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February 22, 2019

Selectboard  
Town of Windham  
5976 Windham Hill Road  
Windham, VT 05359

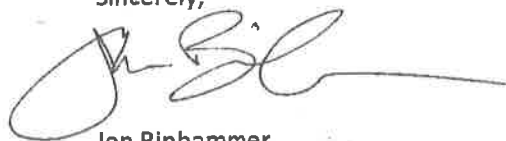
Dear Selectboard Members:

I am writing to you today regarding The Nature Conservancy's purchase of the McGraw Family Partnership's lands in Windham. We are planning to close on this purchase on February 25, 2019. As you may know, The Nature Conservancy pays taxes to towns on all of our lands under the Current Use formula.

I wanted you to know that we will probably be holding at least one, and perhaps two listening sessions with townspeople about these lands to hear their thoughts. You may have seen the Brattleboro Reformer article about this project – I'd like you to know that our management plan for the property has not yet been prepared, so we are interested in talking with local folks. In general, all of our lands are open for traditional uses including hunting, fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and birdwatching. Other uses are considered on a case-by-case basis. Our goals for the property are the conservation of the biological diversity that utilizes the property, so we seek compatibility with those goals.

I would be happy to come to one of your meetings if you have questions. I attended the Windham Conservation Commission meeting a few months ago, and was warmly welcomed. Please let me know if you would like me to come and talk to you about our conservation of these lands.

Sincerely,



Jon Binhammer  
Protection Director

Town of Windham, VT

FEB 25 2019

Received



Date 2/20/19

Dear Town of Windham

On behalf of the Food Shelf Board of Directors, thank you for your generous donation. As I am sure you realize, given your donation, the needs in this area are great and your check will do much to help us help those who face food insecurity.

Sincerely,

*Pat Lincoln*

Pat Lincoln, Secretary

*Thank you for your continued  
Community Support*

Check # 11000

*PLT*

Dated: 11/3/2018

Amount: \$250.00

## Townshend Community Food Shelf

Serving the  
communities of  
northeast  
Windham County

Monday evening  
6:00-7:30pm

The Townshend  
Church  
On the Common  
Rt. 35 & Rt. 30  
802.365.4348

### Board of Directors

Mike Attley  
Barbara Bedortha  
Kelly Pluff  
Laura Pluff  
Pat Lincoln  
Kathleen Squires  
Joe Winrich  
Shelly Bostrom  
David Liebow  
Kris Jerz

Windham Selectboard  
5976 Windham Hill Road  
Windham, VT 05359

February 21, 2019

Mr. Ernie Friedli  
631 Burbee Pond Road  
Windham, VT 05359

Dear Ernie:

Re: Summer Camp Funds

We all hope this letter finds you well.

We want to respond to your letter of January 4 regarding the Summer Camp program at the Windham Congregational Church.

While it is not under the authority of the Selectboard to become involved in this matter, we nonetheless had a suggestion and looked into it. We thought the Windham Community Organization (WCO) might be interested in pursuing the question of the funds with the Church and perhaps even help sponsor the Camp.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, the WCO is not interested in this.

Raising the subject again at the most recent Selectboard meeting this week, it was suggested that the West River Community Project (WRCP) might have some interest in resurrecting the Camp. If you think that's worth pursuing, we suggest you and Kord (as a member of the WRCP) touch base on this.

Kindest regards,

Maureen Bell

cc: Kord Scott

**NOTICE OF BENEFIT CHARGES TO YOUR EXPERIENCE RATING RECORD**

**THIS IS NOT A BILL**

**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

P.O. Box 189 Montpelier, VT 05601-0189  
 FAX: (802) 828-9191 TELEPHONE: 1-877-214-3331

DATE OF NOTICE 03/01/19	RECORD OF NET CHARGES IN: FEBRUARY 19	EMPLOYER ACCT. NO. 0913032
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EMPLOYER NAME:		
AMOUNT	CLAIMANT NAME	SOC.SEC. NO.
66.66	CLAUDIA M VOIGHT	043-44-6442-0
66.66	NET BENEFIT CHARGES (if blank, see data mailed separately)	

Items marked "CR" are Net Credit Amounts. The amounts listed are the NET share of charges (or credits) that have been applied to your account for the claimant(s) during the month indicated.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY IF:**

