment.

Feel free to call or email as well.

Phone: (802) 874-4908

Email: jamaicalisters@svcable.net

Respectfully Submitted, Jamaica Board of Listers

#### Jamaica Memorial Library

We are grateful to the Jamaica community for their ongoing patronage and support. We continue to experience growth in programming and collections for all ages.

#### Services:

- We're now open 19 hours a week: Tuesday 12-6, Wednesday 12-4, Thursday 12-6, and Saturday 10-1.
- We provide new fiction and non-fiction for all ages, books on CD, movies on DVD, large print books and interlibrary loan services.
- We provide public access computers with internet and wireless access.
- We provide printing, photocopying and faxing services.
- We provide VT State Parks Pass, Vermont Historic Sites Pass, BMAC Free Pass, and an Echo Lake Aquarium Discounted Pass.
- We provide free audio books and e-books through One Click Digital to all library card holders.

"...I listen in my car all the time...thank you!"

• Ongoing book sale.

#### Programming:

Our library is one of twenty-five in the State of Vermont chosen to participate in the "Vermont Early Literacy Initiative in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math" (VELI-STEM), an IMLS National Leadership Grant promoting early learning in the library. This grant provides training, some equipment and books for libraries but no funding. This year we presented eleven events to 119 children including "Little Ones Story Time," JVS Classroom visits, homeschooling groups and WCSU Explorer's Camp programs. One Camp Program we created for 50 campers explored Force and Motion and gave kids the opportunity to create marble runs with inclined planes.

"It was fun going to the library. The marble course was fun, yet hard. I learned about gravity and laws of motion." Chris

"Thank you for giving us those awesome cloth bags and setting up really cool reading programs." AC

Little Ones Story Time meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

"They just loved the program about ramps and slides and couldn't stop talking about it." AD

Jamaica Village School students in Grades 1/2 and 3/4 continue to visit the library on an ongoing basis for borrowing and story time. In January 2017 students in grades 3/4 and 5/6 and the L'After School Program and Jamaica Benefit Association will collaborate on projects related to "Vermont Reads 2017" book selection "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson.

We provided free books to campers attending the WCSU Summer Explorer's Camp, to trick-ortreaters at Halloween, and to children at "Santa Claus comes to Jamaica".

"The kids just loved the book giveaway. Thank you so much!"

Karen Ameden

Open Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00~p.m. New members are always welcome.

"It has been a joy for me to participate [in the book club] and I look forward to our meetings—you've expanded my horizons as a reader and I've made new community connections."

Virginia Heger

#### Grants:

- We were awarded \$700 from Vermont Country Store that we matched with your donations to raise funds for automating the library collection with bar-coding/scanning. This project will take place in 2017.
- We were awarded a generous donation for award-winning children's books from Jamaica Benefit Association
- We were awarded a \$1,000 grant from Thrifty Attic to help with the septic system that's needed for the bathroom installation project.
- We were awarded a speakers grant for our summer reading program from the Vermont Department of Libraries.
- We were awarded a Vermont Reads 2017 grant of 30 copies of Jacqueline Woodson's award-winning "Brown Girl Dreaming".
- We were awarded free books from First Book and the Vermont Department of Libraries.

#### Renovations:

- We replaced the leaking roof above the front entrance.
- We installed a gas heater in the basement storage room housing the proposed bathroom's plumbing.
- We await state approval to move forward with our bathroom installation project.
- We completed electrical projects on the first floor and in the basement.

As a municipal library, we receive funding from the Town to support staffing and infrastructure and to assist with renovations. Books, supplies, computers, equipment, programs and other expenses are funded by your donations and our ongoing book sales. Volunteers are always needed. If you have a talent to share, an ideas for a program, or want to spend a few hours a month just helping out, please stop by or email me at jamaicapl@vals.state.vt.us or call 874-4901 during regular library hours.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Cawrse, Librarian



#### **Jamaica Beautification Committee**

The Jamaica Beautification Committee was founded in 2003 for the purpose of helping to beautify the village of Jamaica for the aesthetic benefit of residents and visitors.

Since its inception, we have engaged the services of a local gardener to create and maintain floral displays around the village. We have flower baskets along the north bridge on Main Street, in front of the Town Hall and in front of the Historical Foundation Building.

We placed holiday wreaths or roping along the north bridge and in the Village

Benches were put along Main Street years ago and we would like to replace them.

We will continue to beautify Jamaica. If you would like to help or have some ideas, please let us know.

Thank you for your support. We welcome your interest and participation.

Karen Ameden and Joe Dumas



#### **Jamaica Old Home Day**

The Old Home Day celebration was not held in 2016. A committee consisting of Missy Buffum, Karen Ameden and Bob Johnson met several times in the spring of 2016 and eventually decided there was not enough help to hold the celebration. A committee is being formed to hold the Old Home Day celebration this year on July 22nd, starting with the 5K Salmon Hole Run/Walk, with a parade in the morning followed by the Chicken BBQ at noon, and wrapping up the day around 2pm. We are sorry we were unable to hold the celebration in 2016, but hope everything is back on track for this year. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Karen at D&K's Jamaica Grocery (874-4515) or Robert Johnson (874-4366).

Financials:	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Checking Balance			\$611.55
Bank Statement Fees (\$3/mo)		\$33.00	<u>\$578.55</u>
Totals		\$33.00	\$578.55

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Johnson, OHD Committee Treasurer

#### **Rescue Inc**

Rescue started this past year on a high note, celebrating fifty years of service in the community. We hosted a reunion, celebration and open house that allowed us to connect with many men and women that have defined our organization in the last half-century. Alumni shared stories of the humble beginnings of Rescue Inc and the camaraderie and commitment that has sustained it. The recurring theme all evening was high quality emergency medicine and the desire to provide the best care to our patients. As we look to the future; we recognize that health care delivery is changing, technology is improving and our communities rely on us to continually evolve to meet these new demands.

This year our provider staff was busy responding to more than five thousand calls in our fifteen member towns. The calls ranged from simple assistance to complicated medical and trauma patients that required transport to hospitals in Dartmouth and Boston. In addition we also provided medical standby for events and large incidents in our nearly five hundred square mile coverage area. Our administrative team and board of trustees continue to work on operational efficiency, equipment replacement and Medicaid payment improvements to ensure that Rescue is ready for the future.

We have been undertaking an efficiency and modernization project at our Brattleboro office that has allowed us to provide a space for the hundreds of local citizens, medical providers and future EMTs to receive training each year through our community training center. These programs range from CPR and First Aid to Advanced Cardiac Life Support. In the West River Valley, construction is underway on a new facility that will allow us to meet the growing needs in that region.

This year's equipment upgrades include a complete rebuild on A6. This "new" truck is slightly larger and will better accommodate the ventilators and pumps used by our Critical Care Paramedics. This truck also comes with our first new stretcher and mounting systems to meet the latest federal requirements.

We worked with the Vermont Ambulance Association and our state representatives on Medicaid payment reform. Expansion of our state managed Medicaid program was creating major funding issues for ambulance services across the state. We are pleased that some improvement was made last year in reimbursement amounts and look forward to working with legislators again during this session.

This year starts the next fifty years of commitment to high quality patient care consistent with the vision of our founders and the expectations of our community. As your regional non-profit ambulance and rescue service, our mission is to serve you, our community.

http://jamaicahf.info/ Please look up our website, it is filled with information, maps and photos

We keep adding to our website. New this year, are more photos and cemeteries.

We are always looking for those of you who have an interest in Jamaica's history. Let us know how you would like to help or what your interests are. Contact any of our members to join.

The Jamaica Historical Foundation is actively working to collect Jamaica's history, to document and categorize it and to make it available to anyone interested. We are always on the lookout and are accepting diaries, photos, maps, signs, family genealogies, old ledgers, your grandmother's scrapbooks, letterheads, business cards, newspaper articles, mop wringers and other Jamaica inventions, and much, much more. We are constantly watching auctions and on EBay for Jamaica items. We are fortunate that there is so much interest in preserving our history. Many people have donated photos and memorabilia or let us scan their photos into our computers and we are deeply grateful for these donations. We have thousands of photos and tens of thousands of vital statistics in the database and are constantly adding more.

Come and visit the Jamaica Historical Foundation in the Historic Brick Bank Building. We have many exhibits to interest you. We are open on Tuesdays from 1-3 and Saturdays from 10-1 at the Historic Bank Building from mid -May to Mid-

October.

One of our big projects in 2016 was to research and create a display on the artist Milton Avery. We worked in conjunction with the Bennington Museum on this project. The 2016 major exhibition at the Bennington Museum was on Milton Avery and his work from 1935-1943 when he stayed here in Jamaica, Vermont. We were able to find some information for them on Avery's time spent in Jamaica. We presented an exhibit here in Jamaica with Jamie Franklin, the Bennington Museum curator giving a presentation in August. Our exhibit was in collaboration with one of the Pikes Falls **Chamber Music Festival concerts. Neighbors Damon** Smith and Polly Parker generously loaned us their home (The Hefflon House) for this exhibit. Jamie Franklin came back later in the fall to give a walking tour of some of the places that Avery had painted. This exhibit is on display and we will be adding other artists to the exhibit.

We have an ongoing project that when finished will have a history of all the buildings and properties in town; who lived on these properties and when, businesses that were there, photos and any other JAMAICA
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information. We have a booklet out now on the Village with information on over 100 buildings, bridges, roads, etc.

