

# Constable/Director of Public Safety

## 2019 Annual Report

Mendon continues to be one of the safest communities in Rutland County. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department, Vermont State Police and Mendon Constable patrol the roadways and community to a greater degree than many of the surrounding towns. Mendon has always been very pro-active when it comes to the safety of its residents and visitors. To that end, we have used public safety funds to purchase AEDs (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) for the town office and patrol car.

This past year Mendon saw some changes in law enforcement. With our main focus on traffic enforcement, we increased the number of Rutland County Sheriff's Department patrol hours in Mendon from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week. Deputy Chris Stephenson moved on to be the School Resource Officer for three schools in the west side of the county and his replacement, Everett Brochinski patrolled Mendon for the first six months of 2019. In July, Deputy Daniel Pennington became our regular patrol deputy. Deputy Pennington has been doing a great job on the roads of Mendon enforcing the traffic laws and taking crash and criminal reports. Constable Phil Douglas continues to patrol occasionally, as well as performing other duties as the Director of Public Safety, including updating ordinances and Mendon's Emergency Management Plan.

Our False Alarm Ordinance was updated to help reduce the number of false fire alarms. The major change was the provision whereby the first false alarm in the calendar year for any resident is not charged to the property owner/manager. Each successive false alarm after that during the calendar year is charged to the property owner/manager to recover the \$750 Rutland City Fire Department charge to the Town. Valid alarm calls are never charged to the property owner. Property owners are reminded to change batteries every year and replace smoke/CO detectors every 10 years.

Residents are reminded that Mendon now has a Fireworks Ordinance. Possessing or transporting fireworks in Vermont is not legal unless you have a permit from your local jurisdiction prior to possessing or transporting them. Permits can be applied for from the Mendon Constable or Mendon Fire Warden. Failure to obtain a permit may result in a fine and/or the confiscation of the fireworks.

As in past years, Mendon's Animal Control Officer is Rod MacCuaig, He is reached at 802-775-1545. If ACO MacCuaig is not reached, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department can be called at 802-775-8002 or, in an emergency, Mendon Constable Douglas can be called at 802-345-5923. Dog bites should be reported to Sara Tully, the Mendon Health Officer.

We continue to work with the Town of Chittenden on the emergency shelter at the Barstow Memorial School that will be available for the residents of Mendon and Chittenden. We have a team of volunteers that has been taking the training required to operate a local shelter. We are always looking for additional volunteers if any Mendon residents are interested in joining the team. The shelter will be able to house people and small pets in a controlled environment during a crisis. Donations of goods and storage works for the shelter are always in demand. Each year both towns allocate \$500 to fund supplies for the shelter. Contact Constable Douglas if you would like to

donate money or goods for the shelter. Small animal crates are also always needed. We are also budgeting \$500 each year in the public safety reserve fund for maintenance and eventual replacement of the shelter generator at the school. The Town of Chittenden is doing the same.

As in past years, many residents have not yet picked up and installed their green 911 reflective house numbers from the town office. Your life or the life of a loved one may depend on the police, fire department or Regional Ambulance being able to quickly locate your residence in an emergency. If you do not have your green reflective house numbers posted at your driveway entrance, please contact the town staff about obtaining them at the town office.

Phil Douglas, Constable

# Mendon Delinquent Tax Collector

Turned over for collection on March 20, 2019 were 90 delinquent taxes some for multiple years totaling \$227,617.33.

On January 1, 2020 there are 11 delinquent taxes totaling \$18046.44.

Paul Bisceglia	\$5274.74
Susan Porter Brownlee	2077.86
James Dunbar	5848.72
Isaiah Ellison	317.10
Travis Geise	1583.06
Peter Gillespie	191.41
David Lewis	331.22
Martin McClallen	1526.42
Richard, Scott	387.53
David Schepsman	18.78
Trahnstrom, Nils	489.60

On January 29 there will be a tax sale on Susan Porter Brownlee for \$2077.86 and Travis Geise for \$1583.06

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bridge Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector

## Dog License Report

Neutered males or Spayed females	\$ 1,635.00
Males not neutered	75.00
Females not spayed	75.00
Late fees	<u>164.00</u>
	\$ 1,949.00
State of Vermont Rabies Control	792.00
Total of General Fund	\$ 1,157.00

Please register your dog on or before April 1, 2020 to avoid a late charge. The fee to register Spayed or Neutered dogs is \$11.00, while the fee for unaltered dogs is \$15.00. The State of Vermont requires a current rabies vaccination certificate to be on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Failure to register your dog is a VIOLATION of the Mendon Animal Control Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk

## Record of Vital Statistics-Mendon, VT 2019

### Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents Names</u>
Avan Tyler White	M	Feb 25, 2019	Rutland	Tea Rae Lawrence Devon Tyler White
Hazel Wendy Chabros	F	Arp 03, 2019	Rutland	Kelly Ann Bolan Marcin Chabros
Angelic Dianna Ridley	F	Jul 17, 2019	Rutland	Latasha Lee Ridley
Eli Clifford English	M	Aug 07, 2019	Rutland	Abigail Ruth Brian Edward English
Amari Dominique Lever	F	Dec 31, 2019	Rutland	Jessica Lynn Lever

### Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Mary Victoria Traverse	86	Feb 09, 2019	Mendon, VT
Mildred G. Steingress	93	Feb 27, 2019	Rutland, VT
John Marzec	75	Mar 02, 2019	Mendon, VT
John Charles Haley	89	Apr 26, 2019	Rutland, VT
Jean Harrison Schill	99	Jul 17, 2019	Rutland, VT
Barbara Pauline Poplawski	83	Aug 23, 2019	Mendon, VT
Angelic Dianna Ridley	2 mos.	Oct 10, 2019	Rutland, VT
Thomas M. Dowling	74	Oct 26, 2019	Mendon, VT
Frederick Jeffery Coriell	67	Nov 09, 2019	Mendon, VT