- You never employed one or more of the claimants - fax to (802) 828-9191 this notice stating "never worked here" with your signature and date.
- Your account was previously relieved of charges for one or more of the claimants - fax to (802) 828-9191 this notice stating "we were relieved of these charges" with your signature and date. A copy of the charge relief notice or determination will expedite your request.
- You suspect one or more of the claimants IS CURRENTLY WORKING for another employer and not reporting gross wages - download Form D-250 Suspected Fraud Report from our website\*. Complete and fax it to (802) 828-4046 or mail it to VDOL - **Program Integrity**, P.O. Box 488, Montpelier, VT 05601-0488. Investigations into potential unemployment fraud can take several weeks; upon completion you will be notified of the outcome.
- One or more of the claimants has refused an offer of suitable work from you - download Form F-35 Refusal of Suitable Work from our website\*. Complete and fax it to (802) 828-9191 or mail it to VDOL - **Adjudications**, P.O. Box 189, Montpelier, VT 05601-0189.
- You have work available for one or more of the claimants - download Form F-34E, Work Available Letter from our website\*. Complete and fax it to (802) 828-9191 or mail it to VDOL - **Adjudications**, P.O. Box 189, Montpelier, VT 05601-0189.
- You previously submitted information contesting one or more of the claimants - please allow four weeks for the necessary changes to be made and notification to be sent to you. If your account is relieved you will see "CR" or Net Credit Amounts on your next Notice of Benefit Charges to Your Experience Rating Record. If it is determined that your account will remain charged, you will be notified separately.

	Bridges	Retreatment	Total Winter & Summer Roads
1			
2	Bridges (Repair & Replace Large Structures)	See Article	
3	Contracted Services		21,525.00
4	Diesel Fuel		20,000.00
5	Education and Seminars		500.00
6	Equipment Debt Service		
7	2017 International Truck		18,500.00
8	New Equipment Loans		37,871.00
9	Equipment Expense		20,000.00
10	Insurance-Hwy (Health & General)		
11	Health		43,400.00
12	Liab/Prop Casualty		12,221.00
13	Workers Comp		11,159.00
14	Mileage		150.00
15	New Equipment		1,000.00
16	Payroll Expenses		
17	Straight Time		93,730.00
18	Overtime		15,000.00
19	ER-FICA		8,318.00
20	Retirement		6,016.00
21			
22	Retreatment (Repaving)	See Article	
23	Road Materials		129,500.00
24	Road Signs		4,000.00
25	Supplies - General		4,000.00
26	Utilities (Electric, Furnace Oil, Telephone)		7,800.00
27	Proposed 2018 Winter / Summer Roads Budget		454,690.00
28			
29	Carry Forward Distribution		
30	From 2017		12,123.00
31	Portion of 2017 Non-tax Revenue		44,229.00
32	Total Carry Forward Distribution		56,352.00
33			
34	Article # 10: Retirement & Bridges	15,000.00	60,000.00
35	Portion of 2017 Non Tax Revenue To Retirement:	30,000.00	
36	Article #9: Total Proposed Winter/Summer Roads Budget		398,338.00

**The Town of Windham  
2018**

**Long Term Paving Plan**

1/30/2019 Draft (Subject to change pending VTrans & Engineering review)

Road	Length (miles)	Width (ft)	Depth (inch)	Total Tonnage	Est'd Tonnage	Town Road Name(s)
TH-1	5.18	26	1.5	6581	6600	Windham Hill
TH-2	1.61	26	1.5	2046	2100	Rt 121
TH-6,3,9	2.17	24	1.5	2545	2600	Horsenail Hill/Hitchcock/White (partial)

Note Price/ton is based on ~ 7% increase every 5 years

Calendar Year	Contributions				Expenses	Activity	Balance	\$/Ton
	Town Article	Town Other	State Aid For Transportation	Government Grants				
2013							40,000	
2014	85,000						125,000	
2015	50,000	80,000					255,000	
2016	80,000			160,468	469,185	Pave TH-6,3,9,1&2 partial	26,283	\$67
2017	98,000				29,007		95,276	
2018	60,000	30,000	72,386				257,662	
2019	90,000						347,662	
2020	90,000			175,000	627,000	Pave 5.18 miles of TH-1	-14,338	\$95
2021	90,000						75,662	
2022	100,000						175,662	
2023	100,000						275,662	
2024	100,000						375,662	
2025	100,000				265,200	Pave TH-6,3,9	210,462	\$102
2026	100,000			171,000	214,200	Pave TH-2	267,262	\$102
2027	110,000						377,262	
2028	110,000						487,262	
2029	110,000						597,262	
2030	110,000			175,000	719,400	Pave 5.18 miles of TH-1	162,862	\$109
2031	110,000						272,862	
2032	110,000						382,862	
2033	120,000						502,862	
2034	120,000				304,200	Pave TH-6,3,9	318,662	\$117
2035	120,000			175,000	245,700	Pave TH-2	367,962	\$117



Town of Windham  
Designated Funds Account  
2018

Designated Bank Account Reconciliation

Reconciled Balance 12/31/2018	459,495.47
Unreconciled Transactions (transfer to General Fund)	(14,759.44)

Balance

444,736.03

Assigned to:

Audit Savings	9,000.00
Bituminous Retreatment	257,661.84
Bridges	41,152.76
Dog Account	0.00
Garage M & I	83,950.63
Interest Received	2,046.64
Nemrc Savings	2,000.00
Office M & I	26,395.37
Reappraisal	13,592.00
Restoration	3,217.86
Windham Weatherization	5,718.93

444,736.03

## MUNICIPAL ROADS PROGRAM

### Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP)

#### Permit Documents

#### Application Materials

#### Road Stormwater Management Plan (RSWMP)

#### Assistance Documents

#### Permit Fee Information

#### Funding Assistance

### Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP)

The Municipal Roads General Permit is intended to achieve significant reductions in stormwater-related erosion from municipal roads, both paved and unpaved. Municipalities will implement a customized, multi-year plan to stabilize their road drainage system. The plan will include bringing road drainage systems up to basic maintenance standards, and additional corrective measure to reduce erosion as necessary to meet a TMDL or other water quality restoration effort. The permit is required by Act 64, the Vermont Clean Water Act, and the Lake Champlain Phase I TMDL.