We have a very dedicated group coming to the Town Office Building every week to record all the vital records into our database, along with census information and adding more photos all the time. If anyone is interested in helping with

#### Jamaica Historical Foundation continued

this project just let us know. We have had dozens of wonderful interviews that have been videotaped and continue to do so. This is invaluable to us all.

Greg Joly is faithfully scanning old newspaper articles from the mid-1800's into the 1900's with anything pertaining to Jamaica in them. The articles are then cropped and will be added to our website, connecting them to individuals and buildings. They also are being printed off and kept at the Historical Foundation Building. The information collected is just amazing!

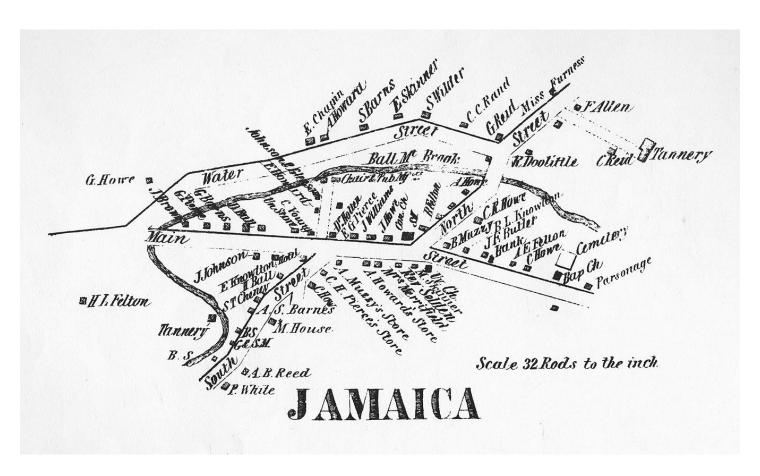
We have just a couple of cemeteries to finish documenting and then they will all be in our database also. These are names, dates, inscriptions and photos of each stone in every cemetery. Most of the cemeteries are on our website now.

We have started a new book and DVD on Jamaica and Irene, the Flood of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the title will be, 'Fix It Now, Apologize Later'. We want to include you in the book. Please send us your photos and/or stories. We may be contacting you for interviews and any photos you may have. Talk to any of us on this committee; CJ King, Greg Joly, Jeff Dickson, Rachel Stoll and Karen Ameden

The Historical Foundation meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Thank you so much for all your support of the Jamaica Historical Foundation.

Karen Ameden – president- 874.4151 <u>dkameden@svcable.net</u>
Lou Bruso –vice president, Lou Bruso–treasurer, Sylvia Burton and Alice Abraham – secretary
Herb Burton, Valerie Heisler, David Heisler, Michael Abrams, Enrique Chavez, Steve Clark, Greg Joly and Bruce Chapin,
Barbara Ferguson, Judy Brown, Tom and Nancy O'Brien, Jeff Dickson



On behalf of the Board and volunteers of the Community Food Pantry, as well as the many citizens of our communities who benefit directly from your generosity, I wish to thank the Town of Jamaica for its continued support of our service. Hunger exists in every community and in every corner of Vermont. Hunger affects our children and our senior citizens. It affects those who by illness or circumstance find themselves in crisis. It can affect you; your mother or your sister; your child's best friend. It affects your neighbors. It is the continuing mission of the Community Food Pantry "to provide supplemental food to households in need". Our service provides assistance to anyone who asks – no requirements, no questions asked. We are confidential, supportive and non-judgmental. Hunger has no place in our community.

Constant assessment of the needs of our clients continues to guide us in our work. We have made an increasing commitment to providing healthy choices for all ages and actively work to encourage our client choices by the selections offered. Our offerings regularly include fresh eggs, milk, cheese and produce. Highlights of 2016 include:

- Our Kid's Cupboard, where school-age children (and parents) can select from an assortment of healthy school snacks (and a few treats, too).
- Implementation of our "Vermont Fresh" grant awarded by the Vermont Foodbank. The grant was designed to assist our effort to promote and increase the availability of fresh produce for our clients. Grant funds were used to purchase kitchen cutlery and large work surfaces to prep produce for distribution; multi-level produce bins for storage and display; a professional utility cart with additional produce bins; and aprons for our volunteers. The enhanced display space has allowed us to take full advantage of the Vermont Foodbank's produce distribution network that includes gleaned and salvaged items. Additionally, we have received generous gifts from the abundance of many local gardens.

The generosity of our communities, the good people of Jamaica, Wardsboro, and Stratton, together provide the strong local support that makes our work possible. In 2016 we benefited from:

- funding from the Stratton Foundation's "Vermont Challenge";
- Stratton Mountain Resort provided turkeys for our Thanksgiving distribution;
- the "Harvest Dinner" hosted by the Jamaica Community Church, a remarkable fundraiser and food drive for our benefit;
- the Wardsboro Yoked Parish, whose ongoing generosity and gift of space assures that our doors will always be open;
- the children of the Jamaica and Wardsboro schools whose food drives demonstrate life-lessons about generosity and helping others;
- D & K's Jamaica Market and Jackie in the Wardsboro Town Office who graciously accept gifts of food on our behalf:
- local gardeners who gift us from their abundance;
- many, many gifts from local organizations whose missions include giving back to their local community;
- many, many gifts from residents, businesses and second-homeowners who believe that hunger has no place in our community.

We are blessed to live in a place where neighbors truly help neighbors.

The Community Food Pantry is open on the second and last Wednesday of every month from 6:30 until 8 PM and is located in the Vestry of the Wardsboro Yoked Parish. Our volunteers respond to food emergencies and give consideration to special dietary requirements.

Thank you for supporting <u>your</u> Community Food Pantry. Elaine Beckwith Coordinator

The Community Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 organization Network partner of the Vermont Foodbank.



### WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff PO Box 266, Newfane VT 05345 Tel: (802) 365-4942 Fax: (802) 365-4945



#### Jamaica Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Jamaica FY2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) in the amount of \$27936, or approximately 582 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 588.25 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 307 calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY16, we issued a total of 198 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$10545.6 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 78 warnings were issued and 307 calls for service were answered.

This year, we were privileged to be selected to be the recipient for State Farm's National Youth Advisory Board's grant. Through this grant, we are able to continue the Enhanced Teen Driver Safety Program, which builds upon the foundation of driver's education for teenage drivers in an effort to improve driver safety and reduce teen deaths. With this grant, the program is able to purchase vehicle driving simulators which will be used at area schools in an effort to develop youthful drivers.

We've continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs. Due to the high demand we receive each year regarding concerns of speed within each community, we're also pleased to announce the acquisition of a second RADAR speed cart, purchased through another grant. This will allow us to cover twice as many requests in areas seeking traffic calming.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Jamaica and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

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Call Types	#
Accident - LSA	1
Animal Problem	2
Assist - Agency	7
Assist - Citizen	1
Assist - Motorist	1
Disturbance	1
Identity Theft	1
Illegal Dumping	2
Information	2
Juvenile Problem	5
Littering	1
Motor Vehicle	
Complaint	1
Parking	1
Recovered Property	1
Suspicious Event	5
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop	267
<b>Unsecured Premises</b>	1
VIN verification	5
Welfare Check	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	307

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has again been pleased to serve the people of Jamaica and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark



"Grace Cottage provides expert care with a friendly feeling." Janet & Guy Nido, Wilmington, VT

Since 1949, Grace Cottage has existed for one purpose: to serve the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion. At Grace Cottage, our mission is to relieve suffering, restore health, and promote wellness.

**Grace Cottage Family Health** offers expanded hours for the convenience of those who choose to use Grace Cottage for their primary care, as over 7,000 residents of Windham County currently do. Primary care for your family, including physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, urology, and mental health services are provided on a daily basis, and most of our 14 providers are accepting new patients.

Three years ago, through the Vermont Blueprint for Health Initiative, we created a **Community Health Team** at Grace Cottage Family Health. In 2015, we secured private funding to greatly expand this department, which offers valuable, **free** services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, short-term mental health and substance abuse assessment, assistance with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources, and more.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care to both hospital patients and outpatients with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists. New services include lymphedema therapy and pediatric rehabilitation.

**Grace Cottage Hospital** is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a palliative care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Thanks to donations made in 2016, a new room and an ultrasound with a cardiac probe were added to the Emergency Department.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness in the region and encourages residents to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Weekly classes such as yoga and Strong Bones are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Programs such as Driver Safety and various support groups are held throughout the year; more information is at www.gracecottage.org

**Messenger Valley Pharmacy**, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment with expert advice. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts and cards are also available.

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

Grace Cottage is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization. 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353. 802-365-7357 www.gracecottage.org

### FY 2016, by the numbers:

**25,242:** Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

**3,868:** Patient days in hospital

**2,982:** Emergency Dept. visits

**6,429:** Outpatient Rehab visits

**1,816:** Diagnostic Imaging visits

**2,554:** Community Health Team visits

**57,220:** Prescriptions filled

**3,692:** Visits to Wellness classes

and events

**2,003:** Individual donations to

Grace Cottage

#### Jamaica Vol. Fire & Rescue Annual Report

The Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue was dispatched to 149 calls in 2016. These calls are broke down to the following areas below. A total of 2,386 Personnel Hours were used for these calls

EMS calls: 44

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 25

False Alarms/Unintentional: 19

Power Lines Down: 15

Structure Fires: 12

Wildland/ Brushfires: 10

Rescue/ Public Assist: 8

Carbon monoxide/ Haz-mat: 8

Cover Assignments: 3

Cancelled Enroute: 2



The Firefighters, EMTs, and EMRs have committed 1,184 Personnel Hours to training. Jamaica along with six other departments have formed the West River Valley Training Group. The group meets once a month at each of the seven departments and receive training taught by certified Fire Instructors. The cost for this training is covered by a grant. The department still holds work trainings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday nights and Rescue training on the last Wednesday of the month.