### Marriages

<u>Party A</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Party B</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gregory Arnold Ward	CT	Pamela Elizabeth Littlefield	CT	June 05, 2019
Ryan Michael Brumit	MA	Emma Beatrice Harlowe	MA	June 22, 2019
Althea Rose Scannell	VT	Andrew James Lamb	VT	June 29, 2019
Joan Lynette Pierce	NY	James Charles Bushneck	NY	Aug 03, 2019
Caren Nadine Greenaway	NY	Narender Kumar	NY	Aug 31, 2019
Alyssa Lynne Munsie	VT	Daniel Francis Warnecke	VT	Sep 07, 2019
James Michael Howard	NY	Ashley Marie Cheney	NY	Sep 21, 2019
Catherine Elizabeth Young	VT	Corey Stephen Potter	VT	Oct 13, 2019
Sophie Cecilia Gibbs	VT	Scott F. Lancour	VT	Oct 27, 2019

## Mendon Planning Commission

The Mendon Planning Commission includes members Phil Douglas, Neil Langer, Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Gary Sihler and Teri Corsones. We would like to thank Nicole Kesselring for her invaluable contributions to the Mendon Planning Commission during her years of service. There is currently one vacancy on the Planning Commission; please contact the Town Office if you are interested in serving.

The Planning Commission has jurisdiction over subdivision permit applications and applications for building development for other than one or two-family residences. It meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Offices. If a monthly meeting falls on a state or federal holiday, the meeting for that month is typically held on the next ensuing Monday.

The Mendon Planning Commission was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant in order to update the Mendon Town Plan. Members worked with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission over the course of many months to update the Town Plan, and to incorporate feedback from public hearings that were held to discuss the Plan. We anticipate completing the process in the Spring of 2020. We are also working on an Enhanced Energy Plan, and welcome your input in the planning process. Please contact the Mendon Planning Commission regarding any questions or suggestions you have about the planning process, or if we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Corsones

## Zoning Administrator

2019 was a busy year in terms of zoning permits issued and bringing in 3 new homes.

There was no new business by way of zoning regulations passed and one Board of Adjustment hearing.

The breakdown of 29 zoning permits issued in 2019 was follows:

3 new single family homes/camp.

1 new camp;

12 assorted additions for bedrooms, sheds, garages, tents, demo and decks;

5 certificates of occupancy;

1 new sign;

4 Planning Commission Commercial Site Plan Review.

1 Z.B.A.

1 subdivision lots

1 residential care hotel

I have no regular office hours. However, I can be reached by phone during business hours on Monday thru Fridays at 775-0065 to make a specific office or home appointment or answer your questions. Messages can also be left at the Town Office. If you hear or see any apparent zoning violations, please call me to investigate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Cosgrove, Zoning Administrator  
775-0065

## Assessor's 2019 Report

In 2019, twenty four properties received change of appraisal notices. Eight property owners elected to grieve the appraisal for their property. Two property owners appealed the decision to the Board of Civil Authority. There are no properties with outstanding appeals to the State Board of Appraisers or Superior Court.

History of Mendon's CLA & COD since last reappraisal

Year	CLA	COD	Year	CLA	COD
2019	95.83	13.9	2011	97.42	18.47
2018	102.53	18.45	2010	91.39	19.04
2017	106.18	22.86	2009	88.25	17.07
2016	106.68	23.57	2008	90.37	15.49
2015	101.15	13.79	2007	95.56	12.34
2014	103.41	15.28	2006	106.13	9.60
2013	105.13	13.59	2005	112.37	11.28
2012	106.05	16.46	2004	76.74	21.18

Mendon's town wide reappraisal for the April 1, 2020 Grand List is getting close to the end. It is expected that the new values will be ready in May. I will be holding an informal "open house" for property owners to come in and review their assessments. Once that is completed the formal Grievance process will start. I wish to thank the property owners of Mendon for allowing me access to do inspections.

The Vermont Legislature has not changed the rules for Homestead Declarations.

Homestead Property is owned and occupied by a VT resident as his/her principal home on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and declared as a homestead on Form HS-122, Section A, that is filed with the Department of Taxes. A Homestead Declaration must be filed each year. The form can be downloaded at: <http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/2017-HS-122.pdf>

I want to thank the voters of Mendon for their continued support. It has been a pleasure serving the town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Spencer Potter, Vermont Municipal Assessor

## Cemetery Report

In 2019, 3 large trees were removed from Tenney Cemetery making it safer for visitors and to prevent further damage to stones from falling branches. The entrance to the Tenney Cemetery was enlarged for easier access. Chad Galiano continues to do a fine job maintaining our cemeteries. I would like to thank the Mendon Historical Society for their continued work in the cemeteries. This year they worked to clean, repair and reset numerous stones. There are no longer plots available for purchase. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Commission can contact Sara Tully, Town Administrator at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Bradley

# FY 2020-2021 Town of Mendon Parks and Recreation Plan

## Executive summary:

The Recreation Committee met on four occasions over the 2019 calendar year. The main focus of these meetings has been to determine the feasibility of, and planning for, expansion of the Recreation Area park as well as related maintenance of existing grounds and structures.

Following a research process where we uncovered the potential need for park improvements beyond the planned basketball court, we put the capital investment project on hold to ensure we were in compliance with existing agreements, structures, and laws, and to understand the needs for future enhancements.

A site visit on 4/30/19 by the League of Cities and Towns identified corrective measures and enhancements necessary to be in compliance with our insurance, including the need for a sur-pac pathway to the existing play structure and proposed basketball court area.

Of the high and medium priority items identified, all have been completed with the exception of the pathway, which will be installed by the town road crew in the spring. Other notable changes included a formal agreement with the Barstow Youth Committee, moving and removing some swings for compliance, and measuring and increasing the existing wood chip depth at the play structure.

With this information, the committee then embarked on a discussion about long-term planning for the park, funding for maintenance and enhancements, etc.