For more information on the DEC Municipal Roads program and the development of the Municipal Roads General Permit, contact [Jim Ryan \(mailto:jim.ryan@vermont.gov\)](mailto:jim.ryan@vermont.gov) by email or at (802) 490-6140.



**NEW!** [MRGP Newsletter \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_MRGP\\_Newsletter\\_2019-January.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_MRGP_Newsletter_2019-January.pdf) is now available.

### Permit Documents

- [Final Municipal Roads General Permit \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_FinalMRGP.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_FinalMRGP.pdf)
- [Response to Comments \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_FinalMRGP\\_ResponsivenessSummary.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_FinalMRGP_ResponsivenessSummary.pdf) received during the public comment period.

### Application and Reporting Materials

Municipalities shall submit the Annual Report by April 1, 2019. The Annual Report can be downloaded by clicking the link below.

- **NEW!** [Annual Report \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_MRGP\\_AnnualReport.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_MRGP_AnnualReport.pdf)
- [MRGP NOI \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_MRGP\\_NOI\\_FillableForm.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_MRGP_NOI_FillableForm.pdf)

### Road Stormwater Management Plan (RSWMP)

Municipalities shall complete a Road Stormwater Management Plan (RSWMP) by December 31, 2020. The RSWMP consists of the municipality's Implementation Table and results of the Road Erosion Inventory.

- The Department has developed an Implementation Table that can be accessed here: [MRGP Implementation Table Portal \(https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/MRGPReportViewer.aspx?ViewParms=True&Report=Portal\)](https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/MRGPReportViewer.aspx?ViewParms=True&Report=Portal)  
The Implementation Table can be used to access and query Road Erosion Inventory results and keep track of the road upgrade progress in meeting the new MRGP standards.
- Road Erosion Inventory Forms
  - [Road Erosion Inventory \(/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw\\_MRGP\\_RoadErosionInventory.pdf\)](/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/MunicipalRoads/sw_MRGP_RoadErosionInventory.pdf)

## Medical Monitoring

S.37, a bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee, would create strict, joint and several liability for any harm resulting from release of a designated toxic substance. The bill would establish a private right of action for medical monitoring damages against any person who released a toxic substance.

A similar bill passed the legislature in 2018 but was vetoed by the governor. That bill recognized the fact that medical monitoring language should not apply to municipalities, which use toxic substances in facilities and mandated programs, that are subject to permits to operate, that are not undertaken for profit, and that provide vital services to the community such as wastewater treatment facilities, water supplies, and public works garages. That bill also specified that a facility did not include land, structures, and improvements on the land owned by a municipality.

Upon request of local officials, the committee added language to the most recent draft of the bill that specifies that municipal facilities are not included. Local officials should urge their senators to support that language as the bill moves through the legislature.

## Clean Water

This week, a new draft of a clean water administration bill was discussed in the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee. The bill would provide for clean water service providers to implement projects in the watershed basins around the state. The draft bill establishes an annual appropriation of \$57,811,342 “to ensure success in implementing the Clean Water Initiative”. While many details of the proposal remain to be resolved, it is clear that many legislators remain unaware of the financial burden local governments must shoulder as a result of the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) and the Vermont Clean Water Act (Act 64) programs to clean up the waters of the state. Among those obligations are operations and maintenance of projects over the long term once they are implemented.

Let your legislators know the amount of money your town needs in order to fulfill the requirements of Act 64 to mitigate stormwater runoff and the kinds of projects you are undertaking. Point out to them the property tax dollars that you are spending on highway budgets both to comply with the MRGP and to keep up with ongoing maintenance.

## Tax Exemptions

The House and Senate have proposed four bills – H.156, H.178, H.227, and S.98 – that would allow certain categories of individuals to be exempt from paying property taxes in the State of Vermont. We all know that Vermont’s property taxes are high, so it is no surprise that people would want to be spared the burden of paying them.

- H.156 would allow municipalities, by a city or town vote, to provide a local tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. This exemption, if passed, would apply on two conditions: in any tax year that the volunteer firefighter owns his or her home; and to an active member of a local volunteer firefighting company, regardless of whether the home is owned for part of the year or the homeowner’s participation in the firefighting company ends for part of the year. Curiously, the bill does not include emergency medical service providers (EMS), although the motivation for providing relief for volunteers who put themselves at risk for the community might be the same for both EMS and firefighters. If passed, this bill would take effect on January 1, 2020, and apply to grand lists lodged after 2020.