The Volunteers of Jamaica Fire and Rescue would like to thank the community of Jamaica for their support. Let's make 2017 a safer year.



Dana West / Fire Chief

#### Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department - FY 2015-2016

REVENUES & RECEIPTS	
Town of Jamaica, Tax Appropriation	\$ 93,500.00
Fire Donations	\$ 1,500.00
Rescue Donations	\$ 200.00
Sale of Tee-Shirts	\$ 36.00
In Memory of Donations	\$ 2,150.00
Townshend Fire Dept., Training Reimbursement	\$ 2,445.35
Allocated Surplus for Budget	\$ 3,391.00
Interest earned in General Fund Money Market	\$ 249.35
Total Revenues and Receipts	\$ 103,471.70

DISBURSEMENTS		
ADMINISTRATION		
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid, Assessment FY 2016	\$	19,692.00
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid, Dues FY 2016	\$	150.00
VT State Firefighters Association, Dues	\$	336.00
VLCT Workers-Comp & Liab.Insurance thru Town of Jamaica	\$	1,825.00
UI Insurance Service, Accident & Sickness	\$	1,456.00
Post Office Box Rent	\$	84.00
Clerical Supplies, new checks	\$	50.10
Computer, Software, Supplies & Internet Service	\$	683.18
Miscellaneous, Radio License Fee & Name Plaque updates	\$	96.00
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Total Administration	\$	24,372.28
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Green Mountain Power, Electric Service	\$	1,516.11
Cota & Cota, Propane and Service	\$	4,240.35
VLCT Insurance thru Town of Jamaica	\$	2,068.00
Leader Distribution Systems, Inc., Drinking Water	\$	102.00
Supplies, Trash Bags, Paper Towels etc.	\$	106.10
Stuart Chapin, Mowing	\$	1,340.00
D & K Property Maintenance, Plowing	\$	300.00
Powers Generator, Service Contract	\$	345.00
Dorr Septic Pumping and New Cover	\$	508.65
MEC Roofing, Repair	\$	75.00
Overhead Door of Rutland, Parts & Repair	\$	884.40
Code 3 Products, Alarm Inspection	\$	241.00
Total Building Maintenance	\$	11,726.61
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		
Vehicle Loan #1, All American Investment Group, LLC	\$	12,606.83
Vehicle loan #2, All American Investment Group, LLC	\$	20,641.00
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Total Capital Expenditures	\$	33,247.83
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		
Valley Fire Equipment, Truck M-1 Repairs	\$	7,872.17
Matthew Coleman Service, Routine Maintenance	\$	449.81
Wardsboro Auto Service, Inspections	\$	120.00
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid, Radio Repairs	\$	242.64
Miscellaneous Parts	\$	124.39
VLCT Insurance, Vehicles & Equipment thru Town of Jamaica	\$	3,563.00
Budget Trnsfer to Vehicle Fund	\$	3,000.00
Total Fire/Rescue vehicle Maintenance	\$	15,372.01
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FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, 15 Nomex Hoods	\$	473.25
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Oxygen Sensor	\$	126.00
SCBA Sales & Rental, LLC	\$	1,510.00
Tools purchased with Gift Card donation	\$	495.91
Code 3 Products, SCBA's tested	\$	425.00
Code 3 Products, Fire Extinguishers, inspection & service	\$	618.43
Reynolds & Son, Inc. Parts & Service	\$	1,441.63
SWNH District Fire Mutual Aid, Radio repairs	\$	154.58
Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies	\$	114.23
Total Fire Favinment Maintenance	۲	F 3F0 03
Total Fire Equipment Maintenance	\$	5,359.03
RESCUE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		
Moore Medical LLC, ADE battery	\$	293.62
Otis Health Care Center, Supplies	\$	447.85
AirGas USA, LLC, Oxygen & Lease	\$	109.50
Total Rescue Equipment	\$	850.97
Miscellaneous Expenses for Ken & Nancy's Leaving Party	\$	82.22
TRAINING		
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Fire Prevention supplies, Halloween Goodies	\$	208.95
Jamaica/Townshend Fire School *Instruction	\$	2 600 00
*Lodging and Food	\$	3,600.00
Fire Service Educators, Instruction	\$	1,290.80 250.00
D & K's Jamaica Grocery, Food for training	\$	130.58
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Total Training Expenditures	\$	5,480.33
* 1/2 of these expenses reimbursed by Townshend Fire Dept.		
Total Funanditures from Budget	۲	06 401 22
Total Expenditures from Budget	\$	96,491.23
Statement of Unallocated Funds		
Unallocated Funds available for use June 30, 2015	\$	50,969.74
Less Voted for 2016-2017 Revenue Budget	\$	5,000.00
Plus Revenue Budget Surplus FY2015-2016	\$	6,580.70
Plus Unexpended Budget for FY 2015-2016	\$	399.77
Total Unallocated Funds Available for use June 30. 2016	\$	52,950.21
Note: Amount for Revenue Budget [\$5,000.00 has not been		J_,JJU
deducted from actual cash on hand as of 6/30/2016.		
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# **General Fund Checking Account**

General Fund Checking Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	3,539.98
Plus Deposits	\$	27,795.35
Less Withdrawals	\$	26,529.51
Balance on hand as of June 30, 2016	\$	4,805.82
General Fund Money Market Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	52,308.48
Interest earned	\$	249.35
Plus Tax Appropriation	\$	93,500.00
Less Transfers and withdrawals	\$	92,968.00
Balance on hand June 30, 2016	\$	53,089.83
Petty Cash Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	7.28
Plus Deposits	\$	211.00
Less Withdrawals for purchases	168.	.02
Balance on hand June 30, 2016	\$	50.26
Gift Card		
Original amount	\$	500.00
Purchase of Tools and Toolboxes	\$	495.91
Balance on Gift Card June 30, 2016	\$	4.09
Vehicle Fund Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 20165	\$	31,433.51
Interest earned	\$	102.93
Plus Budget Transfer	\$	3,000.00
Balance on hand June 30, 2016	\$	34,536.44
Emergency Fund Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	6,566.96
Interest earned	\$	6.58
Balance on hand June 30, 2016	\$	6,573.54
Junior Firefighters Fund Account		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	1,373.12
Interest earned	\$	0.27
Balance on hand June 30, 2016	\$	1,373.39
Total of All Funds		
Balance on hand July 1, 2015	\$	95,229.33
Total interest earned	\$	359.13
Total Transfers in	\$	125,006.35
Total Transfers out	\$	120,161.44
Total of All Funds June 30, 2016	\$	100,433.37

Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Budget								
_		2015-2016 Budgeted	2	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budgeted			2017-2018 Proposed
REVENUE		Buugeteu		Actual	,	Duugeteu	•	Toposeu
Tax Appropriation	\$	93,500.00	\$	93,500.00	\$	96,291.00	\$	99,991.00
Fire Donations			\$	1,500.00				
Rescue Donations			\$	200.00				
Sales & Refunds			\$	36.00				
In Memory Donations			\$	2,150.00				
Miscellaneous			\$	2,445.35				
Interest	_		\$	249.35	_		_	
Surplus	\$	3,391.00	\$	3,391.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	96,891.00	\$	103,471.70	\$	101,291.00	\$	104,991.00
EXPENDITURES								
Administration	_		_				_	
Association Assessments/Dues	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,178.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Insurance	\$	4,500.00	\$	3,281.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,000.00
Postage/Box Rent	\$	500.00	\$	84.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Fundraising Supplies	\$	500.00	_		\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Clerical Supplies	\$	200.00	\$	50.10	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Telephone/Internet/Computer	\$	600.00	\$	683.18	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Miscellaneous/Awards	\$	400.00	\$	96.00	\$	400.00	\$	400.00
Sub Total	\$	26,700.00	\$	24,372.28	\$	27,100.00	\$	26,600.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>								
Electric Service	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,516.11	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00
Propane/Service	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,240.35	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,000.00
Insurance	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,068.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
Supplies	\$	300.00	\$	186.25	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$	4,500.00	\$	3,715.90	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,200.00
Sub Total	\$	13,900.00	\$	11,726.61	\$	13,400.00	\$	14,600.00
Capital Expenditures								
Truck Loan #1	\$	12,700.00	¢	12,606.83	\$	12,700.00	\$	12,700.00
Truck Loan #2	\$	20,641.00	\$		\$	20,641.00	\$	20,641.00
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Sub Total	\$	33,341.00	\$	33,247.83	\$	33,341.00	\$	33,341.00
Fire/Rescue Vehicle Maintenance								
Gas/Diesel	\$	500.00	_		\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Parts, Repairs & Supplies	\$	4,000.00	\$	8,809.01	\$	4,000.00	\$	7,000.00
Insurance	\$	4,500.00	\$	3,563.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,000.00
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Sub Total	\$	12,000.00	\$	15,372.01	\$	12,500.00	\$	15,000.00

# **Fire Equipment Maintenance**

New Equipment Parts, Repairs & Supplies	\$ \$	1,000.00 3,500.00	\$ \$	2,479.16 2,879.87	\$ \$	1,000.00 3,500.00	\$ \$	1,500.00 3,500.00
Sub Total	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,359.03	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,000.00
Rescue Equipment Maintenance New Equipment	\$	1,000.00			\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Supplies & Repairs	\$	3,000.00	\$	850.97	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Sub Total	\$	4,000.00	\$	850.97	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Incident Expenses								
Supplies	\$	200.00		82.22	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Training								
Fire/Rescue	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,826.03	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$	250.00	\$	208.95	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
Sub Total	\$	2,250.00	\$	3,034.98	\$	5,250.00	\$	5,250.00
Total Budget Please Note:Fire/Rescue Training Actual Total does not include Townshend's share of \$2,445.35.	\$	96,891.00	\$	94,045.93	\$	101,291.00	\$	104,991.00



# Warning Jamaica School District 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Jamaica, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Jamaica on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article I: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

**Article II:** To elect all Jamaica School District Officers as required by law.

School District Director 2 Year Term (2017 - 2019)
School District Director 3 Year Term (2017 - 2020)
Leland and Gray School Director 3 Year Term (2017 - 2020)

Article III: Shall the voters of the Jamaica School District authorize the School Directors to borrow

in anticipation of taxes, grants, or other revenue?