**Basketball Court:** It was determined by the committee that the court should be placed on the upper tier of fields. The committee discussed the potential need for 2 hoops (or full court) and determined that it would be appropriate to address that after we understand usage of a half court. Currently, we don't believe there is a demand or need for a full court and the additional costs associated with a larger court surface and 2 baskets. Additionally, a full court on the upper tier will prohibit the ability to place a play structure on the upper tier in the future, something that has been discussed to help mitigate any foul balls going into the kids play area.

The committee intends on breaking ground on the court in the spring of 2020 with completion expected within 4-6 weeks. The project will be re-bid, and funding will come from the reserve fund (\$13,000 as of 1/1/20). This project will now require removing the existing hoop and relocating it at the new location at the upper level. The life expectancy of this is approximately 7 years at which time a resurface of the court may be necessary. This resurface would cost approximately \$2,800. If we needed to repave as well, that could double that cost. Thus, a safe estimate for the court would be to have \$800/year put into the reserve.

**Play Structure:** The current play structure is well utilized, and starting to show its age. It passed the inspection this year with some recommended safety changes that had to be made as it was not engineered to code with respect to distances between swings, etc. Because of this, we removed some of the swings and relocated others. The overall impact is a net loss on the number of swings available. The structure will likely need replacement in the next 3-7 years. At that point, we

intend on moving it to the upper field, adjacent to the basketball court. The cost of removing the old structure and disposing of it would be approximately \$500-\$1,000 (including resetting the land for mixed sport use).

The cost of a new structure is estimated at 70-80k including labor. Barstow, as an example, spent \$60k on theirs and it was installed with donated labor and equipment by Casella. We expect we could do the same. Life expectancy of these new commercial grade structures is 15 years or more and cost is scalable based on size & features.

Grants are available for park improvements, new playgrounds, etc. We recommend funding the reserve fund at a rate of 50% of the replacement cost, amortized over the 15 year period. This would allow for replacement with a matching grant when needed. A rough estimate on this would be \$2,666 per year.

The committee is working on potential grant applications and understanding timing of those applications. A few grants we are looking at include: KaBoom! (national organization specific to playgrounds), Walmart Community Giving Program, Kellogg Foundation Grants, Meet Me at the Park Program Play Space Grants. Grants for these can range from \$500 up to \$250,000

Our goal for 2020 will be to identify grants and grant cycles and begin applications in the fall of 2020 for building as soon as 2021. We would prefer to be ahead of the end-of-life of the current structure.

**Additional structures:** The committee has discussed additional structure needs and at this time has not identified a strong need elsewhere. The grounds are getting used for multiple sports at this time (beginner soccer, flag football, baseball/t-ball) and with the addition of the basketball court, space will be limited for other structures.

**Walking/hiking:** The hiking trails originating from the park and heading west/north toward Beachwood Farm Road continue to be maintained by the committee members. Trails are in decent condition and nothing beyond maintenance is needed at this time.

**Summary:** For FY 20-21 the Committee has asked for an increase in the reserve fund to \$5,000/yr. This increase will cover the \$800 needed for maintenance of a new basketball court, the \$2,666 needed for 50% cost of play structure replacement, and the remainder for general park/dugout maintenance as needed. In addition, the installation of a basketball court will deplete our current reserve and the new increased amount (up from \$3,500) will help to fill that void. Our operating budget has increased slightly to allow for needed field maintenance, portable toilet rental (steadily increasing in price), and wood chips (as needed) for the play area.

Respectfully submitted,

Liam Fracht-Monroe, Chair

Jesse Bridge

Chad Galiano

Larry Courcelle

Betsy Reddy

Jim Reddy

Leo Lawrence, *member emeritus*

## Road Commissioner Report

The Town purchased a 2019 Freightliner M2106 to replace the 2008 International 7500. Total cost for the Freightliner was \$175,333 and we received a trade in for the International at \$25,000. The total spent out of the Equipment replacement Fund was \$149,833.

We received an Agency of Transportation Structures Grant to engineer and replace culvert 07-61 on Wheelerville Road. We hired Dubois & King to perform the engineering and contracted with ECS to complete the project. Construction was completed in the summer of 2019 with an approximate total project cost of \$66,660 of which \$59,994 is eligible for grant reimbursement.

We reclaimed sections of Meadowlake Drive and resurfaced the road. Construction was completed in the summer of 2019 with a total project cost of \$200,296 which was paid for out of the Highway Improvement Fund. This upcoming season, we will pave the Notch Road.

We received Grants in Aid Funding for \$6,100 that will help offset the cost of some ditch work the Mendon Highway Department completed on a hydrologically connected road segments 197091 and 197092 on Wheelerville Road. This project was completed in the summer of 2019 and the total project cost was \$40,712 with \$34,612 paid by the town.

We received a Better Roads Grant to conduct an erosion control project on the intersection of Wheelerville Road and Notch Road that consisted of replacing culvert 02-37A and ditching along hydrologically connected road segments of 197022 and 142153. The Mendon Highway Department started the project in the summer of 2019 and will be complete it in 2020. The total project is expected to cost \$22,576 of which \$18,061 is eligible for grant reimbursement.

We received an Agency of Transportation Structures Grant to engineer and replace culvert C07-42 on Wheelerville Road. Estimated project is \$123,533 of which \$111,180 is eligible for grant reimbursement. We hired Dubois & King to perform the engineering and the project will go out to bid in the spring of 2020.

We received Grants in Aid Funding for \$6,710 that will help offset the cost of some ditch work that will be done by the Mendon Highway Department on a hydrologically connected road segments 45646.1 and 45647.1 on the Notch Road. This project will be done in the summer of 2020.

The State of Vermont experienced a heavy rain event on April 15, 2019 which resulted in a federally declared disaster (DR4445). Mendon submitted three projects to FEMA. The stream channel of Mendon Brook eroded away the embankment upstream from Bridge 25 on Medway Road. Damage included a wash out around the bridge wing wall. Only damage within the right of way is eligible for some reimbursement. Flood water overwhelmed culvert 07-32 and culvert 07-42 causing washouts along Wheelerville Road.

