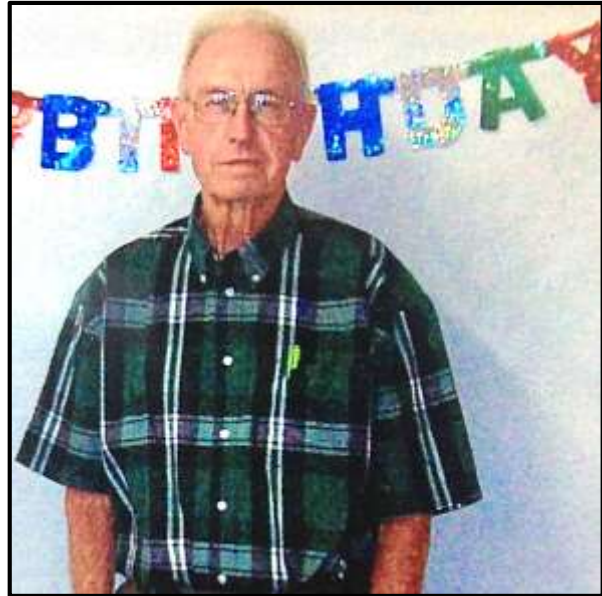
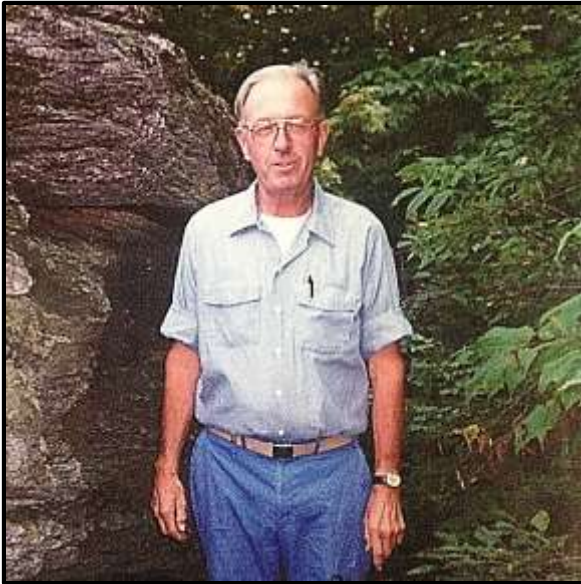


Town of Lowell



**Annual Town & School Report
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2015**

*This report is dedicated to the memory of
Roger Stewart and Gaston Doyon*

Roger and Gaston were respected and cherished members of the community. The Town of Lowell will always be grateful for their years of dedicated service; serving such positions as Select Board, Lister and Justice of the Peace.

Both these gentleman will be greatly missed.



Alexandra Michael – Grade 5

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 2015
Town of Lowell, Vermont



Food Shelf Donations Will Be Collected This Year at Town Meeting.

Please bring any non-perishable items with you to the Lowell Graded School on
Tuesday March 1, 2016.

The F.O.L.K Group will have collection bins set up for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Register your dog:

Dog tags will be available for purchase on Town Meeting Day.

- \$9 spayed/neutered \$13 unaltered
- Must have current rabies vaccination and copy of certificate.

All dogs need to be licensed by April 1, 2016

NOTE: Please bring this copy of the Town Report with you to Town Meeting

Announcements & Reminders

- February 24th 2016 is the last day to register to vote for Town Meeting and Presidential Primaries. Go online or visit the Town Clerk's Office if you are a resident of the Town of Lowell and wish to vote in the March 1st Elections.
- **Presidential Primary Elections** will be held on Town Meeting Day at the Lowell Graded School. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Dates to remember:**
Primary Election August 9th, 2016
General Election November 8th, 2016

Voting for primary and general election will be held at the Town Clerk's Office from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- The recycling bins at the Town Garage are open to the public on Saturday Mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- You must file a HS122 Homestead Declaration Form **each year** with your annual state tax return in order to receive the residential tax rate from the Town. For more information please see www.tax.vermont.gov

NEW ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE:



- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>
- **New “My Voter Page”** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more. <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

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LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS 2015

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2016
TOWN CLERK:	Karen Clinger (<i>Resigned June 2015</i>)	2016
	Sandy LaDeau (<i>Appointed June 2015</i>)	
TREASURER:	Sandy LaDeau	2016
SELECTMEN:	Alden Warner	2016
	Dwight Richardson	2017
	Richard Pion	2018
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	Gilles Bathalon	2016
	Shauna Richardson	2017
	Steven Mason	2018
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	George Swanson	2016
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Sandy LaDeau	2016
1st CONSTABLE:	Darren Pion	2016
AUDITORS:	Gordon Spencer	2016
	Arlon Warner	2017
	Priscilla Matten	2018
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Reginald Pion	2016
LISTERS:	Mark Higley	2016
	Lerry Chase	2017
	Carolyn Arel	2018
TOWN AGENT:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2016
GRAND JUROR:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2016
LIBRARIAN:	Regine Griswold	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Gail Sicotte	2016
	Kay Sargent	2016
	Gina Arel	2017
	Gynette Manning	2018
	Jill Legacy	2020
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	
	Sadie Willey	
	Gilbert Hill	
	Steven Mason	
	Jeff Parsons	

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:	Amanda Carlson	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Darren Pion	
HEALTH OFFICER:	Carol Wood- Koob	2016
SERVICE OFFICER:	Steven Mason	2016
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick	
ASST. FIRE WARDEN:	Marc Sicotte	
911 COORDINATOR:	Amanda Carlson	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer	
ZONING COMMISSION:	Sam Thurston	
	Charles Boulmetis	
	Keith Christiansen	
	Rolf Koob	
	Amanda Carlson	

WARNING

LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School.

Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE 1:** To ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2:** To ELECT an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To ELECT an **UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** approve the school board to expend **\$1,880,310.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year 2017. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,676.65 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.62% higher than spending for the current year?
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$39,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2014-2015 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the 2016-2017 school budget?
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to establish a **tax stabilization fund** and transfer **\$38,240.00** of unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2014-2015 school year to said fund?
- ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- ARTICLE 8:** To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING:

- ARTICLE 1:** To ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2:** To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of the Town of Lowell authorize the Town of Lowell Select Board to **APPOINT a COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d?

ARTICLE 4: To **ELECT** the following **OFFICERS** required by law:

- a. SELECT PERSON 3 year term
- b. TOWN CLERK 3 year term
- c. TOWN TREASURER 3 year term
- d. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 1 year term **Dependent upon outcome of Article 3 vote*
- e. ROAD COMMISSIONER 3 year term
- f. LISTER 3 year term
- g. AUDITOR 3 year term
- h. 1st CONSTABLE 1 year term
- i. 2nd CONSTABLE 1 year term
- j. TOWN AGENT 1 year term
- k. GRAND JUROR 1 year term
- l. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5 year term
- m. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5 year term

ARTICLE 5: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$ 275,000.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS**?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS**?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Lowell elect to have the Newport City Police provide **DISPATCH SERVICES** for Lowell if they can provide this service for less than **\$16,000** per year? *(See page 33 for more information)*

ARTICLE 9: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 25,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 4,000.00** for the building and maintenance of the Town **BASEBALL DIAMONDS**, including the building of a backstop, bleachers and field? *(See page 30)*

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 1,000.00** for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$ 3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- a) **\$ 500** to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- b) **\$ 250** to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- c) **\$ 50** to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) **\$ 450** to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPERSHIP FUND
- e) **\$ 250** to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- f) **\$ 200** to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. - AMERICAN LEGION
- g) **\$ 200** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. – ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
- h) **\$ 300** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- i) **\$ 923** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- j) **\$ 200** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC.
- k) **\$ 659** to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- l) **\$ 500** to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) **\$ 300** to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) **\$ 500** to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- o) **\$ 200** to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE- VERMONT
- p) **\$ 700** to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- q) **\$ 825** to UMBRELLA / CORNUCOPIA
- r) **\$ 100** to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- s) **\$ 200** to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- t) **\$ 90** to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Total for above appropriations = \$7,397.00

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

ARTICLE 18: TO ADJOURN.

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion, Chairman
Dwight Richardson
Alden Warner
Sandy LaDeau – Town Clerk / Treasurer

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Steven Mason, Chair
Gilles Bathalon
Shauna Richardson

Received for posting: January 26, 2016

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the Auditors of the Town of Lowell, found the financial books for year ending 12/31/2015 to be in good order and in balance with all Bank Reconciliation Statements.

These books were audited by us, on January 27th, 2016.

Arlon Warner, Gordon Spencer, Priscilla Matten

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PUBLIC MONEY

The Archie Powers Memorial Trust at People's United Bank for the Town of Lowell Recreational Park was created in 1985. Interest from 1985-2014 is \$5,607.56 (only the interest may be used). \$1,267.66 was drawn out to complete the building at Gelo Park in 1997. \$2,500 was withdrawn in 2005 towards matching grant funds for the Playground Fund. \$1,500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards Security Camera. This account has a balance as of 12/31/15 of 7402.24 of which \$365.77 is available to be used.

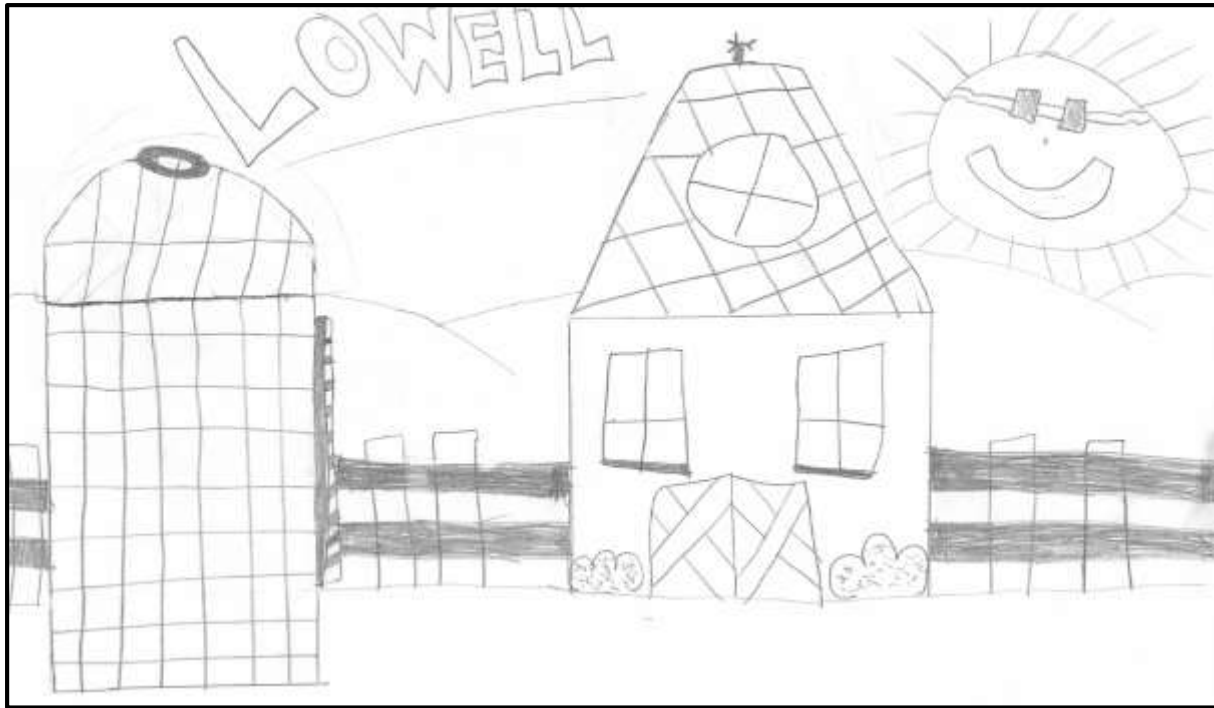
Town of Lowell CD at People's United Bank earned interest of \$85.89.

This account has a balance as of 12/31/15 of \$43,582.21.

Correction from 2014 Town Report:

*Town of Lowell CD at People's United Bank earned interest of **\$180.60.***

This account had a balance as of 12/31/14 of \$43,493.34.