Article IV: Shall the voters authorize the School Directors to spend unanticipated funds such as

grants and/or gifts?

Article V: "Shall the voters of the Jamaica School District approve the school board to

expend \$1,224,838 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?" It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,951 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.02% higher than spending for

the current year.

Article VI: To compensate the Directors of the Jamaica School District \$300.00 each.

Article VII: Set Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. for Annual School District Meeting.

Article VIII: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Jamaica, Vermont this 20th day of January in the year 2017. Jamaica School Board of Directors:

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Pam Tweedy, Clerk)

f¢nnifer Dorta-Duque, Boakd, Member)

(Anna Raynolds Vice Chair)

(Amber Burrow, Board Member)

#### WARNING

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### JAMAICA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Jamaica Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Town Hall** in said Town of Jamaica on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles.

Article I. Shall the Jamaica Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Newfane, Brookline, and Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School #34, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the school districts of Townshend and Windham, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the West River Education District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

In the event the necessary town school districts and a majority of the advisable town school districts all vote to approve the merger, but one district votes NO, a Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD) will be formed pursuant to the provisions of Act 156 of 2012. In this case, the MUUSD will be the named the West River Modified Union Education District. If a MUUSD is established, then the town school district (the "Non-Member District") that did not vote to join the Unified District will be a member of the Unified District for Grades 7-12 with voting membership on the Board for matters related to Grades 7-12.

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all of the students in the unified union school district.
- (b) Board of School Directors. The unified district board of school directors initially will be comprised of nine members elected from the electorate in individual towns. For the nine members elected in individual towns, representation on the Unified District Board will be closely proportional to the fraction that the town's population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial Board composition will be based upon the year 2010 Federal Census and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a town district

have less than one member on the Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Board of School Directors shall be expanded to include two members elected at large for a total of eleven members. The two at large members will be elected by a vote of the entire electorate of all towns joining the unified union school district or modified union school district. Votes of the entire electorate shall be counted together (comingled) without being first counted at the town level. The at large members shall be elected at the 2018 annual meeting.

- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming districts; acquire, maintain, and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 6, 7, and 14 regarding special funds, indebtedness, real and personal property and closing of school buildings are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016 and including an amendment approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.
- **Article II.** To elect two (2) school directors from the nominees residing in Jamaica to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

One (1) school director for a two-year term.

One (1) school director for a three-year term.

The legal voters of the Jamaica Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting and voting procedures relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

#### **Jamaica School District Annual Meeting 2016**

Jamaica Town Hall in Jamaica on Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Ralph Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Article 1.** Greg Joly was nominated as moderator for a term of one year by Robert Willis. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Greg Joly was elected Moderator for a term of one year by voice vote.

**Article 2.** Stephanie Amyot made a motion to strike the line of School District Treasurer from Article 2. Ed Dorta-Duque seconded. Motion passed affirmative by voice vote.

- **A.** Tom Tolbert was nominated as School Director for a term of two years by Dana West. Tom Tolbert declined. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was nominated by Tom Tolbert. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was elected as School Director for a term of two years by voice vote.
- **B.** Pamela Tweedy was nominated as School Director for a term of three years by Tom Tolbert. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Pamela Tweedy was elected as School Director for a term of three years by voice vote.
- **C.** Bruce Parliman was nominated as Leland & Gray School Director for a term of three years by Clara Robinson. Bruce Parliman declined. Drew Hazelton was nominated by Stephanie Amyot. There being no other nominations the Moderator declared them closed. Drew Hazelton was elected Leland & Gray School Director for a term of three years by voice vote.

**Article 3.** Shall the voters of the Jamaica School District authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of taxes, grants, or other revenue? Ed Dorta-Duque made the motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by CJ King. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the School Directors to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and/or gifts? Ralph Coleman made the motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Ed Dorta-Duque. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 5**. Shall the voters of the Jamaica School District approve the school board to expend \$1,195,438 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,402 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.70% lower (or higher) than spending for the current year. Stephanie Amyot corrected the article to read "This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.70% higher than spending for the current year." Discussion followed regarding the penalty received for the increase in spending and the meaning of equalized pupil.

The Moderator suspended the meeting at 10:25am for Representative Oliver Olsen to speak and answer questions. The official meeting reconvened at 10:50am. Ed Dorta-Duque moved to accept the article as read. Patti Dickson seconded. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

**Article 6.** To compensate the Directors of the Jamaica School District \$300.00 each. Caroline Persson made the motion to accept the article as read. Seconded by Frances Sherwood. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

Greg Joly chose to address **Article 8.** "To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting" before Article 7. Stephanie Amyot provided an overview of the impact of Act 46 on our town and school and the actions that need to be taken to avoid penalty. Two representatives from each of the four committees researching options for the town gave brief presentations about their findings thus far. A warned public School Board meeting will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at which the committees will present their final information for the public to make their recommendations to the board.

**Article 7.** Set Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 1:00pm for Annual School District meeting. Ed Dorta-Duque moved to amend time to "directly following Town Meeting." Joel Katz seconded. The motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

Tom Tolbert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Frances Sherwood. So voted by voice vote.

Adjourned at 11:42am.

Jamaica Village School is a dynamic learning community where names are known, where people take care of each other, and where students grow and learn. It is a place that is safe, where children are encouraged to take risks, and where making mistakes is part of the learning process. It is a place where respect for self and others is expected, taught and rewarded. It is a place where personal responsibility is modeled and nurtured; where taking ownership of successes and challenges allows us to reflect and grow. And, it is a place where being ready to learn means more than just showing up; rather it means, "I am engaged. I am curious. I am setting goals and I am achieving them." I am proud of the students and staff who fill our halls; they are learners.

Thank you for your ongoing support; because of your commitment, we are able to thrive. As always, I encourage you to learn more about our school; to ask questions; to attend School Board meetings; to attend our concerts and events; and to be involved in our after school programming. Come for a visit; I would love to give you a tour, share information and answer your questions.

Below are a few highlights since my last report:

- Our current PreK-6 enrollment is 58.
- Hannah Parker was hired as our new school counselor; Julie Olsson was hired as our music artist-in-residence; Heather Hallenbeck was hired (December 2016) as our LAFTER coordinator.
- Currently, 62% of our students are eligible for free/reduced meals.
- Assessment data:
  - Spring 2016 VT's assessment, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) data for grades 3-6 (combined average): English Language Arts: 55.49% proficient in VT; 57% proficient at JVS; Math: 47.49% proficient in VT, 54% proficient at JVS.
  - o Fall 2017 Measured Academic Progress (K-2nd) data showed MAP (K-2): 89.5% met or exceeded the beginning of the year mean in math; 78.9% met or exceeded the beginning of the year mean in reading
  - O Additional assessment data can be found in our Annual Report.
- A school-wide focus for this year: we are engaged in learning about the importance of having a growth mindset, being kind to one another, as well as developing our mindfulness practices.
- LAFTER (Learning After), our after school program, first coordinated by Sue Stomski and now by Heather Hallenbeck, continues to thrive and meet the needs of students and families.
- For the third year, our sixth graders volunteer monthly at Jamaica's Senior Luncheon.
- We continue to maintain a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program given a grant as well as an After School Meal program.
- This year marks the second year we are providing a backpack program (weekend breakfast/lunch, including fresh fruit and vegetables) with complete financial support from the Stratton Foundation.
- Stratton Foundation provided JVS with a \$1,500 grant to maintain our backpack program as well as a \$1,000 Moving Mountains grant. They also coordinated winter clothing distribution, a BOOTS4VTKIDS distribution, and provide grant funds for a Social Worker. We are grateful.
- We received a generous private donation which made skiing/snowboarding available to all students given scholarships for JISP passes and rental equipment.
- Our School Club continues to support our students' education. Last year they funded our field trip to Mystic Aquarium, our 6th grade trip to Nature's Classroom, several performances, Craft Day, and more. Please continue to support their fundraising efforts...the Penny Sale is on April 1st at L&G - I hope to see you there. Thank you School Club!
- We were awarded a VT Arts Council Grant to bring Troy Wunderle's Big Top Adventures to JVS students! Students learned about the history of the circus arts and worked with Troy to create a community performance; hopefully, you were able to attend.
- With donations, including Box Tops, we were able to purchase 7 robots in order for our students to practice their coding skills. Keep sending in those Box Tops!
- Our all school project this year is Jamaica: Then and Now. Look for copies of student work at the post office and town offices in the spring!