Truck #1 was involved in an accident on December 30, 2019 during a wind and ice storm. A large tree fell on top of the truck. Luckily, no one was injured in the incident. It is a reminder how dangerous at times our jobs are.

Routine maintenance was performed grading and ditching in various places. The Road Crew cleaned out ditches on Cream Hill Road, Woodward Road, Notch Road, Falls Road, Currier Road, Northam Road and Old Turnpike Road. We worked on culverts 04-02 and 04-05 on Cream Hill Road, replacing one, resetting another.

I would like to thank Newt Jones and Chad Galiano for their dedication and hard work on the Road Crew. I would also like to thank Sara Tully, Jesse Bridge and Nancy Gondella for all the help they give me on the paper & computer work.



Bridge 25 Medway Road April 2019 Disaster



Tree fell on Truck #1 December 30, 2019

### **Mailboxes Missing?**

The Town of Mendon Highway Protection and Specifications Ordinance, "Section 9: Mailboxes, the Town of Mendon is not responsible for mailboxes in the rights-of-way damaged by snowplows or other municipal equipment." The Mendon Highway Department is careful not to damage structures in the town's right of way, however there are times unintentional damage does occur to mailboxes and other structures. It is the ordinance of the town not to replace these structures.

### **Snow in the Right-Of-Way**

The Mendon Selectboard would like to remind residents that pushing excess snow from private walks and driveways onto the roadside is prohibited by Vermont law. It is also illegal to plow snow across a town road. The excess snow in the roadway may obstruct traffic or create safety hazards for drivers. Please remember when removing snow that under 19 VSA §1105, violators can be held personally liable for any damage caused, and are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000. Please help keep our roads safe and clear. We thank you for your cooperation.

### **Residential Sand Shed Policy**

In February 2019, the Selectboard adopted a Residential Sand Shed Policy. The Town of Mendon makes sand available to Mendon residents to help with icy sidewalks and driveways. The Residential Sand Shed is located outside the Town Garage gate on Park Lane for 24/7 access. You may fill, by shovel, up to **three** 5-gallon pails with sand in anticipation of or response to a storm event or weather pattern that creates icy and slippery conditions. The complete policy is posted on the Residential Sand Shed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Ellis  
Road Commissioner

## **Appropriations**

Total Requests = \$10,842

In accordance with T. 24 V.S.A. § 2691, Aid to social services for town residents:

At a meeting duly warned for that purpose, a town or incorporated village may appropriate such sums of money as it deems necessary for the support of social service programs and facilities within that town for its residents. Social service programs, for which a town or incorporated village may appropriate sums of money, include: transportation, nutrition, medical, child care, and other rehabilitative services for persons with low incomes, elders, children, persons with disabilities, persons with a substance use disorder, and persons requiring employment to eliminate their need for public assistance. The authority herein granted is not in derogation of other local powers to allocate funds.

In accordance with T. 17 V.S.A. § 2642, the Selectboard required petitions for appropriation requests. In order for an appropriation request to be included on the warning for Town Meeting 2020, the petitions signed by 5% of the voters had to be submitted to the Town Clerk by January 16, 2020. In Mendon, these petitions required at least 45 valid signatures.

### **ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities**

128 Merchants Row, Suite 302, Rutland, VT 05701      [www.ARCRutlandArea.org](http://www.ARCRutlandArea.org)      802-775-1370  
ARC requests \$1,500 to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. ARC serves 24 Mendon residents.

### **Marble Valley Regional Transportation District “The Bus”**

158 Spruce Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701      [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com)      802-773-3244  
Marble Valley Regional Transportation District requests \$1,200 to provide safe, reliable, accessible and coordinated public transit service to enhance economic, social and environmental quality of life throughout Rutland County and surrounding communities. The Diamond Express and other routes serving the resort community provided rides to and from Mendon.

### **Mendon Seniors**

**\$500**

Mendon Seniors did not submit information to be included in the Town Report. Mendon Seniors have been invited to send a representative to Town Meeting who can speak knowledgeably about the organization and how many Mendon residents they serve.

### **RSVP & The Volunteer Center**

6 Court Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701      [www.volunteersinvt.org](http://www.volunteersinvt.org)      802-775-8220  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program requests \$700 to provide an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge as volunteers. RSVP reported they have 12 active volunteers from Mendon. Approximately 50 Mendon residents attend RSVP Bone Builders classes. Operation Dolls and More serve 5 Mendon families. RSVP stated they are unable to track how many Mendon residents benefit from the service of their volunteers.

### **Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice**

7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, Vermont 05702      802-775-0568  
The Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice requests \$2,600 to provide Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. RAVNAH's mission is to

provide medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client’s ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

### **Rutland Mental Health Services**

78 South Main St., Rutland, VT 05701      [www.rmhsccn.org](http://www.rmhsccn.org)      802-775-2381  
 Rutland Mental Health Services requests \$1,242 to provide individual counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment services and emergency/crisis services. Rutland Mental Health Services and is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual’s ability to pay. They report serving 26 Mendon residents.

### **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging**

East Ridge Professional Building, 1085 US Route 4, Unit 2B      802-786-5990  
 Rutland, Vermont 05701-9039  
 The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging requests \$600 to provide senior meals (Meals on Wheels and Blizzard Bags), case management, Senior Helpline (800-642-5119), Elder Care Clinician program, health benefit counseling, legal service through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project, nutrition education and counseling, Senior Companion support, coordination of transportation services, and care giver support and information.

### **Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum**

11 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701      [www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org](http://www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org)      802-282-2678  
 The Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum requests \$2,500 to work towards their mission to foster curiosity and exploration, inspire creativity and ignite the imagination of every child through power of play. Wonderfeet’s vision is to play and learn together to build a more vibrant community.

\* Note: \$3,000 for Barstow Youth Club is included in the Recreation Program line item of the budget. \$1,060 for the Killington Valley Regional Marketing Initiative is included in the MEDC line item of the budget. \$100 for Vermont Green Up is included in the Summer Repairs and Supplies line item of the budget.