Aleighta Bonneau – Grade 4

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Reports for the Town of Lowell have been prepared

by Sandy LaDeau, Town Treasurer

TOWN ASSET COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

YEAR END BALANCES	12/31/2014	12/31/2015
<i>Appraisal Fund</i>	3,474.04	13,893.04
<i>Audit Fund</i>	-	18,500.00
<i>Computerization Fund</i>	9,706.90	10,805.59
<i>Delinquent Taxes Receivable</i>	67,563.21	63,025.39
<i>Equipment Fund</i>	(35,613.81)	(24,189.40)
<i>Fire Department Operating Fund</i>	1,800.49	6,981.12
<i>FOLK Group</i>	5,317.94	8,110.28
<i>Gravel Pit Fund</i>	39,044.57	36,034.43
<i>Kingdom Community Wind - CD</i>	136,031.86	136,367.49
<i>Library Account</i>	1,173.23	621.92
<i>Paving Fund</i>	25,000.00	50,000.00
<i>Pre Tax Escrow</i>	1,949.22	1,631.34
<i>Restoration Fund</i>	6,275.75	6,482.46
<i>Road Bridge & Culvert Fund</i>	11,885.01	23,354.73
<i>Road Department Fund</i> <small>**2014 Corrected Amount</small>	(69,886.67)	(69,957.54)
<i>Select Board Account</i>	121,307.71	174,968.24
<i>Sports Fund</i>	3,894.77	4,962.52
<i>Town CD</i>	43,496.32	45,582.21
<i>Trust - Archie Powers</i>	7,376.37	7,402.24
	\$ 379,796.91	\$ 510,240.49

SUMMARY OF 2015 TAXES

TAXES RAISED					
	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST VALUE	=	TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Education	1.4798	X	405,279.00	=	599,731.93
Homestead Education	1.2307	X	396,977.00	=	488,559.56
Local Agreement (Veterans Exemption)	0.001	X	1,288,474.00	=	1,288.76
Town Tax	0.0111	X	1,288,474.00	=	14,301.77
TOTAL TAX					\$ 1,103,882.02
TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS					\$ 128,415.48

MUNICIPAL TAXES

REVENUE	
Town Tax Raised	14,301.77
Payment Received From GMP	542,875.00
Local Agreement (Veterans Exemption)	1,288.76
Current Use / State Land	3862.82
ESTIMATED REVENUE:	
Expected Office Revenue – Licenses, Fees, Etc.	13,250.00
HS131 State Prebates	14,700.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	3,500.00
TOTAL:	\$ 593,778.35

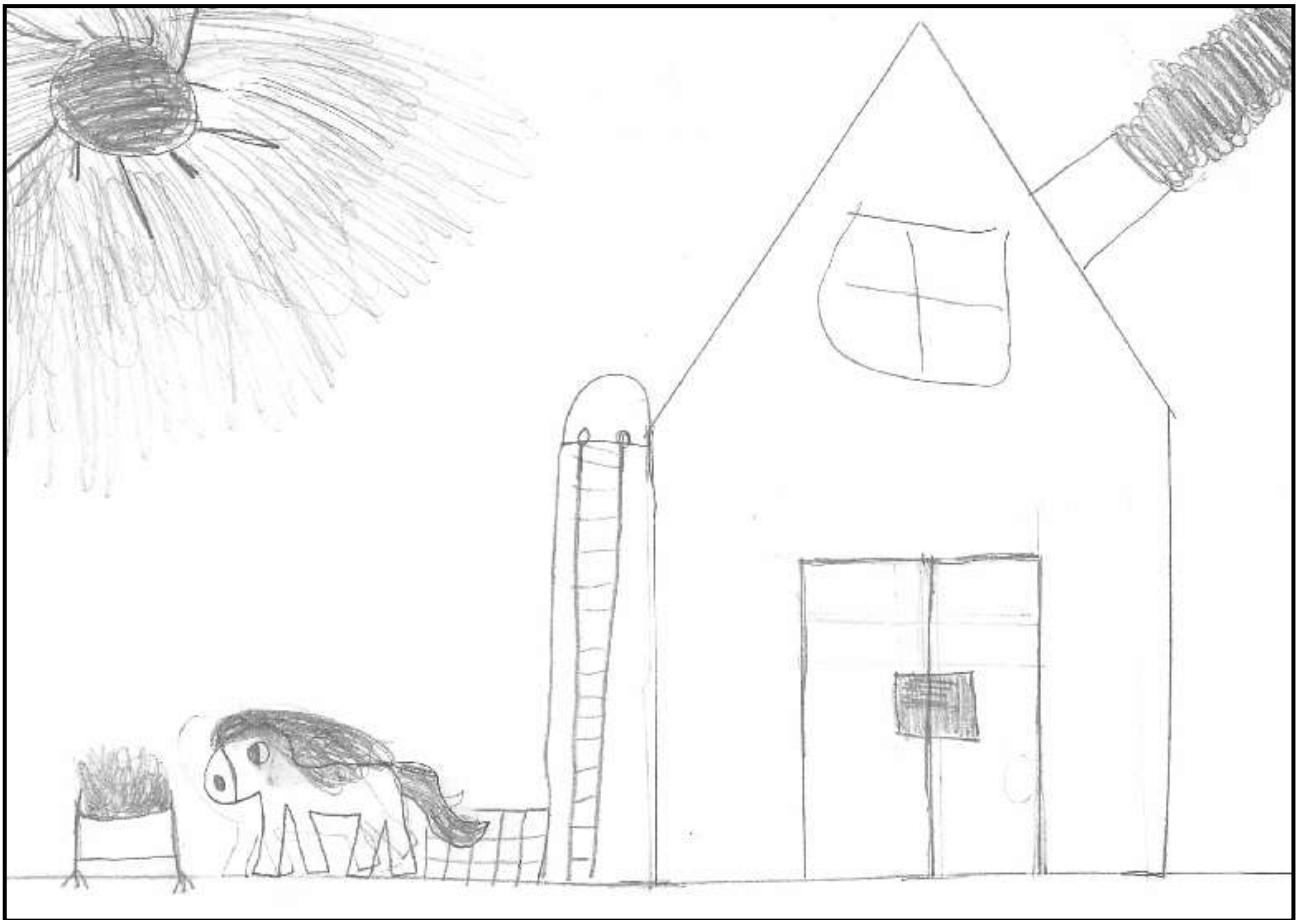
EXPENSES

Summary of Voted Money

Select Board Assessments - Town Liabilities	280,000.00
Summer Roads	125,000.00
Winter Roads	125,000.00
Audit Fund	20,000.00
Fire Department	25,000.00
Library Assessment	6,000.00
Little League T-Ball & Jr. Hoop	2,000.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,500.00
Voted Appropriations	7182.00
TOTAL:	\$ 593,682.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Total Delinquent Tax Receivable as of 12/31/2015	63,025.39
Property Tax Receivable as of 12/31/2015	52,987.10
Interest Receivable as of 12/31/2015	6,356.57
Penalty Receivable as of 12/31/2015	3,681.72
2008 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	1,675.43
2009 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	1,637.33
2010 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	1,528.53
2011 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	1,386.75
2012 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	1,331.82
2013 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	897.46
2014 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	14,445.28
2015 Delinquent Tax / Interest / Penalty	40,122.79
Total Delinquent Tax Receivable	63,025.39



Tynisha Sabens – Grade 2

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2015 DELINQUENT TAX	2014 DELINQUENT TAX
802 Mountain Top Properties	Albrecht, Creed
Albrecht, Creed	Champagne, Larry & Terri
Backus, Kelly & Rebecca Whitaker	Cochran, James Sr.
Brasseur, Krystal	Donna, Patrick
Champagne, Larry & Terri	Driscoll, Eugene
Cochran, James Sr.	Hill, Jeffrey
Coleman, William	Jackson, Alfred Jr.
Collins, David	Machia, David
Donna, Patrick	Morin, Joseph Jr.
Driscoll, Eugene	St. Onge, Joseph
Dzenis, Martin & Andrew Fournier	Villeneuve, David
Hill, Jeffrey	
Hoadley, David	2013 DELINQUENT TAX
Hoffman, Dwayne	Villeneuve, David
Jackson, Alfred Jr.	
King, Joshua & Ashley	2012 DELINQUENT TAX
Kran, Jeffrey & Marlene	Villeneuve, David
Labarron, Brian	
Machia, David	2011 DELINQUENT TAX
McAllister Family Trust	Villeneuve, David
McLeod, Michael & Melissa	
Morin, Joseph Jr.	2010 DELINQUENT TAX
Pepin, Theresa	Villeneuve, David
Pion, Christopher	
Richardson, Jamie	2009 DELINQUENT TAX
Scott, Stephen	Villeneuve, David
Sotherden, Jason & Kristen	
Villeneuve, David	2008 DELINQUENT TAX
Warner, Kevin & Laura	Villeneuve, David
Warner, Marcia	
Warner, Shawn	
Williams, William	
Wynn, Ricky & Cindy	

SELECT BOARD'S PROPOSED BUDGET - 2016

REVENUE	2015 Revenue Anticipated	2015 Actual	2016 Revenue Anticipated
State (Local Fines)	450	334	400
Licenses	2,800	2,353	2,000
Fees	7,000	8,498	7,500
Permits	500	445	400
Interest	500	311	300
Delinquent Tax Penalty		6,692	5,000
Other	2,000	2,331	2,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 13,250	\$ 20,963	\$ 17,600
	Proposed 2014 Budget	2015 Actual	Proposed 2016 Budget
EXPENSE			
Salary & Benefits	95,000	89,821	97,000
Insurance/Outside Prof.	20,000	46,108	40,000
Office Expense	20,000	16,992	20,000
Town Hall Utilities & Maintenance	11,750	11,557	13,000
Town Garage Utilities & Maintenance	15,500	15,440	17,000
Solid Waste		5,393	8,000
Misc. Exp. less Del Tax	20,000	13,472	20,000
	182,250	198,782	215,000
LINE ITEMS			
Cemetery Expense	4,000	3,500	4,500
Road & Bridge Fund	12,000	12,000	12,000
Paving Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000
Town Appraisal Fund	4,000	4,000	4,000
Ambulance Assessment	12,500	12,006	12,042
Lowell 8th Grade Class Trip	2,000	2,000	2,000
	59,500	58,506	59,542
SELECT BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 241,750	\$ 260,716	\$ 274,542
OTHER OBLIGATIONS			
Flood Loan Payment	37,862	38,678	
<i>(Loan paid in full 2015)</i>	\$ 279,612	\$ 295,966	
PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ 280,000		\$ 275,000

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance	\$	FY 2014 43,873.18	\$	FY 2015 121,307.71
TAX REVENUE :				
		FY 2014		FY 2015
Current Year Taxes		824,229.69		890,892.93
Property Taxes Prepay		259.64		5,179.12
GMP Contract to Tax		542,673.25		542,875.00
HS-131 Reconciliation		14,186.91		16,722.89
Current Use / State		5,398.28		3,862.82
Tax Sale Redemption		-		4,357.65
Misc Tax.		-		2.59
2011 Delinquent Taxes		8,559.40		351.20
2011 Delinquent Interest		3,396.73		79.05
2011 Delinquent Tax Penalty		684.75		0.00
2012 Delinquent Taxes		17,271.59		1,620.98
2012 Delinquent Interest		2,850.98		315.21
2012 Delinquent Tax Penalty		862.24		45.24
2013 Delinquent Taxes		34,405.26		8,054.84
2013 Delinquent Interest		4,008.63		1,879.61
2013 Delinquent Tax Penalty		2,762.20		247.09
2014 Delinquent Taxes		17,666.55		32,620.60
2014 Delinquent Interest		305.12		3,819.56
2014 Delinquent Tax Penalty		1,619.90		2,962.49
2015 Delinquent Taxes		-		48,337.49
2015 Delinquent Interest		-		815.68
2015 Delinquent Tax Penalty		-		4,370.21
	\$	1,481,141.12	\$	1,569,412.25
STATE REVENUE :				
		FY 2014		FY 2015
State - Local Fines		453.00		333.50
LICENSES :				
		FY 2014		FY 2015
DMV Renewals		73.00		33.00
Dog Licenses		1,886.00		1,605.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses		-		144.50
Liquor Licenses		300.00		300.00
Marriage Licenses		360.00		270.00
		2,619.00		2,352.50
FEES :				
		FY 2014		FY 2015
Certificate of Vital Records		440.00		500.00
Copying Fees		1,120.50		1,757.00
Green Mountain Pass		-		24.00
Miscellaneous Fees		60.00		115.00
Posted Land Fees		20.00		10.00
Recording Fees		4,824.00		5,595.00
Research Fees		198.80		307.00
Truck Weight Permit Fees		205.00		190.00
		6,868.30		8,498.00