As always, should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please stop by, call or email. Together we can and do make a difference!

Your partner in education,

Laura Hazard

#### **Jamaica Village School Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Jamaica Village School welcomes you to Town Meeting Day 2017. It's been quite a year and your board has worked very hard to provide a healthy educational future for Jamaica students. This year, Jamaica Village School saw a drop in enrollment from 67 to 58 students, from Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This drop as well as many other factors (including a state-mandated reduction in phantom students) have made budgeting for next year a challenge, one of several we have faced this year.

The Jamaica Village School Board is presenting a budget that represents an increase of 2.5% over last year's, and more importantly a large reduction in revenues. Combined with the budget from Leland and Gray, these factors will increase our tax rate by 10.1%. Accordingly, we felt we could not afford to pay the penalty for going over the threshold, so we decided to use \$100,000 of the surplus we have built up over the last couple of years in order to reduce the tax rate as much as possible for Jamaica's tax payers. For many years we've been able to maintain very low increases in our tax rates but that is no longer the case. This is the beginning of the scenario we've been warning of, with tax rates increasing more and more to pay to educate fewer and fewer students.

As you know, we had a very busy year responding to Act 46, and we hope that its eventual conclusion will help mitigate the problem of dramatically increasing taxes. Our four committees studying possible responses to the law presented their findings in May at a public meeting and we asked the town to weigh in on which response we should follow. The results prompted us to bring a vote to the town regarding leaving the Leland and Gray Union, and the vote took place in July. Jamaica voted to leave the union and move toward school choice, but the results were close enough that a re-vote was petitioned and granted. The revote in September saw a flip in results, and the town voted to stay with Leland and Gray.

Since then, several community members have represented Jamaica on the Leland and Gray Towns Act 46 Study Committee. They have created Articles of Agreement for the new school district, which would include Jamaica, Windham, Newfane, Townshend, Brookline, and Leland and Gray. These Articles were accepted by the State Board of Education and the committee will be holding informational meetings in all five participating towns in late January, February and early March. At town meeting we will vote on whether to be part of the new district or not. We encourage you to read the Study Committee's report and articles of agreement when making your decision. This can be found on the Windham Central Supervisory Union's website. As a school board, we feel that what we are being offered as part of the new district is the best possible scenario for Jamaica. We encourage you to vote to be part of the new district and welcome in the opportunities, efficiencies and tax incentives it offers. We believe at this point, that this represents the best hope for Jamaica students to continue to thrive.

We continue to respond as a board to the concerns and suggestions that came up in the survey we offered at our May meeting. The feedback was much appreciated and we have worked hard to process it in the most useful way with our administrators, at Jamaica, at Leland and Gray, and at the SU level. All those we work with have strived to use the information to make our schools a better environment for our students and their families. We will continue to work hard to serve you and especially all the children of Jamaica.

### Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent's Letter 2017

The Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) is in the midst of great challenge and opportunity. All school district members and community representatives in the WCSU have participated in our two Act 46 Study Committees. One committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the Leland and Gray towns (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham). The other committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the towns of Dover, Marlboro, and Wardsboro. All the members of the study committee worked diligently to ask tough questions, seek answers, and ultimately create a new governance structure on which citizens of each town will vote on March 7th.

With declining enrollment statewide, as well as in many of the towns in the WCSU, creating sustainable structures for the future of education in our communities is difficult. However, we are all up to the task. With these real challenges comes opportunity and the potential for evolution.

There is a sense of excitement and positivity about the direction our schools and our supervisory union are currently taking. Many changes have already occurred. We have a new Superintendent, a new Business Manager, a new Director of Curriculum, a new Information Technology Director, a retiring Special Education Director, a new Middle/High School principal, a new elementary principal, a new teaching principal and three retiring elementary principals. The collaboration between this influx of new people and our existing staff has created a synergy of talent, dedication and wisdom. We are showing our respect and appreciation for our foundation while moving forward to build our future. We are fortunate to have so much support from all of our communities.

The WCSU has been selected to participate in a grant opportunity offered by the Vermont Agency of Education. We will be receiving consulting services and an audit of our Special Education Services. We believe this study will provide us with data that will help us strategically deploy resources in a more effective manner.

I encourage everyone to participate in the information sessions for current budgets and the proposed new governance structures. No one can be sure where the WCSU will land on March 8th, but I am confident that the leadership of the individual school boards, the WCSU board, our principals, and the teachers and staff of the WCSU are ready to embrace the challenge.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton, WCSU Superintendent of Schools

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			1	Y16 Actual			FY	18 Proposed	\$	\$ Variance	% Variance
	F١	16 Budget	(u	naudited)	F	Y17 Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
Public School Tuition	\$	15,100	\$	14,500	\$	30,200	\$	-	\$	(30,200)	-100%
Interest Income	\$	350	\$	4,879	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	-	0%
Subtotal Local	\$	15,450	\$	19,379	\$	32,200	\$	2,000	\$	(30,200)	-94%
Title 1 Subgrant WCSU	\$	22,565	\$	22,565	\$	23,015	\$	33,600	\$	10,585	46%
Medicaid Subgrant WCSU	\$	3,619	\$	3,619	\$	9,990	\$	5,943	\$	(4,047)	-41%
Subtotal Subgrants	\$	26,184	\$	26,184	\$	33,005	\$	39,543	\$	6,538	20%
Education Spending Grant	\$	905,641	\$	905,384	\$	866,643	\$	929,751	\$	63,108	7%
Small Schools Grant	\$	85,582	\$	85,582	\$	85,582	\$	85,582	\$	-	0%
State Aid for Transportation	\$	14,178	\$	12,991	\$	14,178	\$	13,000	\$	(1,178)	-8%
Hold-harmless Aid			\$	257	\$	_			\$	-	
Subtotal State	\$	1,005,401	\$	1,004,214	\$	966,403	\$	1,028,333	\$	61,930	6%
Federal Forest Grant			\$	797					\$	_	
Subtotal Federal	\$	-	\$	797	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Spec Ed Mainstream Block Grant	\$	22,742	\$	22,742	\$	21,033	\$	-	\$	(21,033)	-100%
Spec Ed Intensive Reimbursement	\$	58,832	\$	58,954	\$	83,232	\$	8,962	\$	(74,270)	-89%
Spec Ed Essential Early Education	\$	7,905	\$	7,905	\$	8,064	\$	-	\$	(8,064)	-100%
Subtotal Special Ed State	\$	89,479	\$	89,601	\$	112,329	\$	8,962	\$	(103,367)	-92%
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Local Food Sales	\$	8,400	\$	6,692	\$	8,400	\$	7,000	\$	(1,400)	-17%
Fruits and Vegetable Grant			\$	4,549	\$	-			\$	-	0%
Federal Food Program Subgrant WCSU	\$	42,256	\$	32,015	\$	43,101	\$	32,000	\$	(11,101)	-26%
Afterschool Supper Program			\$	7,009	\$	**	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	0%
Subtotal Food Program	\$	50,656	\$	50,265	\$	51,501	\$	46,000	\$	(5,501)	-11%
Total Revenues	\$	1,187,170	\$	1,190,440	\$	1,195,438	\$	1,124,838	\$	(70,600)	-5.9%
				Y16 Actual	_		FY	18 Proposed	\$:		% Variance
EXPENDITURES		16 Budget	-	naudited)	_	Y17 Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
Direct Inst Teacher Salary	\$	243,612	\$	251,856	\$	260,494		269,885	\$	9,391	3.6%
Direct Instructional Services-Federal Jobs	100	28,104	\$	30,291	\$	31,646	\$	24,080	\$	(7,566)	-23.9%
Direct Inst Support Staff Salary	\$	58,712	\$	37,356	\$	41,540	\$	42,369	\$	829	2.0%
Direct Inst Sal/Ben Reserve	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	7,349	\$	7,349	0.0%
Direct Inst Substitues	\$	3,900	\$	4,840	\$	3,900	\$	5,000	\$	1,100	28.2%
Direct Inst Health	\$	98,748	\$	78,289	\$	80,591	\$	80,911	\$	320	0.4%
Direct Inst Dental	\$	4,947	\$	4,175	\$	4,947	\$	3,825	\$	(1,122)	-22.7%
Direct Inst FICA	\$	25,608	\$	23,779	\$	25,825	\$	26,292	\$	467	1.8%
Direct Inst Life/Disab Ins	\$	1,100	\$	1,262	\$	1,100	\$	1,375	\$	275	25.0%
Direct Inst Workers Comp	\$	2,000	\$	2,356	\$	2,358	\$	3,437	\$	1,079	45.8%
Direct Inst Unemployment	\$	1,900	\$	115	\$	1,900	\$	1,500	\$	(400)	-21.1%
Early Ed Contracted Svcs	\$	18,668	\$	18,200	\$	15,465	\$	15,740	\$	275	1.8%
Direct Inst Contracted Svs	\$	300	\$	684	\$	300	\$	300	\$	-	0.0%
Enrichment Programs	\$	15,900	\$	14,064	\$	4,900	\$	4,900	\$	-	0.0%
21 C Programs	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,451	\$	12,308	\$	4,857	65.2%
Direct Inst Equip Repairs/Maint	\$	500	\$	-	\$	200	\$	200	\$	-	0.0%