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#### Appropriations History

	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>
ARC	\$1000	\$1,000	\$0
Boys and Girls Club	\$1000	\$0	\$5,000
“The Bus”	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
RSVP & The Volunteer Center	\$500	\$600	\$700
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600
Rutland Mental Health Services	\$1,242	\$1,242	\$1,242
Southwest Council on Aging	\$400	\$600	\$0
Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,500
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,942</b>	<b>\$8,742</b>	<b>12,242</b>

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# Barstow Youth Club 2019 Annual Report

This report covers the following sports seasons for children in grades PreK-6: 2018-19 basketball, 2019 indoor soccer, 2019 baseball, 2019 fall soccer and 2019 flag football seasons. The following were the grade level sport and number of participants who participated:

Pre-K to 2 basketball: 13  
3/4 & 5/6 boys & girls basketball: 38  
3/4 & 5/6 boys & girls indoor soccer: 45  
Baseball: 69  
Pre-K to 2 fall soccer: 33  
3/4 & 5/6 flag football: 19  
3/4 & 5/6 boys & girls fall soccer: 55

BYC has continued to maintain its leadership structure, while remaining a strictly volunteer organization. We are a 501(c) tax exempt organization capable of offering tax write-offs for charitable donations. Our leadership team includes a director, secretary, treasurer, communications, and marketing chairs. Our organization is active on social media and sends out seasonal newsletters which are available in digital and paper format.

BYC is an organization aimed at providing the children of Chittenden and Mendon with athletic opportunities that include baseball/softball, soccer, basketball and flag football. We offer free programs for children in grades Pre-K to 2, ¾ grade programs are \$40 and 5/6 programs are \$50. We offer free registration for those families in need. Chittenden and Mendon contributed \$3,000 each, to our program this past year.

BYC has recently been required to purchase separate insurance to use the Barstow School facilities. A requirement of our policy is that all volunteer coaches be fingerprinted and background checked by the State of Vermont. Collectively, this has increased our costs to approximately \$1,200 per year, which also includes our fees to pay the State to access these records.

Our executive board meets four times per year (August, November, March, June) to discuss upcoming seasonal issues, as well as any needs that need to be addressed. These meetings take place at the Mendon town office.

Donations and charitable giving make our program a success. This past Chittenden Day, we rented a bounce house, but on the day of delivery, the company reneged and we were not able to make it available. We had solicited a donation from Omya in order to do so. We also offered a 50/50 raffle and door prizes which were donated by Sugar and Spice restaurant, Mendon Mini Golf and Snack Bar, Dick's Sporting Goods, Blue Ridge Outfitters, Johnny Boys Pancake House, Mendon Apple Orchard, and an anonymous donation of Yeti tumblers.

Executive board members include: Jamie Gallagher, director ([jamiergall@me.com](mailto:jamiergall@me.com)); Chris Blanchard, secretary ([cblanchard@fgmvt.com](mailto:cblanchard@fgmvt.com)); Vicki Napolitano, treasurer ([vhoelzer2@yahoo.com](mailto:vhoelzer2@yahoo.com)); Jesse Bridge, communications ([mendonbridge23@gmail.com](mailto:mendonbridge23@gmail.com)); Lacey Ramage, marketing ([lacey\\_mate@yahoo.com](mailto:lacey_mate@yahoo.com)); at-large members: Chris Gandin, Art Treanor, Paul Murphy and Chad Galiano.

Respectfully Submitted.

# Mendon Historical Society

## For calendar year 2019

The Mendon Historical Society is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation “with the intent to educate and preserve Mendon’s history for the future,” according to our by-laws.

We continue to be involved in developing the Tamarack Notch Girl Scout camp site. This camp operated for approximately 30 years on the site of a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp built in the 1930’s on Notch Road. Very little is left of the camp except stone foundations and fireplaces. Our goal is to document the history of the camp and to work with the Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to create a walking trail with signage and information about the history of the location.

In September, with the help of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, we repaired and cleaned many of the gravestones in the Tenney Cemetery on Meadowlake Drive. Many of the gravestones were straightened, repaired with epoxy glue and cleaned so that the inscriptions can now be read.

Our archives, located on the second floor of the Town Office, are now completely filed and indexed so that they are easily accessible to the general public.

We were saddened to see the demolition of our Old Town Hall which was located on the town property opposite the town office. But, we are planning on developing the site, installing a kiosk and some signs highlighting the history of Mendon, its geology and recreational opportunities. We welcome anyone who would like to help with this project. We thank the Selectboard for supporting this project by proposing to donate funds to help cover the costs of the construction. This will be voted on at the town meeting in March. The Historical Society is committed to donating a minimum of \$5,000 to the project.

Plans for the coming year include a program on March 12 at 7:00 in the town office sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council with a speaker on “Getting from Here to There: a History of Roads and Settlement in VT.” This is particularly interesting to us as several years ago we did a complete study of Mendon’s ancient roads. In the spring we will plan a hike, either to the Tamarack Notch site or to Brewer’s Corner going to K corner.

We are requesting \$500 in the proposed town budget to continue our activities. We have appreciated the town support in the past and we plan to continue our work of preserving the history of our town.

Our Society meets four times a year in April, June, September and November at 5:00 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks to all our members for their support and please feel free to contact any of us for more information on any of our activities and for information on joining our organization

Ann Singiser, President  
Jennifer Bagley, Secretary

Shelly Susina, Vice-President  
Richard Kaufman, Treasurer

# Rutland Free Library Association

The story of 2018-19 in Rutland Free Library is growth. We loaned 158,575 items and had 115,308 total visitors, both up more than 2 percent from the year before. We offered 583 programs (the most in at least five years) and were on pace for 11,000+ event participants.

For years we have struggled with poor acoustics in the Fox Room. After new configurations were successful with audiences at First Wednesday events, we reached out to Friends of Rutland Free Library and to Rutland South Rotary Club, who each donated \$5,000, which with a one-third share from the Library, allowed us to put in a new projector, screen, and sound system. Our thanks to the greater Rutland community for its ongoing support.