PERMITS :		
	FY 2014	FY 2015
Zoning Permits	453.00	435.00
Driveway Permits	-	10.00
	453.00	445.00
OTHER REVENUE :		
	FY 2014	FY 2015
Gravel Pit Rent - Mulch	3,000.00	-
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	-	1,100.00
Interest on Money Market - Checking	548.09	297.56
Interest on Money Market- Office Sales	-	12.98
Land Rent	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	159.01
Revolving Line of Credit	115,000.00	-
Tax Sale Redemption	-	785.00
Tire Event	214.00	137.00
	119,112.09	2,641.55
TOTAL REVENUE	1,610,646.51	1,583,682.80
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 1,654,519.69	\$ 1,704,990.51
VOTED ASSESSMENTS: ACTUAL EXPENSE 2015		
	FY 2014	FY 2015
Select Board Operating Account	338,042.37	295,966.19
Fire Department Assessment	25,000.00	25,000.00
High School Assessment	309,363.49	333,349.80
Library Assessment	6,000.00	6,000.00
Little League - T-Ball / Jr. Hoop Assessment	2,000.00	2,000.00
Orleans Essex VNA & hospice	3,500.00	3,500.00
Road Department Assessment	250,000.00	250,000.00
Local School Assessment	592,833.92	623,747.17
Adult Learning Center	200.00	200.00
American Legion Jay #28	200.00	200.00
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00
Cornucopia	-	225.00
Green Mountain Farm to School	250.00	300.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00
Hazen Notch Summer Camp	450.00	450.00
Jay Food Shelf	500.00	250.00
NE Area Agency on Aging	300.00	300.00
NE VT Development Association	309.00	659.00
NE VT Resource Association	100.00	0.00
NECKA Youth Services	100.00	0.00
NEK Human Services	923.00	1,123.00
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	500.00	500.00
Orleans Historical Society	200.00	250.00
Pope Frontier Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00
Prevent Child Abuse	200.20	200.00
Rural Community Transportation	700.00	700.00
Umbrella - Step O.N.E.	350.00	600.00
VT Assoc. for Blind	200.00	200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	90.00	90.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00
VT Trails & Greenways	-	35.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,533,211.98	\$ 1,530,022.27
TOTAL REVENUE	1,654,519.69	1,704,990.51
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	1,533,211.98	1,530,022.27
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 121,307.71	\$ 174,968.24

SELECT BOARD ACCOUNT

SALARY & BENEFITS :

	FY 2014	FY 2015
911 Coordinator	898.46	-
Animal Control Officer	250.00	385.00
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	19,505.70	11,298.88
Auditors	166.80	450.52
Ballot Clerks	3,044.90	1,135.42
Board of Civil Authority	870.66	52.54
Bookkeeper- Select Board / Roads	2,472.08	-
Clerk to Select Board	2,214.00	945.00
FICA Expense	6,028.54	5,433.40
Health Officer	351.00	155.53
Listers	13,557.06	6,520.96
Medicare Expense	1,333.00	2,056.82
Mileage	1,408.40	933.92
Recycling Attendant	1,966.85	1,998.67
Select Board	4,500.00	4,500.00
Town Administrator	-	18,050.00
Town Clerk	17,082.63	18,327.63
Town Treasurer	18,742.94	14,637.81
Vermont Municipal Retirement	-	1,367.03
Zoning Board Meetings	792.28	1,166.63
Zoning Board-Permit Fees	355.00	405.00
	95,540.30	89,820.76

INSIDE / OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL:

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Legal Fees - Town	2,403.47	23,957.94
Legal Fees - Tax Sale	-	1,075.78
Liability Insurance	3,017.00	4,235.75
Property Insurance	5,574.50	5,479.50
Public Official & Employee Liability	3,017.00	1,748.00
Unemployment	1,082.00	1,270.00
VLCT Dues & Fees	1,742.00	1,971.00
Workers Compensation	6,614.50	6,369.75
	23,450.47	46,107.72

OFFICE EXPENSE:

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Advertising	1,002.54	805.34
Cartographic - Tax Mapping	3,850.00	1,715.50
Computer Support & Software	4,664.69	6,072.93
DMV Renewal Fee	70.00	70.00
Dog License Fee - VT Treasurer	804.00	577.00
Dog Tags / Books	117.30	149.02
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	-	106.50
Marriage License - VT Treasurer	210.00	305.00
Office Equipment / Repairs & Maintenance	5,674.42	884.87
Office Supplies	2,410.56	3,038.15
Postage	2,614.97	1,184.05
Printing - Town Reports	986.85	1,256.00
Seminars & Training	1,153.26	828.00
	23,558.59	16,992.36

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Town Hall Utilities	10,205.04	9,268.66
Town Hall Cleaning & Supplies	958.95	1,169.55
Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	5,739.53	1,118.50
<i>***2014: Includes Gelo Park, Bandstand & Fire Dept/Hydrant Plowing and Mowing</i>	16,903.52	11,556.71

TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE:

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Garage Utilities	11,926.98	10,086.27
Garage Repairs & Maintenance	1,488.51	4,654.23
Office / Garage Supplies	704.54	699.10
	14,120.03	15,439.60

SOLID WASTE EXPENSE:

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Green-Up Day Removal	140.00	128.00
Hazardous Waste Events / Plan	1,132.89	426.99
In Town Recycling	3,146.48	4,453.93
Tire Event	344.00	384.00
	4,763.37	5,392.92

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE :

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Commission to Tax Collector	6,121.68	933.05
Cash Flow - Credit Line Interest	178.37	-
County Tax	11,194.96	11,230.76
Dog Kennel / Food Etc.	-	515.35
Miscellaneous	1,091.76	679.68
Fines for Late Filing to IRS in 2013*Amount abated and reduced from 723.67	-	112.81
Tax Management Fees	418.36	-
Tax Sale Property	4,784.55	-
	23,789.68	13,471.65

LINE ITEMS :

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Ambulance Assessment	12,646.00	12,006.00
Appraisal Fund	14,000.00	4,000.00
Flood Loan Payments	38,600.41	38,678.47
Gravel Pit Maintenance	3,000.00	-
Lowell 8th Grade Trip	2,000.00	2,000.00
Mountain View Cemetery	3,500.00	3,500.00
Paving Project	25,000.00	25,000.00
Road & Bridge Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00
Roof - Town Office	25,170.00	-
	135,916.41	97,184.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 338,042.37	\$ 295,966.19
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ROAD DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

	FY 2014	FY 2015	Proposed Budget 2016
Prior Balance	(52,377.53)	(69,886.67)	(69,957.54)
REVENUE			
State Aid to Roads Class 2	40,544.62	54,832.32	54,500.00
State Aid to Roads Class 3	36,760.53	27,568.59	27,500.00
State - FEMA Flood	-	2,984.60	
FEMA -FLOOD Receivable	<i>Corrected from 2014 report.</i>	-	
Assessment for Summer Roads	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Assessment for Winter Roads	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Reimbursement 1/2 Training	200.00		
	327,505.15	335,385.51	332,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 275,127.62	\$ 265,498.84	\$ 262,042.46

SUMMER ROADS

	FY 2014	FY 2015	Proposed Budget 2016
Beaver Trappings	715.00	695.00	500.00
Chloride - Dust Control	-	3,062.42	2,500.00
Cold Patch	835.24	586.19	600.00
Crushed Stone	-	270.34	250.00
Culverts	6,290.40	2,929.06	3,000.00
Diesel Surcharge to Reginald	4,623.73	1,455.31	1,500.00
Ditching Fabric	-	3,847.50	3,500.00
FICA Expense*Correction from 2014	4,975.64	2,595.29	2,500.00
Gravel	2,895.00	3,150.00	3,200.00
Gravel - Albany	-	1,687.50	1,500.00
Gravel Out of Town	-	1,518.75	1,000.00
Guide Rails	1,050.00	-	-
Health Care- Summer	5,944.47	6,647.40	6,650.00
Hired Equipment - Sweeper	2,640.00	2,815.00	2,500.00
Hired Equipment - Albany	-	337.50	350.00
Hired Equipment - Road Ditching	4,132.50	1,306.25	1,500.00
Hired Equipment - Road Mowing	4,160.00	6,996.00	5,000.00
Hired Equipment - Summer	56,016.46	41,691.40	42,000.00
Hired Equipment - Mud Season	957.25	-	-
Medicare Expense	673.52	607.01	620.00
Miscellaneous	241.86	194.49	200.00
Municipal Retirement	1,386.27	1,679.69	1,700.00
Paving	899.10	1,028.98	1,000.00
Salaries - Other - Summer	28,901.39	33,724.75	30,000.00
Salary - Road Commissioner - Summer	16,223.23	16,661.43	17,000.00
Use of Town Grader - Summer	5,180.00	6,895.00	7,000.00
Use of Town Loader - Summer	12,260.00	12,540.00	12,000.00
	161,001.06	154,922.26	147,570.00

WINTER ROADS

	FY 2014	FY 2015	Proposed Budget 2016
Diesel Surcharge to Reginald	11,088.40	5,271.62	5,500.00
FICA Expense	3,211.83	3,199.76	3,200.00
Health Care - Winter	5,944.47	6,085.56	6,000.00
Hired Equipment - Winter	69,105.25	63,327.75	63,000.00
Medicare Expense	751.12	854.47	900.00
Municipal Retirement	1,451.87	1,448.48	1,500.00
Road Stakes	864.00	900.00	900.00
Salaries - Other - Winter	30,370.27	34,419.98	34,000.00
Salary- Road Commissioner - Winter	20,658.24	21,339.40	21,500.00
Salt - Winter Roads	9,787.78	9,170.10	9,000.00
Sand	5,250.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
Sand Screening	10,000.00	10,474.00	10,000.00
Stone for Roads	-	933.00	1,000.00
Town of Albany - Plowing	3,700.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Use of Town Grader-Winter	5,950.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Use of Town Loader-Winter	5,880.00	7,910.00	8,000.00
	184,013.23	180,534.12	180,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 345,014.29	\$ 335,456.38	\$ 327,570.00
TOTAL REVENUE	275,127.62	265,498.84	262,042.46
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	345,014.29	335,456.38	327,570.00
ROAD FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ (69,886.67)	\$ (69,957.54)	\$ (65,527.54)

Anticipated money to be received in 2016 from FEMA for 2013 Flood:

75,875.11

Total Account Balance After Anticipated Reimbursement Funds:

\$ 10,347.57

PAVING FUND

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	-	25,000.00
REVENUE		
Town Assessment	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to Road Department	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	-
TOTAL REVENUE	25,000.00	50,000.00
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	-
PAVING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

EQUIPMENT FUND

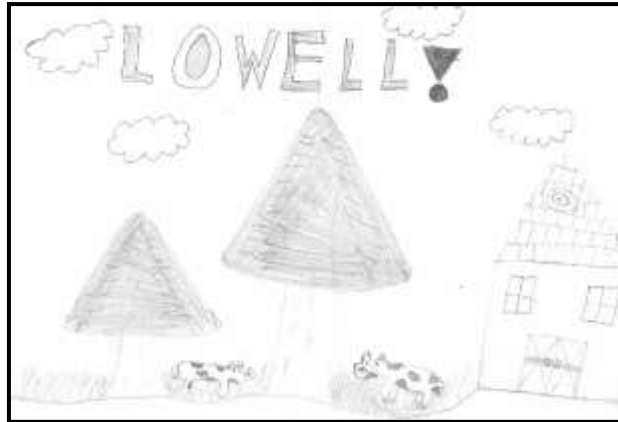
	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	10,645.76	(35,613.81)
REVENUE		
Use of Town Loader	28,139.97	30,800.00
Use of Town Grader	11,130.00	13,545.00
Equipment Fund - Taxpayer Use	105.00	-
	39,374.97	44,345.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 50,020.73	\$ 8,731.19
DISBURSEMENTS		
Chains - Loader/Grader	1,175.00	-
Diesel	9,455.33	7,169.45
Grader Repairs & Maintenance	57,784.45	6,451.28
Loader Repairs & Maintenance	2,066.89	5,974.79
Maintenance & Supplies	3,560.07	3,133.86
Miscellaneous	1,031.82	-
New Equipment - Sander	1,568.00	-
Plow Blades & Shoes	6,993.91	5,135.20
Portable Water Pump	449.95	
Pressure Washer	71.50	4,611.73
Sander Repairs & Maintenance	997.22	444.28
Screener Repairs	480.40	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 85,634.54	\$ 32,920.59
TOTAL REVENUE	50,020.73	8,731.19
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	85,634.54	32,920.59
EQUIPMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ (35,613.81)	(24,189.40)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	21,333.74	11,885.01
REVENUE		
Town Assessment	12,000.00	12,000.00
State	181,427.98	
State A/R	0.00	
Better Backroads Grant (<i>Mink Farm Rd Project</i>)	4,702.60	
	198,130.58	12,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	219,464.32	23,885.01
DISBURSEMENTS		
Road Signs	678.48	530.28
Road Work signs	391.96	
Mines #1 - Collapse	15,246.00	-
Mines # 1 - Engineer	129.00	-
Mines #2	171,741.27	-
Mines # 2 - Engineer	5,291.60	-
Mink Farm Road Project	5,880.00	-
Culverts - 6ft and Over	8,221.00	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	207,579.31	530.28
TOTAL REVENUE	219,464.32	23,885.01
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	207,579.31	530.28
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$11,885.01	\$23,354.73