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			F	Y16 Actual			FY	18 Proposed	\$\$	Variance	% Variance
	FY	16 Budget	(u	naudited)	F	Y17 Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
Direct Inst Tuition	\$	-	\$	=	\$	=	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	0.0%
Direct Inst Supplies	\$	5,600	\$	5,471	\$	5,100	\$	5,200	\$	100	2.0%
Direct Inst Text Books	\$	500	\$	424	\$	500	\$	-	\$	(500)	-100.0%
Direct Inst Internet/Audiovisual	\$	2,100	\$	2,877	\$	2,100	\$	2,520	\$	420	20.0%
Direct Inst Equipment	\$	5,000	\$	4,825	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	-	0.0%
Direct Instructional Services TECH	\$	8,000	\$	7,413	\$	6,000	\$	6,000	\$	-	0.0%
						4.00			\$	Ę	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 1000 - Direct Instructi	\$	525,199	\$	488,276	\$	501,317	\$	533,190	\$	31,873	6.4%
Art Svcs WCSU	\$	18,267	\$	18,267	\$	19,520	\$	21,399	\$	1,879	9.6%
PE Svcs WCSU	\$	13,066	\$	13,066	\$	13,711	\$	16,137	\$	2,426	17.7%
Music Instrumental Svcs WCSU	\$	10,049	\$	10,049	\$	10,342	\$	10,184	\$	(158)	-1.5%
Music Education Svcs WCSU	\$	18,979	\$	18,979	\$	19,881	\$	20,175	\$	294	1.5%
	\$	60,361	\$	60,360	\$	63,454		67,895	\$	4,441	7.0%
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Spec Ed Support Staff Salary	\$	-	\$	3,168	\$		\$	13,891	\$	13,891	0.0%
Spec Ed Summer Salary	\$	-	\$	1,070	\$	1,070	\$	975	\$	(95)	-8.9%
Spec Ed FICA	\$	_	\$	324	\$	82	\$	1,137	\$	1,055	1286.9%
Spec Ed Contracted Svcs	\$	_	\$	4,063	\$	-	\$	-,	\$	_,	0.0%
EEE Assessment WCSU	\$	16,442	\$	16,442	\$	6,452	\$		\$	(6,452)	-100.0%
Spec Ed Assessment WCSU	\$	94,108	\$	94,108	\$	108,950	\$	114,488	\$	5,538	5.1%
Spec. Ed. Services WCSU	\$	45,180	\$	46,498	\$	56,876	100		\$	(56,876)	-100.0%
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Subtotal: Function 1200 - Special Ed	\$	155,730	\$	165,673	\$	173,430	\$	130,491	\$	(42,939)	-24.8%
Subtotal: Function 1000 - Direct Instructi	\$	741,290	\$	714,309	\$	738,201	\$	731,576	\$	(6,625)	-0.9%
Guidance Svcs WCSU	\$	25,264	\$	25,264	\$	25,048	\$	31,917	ċ	6,869	27.4%
Guidance Supplies	ç	23,204	\$	23,204	\$	23,046	\$	250	Ą	0,009	27.470
Nurse Syces WCSU	\$	6,652	\$	6,652	\$	6,558	\$	7,037	\$	479	7.3%
	\$	250	\$	163	\$	250	\$	250	\$	4/9	0.0%
Nurse Supplies	Ą	230	Ą	103	Ą	230	\$	230	\$	-	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2100 - Support Service	Ċ	32,166	Ċ	32,079	\$	31,856		39,454	\$	7,348	23.1%
Subtotal. Fullction 2100 - Support Service	Ş	32,100	Ą	32,079	Ą	31,630	Ą	39,434	Ą	7,340	23.170
Prof. Dev. Admin Directed FICA	\$	_	\$	69	\$	-	\$	-	\$		0.0%
Prof. Dev. Admin Directed	\$	2,821	\$	2,380	\$	2,821	\$	5,000	\$	2,179	77.2%
Prof Development-Svcs WCSU	\$	3,062	\$	3,062	\$	3,298	\$	3,117	\$	(181)	-5.5%
Tech Svcs WCSU	\$	4,352	\$	4,352	\$	4,288	\$	11,408	\$	7,120	166.0%
Library Salary	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	=	
Library Services-Health Ins	\$	-	\$	232	\$		\$	-	\$	_	0.0%
Library Services-FICA	\$	_	\$	81	\$	(2)	\$	÷	\$	-	0.0%
Library Services	\$	1,600	\$	1,575	\$	-	\$	1,600	\$	1,600	0.0%
Library Supplies	\$	1.5	\$	33	\$	=	\$		\$	-	0.0%
Library Books	\$	2,000	\$	1,186	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	-	0.0%
•	525	A			8		(20)		\$	_	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2200 - Support Service	\$	13,835	\$	12,969	\$	11,907	\$	22,625	\$	10,718	90.0%
School Board Salary	\$	2,800	\$	1,500	\$	2,800	\$	2,800	\$	-	0.0%

			F	Y16 Actual			FY	18 Proposed	\$\$	Variance	% Variance
	FY	16 Budget	(u	naudited)	F	Y17 Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
School Board FICA	\$	217	\$	119	\$	214	\$	214	\$	0	0.1%
School Board Contraced Svcs	\$	(=)	\$	764	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%
School Board Auditing Fees	\$	8,500	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	=	0.0%
School Board Liab & Bond Ins	\$	867	\$	697	\$	697	\$	700	\$	3	0.4%
School Board Post/Advertising	\$	500	\$	401	\$	500	\$	500	\$	-	0.0%
School Board Supplies/Transportation	\$	200	\$	132	\$	200	\$	200	\$	-	0.0%
School Board Dues	\$	900	\$	765	\$	900	\$	900	\$	<u> </u>	0.0%
Admin Assessment WCSU	\$	55,108	\$	55,108	\$	62,806	\$	61,304	\$	(1,502)	-2.4%
									\$	-	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2300 - Support Service	\$	69,092	\$	66,487	\$	75,117	\$	73,618	\$	(1,499)	-2.0%
Principal Salary	\$	81,205	\$	82,829	\$	84,486	\$	86,176	\$	1,690	2.0%
Principal Admin Assist Salary	\$	29,075	\$	29,804	\$	30,253	\$	30,864	\$	611	2.0%
Principal Health	\$	27,450	\$	26,629	\$	28,766	\$	28,727	\$	(39)	-0.1%
Principal Dental	\$	1,759	\$	1,683	\$	1,759	\$	1,644	\$	(115)	-6.5%
Principal FICA	\$	8,547	\$	8,454	\$	8,778	\$	8,954	\$	176	2.0%
Principal Life/Disability Ins	\$	600	\$	538	\$	600	\$	600	\$	¥	0.0%
Principal Workers Comp	\$	662	\$	662	\$	662	\$	662	\$	-	0.0%
Principal Contracted Svcs	\$	500	\$	374	\$	500	\$	500	\$	-	0.0%
Principal Tuition Reimb	\$	2,700	\$	790	\$	1,700	\$	3,774	\$	2,074	122.0%
Principal Postage	\$	500	\$	501	\$	500	\$	500	\$	<b>=</b>	0.0%
Principal Travel	\$	2,000	\$	1,689	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	-	0.0%
Principal Supplies	\$	1,500	\$	1,195	\$	1,000	\$	1,200	\$	200	20.0%
Principal Dues	\$	300	\$	89	\$	300	\$	380	\$	80	26.7%
									\$	=	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2400 - Support Service	\$	156,798	\$	155,237	\$	160,804	\$	165,481	\$	4,677	2.9%
Custodian Salary	\$	26,445	\$	28,198	\$	27,513	\$	28,064	\$	551	2.0%
Custodian Health	\$	7,518	\$	5,754	\$	6,205	\$	7,584	\$	1,379	22.2%
Custodian FICA	\$	2,049	\$	2,010	\$	2,105	\$	2,147	\$	42	2.0%
Custodian Workers Comp	\$	600	\$	600	\$	600	\$	600	\$	=	0.0%
Building Contracted Services	\$	4,000	\$	2,473	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	-	0.0%
Facilities Support Services	\$	525	\$	525	\$	525	\$	290	\$	(235)	-44.8%
Building Repairs/Maint	\$	5,000	\$	6,845	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	-	0.0%
Building Water Testing	\$	3,700	\$	4,148	\$	3,700	\$	4,200	\$	500	13.5%
Building Construction Services Cap Plan	\$		\$	2,287	\$	-			\$	=	0.0%
Building Property Ins	\$	3,900	\$	2,176	\$	2,176	\$	2,176	\$	=	0.0%
Building Telephone	\$	1,500	\$	619	\$	700	\$	700	\$	-	0.0%
Building Supplies	\$	4,500	\$	5,917	\$	4,500	\$	5,000	\$	500	11.1%
Building Electricity	\$	9,000	\$	8,770	\$	8,000	\$	8,800	\$	800	10.0%
Building Fuel Oil	\$	15,000	\$	13,200	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	-	0.0%
Building Equipment	\$	2,000	\$	3,857	\$	1,600	\$	2,500	\$	900	56.3%
									\$	-	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2600 - Operation & M	\$	85,737	\$	87,380	\$	80,124	\$	84,561	\$	4,437	5.5%
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Student Trans Svcs WCSU	\$	33,168	\$	33,168	\$	34,196		35,222		1,026	3.0%
Student Trans Field Trips	\$	3,425	\$	964	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	-	0.0%