We hosted a display of moon rocks from NASA to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind," and we hosted Google. The technology company was doing a "Grow with Google" event nationwide and Rutland Free Library was one of two stops in Vermont, along with Burlington. They presented a series of seminars over the course of a single day to help increase technical skills for nonprofits, small businesses, and job seekers, as well as one-on-one tech counseling. Some 250 local residents took advantage of this free service.

We also held a new fundraiser – Murder by the Book, a murder mystery party – that was extremely well received. And we hosted community events from live music, author talks, yoga, and documentary films to political meetings, public information sessions, and small business seminars. The small meeting room continues to be well used for committee and private meetings, study space, and videoconferencing with the Internal Revenue Service following the closure of its local office.

The Library is also active in the wider community; we began new partnerships with Homeless Prevention Center and Faith on Foot to provide services to homeless people, and we have been active attendees at Project Vision, block parties, Downtown Rutland Partnership events, and are working to provide library cards for every student in schools in all of our supporting towns.

Randal Smathers, Director

## Board of Trustees 2019/20

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*Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.*

We enjoyed working with the Town of Mendon in 2019 – especially Mendon’s Regional Board Commissioner, Larry Courcelle. Together, the RRPC and Town of Mendon achieved several accomplishments which are highlighted below:

RRPC provided assistance to the Town with Section 248 application review for a telecommunications project. Additionally, RRPC provided technical assistance to Sara Tully and the Selectboard.

Our Emergency Management Planner assisted the Town with the annual Local Emergency Management Plan update. She worked with Phil Douglas and Sara Tully to strengthen local emergency management capabilities.

RRPC’s Planners provided outreach on the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan. We also assisted the Mendon road crew with Grants in Aid road projects year 2 and year 3 as well as Grants in Aid third party technical assistance. Our Planners also supported the Planning Commission with a rewrite of the Town Plan, the adoption process, and initiated the writing of an enhanced energy plan.

Our Transportation Planner gave support by assisting with the Better Roads Grant application and updating the Transportation section for the Town Plan. He has also scheduled a Transportation Resilience Planning Tool Town and Local Stakeholders Input meeting. In addition, RRPC provided technical support for the Municipal Roads General Permit, Town Road and Bridge Standards, Better Roads, and VTCulverts.

*If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we’d love to hear from you!*

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT  
January 2020

Greetings and Happy New Year! The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been hard at work with several items during the year. The biggest change for us this year was moving to Policy Governance. The Barstow Unified Union and the Otter Valley Unified Union Boards already use this form of governance so it makes sense that Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union would as well. It will allow us to be future focused and proactive on the future of our Districts instead of being reactive to legislative or economic pressures. The other important work of our board was creating the budget for Special Education, Technology, Central Office, and Transportation. This year due to forces outside of our control, we have prepared a budget that reflects a 7.8% increase in spending. This is largely due to the 12.9% increase in the cost of health insurance coverage. We have made no significant changes in staffing or programming. I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support of our Supervisory Union and most of all our kids. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or use the Let's Talk button on any school website.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Laurie Bertrand**  
RNESU Board Chair

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 2019

Dear Residents of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, & Whiting:

I am pleased to write this report to capture RNESU, OVUU and BUU activities for 2019. As we are in the 4th year of our Act 46 merger, it is great to see the efficiencies we have been able to create as we work to achieve the vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns. I will highlight a few of these activities in this report.

- **Safety:** RNESU districts received a total grant of \$176,575 to upgrade our entrance access systems across all schools in the SU. As of the fall of 2019, we now have a key card access system, which will allow tighter control of who accesses the buildings while still allowing for recreational and town partnerships. In addition, Otter Valley UHS has improved its lobby bathrooms for ADA access, Neshobe has repaired the front steps of the Forest Dale building, and Lothrop has reconfigured its entrance to the front office to limit access to the full building.
- **Climate Survey:** the RNESU 2019 Climate Survey is the second one completed by students, staff and families, updating information received in 2017. The survey data showed all three groups are satisfied with the school system, with 69% of parents reporting that they are either very satisfied or satisfied with the schools, 87% of staff strongly agreeing or agreeing that the District is a good place to work and 73% of students always or usually believe that what they are learning in school will help them to be successful in life. The areas of growth identified for continued focus include: bullying and discipline, academic rigor and perceptions, parent engagement, adult/student relationships, and school pride.
- **After School** programs in OVUU were reviewed with an eye on equity. As of fall 2019, the programs at Lothrop, Otter Creek Academy and Neshobe had common days, hours and licenses and we are working towards common fees.
- We hired a new **Transportation Coordinator**, Richard Vigue, this year to replace Becky Congdon, who had served RNESU for many years. Richard comes with experience in a school system in Maine and is quickly fitting in to the community needs.
- The **PreKindergarten / Private Child Care Partnership** at Whiting Elementary School has been successful and has a wait list, causing the Boards to wish to emulate the partnership in the south end of the SU. We are still seeking private childcare partners to make this happen.

- Otter Valley UU and RNEU boards joined the Barstow UU board in the use of **policy governance**, with a primary focus on connecting with the community and engaging residents on a deeper level.
- OVUU Board received recommendations from an 18-month community/ board Task Force and is working through those recommendations on the sustainability and future of the district this school year.
- The **Vision and Mission** of the SU was revisited by all three boards in the fall of 2019, resulting in an updated vision for each district, to be rolled out in early 2020.
- OVUHS hosted one student from China for 2018-19 and one in 2019-2020 under a partnership with Vermont International Academy, with the goal of increasing students hosted in the future.

Read the school reports to hear what our students are doing and how the schools are celebrating their learning.

I am honored to continue to serve as the RNEU superintendent in my 5th year in the district and look forward to more connections with our schools and communities.