GRAVEL PIT FUND

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	24,519.57	39,044.57
REVENUE		
From Select Board Budget	3,000.00	
Rent of Gravel Pit (Mulch)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Use of Sand	5,250.00	4,200.00
Use of Gravel	2,895.00	3,150.00
Use of Gravel - Other	1,380.00	
	14,525.00	9,350.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 39,044.57	\$ 48,394.57
DISBURSEMENTS		
Crushing of Stone		12,360.14
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 12,360.14
TOTAL REVENUE	39,044.57	46,394.57
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	12,360.14
GRAVEL PIT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 39,044.57	\$ 36,034.43



Michael Hodgeman – Grade 6

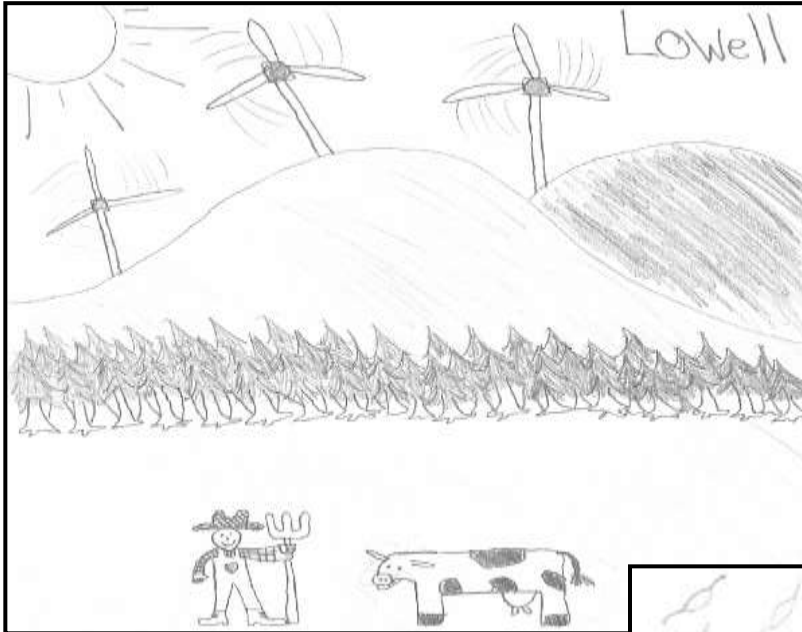
APPRAISAL FUND

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	\$ 20,966.53	3,474.04
REVENUE		
State- Lister Fund	6,697.50	6,278.95
State- Lister Training	390.01	390.05
Town Assessment	14,000.00	4,000.00
	21,087.51	10,669.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 42,054.04	\$ 14,143.04
DISBURSEMENTS		
Appraisal Fees	38,580.00	
Lister Training	-	250.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 38,580.00	\$ 250.00
TOTAL REVENUE	42,054.04	14,143.04
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	38,580.00	250.00
APPRAISAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,474.04	\$ 13,893.04

KINGDOM COMMUNITY WIND FUND

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	135,337.00	136,031.86
REVENUE		
GMP Revenue above Tax 2014	201.60	-
Interest Revenue	493.26	335.63
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 136,031.86	\$ 136,367.49
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to KCW CD	136,031.86	136,367.49
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 136,031.86	\$ 136,367.49
TOTAL REVENUE	136,031.86	136,367.49
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	136,031.86	136,367.49
KCW FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ -	-

KCW CD Balance \$136,367.49



Daniel Hodgeman – Grade 7



Luke Vincelette – Grade 8

RESTORATION FUND

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	12,256.42	6,275.75
REVENUE		
Restoration Fees Collected	684.00	775.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 12,940.42	\$ 7,050.75
DISBURSEMENTS		
Restoration Expense	6,664.67	568.29
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,664.67	\$ 568.29
TOTAL REVENUE	12,940.42	7,050.75
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,664.67	568.29
RESTORATION FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 6,275.75	\$ 6,482.46

COMPUTERIZATION FUND

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	9,776.40	9,706.90
REVENUE		
Computerization Fees Collected	1,072.00	1,546.00
	1,072.00	1,546.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 10,848.40	\$ 11,252.90
DISBURSEMENTS		
Recording Maintenance	67.50	-
Computerization Expense	-	447.31
Computerization Salary	1,074.00	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,141.50	\$ 447.31
TOTAL REVENUE	10,848.40	11,252.90
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,141.50	447.31
COMPUTERIZATION FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 9,706.90	\$ 10,805.59

AUDIT FUND

	FY 2015
Prior Balance	-
REVENUE	
Town Assessment	20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 20,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Audit Expense	1,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	20,000.00
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,500.00
AUDIT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 18,500.00

The Town Auditors selected:

Ron L. Beaulieu & Co.
Certified Public Accountants

out of Portland Maine to conduct the
audit of the 2014 financial records.

We have been in correspondence with
them since July 2015 and continue to do
so at this time.

Report of findings will be available as
soon as the audit is completed.

Sandy LaDeau, Town Clerk/Treasurer

LIBRARY FUND

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	1,005.13	1,173.23
REVENUE		
Assessment	6,000.00	6,000.00
Donations	-	-
	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 7,005.13	\$ 7,173.23
DISBURSEMENTS		
Librarian Salary	2,752.20	3,121.76
Library Assistant	194.60	-
FICA Expense	182.70	193.57
Medicare Expense	42.71	45.27
Books	2,383.83	2,804.76
Magazines	75.90	153.95
Supplies	87.96	120.00
Postage	112.00	112.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,831.90	\$ 6,551.31
TOTAL REVENUE	7,005.13	7,173.23
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,831.90	6,551.31
LIBRARY FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,173.23	\$ 621.92

Thank you for community support, please visit your local Community Library.

LIBRARY HOURS:

TUESDAY - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
SATURDAY - 10 a.m. to 12 noon

FOLK (Friends of Lowell's Kids) ACCOUNT

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	3,993.08	5,317.94
REVENUE:		
Donations	-	97.56
FOLK Festival	1427.00	2,304.00
Hunter's Breakfast	880.00	1,956.28
TOTAL REVENUE	2,307.00	4,357.84
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	6,300.08	9,675.78
DISBURSEMENTS:		
FOLK Festival	300.00	425.00
Hunter Raffle	250.00	315.00
Hunter's Breakfast	435.94	-
Miscellaneous	391.20	25.50
Scholarship Program	-	700.00
School - Field Trips	410.00	-
School - Storyteller	15.00	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	1,802.14	1,565.50
FOLK ENDING BALANCE	\$ 4,497.94	\$ 8,110.28

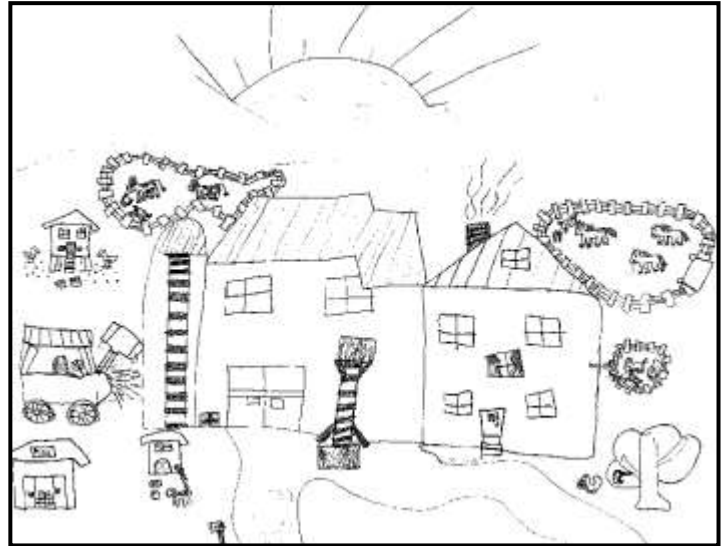
F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids)

F.O.L.K. is a group of community members dedicated to supporting the needs of all of the children in the Town of Lowell. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Lowell Graded School. New members are always welcome, and we are often looking for extra volunteers to help out with specific events too. You can find out more about what we are doing by following us on Facebook, emailing us at **friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com**, or talking with any member.

We would like to thank all of you who were able to come out and support our F.O.L.K. events throughout 2015. Whether you bought a raffle ticket, had breakfast, or just came and had fun with us, you helped make our town a better place. F.O.L.K. also owes a lot of appreciation to our local sponsors and donors like Cajun's, Clark's Custom Meat Processing, North Edge Knives and the Raboin Farm. One special donor, Roger Stewart, whose beautiful wishing wells and cheerful presence helped make every event a success, will be greatly missed. Of course, the Lowell Fire Department has always been instrumental in helping to keep the F.O.L.K. Festival parade running smoothly, and all of the parade participants along with our vendors are owed a big thank you too!

During 2015, F.O.L.K. raised money for several worthy causes in our town. Scholarships were awarded to two graduating seniors: Shania Russin and Tiah Kneeland. Amy Olsen secured grant funding to help pay for an ice cream party and wonderful author visit for families by Jan Reynolds. We helped the Lion's Club put on their exciting annual BINGO for the 8th grade trip, and the 2015 F.O.L.K. Festival brought together many community members for a day of fun. More exciting opportunities are in the works for 2016, including some great new additions to the playground. We are also working to help support some enrichment opportunities for Lowell high school students and planning another great author visit at the school this spring. Pop in for a meeting some time. We'd love to welcome your new ideas to our traditions!

Sincerely, Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Mandy Kneeland, Jennifer Blay, Cheryl Clarke, Amanda Carlson, Sonja Blodgett and Mandy Sargent



Natalee Kneeland – Grade 3

2016 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1st

Donations for the Jay Area Food Shelf will be collected at Town Meeting

Saturday, March 5th

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

Friday, April 29th

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, September 17th

Annual F.O.L.K. Festival

Saturday, November 12th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle

Cemetery Association

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Thanks to town funding, volunteer effort, and generous contributions of material and equipment, several improvements were made in 2015:

- Dozens of monuments were straightened and repaired
- The tool shed roof was replaced
- Signage was updated and improved
- Official rules and regulations were adopted
- An informational website was developed - www.lowellmountainviewcemetery.org
- Unsightly and obtrusive grave lot trees and shrubs were pruned or removed
- An effort to record and mark veteran's graves was undertaken

In order to provide necessary ongoing maintenance and support additional improvements, the Association requests town funding of \$4,000.00 for 2016. In addition to grounds care, the funds would be used for additional fence line maintenance, tree planting and tool shed painting.