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				Y16 Actual			FY18 Proposed		\$\$		% Variance
	F١	/ 16 Budget	(u	naudited)	F'	Y17 Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
Subtotal: Function 2700 - Student Transp	\$	36,593	\$	34,132	\$	36,196	\$	37,222	\$	1,026	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 2000 - Support Service	ι\$	394,221	\$	388,284	\$	396,004	\$	422,960	\$	26,706	6.7%
Food Admin Fee/Subsidy	\$	12,500	\$	5,000	\$	12,500	\$	13,000	\$	500	4.0%
Food Service WCSU	\$	3,459	\$	3,459	\$	3,708	\$	4,081	\$	373	10.1%
Food Equip Repairs/Maint	\$	700	\$	363	\$	500	\$	500	\$	-	0.0%
Food Service Propane	\$		\$	2,460	\$	-	\$	2.5	\$	-	0.0%
Food Contracted Service							\$	30,306	\$	30,306	
Food Purchases	\$	35,000	\$	47,636	\$	44,525	\$	18,000	\$	(26,525)	-59.6%
Food FFVP Purchases	\$	-	\$	4,549	\$	-			\$	=	0.0%
									\$	-	0.0%
Subtotal: Function 3100 - Food Purchase	\$	51,659	\$	63,466	\$	61,233	\$	65,887	\$	4,654	0.0%
Debt Service-Short Term Interest	\$	-	\$	4,148	\$	-	\$	4,414			
Total Expense	<del>-</del> \$	1,187,170	\$	1,170,207	\$	1,195,438	\$	1,224,838	\$	29,400	2.5%
Surplus/Deficit							\$	(100,000)			
Fund Balance Applied							\$	100,000			
Net	\$	-	\$	20,233	\$	=:	\$	-			
3 year Comparison Data											
Preliminary Statistics					F١	/17	FY	18			
Proposed General Fund Budget					\$	1,195,438	\$	1,224,838			
Act 68 Budgeted Revenues (excluded 31	14 '	'on Behalf")			\$	328,795	\$	295,087			
Local Education Spending					\$	866,643	\$	929,751		7%	
Equalized Pupil Count Prek-6 updated					\$	56.25	\$	54.85		-2.5%	
Excess Spending Threshold per equilized	Pu	pil-email 12	/5/2	2016	\$	14,699	\$	17,386			
Education Spending per equalized pupil		K-6			\$	15,407	\$	16,951		10%	10.02%
Less eligible exclusions [16vsa4001 (6)(B	)]				\$	-	\$	-			
Spending per equalized student Over / L	Jnd	er Threshold	1		\$	231	\$	(435)			
Act 68 Statistics & Tax Impact Estimates	s:										
Total Per pupil with/without penalty					\$	15,638		16,951		8%	
Homestead Property Yield-Tax Comish le					\$	9,701		10,076		4%	
Anticipated district Homestead tax rate	8		(to	be prorated	\$	1.612	Ş	1.68		4%	
Percent of JVS Equalized Pupils not in Ur	nion	Ì			0014105	47.19%		51.09%		8%	
Portion of Tax Rate Assessed	200				\$	0.761		\$0.86		13%	
Home Stead Equalized School Tax Rate F	reK	K-6				والمام والمام					
Common Level of Appraisal	2				_	113.7%		111.28%		-2%	
Estimated Actual School Tax Rate PreK-6	Ò				\$	0.669	Ş	0.772		15.4%	
Anticipated income cap percent (to be p			182	2)		2.63%		2.85%		8%	
Portion of district income cap % applied Act 130 File	by	State				1.24%		1.46%		17%	
Estimated Combined School Tax Rate Inc	clud	ling I GUHS				4 4477		4 6405		110/	
Estimated Income Cap % for Jamaica ed					\$	1.4477 2.91%		1.6125 3.04%		11%	

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	FY16 Actual				FY18 Proposed		S Variance	% Variance
FY 16 Budget	(unaudited)	FY17	Budget		Budget		(+/-)	(+/-)
Act 130 File								
Estimated School Tax impact \$200,000 home & 2 acres-r	no income sens		2895	\$	3,225	\$	330	11%
Maximum School Tax amount @ \$80,000 household inco	ome:*	\$	2,328	\$	2,432	\$	104	4%
* Individuals with less than \$90,000 of household incom	ne qualify for a c	ap on	education	pro	perty tax liab	oility	, individua	als pay
the lower amount between property tax bill or income cap. Subject to the provisions of V.S.A. T32 Chapter 154.								







#### Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

**ESTIMATES** ONLY

	District:	Jamaica	T104		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil	
	County:	Windham	Windham Central		10,076	1.00	
						Income dollar equivalent yield 2.0% of household income	per
	Expendit	ures	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
1.		Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,187,170	\$1,187,170	\$1,195,438	\$1,224,838	1.
2.	plus	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-		2.
3. 4.	minus	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)  Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,187,170	\$1,187,170	\$1,195,438	\$1,224,838	3. 4.
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5.	plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+ -				5.
6.	plus	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+ -	-	-		6.
7.		Total Budget	\$1,187,170	\$1,187,170	\$1,195,438	\$1,224,838	7.
8. 9.		S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	(-			8.
9.		Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data					9.
	Revenue	s Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144		[			
10. 11.	plus	tax revenues) Capital debt aid for eliquible projects pre-existing Act 60	\$285,434 + \$66	\$281,529 \$257	\$328,795	\$295,087	10. 11.
12.	minus	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)		-			12.
13.		Offsetting revenues	\$285,500	\$281,786	\$328,795	\$295,087	13.
14.		Education Spending	\$901,670	\$905,384	\$866,643	\$929,751	14.
15.		Equalized Pupils	63.75	62.72	56.25	54.85	15.
16.		Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,143.84	\$14,435.33	\$15,406.99	\$16,950.79	16.
17.	minus	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil		-	-	\$10,000.F0	17.
18. 19.	minus minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup) Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public	- \$18.85	\$42.19	-		18. 19.
		schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	15		000		
20.	minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has			-		20.
21.	minus	20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup) Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)		-	-		21.
22.	minus	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater		-	-		22.
23.	minus	than average announced tuition (per eqpup) Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)		-	-		23.
24.	minus	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	- NA	-	-		24.
25.		Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$14,698.72	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	25.
26.	plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	+	- C14 425	\$231	\$16,950.79	26.
27.			\$14,144	\$14,435 152.609%	\$15,638		27.
28.		District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	152.330% based on \$9,285	based on \$9,285	161.205% based on yield \$9,701	168.229% based on yield \$10,076	28.
29.	Proratir	ng the local tax rate Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,950.79 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.4928 based on \$0.98	\$1.5108 based on \$0.99	\$1.6121 based on \$1.00	\$1.6823 based on \$1.00	29.
30.		Percent of Jamaica equalized pupils not in a union school district	49.85%	50.76%	47.17%	51.09%	30.
31.		Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town	\$0.7442	\$0.7669	\$0.7604	\$0.8595	31.
32.		(51.09% x \$1.68) Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	110.72%	112.48%	113.74%	111.28%	32.
33.		Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town	\$0.6721 based on \$0.98	\$0.6818 based on \$0.99	\$0.6685	\$0.7724	33.
		(\$0.8595 / 111.28%)	If the district belongs to a		based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	7
			The tax rate shown repre spending for students wh the income cap percenta	esents the estimated po no do not belong to a u	ortion of the final home	estead tax rate due to	
34.		Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,950.79 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.75% based on 1.80%	2.88% based on 2.00%	2.85% based on 2.00%	34.
35.		Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (51.09% x 2.85%)	1.37% based on 1.80%	1.40% based on 1.80%	1.36% based on 2.00%	1.46% based on 0.00%	35.
36.		Percent of equalized pupils at Leland And Gray UHSD #34	50.15%	49.24%	52.83%	48.91%	36.
37							27

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate..