Respectfully,  
**Jeanne Collins, Superintendent**  
 RNEU



BARSTOW MEMORIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
LETTER TO THE TOWNS OF CHITTENDEN AND MENDON  
January 2020

Dear Neighbors,

The Barstow Unified Union (BUU) Board of Directors is pleased to report that this past year Barstow once again provided the PK-8 students in our towns a well-rounded and academically rigorous education as they continued their academic journeys towards high school. Through a side-by-side partnership with the Otter Valley Unified Union School District, the BUU District leveraged shared resources and expertise to guarantee that its students had the means to thrive. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of the Chittenden and Mendon communities. For that, we thank you.

*The Barstow Unified Union School District exists so that all enrolled students are empowered with the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to be successful and contributing citizens of a global society by way of the resources invested by the communities.*

This past year, the BUU Board spent much time surveying, researching, discussing, debating, reflecting, and revising this policy statement. It represents the goal that the district has set for itself. It is ambitious yet achievable. The Board is confident in the Superintendent and her staff, who as a team are making continual progress towards it. As a board, we commit to doing our part in monitoring the policy's implementation and reporting on results. Thank you to all community members who helped us in a variety of ways to revise and improve this policy.

Community engagement was the BUU Board's top priority last year. We endeavored to create a number of spaces for two-way communication: Parent/Teacher conferences, Chittenden Day, an online and paper survey, and the Let's Talk app. We believe it is important to not only share with our communities the good work our school does, but to also solicit your feedback and input---especially on the results you wish to see. *Confident, prepared, well-rounded, proud and respectful* were most commonly cited by community members as desired characteristics of a Barstow graduate.

To address the need to increase Barstow's student enrollment to meet the rising cost of public education, the Board, with invaluable assistance from Meredith Voutas, created a professionally printed brochure about the school and its unique attributes. We know our school to be one of the best in the state of Vermont and we want anyone considering moving to our

area to know this as well. Therefore, beginning this spring, the school's brochure will be disseminated to all real estate agencies in our area to be shared with homebuyers. We believe this public/private partnership will bring more families with children into our two towns.

To become more adept at our work, the BUU Board members continued to learn about Policy Governance®, the results-oriented governance model we adopted three years ago. We are seeing impressive returns on this investment, as the Board has a significantly more streamlined and efficient governance system, which allows us to focus on our three core roles: policy development, policy monitoring, and engaging with our communities. The BUU Board is now regarded as a leader in Policy Governance® in the State. The Chair and Superintendent have been invited to present to and train other school district boards and Superintendents on this internationally renowned governance model.

We would be remiss in closing without first recognizing a retiring staff member, Debbie Parry. We thank Mrs. Parry for her 30 years of service to Barstow Memorial School as a Behavioral Interventionist. Thank you, Mrs. Parry. You will be missed.

Sincerely,

Pam Fuller   Chris Gandin   Brenda Vicars Hummel   Jessica Quesnel   Deborah Singiser

**Minutes of the Mendon Town Meeting**  
**Monday, March 04, 2019**  
**Cortina Inn**

Moderator Chris Corsones called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chris thanked Ravi Bhakta, owner of the Cortina Inn, and Patrick Kitchin, General Manager for their hospitality in allowing the Town to hold its meeting at their facility.

With permission from the voters, Chris invited State Representative Jim Harrison to speak. Jim thanked the Town for supporting his election bid in November. Jim provided contact information and encouraged residents to contact him with any questions or concerns they might have.

He gave a brief overview of the bills currently being addressed in Montpelier. Among these were sales and taxation of marijuana, Act 250, abortion, \$15 per hour minimum wage, and paid family leave. In addition, Jim advised that the 2019 Senate can begin the process of amending the Vermont Constitution (a six-year process). There are currently six amendments being discussed.

Teri Corsones thanked Jim for the e-mail summaries he sends out as well as his overall responsiveness whenever she contacts him.

Jim mentioned that the statewide education tax rate is currently projected to remain approximately the same as last year. This may change a bit, as school budgets across the State are collectively up over 4%. Jim thanked the audience once again as he concluded his update.

Chris Corsones stated that the Town Report was dedicated to Bill and Charlene Godair for their years of service to the community.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for Municipal forest, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?

Judy Barone made a motion to approve Article 1. The motion was seconded by Sara Tully. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to set the hourly compensation rate for non-salaried employees, and in the event of an appointment of a town officer at mid-term?

Harold Rosenzweig made a motion to approve Article 2. The motion was seconded by Mary Rizk and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote the Administrative portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Selectboard Chair, Richard Wilcox made a presentation highlighting changes to the upcoming Budget. Increased expenses over the current year are up 2.8% if all appropriations are the same as the current year. If all new requests are approved, the total expenses will increase by 3.1%. Some changes of note were employee salary and benefit increases, increased funding for MEDC (Mendon Economic Development Committee), winter sand, vehicle maintenance, and increased coverage under the Sheriff's contract with the Town.

Gerry Sihler made a motion to approve Article 3. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Bagley. Discussion followed.

Judy Barone questioned why the Town was extending the Sheriff's contract by 8 hours per week and questioned if there was some incentive to make that increase. Sara Tully advised that the

contract rate would rise by 2% if the hours stay at 32 per week and rise by 1% if the hours increase to 40 per week. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote the Community Infrastructure portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Amy Merrill made a motion to approve Article 4. Harold Rosenzweig seconded the motion. Chris Corsones clarified that the appropriations would be voted on later in the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote the Public Safety portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Amy Merrill made a motion to approve Article 5. Jody Wilcox seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of increasing the coverage to 40 hours per week.

Voters questioned how the increased coverage would be utilized and whether or not the coverage hours would be flexible. Dick Wilcox explained that the focus of the hours would be neighborhood patrols, speed enforcement, and investigation. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000 for the Boys and Girls Club?

Patty Lancaster made a motion to approve Article 6. Steve Singiser seconded the motion.

Larry Bale from the Boys and Girls Club made a presentation regarding the importance of the program. There are approximately 20 students taking advantage of the program and no children are turned away for lack of ability to pay. Larry does not know how many of these children are Mendon residents. The program runs from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on school days. Those children staying until at least 6:00 p.m. receive dinner as well. The voters asked questions of Mr. Bale regarding the program. Further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 for the Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus)?