LOWELL CEMETERY ACCOUNT

	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance - CHECKING	\$ 4,911.76	\$ 4,739.01
REVENUE:		
Grave Prep	150.00	200.00
Lot Sold	410.00	1,080.00
MA Mutual Interest	763.98	771.92
Sold Lawn Mowers	300.00	-
Town Assessment	3,500.00	3,500.00
	5,123.98	5,551.92
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 10,035.74	\$ 10,290.93
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Co-Op Ins.	125.00	125.00
Corner Post	315.00	320.00
Fencing	1,741.73	-
Lawn Mowing & Trimming	1,915.00	2,355.00
Perm Care	200.00	300.00
Repair Shed	-	506.06
Stone Repair	1,000.00	350.00
Website	-	98.22
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	5,296.73	4,054.28
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$ 4,739.01	\$ 6,236.65
SAVINGS	1,145.96	1,147.10
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$ 5,884.97	\$ 7,383.75

Lowell Historical Society

The Lowell Historical Society maintains a history room in the Town Offices which is open to the public by appointment. It contains numerous interesting artifacts from the Lowell of the past, including photos, old town reports, maps, old school photos, newspaper and magazine and articles on Lowell, census data, records and other historical data. If you have not visited it for a few years come take a look: you may be surprised at how we keep accumulating interesting things.

If your ancestors were born in Lowell there is a great source for research and study in the Betty Kelley Archives, which is located in the Town Clerk's office and may be used anytime the Town Clerk's office is open. Compiled by Betty Kelley, this cabinet has a folder for practically every family born in Lowell from the earliest settlers to the end of the Twentieth Century. It contains extensive genealogical dates, photocopies of obituaries and weddings and other newsworthy articles. Occupations are sometimes noted and some stories and reminiscences are included.

The Lowell Historical Society's yearly \$200 scholarship will again be offered to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is enrolling in college. The award will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history. You may base your essay on interviews with family, friends and residents, written sources like diaries, old newspapers and published books and from direct observation of remains of the past (rock wall foundations of now gone buildings, etc). The 2015 recipient was Keenan Warner. Congratulations, Keenan! Essays are due Monday May 16th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell. The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or samuelturston@gmail.com

The Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the donations of historical photographs, artifacts and genealogical materials that we receive. Any letters, documents, maps, photos, postcards, artifacts, reminiscences etc. that may help us to document the history of Lowell are most welcome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 at the Town Offices. Further meetings to be announced. All our meetings are open to all and everyone is welcome. We are a small society and your presence would be most welcome. On the agenda will be work on our history of Lowell. We can use your input. And looking for people to help us write it!

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	FY2014	FY2015
Prior Balance - Checking	\$ 536.42	\$ 1,942.74
Prior Balance - Money Market	4,373.67	4,396.72
REVENUE:		
Cookbooks, Magnets, Candy Bars & Misc.	237.00	138.00
Donations		110.00
Fundraiser - Bake Sale		185.00
Fundraiser - Quilt Raffle	1,390.00	
Interest - Checking	0.32	0.93
Interest - Money Market	23.05	6.60
Membership Dues	60.00	10.00
	1,710.37	450.53
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 6,620.46	\$ 6,789.99
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Bethany Dunbar - Research		260.00
Candy Bars for Fundraiser		64.57
Cutting Edge Graphics (Magnets)	236.00	
Membership VT Historical Society	45.00	45.00
Northland Journal Subscription		45.00
Scholarship		200.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 281.00	\$ 614.57
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDING BALANCE	\$ 6,339.46	\$ 6,175.42

Baseball Sports Fund

We will start by saying that we can only speak to the last two years and the figures we have worked with. We had 70 students ages pre-k through age 12 play baseball here at Lowell Graded School. We registered 7 teams with the Cal Ripken program and that cost \$885.00. We purchased hats for all 70 players at about \$450.00 and then we bought all the coaches shirts because we have never had any. We had to purchase more shirts because we had more players. Every year we pay umpires for home games and we had three teams needing umpires, there were 18 home games and spent \$300 because many umps volunteered. This does not always happen. Trophies cost about \$350. The equipment cost was up because we had to purchase all the equipment for our girls' softball team. It was the first time we had a team since the both of us have participated which has been six years. We did raise almost \$900 with a raffle the parents put together. We had Roger and Deb Willey work hard to get the snack bar up and running again to create funds as well. We currently charge each child \$15 to register which is one reason why we have so many children participate.

We have been appropriating \$2000 for both baseball and Jr. Hoop to share and I realized that baseball with just the basics costs more to run. We have separated out the baseball from the basketball and then have listed \$3000, which is what we feel it will cost to run this program the way it is currently set up.



Special Baseball Appropriation

This \$4000 appropriation is for both baseball fields. This appropriation will get the second backstop, four new bleachers (two for each field), and clay mix for both fields. We have already raised \$1800 the full cost is \$6000. We have asked Green Mountain Power for money and they gave us \$500. The parents raised almost \$900 with their fundraiser and the snack bar raised over \$400. The second field is necessary because we have seven teams and three of the teams have weekday games and then three have games on the weekends. The field is not available for practice. Last year we started the second field and did hold practices there. This one time sum will allow us to create a permanent second field.

If you have any questions about baseball programs, or about the appropriations requests please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Thank you Jennifer Blay & Mandy Kneeland

SPORTS FUND

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	5,002.29	3,894.77
REVENUE		
Town Assessment	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fund Raisers	500.00	2,175.44
Donations	225.00	
	2,725.00	4,175.44
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 7,727.29	\$ 8,070.21
DISBURSEMENTS		
Building & Grounds	466.52	169.00
Equipment	364.00	532.29
League Insurance	564.00	885.00
Miscellaneous - Trophys	388.05	355.90
Umpire	300.00	300.00
Uniforms	1,749.95	865.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 3,832.52	\$ 3,107.69
TOTAL REVENUE	7,727.29	8,070.21
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,832.52	3,107.69
SPORTS FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,894.77	\$ 4,962.52

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Well 2015 has come and gone and the Lowell Fire Department is coming off one of the slowest years in a long time. This is good news for the residents of Lowell.

L.F.D responded to 9 fire/rescue related calls and 4 CPR related calls along with lift assist with Missisquoi Ambulance. Even though we have had few calls, our fire fighters continue to train in all aspects of fire and rescue.

As many of you know all local fire and EMS dispatching has been moved from the State Police offices in Derby to Williston. While there is still much to be learned with regard to this matter, myself along with Select Board are keeping a close eye on this and checking all options as they become available to us.

The station received a fresh coat of paint and the last of the old windows and doors have been replaced by members Josh King and Rolf Koob.

The L.F.D currently has 17 active members, but we are always looking for dedicated people to join our team.

If interested contact any of our fire fighters.

Respectfully Submitted
Calvin Allen / Fire chief



LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING ACCOUNT

	FY 2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	1,255.90	1,800.49
REVENUE		
Town Appropriation	25,000.00	25,000.00
	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 6,255.90	\$ 26,800.49
DISBURSEMENTS		
Books & Subscriptions	58.95	-
Diesel / Gas	650.33	1,566.00
Dues & Memberships	354.00	337.00
Electricity	1,190.69	1,005.49
Equipment Repair	1,104.82	565.73
Fire Extinguisher / Inspection	100.00	183.85
Fire House Building Audit	3,626.00	-
Fire House Supplies & Gas	178.51	251.76
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	60.00	100.00
Gear	191.37	199.99
General Maintenance	399.76	2,673.00
Heat	3,037.00	1,949.50
Insurance	6,351.05	5,081.00
Insurance - Workman's Comp	-	1,460.00
Miscellaneous	1,238.35	109.84
New Equipment	530.84	-
Postage	123.60	112.00
Repair - Pages, Radio & Batteries	444.75	853.13
Snow Removal - Fire Department	-	800.00
Snow Removal - Fire Hydrants	-	520.00
Telephone	565.39	523.58
Training	600.00	502.50
Volunteer Stipend	3,650.00	1,025.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 24,455.41	\$ 19,819.37
TOTAL REVENUE	26,255.90	26,800.49
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	24,455.41	19,819.37
OPERATING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,800.49	\$ 6,981.12

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND

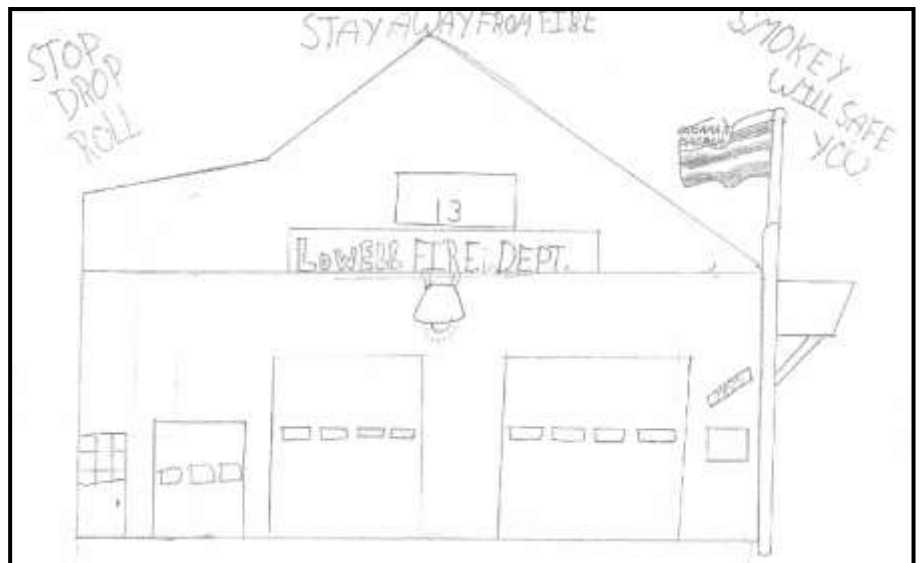
	FY2014	FY 2015
Prior Balance	\$ 13,797.01	\$ 17,868.28
REVENUE		
Donations	2,285.00	275.00
Donations - Jam Session	2,129.79	1,227.87
Everett (Bud) Carter Memorial Fund	375.00	-
Great Auk Wireless - Internet	300.00	975.00
Interest (Savings)	8.27	9.57
Pull Tickets	279.00	-
Services Rendered	95.00	312.00
T-Mobile	-	200.00
	5,472.06	2,999.44
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 19,269.07	\$ 20,867.72
DISBURSEMENTS		
Christmas Dinner	488.76	550.00
Fund Raiser & Fire House Supplies	37.08	29.78
Miscellaneous-Books & Training Manuals	24.95	58.95
New Equipment	850.00	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,400.79	\$ 738.73
TOTAL REVENUE	19,269.07	20,867.72
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	1,400.79	738.73
EQUIPMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 17,868.28	\$ 20,128.99

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Anyone in the Town of Lowell wishing to have an open fire must first receive a "Written Burn Permit" from the local Fire Warden, or Deputy Fire Warden. You may find their telephone numbers posted around town. All burn permits are free.

This year there were 119 permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

We wish to thank everyone who called for a permit this year before burning. And please help prevent forest fires.



Danyelle Pion – Grade 6

Respectfully Submitted:
Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden
Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden

DISPATCHING SERVICES – WARNING ARTICLE # 8

Until this past year all Orleans County fire departments and ambulance services were dispatched by the Vt. State Police in Derby. In 2015, the Derby dispatch was eliminated, and Williston took over dispatching these agencies to cut costs. At this point, Orleans County was one of the few areas in the state that was getting this service without charge. Unfortunately, the state is now seriously considering billing for this service, and this has been talked about at several mutual aid meetings for the last couple of years by the Vt. State Police. This decision of whether or not to charge is a legislative decision, and according to many opinions is very likely to happen. There are many agencies that already pay throughout the state, and feel that it is unfair for some to pay, and others not. Plus, the state is looking for any way possible to help cover the cost of providing these services. According to professional opinions, a realistic estimate for each town is approximately \$40,000 per year for this service. For comparison purposes, the town of Hyde Park pays Lamoille County Sheriff's Office \$70,000 per year for this service, and Eden pays them \$31,000.

Newport Police Department, has offered to provide this service at a much reduced rate. The state has claimed an amount of \$1.1 million to provide this service, the Newport Police Department says they can do it for \$218,000. This is where it becomes complicated. If all 22 agencies (which includes all Orleans County Fire Departments and Ambulances) decide to have Newport Police Department do their dispatching, the cost per agency is slightly less than \$10,000 per year. In Lowell, we have 2 agencies that provide emergency services. One being the Lowell Fire Department and the other being the Missisquoi Ambulance, which provides service for 5 towns. In this case, the cost of dispatching the ambulance service would be divided 5 ways, and each of the 5 towns would pay 1/5 of the agency's cost. This means that the total cost for both services in Lowell, would cost approximately \$12,000.