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

#### Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculation, FY2018

ESTIMATES ONLY Official rates from Tax Dept. Yields are not official Base amount not official

District: Jamaica LEA: T104 s.u.: Windham Central Windham County: 1,224,838 Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles 2. Act 144 expenditures (Manchester & West Windsor only) 3. Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any 3 4. Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b) 4. 5 Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition 1,224,838 6. 6. Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars (lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2 7. 295.087 7 Offsetting revenues (do NOT include revcode 3114, the on-behalf payment) 8 Act 144 dedicated revenues 8. 9 Act 144 expenditures to raise locally 9 line 2 - line 8 295,087 10. Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues line 7 - (lines 8 + 9) 929,751 11. 11. Inital Education Spending line 6 - line 10 12. 12. Capital debt hold-harmless aid line 16. "CDaid" page 929,751 13. 13. Education Spending line 11 - line 12 14. Equalized pupils 54.85 14 16,950.79 15. 15. Education spending per equalized pupil line 13 / line 14 **Excess Spending Calculation** 15. 15. Aggregated exclusions 16 Aggregated exclusions per equalized pupil 16. 16,950.79 17. 17. Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending line 15 / line 16 18 18. Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2018 17,386.00 19. Per pupil spending above the threshold NA 19. line 17 - line 18 16,950.79 20. 20. Per pupil figure used for calculating District equalized tax rate line 15 + line 19 10,076.00 21. 21. Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate 22. 1.6823 22. Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated 16,950.79 / 10,076 (lines 20 & 21) 23. 51.09% Percent of Jamaica equalized pupils not in a union school district Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town lines 22 x line 23 0.8595 24. 24. 25. 111.28% Common level of appraisal 25 0.7724 26. Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed lines 24 / line 25 26. 27. Equalized homestead rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 MANUAL 1.9100 27 48.91% 28. Percent of Jamaica equalized pupils at Leland and Gray UHSD #34 28 0.9342 29. Prorated equalized rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 29. 0.8395 Estimated actual rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 to be assessed lines 29 / line 25 30 30. 31. 31 32 32 33 33. 34. 34. 1.7937 2. lines 24 +29 + 33 Total equalized homestead rate for Jamaica 1.6119 3. Total estimated actual homestead rate for Jamaica lines 26 + 30 + 34 1.550 4. 4. Equalized non-residential tax rate 1.3929 5. 5. Estimated actual non-residential tax rate lines 4 / line 25 line 13 929,751 6. 6. Education spending 7. Tech FTE's 8. Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district line 7 x 9,588 x 87% (This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.) Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund 929,751 9. lines 6 - 8 10. 10. Amount to raise locally for Act 144 (Manchester & West Windsor only) line 9 11. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage 16,950.79 11. 12. Income Yield per 2.0% of household income 11,875 12 2.85% Jamaica household income percentage to be prorated 16,950.79 / 11,875 x 2.00% (lines 11 & 12) 13. 13. 1.46% 14. Prorated income cap percentage for Jamaica education property tax if eligible 51.09% x 2.85% (lines 23 & 13) 14. Income percentage from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 "FY18EstUnion", line 18 (% 3 23% MANUAL 15 15. 16. Prorated income cap percentage from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 48.91% x 3.23% (lines 28 & 15) 1.58% 16. 17. "FY18EstUnion", line 18 (% 3.23% 17 18. 18 3.04% Estimated income cap percentage for Jamaica education property tax 19. 19.

# Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Jamaica Village School S.U.: Windham Central S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports": http://www.state.vt.us/educ/

#### FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment < 100

enrollment < 100 Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
nort) 23 out of 45

(45 schools in cohort)

		School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
^	Wardsboro Central School		PK - 6	58	6.20	0.83	9.35	69.88	7.47
aller	Leicester Central School		PK - 6	62	5.07	0.70	12.23	88.57	7.24
Sm	Brookfield Elementary School		PK - 6	64	5.20	0.40	12.31	160.00	13.00
	Jamaica Village School		PK - 6	65	6.40	1.00	10.16	65.00	6.40
дeг	Barnard Academy		PK - 6	70	6.30	0.50	11.11	140.00	12.60
Ē	Smilie Memorial School		PK - 4	72	5.50	1.00	13.09	72.00	5.50
v	Doty Memorial School		PK - 6	74	6.88	1.00	10.76	74.00	6.88
	Averaged SCHOOL cohort da	ata		64.36	6.64	0.74	9.70	86.47	8.92

School District: Jamaica LEA ID: T104

FY2017

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

(1 is largest)

23 out of 43

#### **FY2015 School District Data**

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE < 100

(43 school districts in cohort)

	School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditure student FTE EXCL special education of the special e	UDING
4	North Hero	PK-6	58.98	\$14,335	-
aller	Wardsboro	PK-6	59.43	\$16,252	Curre
Smaller	Leicester	PK-6	59.58	\$14,987	87 a distr
	Jamaica	PK-6	63.65	\$15,327	distric
ger	Barnard	PK-6	71.69	\$12,466	and a
Larger	Middletown Springs	PK-6	73.49	\$15,307	provid
v	Worcester	PK-6	75.11	\$14,333	educa
Aver	aged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		63.87	\$15,261	

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

Cohort Rank by FTE

7 Sc	hool Di	strict Data					Total municip	al tax rate, K-1	2, consisting
				S	chool district tax r	ate	of prorate	d member dist	trict rates
				SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			_		Education	Equalized	Equalized	Common	Actual
			Grades offered	Equalized	Spending per	Homestead	Homestead	Level	Homestead
			in School	Pupils	Equalized Pupil	Ed tax rate	Ed tax rate	of Appraisal	Ed tax rate
	LEA ID	School District	District			Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			t comparable due to CLA's.
Ŷ	T226	Waterville	PK-6	48.73	16,256.68	1.6758	1.6091	88.35%	1.8213
Smaller	T188	Killington	PK-6	54.90	15,577.23	1.6057	1.6770	103.35%	1.6227
Sm	T103	Isle La Motte	PK-6	56.22	15,714.41	1.6199	1.6199	95.48%	1.6966
	T104	Jamaica	PK-6	56.25	15,406.99	1.6121	1.6669	113.74%	1.4655
Larger	T009	Barnard	PK-6	59.75	14,986.13	1.5448	1.6406	100.36%	1.6347
	T032	Brookfield	K-6	67.24	13,604.02	1.4023	1.4595	111.25%	1.3119
٧	T254	Worcester	PK-6	70.80	14,749.83	1.5204	1.5974	104.40%	1.5301

The Legislature has required the Agency of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-leacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

# Vital Statistics 2016

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Name	Sex	Age	Residence	Place of Death	Date
Vaughn Thomas Clark Sr.	M	69yrs	Jamaica	Bennington	March 3, 2016
Gregory Kevin Root	M	40yrs	Jamaica	Townshend	March 11, 2016
Lawrence Glenn Brooks	M	75yrs	Jamaica	Townshend	April 13, 2016
Antoinette Irene Legere	F	77yrs	Jamaica	Townshend	April 21, 2016
Kathleen Dolores LaTaille	F	84yrs	Jamaica	Townshend	April 21, 2016
Herman F Wondrofski	M	87yrs	East Jamaica	Brattleboro	April 24, 2016
John W Motyka	M	72yrs	Coventry, CT	Jamaica	May 4, 2016
Dale Wesley Ameden	M	70yrs	Jamaica	Townshend	May 24, 2016
Ralph Edwin Coleman	M	68yrs	Rawsonville	Townshend	November 27, 2016
Barry Albert Cain	M	73yrs	Flanders, NY	Jamaica	December 24, 2016

#### Births

Name	Sex	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Place of Birth	Date
Aubrey Janet Bills	F	Timothy Scott Bills	Valerie Renee Bills	Brattleboro	January 22, 2016
Ashlynn Kate Bover	F	Jacob Allen Bover	Sydney Killeen Pachalis	Brattleboro	March 1, 2016
Jack Dewey	M	Bradford Alan Greene	Kathryn Sargent Dewey	Brattleboro	May 25, 2016
Kevin Gregory Root	M	Gregory Kevin Root	Leah Marie Loretta	Brattleboro	June 9, 2016
Jackson James Etzel	M	Richard James Etzel Jr.	Alison Colleen Freleng	Brattleboro	June 28, 2016
Colin Lane Schubert	M	Michael J Schubert	Brittany Autumn Fitch	Springfield	July 21, 2016
Raymond Curt Anthony	M	Nicholas Curt Anthony	Kayla Ruth Anthony	Brattleboro	September 17, 2016
Nirvana Marie Reichardt	F	Vincent Walter Reichardt	Betty Anne Tinkham	Brattleboro	November 15, 2016
Mateo Leon Martinez Dillon	M	Noe Ademar Martinez	Sarah Martinez Dillon	Brattleboro	December 29, 2016

### Marriages

Bride	Residence	Groom	Residence	Place	Date
Crystal M Miramontes	Jamaica, VT	Joseph P Lovergine	Jamaica, VT	W. Townshend	April 3, 2016
Shawna M Crickmore	Jamaica, VT	Donald E Rogers Jr	Jamaica, VT	Jamaica	May 2, 2016
Aquitania Soler	Bridgeport, CT	Jose Eligio Crespo	Bridgeport, CT	Jamaica	May 22, 2016
Sarah Marie Dillon	Jamaica, VT	Noe Ademar Martinez	Puebla, Mexico	Jamaica	June 30, 2016
Alison Colleen Freleng	Jamaica, VT	Richard James Etzel Jr	Jamaica, VT	Jamaica	July 11, 2016
Lauren Kelly	Hackettstown, NJ	Stephen John Bienko	Hackettstown, NJ	Jamaica	September 22, 2016
Danielle Renee Ameden	Newton, MA	Joseph Matthew Cersosimo	Newton, MA	Waitsfield, VT	September 24, 2016

Notes:

#### **Homestead Declaration Reminder**

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

You are a Vermont resident

You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2016

#### You must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 18 deadline.

If you file after April 18, your municipality may assess one of the following penalties:

Up to a 3% penalty if the nonresidential rate is higher than the homestead education property rate Up to 8% if the nonresidential rate is lower than the homestead education property tax rate.

If you file your declaration after Oct. 17, your property will be classified as nonresidential. You then must pay the higher of the two rates, a penalty, and any additional property tax and interest due.

#### Property Tax Adjustment Claim (form HI-144)

The Vermont Property Tax Adjustment assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements:

Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a Homestead Declaration for the 2016 grand list You were domiciled in Vermont for the full prior calendar year You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer You have the property as your homestead as of April 1; and You meet the household income criteria.





Town of Jamaica PO Box 173 Jamaica, VT 05343-0173

Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, starting at 10:00am. Please bring this report with you!