Bill Hagar made a motion to approve Article 7. Jessica Posch seconded the motion.

Lee Bizon from The Bus presented statistics on the usage of The Bus in Mendon. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town appropriate \$700 for RSVP and The Volunteer Center?

Rebecca Kerns made a motion to approve Article 8. Wanda Courcelle seconded the motion. Wanda Courcelle spoke about RSVP and The Volunteer Center and their various projects. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,600 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region?

Amy Merrill made a motion to approve Article 9. Larry Courcelle seconded the motion.

Ron Cioffi from VNA was present to answer any questions the voters might have. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,242 for Rutland Mental Health Services formerly Rutland Area Community Services?

Jessica Posch made a motion to approve Article 10. Patty Lancaster seconded the motion.

Jessica Posch stated that this organization provides important support for young adolescents. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,500 for Wonderfeet Kids' Museum?

Patty Lancaster made a motion to approve Article 11. Jennifer Bagley seconded the motion.

Danielle Monroe gave a presentation regarding the activities of this organization and answered questions from the voters. She stated that the Museum would be allowing one day per week over the summer months in which admission would be free of charge to children from supporting Towns. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. To elect all necessary Town Officers.

Chris Corsones advised that polls will be open at the Mendon Town Office on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other legal business.

Steve Singiser was happy to note that there was no contention during the meeting and stated the Town should continue to be generous.

Liam Fracht-Monroe gave an update regarding upcoming plans for the recreation field on South Mendon Road. Discussion followed.

Dave Brooks questioned why Mendon has to share a zip code with Rutland.

Harold Rosenzweig expressed gratitude to the Selectboard, office staff and employees for their hard work.

Jessica Posch expressed interest in having a walking path along Town Line Road. Brian Sell stated he is working with Pathways for Transportation to address such issues.

John Rizk noted that this evening's Town Meeting is taking place on the birthday of Vermont.

The Town Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Wilcox, Selectboard Chair  
Christopher Corsones, Moderator  
Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk

**Warning**  
**Town Meeting –March 2, 2020**  
**Mendon Methodist Community Church**  
**2600 US Route 4, Mendon, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mendon Methodist Community Church** on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM to transact all business except Article 18. The meeting will adjourn until March 3, 2020 at 8:00 AM, at the Mendon Town Office, to vote by Australian ballot on Article 18. Voting will close at 7:00 PM.

- Article 1 - Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?
- Article 2 - Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the hourly compensation rate for non-salaried employees, and in the event of an appointment of a town officer at mid-term?
- Article 3 - Shall the Town adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot?
- Article 4 - Shall the Town transfer \$10,000 from the Town Shop Maintenance Fund to the Town Office Maintenance Fund for the purpose of constructing a historic kiosk at the former location of the Town Shop also known as the Old Town Hall?
- Article 5 - Shall the Town transfer \$10,000 from the Town Shop Maintenance Fund to the Town Office Maintenance Fund?
- Article 6 - Shall the Town transfer the remaining balance of the Town Shop Maintenance Fund to the Contingency Fund and close out the Town Shop Maintenance Fund?
- Article 7 - To see if the Town will vote the Administrative portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 8 - To see if the Town will vote the Community Infrastructure portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 9 - To see if the Town will vote the Public Safety portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 10 - Shall the Town appropriate \$1,500 for the support of ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities?
- Article 11 - Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 for the support of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus)?
- Article 12 - Shall the Town appropriate \$500 for the support of the Mendon Seniors?
- Article 13 - Shall the Town appropriate \$700 for the support of the RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

- Article 14 - Shall the Town appropriate \$1,242 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services formerly Rutland Area Community Services?
- Article 15 - Shall the Town appropriate \$2,600 for the support of VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region?
- Article 16 - Shall the Town appropriate \$600 for the support of the Southwest Council on Aging?
- Article 17 - Shall the Town appropriate \$2,500 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum?
- Article 18 - To elect all necessary Town Officers.
- Article 19 - To transact any other legal business.

Dated at Mendon, Vermont on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

Selectboard:

/s/ Richard Wilcox

/s/ Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk

/s/ Geoff Wells

/s/ Scott Bradley

**OFFICIAL BALLOT - TOWN MEETING 2020  
MENDON, VERMONT - MARCH 03, 2020**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

Use **BLACK PEN** or **PENCIL** to fill in the oval.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.

Do not vote for more candidates than the **"VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #"** for an office.

If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<p align="center"><b>FOR TOWN MODERATOR – 1 YEAR TERM</b> <b>Vote for not more than ONE</b></p> <p>RICH CARLSON _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRISTOPHER CORSONES _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR SELECTBOARD – 3 YEAR TERM</b> <b>Vote for not more than ONE</b></p> <p>SCOTT BRADLEY _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR TOWN AGENT – 1 YEAR TERM</b> <b>Vote for not more than ONE</b></p> <p>HAROLD H. ROSENZWEIG _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR CONSTABLE – 2 YEAR TERM</b> <b>Vote for not more than ONE</b></p> <p>PHILIP DOUGLAS _____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ WRITE-IN <input type="radio"/></p>

SAMPLE

## Recognition of 37 Years of Service

# Neil Langer



Planning Commission	37 years	1984-2020
Zoning Administrator	20 years	1988-2007
Sewage Officer	8 years	2000-2007
Rutland Regional Planning Commission (Alternate)	9 years	1996-2004
Rutland Country Solid Waste District (Alternate)	9 years	1996-2004

Neil has decided to retire after an exceptional 37 years of dedicated service to the Town of Mendon.

Neil was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1984. The Town Plan, Town Zoning Regulations, and Town Subdivision Regulations were written and rewritten multiple times under his tenure. The Mendon Telecommunications Bylaws were also adopted while Neil volunteered his service on the Planning Commission. There is no doubt Neil's input has shaped Mendon to what you see today.

Neil was appointed as the Zoning Administrator in 1988 and spent 20 years in this position overseeing compliance with the Zoning Regulations.

Thank you Neil for your long term dedication to your community.