Lowell Fire Department	\$218,000/22 agencies	= approx. \$10,000
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$10,000/5 towns	= approx. \$2,000
Total Lowell Fees		= approx. \$12,000

If some towns decide NOT to go with Newport Police Department, and stay with the Vt. State Police, then the \$218,000 will have to be dispersed over the remaining towns that DO in fact go with Newport Police Department. Example, if only 16 towns of the possible 22 decide to go with Newport Police Department, then the cost per agency would be close to \$14,000 per agency. In this case, Lowell's amount would be approximately \$16,800.

Lowell Fire Department	\$218,000/16 agencies	= approx. \$14,000
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$14,000/5 towns	= approx. \$2,800
Total Lowell Fees		= approx. \$16,800

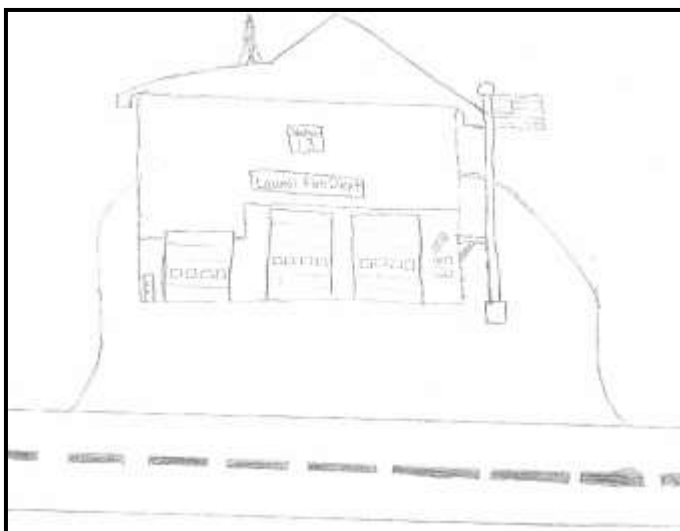
Here comes the tough decision:

Option 1: Stay with the Vermont State police, and cross our fingers that the legislature does NOT decide to have the state charge for this service for roughly \$40,000(???), or

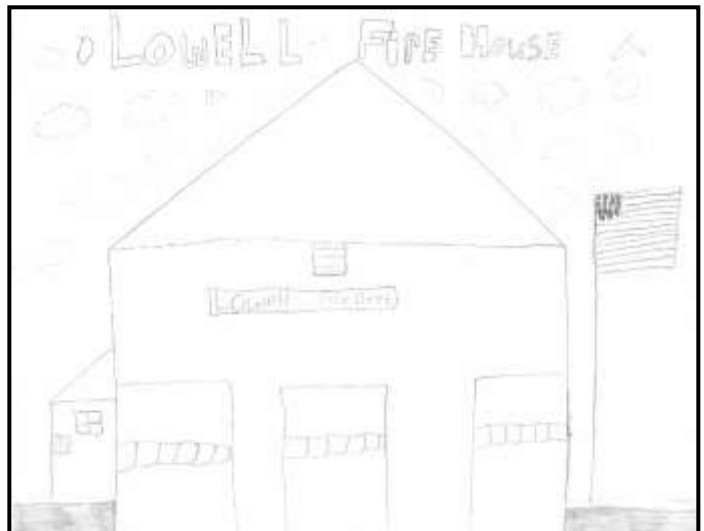
Option 2: Sign on with the Newport Police Department, and decide what would be the highest amount we would agree to pay, depending on how many agencies sign on.

Some facts to consider:

1. If we choose option 1, and the state legislature DOES decide to charge, and we then decide to go with Newport Police Department, the penalty for not signing up before March 15, 2016 will be more than double the charge. In other words, instead of being \$12,000 per year (if all towns sign on), it will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 per year.
2. If there are not enough towns willing to sign on with Newport Police Department to make it cost effective, they will not be willing to provide this service.
3. One advantage with going with Newport Police Department is that the fire department's tones and communication capabilities are greatly expanded. In other words, the way it is presently, our communications with dispatch are directed through the fire station, and once you get a short distance away from our station, communications with dispatch with our portables become un-available. Also, we have firefighters that live far enough away from the station that do not receive tones when an emergency arises. With Newport Police Department, all communications will be through a much more powerful repeater on Jay peak. This means that our communication capabilities will cover a much larger area. In fact, we would be able to receive emergency tones even if we were in Newport.
4. Another advantage to going with Newport Police Department is that Williston is not familiar with our geographical particulars. There are several dispatchers who originally worked at the Derby facility, available to start work for Newport Police Department, and know this area. This is a huge asset when explaining to the first responder how to find the emergency location.



Brandon Tetreault – Grade 8



Jazmine King – Grade 4

LOWELL ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Town of Lowell Zoning Board would like to thank the people and owners that applied for and received building and other related permits during 2015. There are however, several residents that failed to apply for permits. To ensure that there are no problems or delays in obtaining financing for building projects or property sales you must comply with all ordinances. If you have any questions or concerns relative to obtaining a permit or complying with your town's ordinances please contact any member of the zoning committee or myself.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Spencer, Zoning Administrator*

LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD

The Lowell Zoning Board has been working hard this year on projects to help the Town meet all the State requirements for planning and hazard mitigation.

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association Review Board has granted regional approval for the 2014 Town Plan. The Town Plan reviews all aspects of Town growth and development. Copies can be obtained through the Town Clerks Office or electronically by emailing acarlson@lowelltown.org. We welcome all feedback on the plan as we review yearly updating and revising to reflect changes in our community.

We are excited to announce we have received grant funding through FEMA to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town. Working with the NVDA, a consultant has been hired to put together the State requested plan. Once approved by FEMA, this plan will ensure the Town receives additional funding in the event of a natural disaster. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is now in development and we will be requesting your input and feedback as the process continues.

Plans for 2016: Review and revise the Town zoning regulations and current zoning districts.

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. The regularly scheduled meeting time is **the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.** at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100. To confirm meeting time or agenda, call the Town Clerk's Office or Sam Thurston at 744-6859.

Please remember that most buildings and alterations whether commercial or residential need a permit. Permit applications may be picked up from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator.

The Board welcomes your feedback and encourages your input so please feel free to contact any board member with questions and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kieth Christiansen, Rolf Koob, Charles Boulmetis, Sam Thurston, Amanda Carlson
Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)*

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection days, to be held at the New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc. (WASTE USA) landfill facility on Airport Road in Coventry. All residents from participating towns may attend to dispose of HHW. Residency will be proven through vehicle registration. Residents sharing a vehicle with another household must provide additional proof of residency. Each household will be limited to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of HHW.

2016- HHW DATES:

Saturday, May 7th, 2016
Saturday, October 15th, 2016



8:00 a.m. and 12:00 P.m.

If you qualify as a small quantity (CEG) business, and wish to dispose of your hazardous waste, arrangements for disposal and payment must be made in advance and at least one week prior to the event.

TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

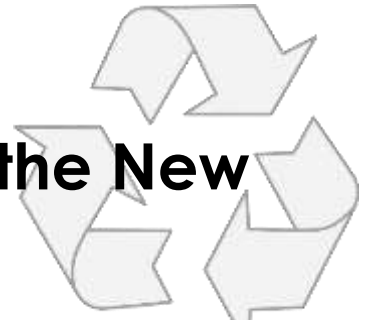
Where: Town Garage
When: Saturday, May 21st, 2016
Time: 8am to 12 noon

Cost:

Car/ Truck (13"- 19.5")	\$1.00 ea.
Truck (19.5")	\$3.00 ea.
Tractor Trailer (22.5"- 24.5")	\$7.00 ea.



8 tires max. per family/ No rims, please
For more information contact: Town Clerk's Office @ 744-6559



The Town of Lowell Welcomes the New GREEN TEAM....

The State of Vermont recently implemented new laws regarding solid waste and recycling. The Town of Lowell has begun compiling the required Solid Waste Implementation Plan that will outline the steps required to be taken over the next five years to be in conformance with all the new laws and regulations.

This will require outreach and education to ensure all of our residents are up to date on the garbage laws!

We would like to welcome our new GREEN TEAM members who will be helping the Town to spread the word and keep everyone informed of all the changes.

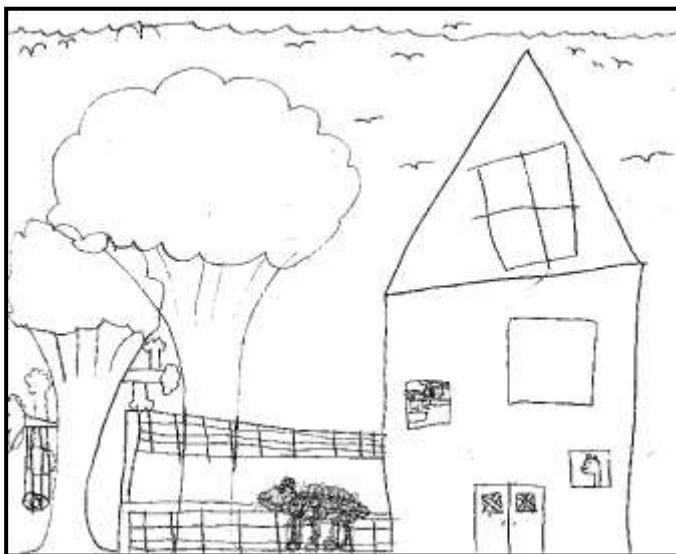
Michelle Maitri-Mudita, Halie Barrick and Kiana LaDeau.

If you have any questions about the new solid waste laws, the in town recycling or state implemented changes coming in the future, please contact our Green Team directly at greenteam@lowelltown.org

The Green Team will be helping with various education and outreach events in the future so if you would like to join in the fun and learn more about helping out the planet please contact them or the Town Clerk's Office for more information.

Recycle bins at the Town Garage are open on Saturday mornings from 8 am to 12 noon.

There is an attendant on duty to assist you with your drop off or answer questions about acceptable materials.



Jacob Michael – Grade 2



Olivia Geoffroy – Grade 3

REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2015).....	203
Total License Fees Received	\$ 1,605.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer	\$ 577.00

DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY
APRIL 1ST, 2016

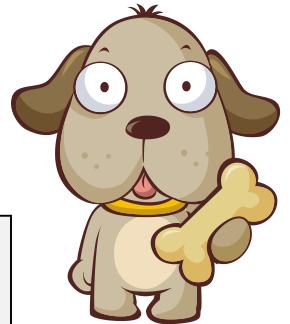
50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2016

Due to an increase from the State, fees for 2016 have increased as follows:

Dog License Fees:

\$ 9.00 each neutered or spayed

\$13.00 each not neutered or not spayed



The Animal Medical Hospital will host a Rabies clinic for
\$15.00 per rabies vaccination on
SATURDAY- MARCH 26TH, 2016 ONLY
from 1:45 TO 2:45 P.M.
at the Lowell Fire Station

LICENSING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.
(YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT TIME OF LICENSING)

PLEASE NOTE

All dogs, cats, ferrets & wolf/ hybrids must be vaccinated against rabies.

TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

An ordinance establishing regulations for the control of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids has been adopted by the select board since October 5, 2004 and took effect on December 6, 2004.

No owner, keeper or other person shall permit a dog or wolf-hybrid owned by him or under his or her keeping or control, to run at large; such person found in violation shall be subject to civil penalties or other enforcement remedies – as provided by law.

A copy of the ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office.

LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

The names listed were printed with permission

BIRTHS

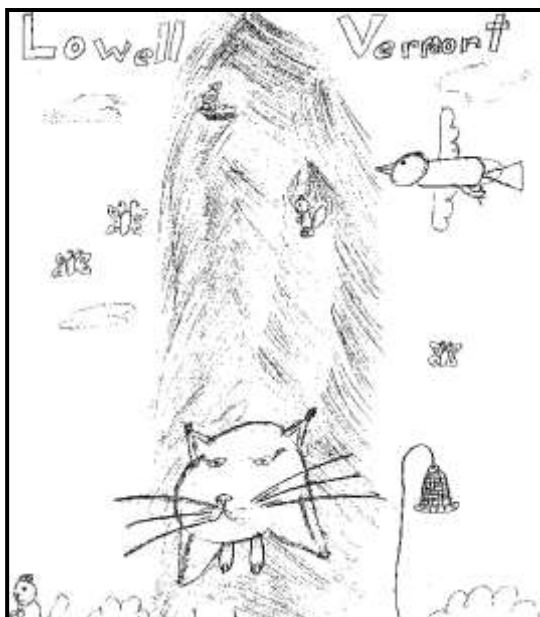
Name	Mother	Father	Date
Beatrix Palmiero	Ashley Prevost	Anthony Palmiero	Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2015:		4	

MARRIAGES

	Date
Mandy Richards & Ryan Sargent	Saturday August 22, 2015
Anita Lepine & Carlton Billado	Saturday September 19, 2015
Megan Champney & Matthew Geoffroy	Saturday September 26, 2015
Melissa Collins & Jennifer Sadowski	Saturday, October 24, 2015
Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2015:	
	10

DEATHS

Name	Residence	Birth Place	Age	Date
Hilda Pion	Lowell, VT	Newport City,	83	February 15, 2015
Marguerite Warner	Lowell, VT	Lowell, VT	94	March 20, 2015
Alvin Warner	Lowell, VT	Lowell, VT	96	April 19, 2015
Santo Frank Marotta	Milton, VT	Newark, NJ	45	September 04, 2015
Roger Stewart	Lowell, VT	Lowell, VT	83	November 09, 2015
Dennis Rickert	Lowell, VT	Gardner, MA	55	December 06, 2015
Gaston Doyon	Lowell, VT	Quebec,	86	December 24, 2015
Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2015:			8	

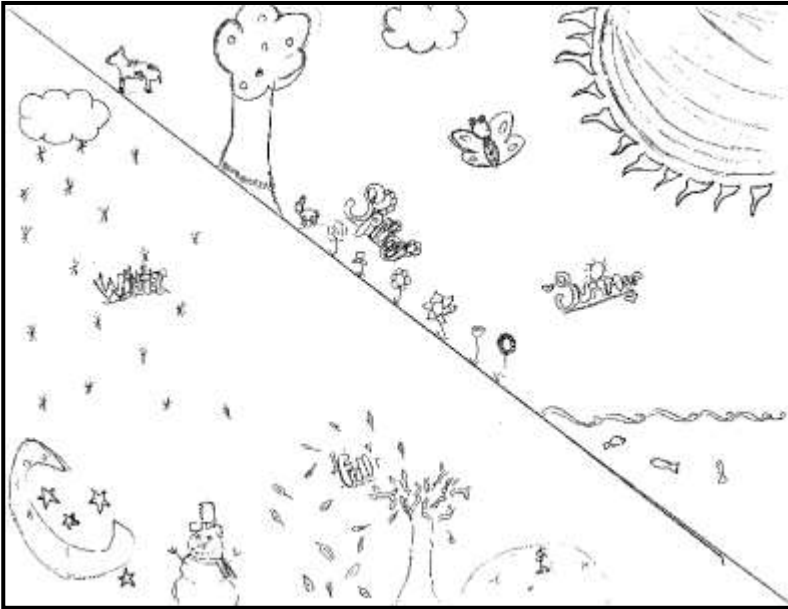


McKenna Blay – Grade 5

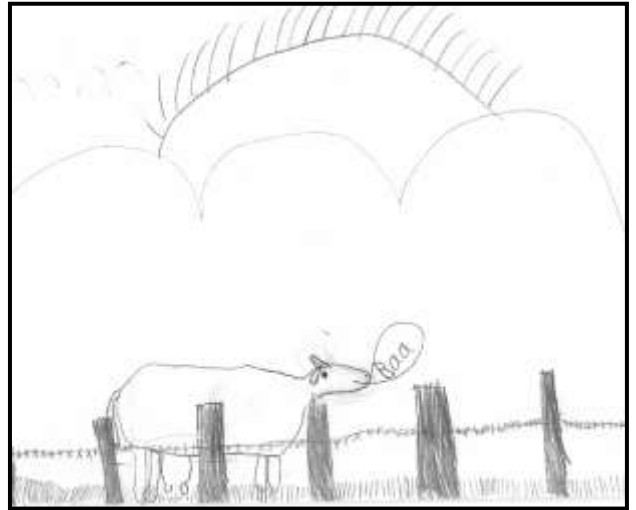


Rayannah Santaw – Grade 6

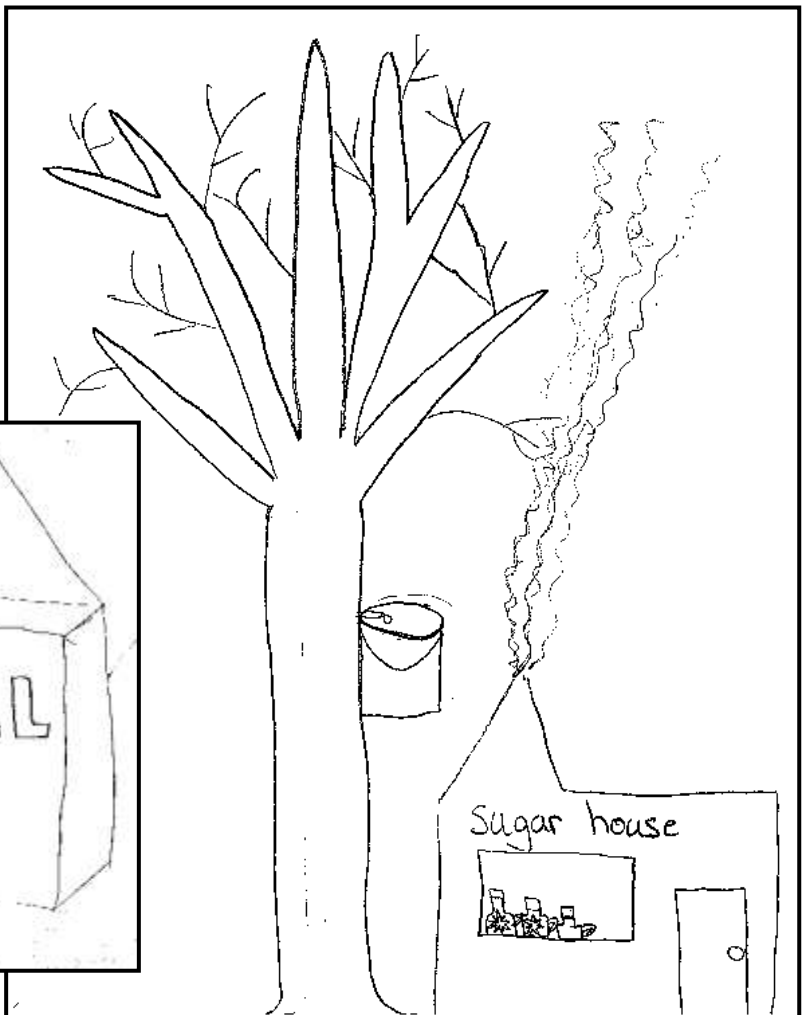
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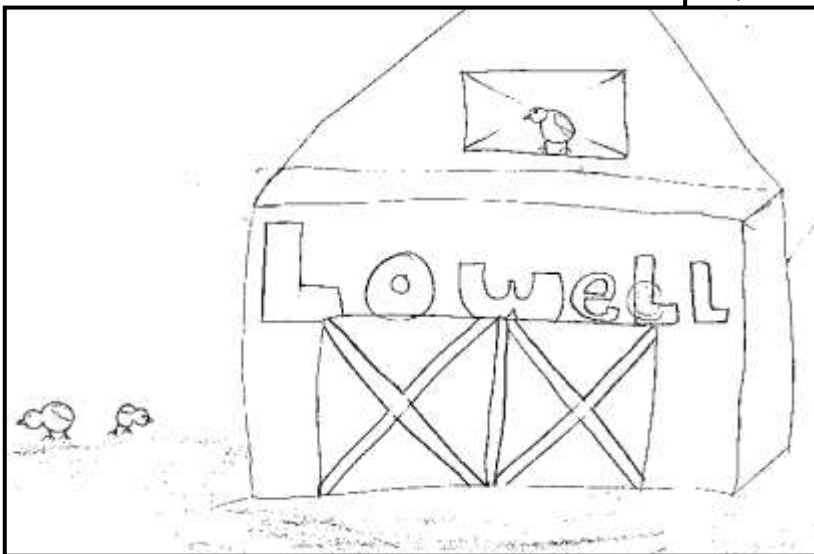
Opal Carney-Krouse – Grade 8



Sam Randall – Grade 3



Jordin Sorrell – Grade 4



Lindsey Tinker – Grade 6

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Anita Gagner
Principal

John Castle
Superintendent

"The mission of Lowell Graded School is to provide a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment that promotes achievement and is tailored to individual student needs."

A Letter from the Lowell Principal - January 2016

Dear Lowell Community

Allow me to introduce the staff at Lowell Graded School. We were pleased to welcome Karla Graham as our preschool teacher. Karla is joined by Suzanne Hastings, a part time classroom teacher, and Melanie Richardson, classroom assistant, at different times during the afternoon. Preschool operates daily from 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Kindergarten and First grade students are in their classroom with Lorelei Willis. Sonja Blodgett, Anne Cota and Robin Messier are assisting in the Kindergarten- First grade classroom at various times throughout the day. Second and Third graders are sharing a classroom this year. Their teachers are George Hambleton and Samantha Santaw-Wright. George is responsible for First through Third grade reading and writing. Samantha is responsible for First through Third grade math. Gail Sicotte is working with George and Samantha in the Second and Third grade classroom. Fourth grade teacher, Judy Ide, is located in the classroom across from the office. Leanne Barnard returned as our Fifth grade teacher, relocated across from the Resource Room. Our middle school is the trio: Zarah Savoie, Sixth through Eighth science; Michael Brooks, Sixth through Eighth humanities; and Bonnie Deslandes, Sixth through Eighth math. Homerooms for Seventh and Eighth remained the same. The Sixth grade homeroom/Middle School science classroom is located next to the Eighth grade homeroom/math classroom. Shannon Mead and Jill Legacy continue to assist students in the middle school. Mary Peters and Gretchen Irwin returned as our special educators. Melanie Richardson assists Mary and Gretchen. Please join me in welcoming Dan Griffith. He is joining Jenn Blay in providing intervention for students. Returning this year are: Michael Oquendo as our music, band teacher and technology integrationist; Anna McAllister as our art instructor; Matt Lapham as our physical education teacher; Joshua Estes as our half time guidance counselor; Debbie Merrill and Becky DiZazzo as our kitchen staff; and Nanette Bonneau, Joanne Bathalon and Gerry Nick as our bus drivers. We are excited to announce Sara Morse LeBlanc as our school secretary. Working together as a team, we will continue to build upon the foundation of learning in ways that excite our children and leave them feeling both good about themselves and curious to learn more.

We continue to look for ways to raise the educational bar for students at Lowell Graded School.

This is our third year of implementing Project Based / Inquiry Based Learning, also known as PBL, and our second year of mandated Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Using CCSS and PBL in combination, allows students to explore, question and evaluate within their own education. With that being stated, I am excited to inform you about a unique opportunity our school has the privilege of being involved with.



Our school is working intensely with literacy leaders through U.V.M. with the Vermont Reads Institute (VRI). This is a two part program. The Bridging Project is geared for K – 5 teachers and their students. The VALLI (Vermont Adolescent Literacy & Learning Initiatives) Project focuses on our middle school teachers and their students. These programs provide in depth professional development for all teachers. In K – 5, Nancy Woods, the VRI Literacy Coach, joins teachers in their classrooms one day per week giving guidance and support. Kris Breen, the VALLI coach, has been providing professional development through a series of workshops. The teachers are creating lessons with the literacy and technology information provided from these workshops to help students use literacy skills in all content areas.

Through our Instructional Leadership Team, teachers are collaborating using the book Academic Conversations by authors Jeff Zwiers and Marie Crawford to focus on "Classroom Talk That Fosters Critical Thinking and Content Understandings"

I want to continue to assure you that I will maintain my "Open Door" policy and would welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please come in for a cup of tea sometime! And let's not forget, it's all about "Our Children!" Our motto or theme if you will is to "Stand by Each Other". On behalf of the students, staff and board at LGS, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your continued consideration, cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
Anita Gagner

A Letter from the Lowell School Board – January 2016

On a subject as important as education, it is to be expected that conversation be lively and far-reaching. Cost and quality are both reasonable and necessary discussions. After all, the topic will, in great part, determine the future of our children.

What we know for sure is that the quality of service provided in our schools is a direct reflection of the support our schools gets from our community. Even using new math the calculation is simple: Support in – Quality out.

When we look at the cost of education, we must remember that our school provides meals to all students and is staffed by people who receive salaries and health care. The school uses energy and the building has to be insured and maintained; transportation must be provided for our children. To a great extent these are expenses that households encounter every day. But there is more.

In 2015, the "*Every Student Succeeds Act*" replaced the "*No Child Left Behind Act*", and is the latest iteration of a stated commitment to the principle of equal opportunity for all students. In addition, we are starting to see the pros and cons of "*Common Core State Standards*". A strategy meant to prepare all students for a competitive global economy. These are well-intentioned strategies seriously challenged by increasing poverty – and they add cost to the equation. But the cost does not stop there. We all know that schools are more susceptible to government regulation than are households. When the state issues mandates, the school necessarily must comply or face penalties and/or sanctions. New regulations come at a cost.

In considering the budget for 2016-17 do so with the knowledge that education in Vermont has been under attack for several years because of its ties to property taxes. We witnessed 2015 to be particularly difficult with the passage of *Act 46*. Ostensibly designed as an opportunity for districts and supervisory unions to unify existing disparate governance structures into sustainable systems of education delivery, *Act 46* was supposed to happen in a way designed to meet identified State goals, while recognizing and reflecting local priorities. However, *Act 46* has proven to be more problematic than its stated goal would suggest - especially for small schools, like ours. We were faced with additional budget challenges over which we have little or no control.

The Lowell school board has always put the budget concerns of the community at the top of our list of priorities – right there next to what is best for our children. In keeping with this tradition, we have abided by the spending threshold established by the State in *Act 46* for our school. We were determined to do this regardless of what the legislature decided to do in rescinding all of part of the legislation, and we accomplished our goal.

In Lowell, our budget and per pupil costs have been and continue to be among the very lowest in Vermont. Because of this, we have little room to cut and still maintain essential services in a budget year that saw a re-negotiated teacher contract, a state-mandated consolidated special education formula and a big rise in health insurance.

In past letters to the community from the board we have tried primarily to focus on program success and the positive accomplishments of our students and staff, however, this year we felt it necessary to spend some time talking about the work we do in putting forth budgets that are fiscally responsible while meeting the needs of our students and State and Federal mandates, all the while making the Lowell Elementary School a school for which we can all be proud. We believe we have done that.

As always it needs to be stated that the Lowell School Board wishes to express their appreciation for the support we receive each and every day from the Lowell community.

Sincerely,
Lowell School Board members:
Steve Mason (chair), Gilles Bathalon, Shauna Richardson

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL STUDENTS & STAFF

STUDENTS:	
PRESCHOOL	15
KINDERGARTEN	7
1 st GRADE	12
2 nd GRADE	6
3 rd GRADE	10
4 th GRADE	13
5 th GRADE	10
6 th GRADE	10
7 th GRADE	18
8 th GRADE	14
TOTAL STUDENTS	115



Grace Robitille – Grade 7

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Anita Gagner
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>	Sara Morse LeBlanc
<u>TEACHERS</u>	
50% Preschool	Karla Graham
Grades K all day - Grade 1 Social Studies & Literacy	Lorelei Willis
Grade 1-3 Math	George Hambleton
Grades 4	Samantha Santaw-Wright
Grades 5	Judith Ide
Grades 6-8 Humanities	Leanne Barnard
Grades 6-8 Math	Michael Brooks
Grades 6-8 Science	Bonita Deslandes
Literacy Interventionist K-8	Zarah Savoie
Math Interventionist	Jennifer Blay
Music (40%), Tech & Curric. Integ.(60%)	Daniel Griffith
Art (20%)	Michael Oquendo
Physical Education (20%)	Hosanna McAllister
Special Educator	Matthew Lapham
Special Educator	Mary Peters
Speech/Lang. Pathologist (30%)	Gretchen Irwin
Classroom Teacher (25%)	Kathy Hill
School Based Clinician (20%)	Suzanne Hastings
School Guidance Counselor 50%	Jamie Cousineau
NURSE (30%)	Joshua Estes
PARAEDUCATORS	Sharon Robitille
SpEd./Classroom Assist./Library Assist.	Robin Messier
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Melanie Richardson
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Gail Sicotte
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Shannon Mead
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Sonja Blodgett
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Anne Cota
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.	Jill Legacy
LUNCH PROGRAM	
Manager/Cook	Debra Merrill
Cook	Rebecca DiZazzo
CUSTODIAN	
General	James Carlson
BUS DRIVERS	
	Nanette Bonneau
	Joanne Bathalon
	Gerry Nick
COACHES	
Soccer	Zarah Savoie
Boys' Basketball	Calvin Allen
Girls' Basketball	Kyle Warner
NCSU	
BOOKKEEPER	April Touchette
	Debbie Brunelle
TRUANT OFFICER	Kevin Charbonneau

**LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED FY2017 BUDGET**

Account Description	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
LOCAL REVENUES				
Investment Earnings - Interest	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,015.36)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$ (500.00)	\$ (2,830.53)	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Fund Balance as Revenue	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (39,000.00)
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	\$ (31,500.00)	\$ (3,845.89)	\$ (31,500.00)	\$ (40,500.00)
SUBGRANT REVENUES				
Medicaid Sub Grant	\$ (10,000.00)		\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (10,000.00)
Title IIA NCSU Funds	\$ -	\$ (4,305.45)	\$ -	\$ -
VEHI Wellness Funds	\$ -	\$ (1,100.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Sub grants for Schoolwide Programs	\$ (57,258.00)	\$ (57,950.61)	\$ (65,077.64)	\$ (104,734.00)
Best Sub Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES	\$ (67,258.00)	\$ (63,356.06)	\$ (75,077.64)	\$ (114,734.00)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	\$ (1,233,150.38)	\$ (1,233,150.00)	\$ (1,294,248.07)	\$ (1,327,051.00)
Small Schools Grant	\$ (104,300.00)	\$ (106,832.00)	\$ (109,302.00)	\$ (109,395.00)
State Aid for Transportation	\$ (29,662.00)	\$ (29,589.00)	\$ (29,662.00)	\$ (33,693.00)
VSAC Grant	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ (6,310.80)	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)
Special Ed. - Mainstream Block Grant	\$ (37,381.00)	\$ (37,381.00)	\$ (39,053.00)	\$ (38,138.00)
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	\$ (89,615.00)	\$ (119,938.00)	\$ (153,439.00)	\$ (197,465.00)
Intensive Reimbursement PY	\$ -	\$ (1,643.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Special Ed. - EEE	\$ (11,284.00)	\$ (11,284.00)	\$ (12,717.00)	\$ (12,834.00)
State Placed Student SpEd	\$ -	\$ (11,290.00)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	\$ (1,514,892.38)	\$ (1,557,417.80)	\$ (1,647,921.07)	\$ (1,725,076.00)
OTHER				
VSBIT Refund	\$ -	\$ (10,418.70)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OTHER	\$ -	\$ (10,418.70)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ (1,613,650.38)	\$ (1,635,038.45)	\$ (1,754,498.71)	\$ (1,880,310.00)
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$ 435,500.00	\$ 435,055.76	\$ 435,500.00	\$ 473,880.00
Salary-VSAC	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,843.76	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Salary - Elementary Para	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 17,833.52	\$ 23,783.00	\$ 18,000.00
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,407.60	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Health Ins - Elementary	\$ 112,400.00	\$ 100,119.39	\$ 108,339.00	\$ 130,000.00

	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
FICA - Elementary	\$ 36,452.24	\$ 33,345.97	\$ 35,594.15	\$ 37,630.00
FICA-VSAC	\$ 612.00	\$ 433.78	\$ 612.00	\$ 498.00
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$ 468.00	\$ 318.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 396.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 601.17	\$ 951.32	\$ 720.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 2,653.78	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 2,951.00
Unemployment - Elementary	\$ 406.00	\$ 330.72	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 4,080.00
Tuition - Elementary	\$ 18,180.00	\$ 3,815.35	\$ 18,180.00	\$ 18,180.00
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$ 3,852.00	\$ 3,341.45	\$ 3,226.00	\$ 3,456.00
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,323.63	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,469.00
Purchased Services - GMFS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Prch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,548.09	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00
Tuition	\$ 8,550.00	\$ -	\$ 8,550.00	\$ -
Travel - Elementary	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies - Elementary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,999.64	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Supplies - Paper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Supplies-ING Unsung Heroes Grant	\$ -	\$ 599.50	\$ -	\$ -
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,912.56	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Books/Periodicals-Math	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,020.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Manipulatives - Elementary	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Equipment - Elementary	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Equipment-Usung Heroes Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,260.00	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,448.99	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 326.74	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Misc.	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Misc.-VSAC	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Student Activities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,259.49	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$ 708,555.24	\$ 640,112.99	\$ 693,500.47	\$ 737,510.00
PRE-K				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 22,499.88	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 19,700.00
Salary - Pre K Para	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 8,485.63	\$ 10,188.00	\$ 3,000.00
Health Ins - Pre K	\$ 3,475.00	\$ 12,160.13	\$ 13,185.00	\$ 10,595.00
FICA - Pre K	\$ 2,161.13	\$ 2,190.25	\$ 2,500.63	\$ 1,737.00
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$ 18.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 33.00
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$ 282.00	\$ 334.62	\$ 407.52	\$ 120.00
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$ 163.85	\$ 110.98	\$ 177.00	\$ 136.00
Unemployment - Pre K	\$ 46.00	\$ 10.40	\$ 275.00	\$ 326.00
Tuition - Pre K	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192.00
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$ 79.10	\$ 62.34	\$ 80.00	\$ 61.00
Supplies - Pre K	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Computer Software - Pre K	\$ -	\$ 236.86	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture-Pre K	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL PRE-K	\$ 35,875.08	\$ 46,106.09	\$ 50,728.15	\$ 37,300.00

	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 9,072.70	\$ 9,374.00	\$ 26,230.00
FICA - Schoolwide	\$ 3,243.60	\$ 3,293.35	\$ 3,335.40	\$ 5,230.00
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$ 36.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 50.00
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$ 245.92	\$ 215.05	\$ 246.00	\$ 411.00
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$ 32.00	\$ 20.80	\$ 180.00	\$ 443.00
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,700.00
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 768.00
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$ 118.72	\$ 121.14	\$ 126.00	\$ 212.00
Purchased & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies - Schoolwide	\$ 294.88	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ -
Books\Periodicals - Schoolwide	\$ 294.88	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ -
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,598.24	\$ 9,520.00
TOTAL SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS	\$ 56,958.00	\$ 60,800.61	\$ 65,077.64	\$ 113,929.00
TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY				
Salary - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$ -	\$ 4,008.00	\$ -	\$ -
FICA - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$ -	\$ 297.45	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY	\$ -	\$ 4,305.45	\$ -	\$ -
GUIDANCE				
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$ 20,100.00	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 22,500.00
Health Ins	\$ -	\$ 9,071.16	\$ 9,374.00	\$ 10,115.00
FICA	\$ 1,537.65	\$ 1,317.40	\$ 1,614.15	\$ 1,722.00
Life Insurance	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00
Workers Comp	\$ 116.58	\$ -	\$ 116.00	\$ 135.00
Unemployment	\$ 31.20	\$ -	\$ 179.00	\$ 272.00
Tuition	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Dental Ins	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 192.00
Long Term Disability	\$ 56.28	\$ -	\$ 61.00	\$ 70.00
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ -	\$ -
Books\Periodicals	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$ 23,469.71	\$ 31,925.78	\$ 33,872.15	\$ 36,439.00
HEALTH SERVICES				
Salary - Teacher	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,088.00
FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00
Life Insurance	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 33.00
Workers Comp	\$ 129.92	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 67.00
Unemployment	\$ 31.20	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 272.00
Tuition	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 540.00
Long Term Disability	\$ 62.72	\$ -	\$ 64.00	\$ 35.00
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 44.06	\$ -	\$ -
Contract Services - NCSU	\$ 18,193.00	\$ 14,464.12	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 315.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 20,352.84	\$ 14,823.84	\$ 20,730.00	\$ 13,885.00

	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
Contract Services - NKHS	\$ 22,268.00	\$ 5,751.10	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 6,000.00
Contract Services - Behavior Specialist	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 11,324.31	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$ 36,618.00	\$ 21,125.41	\$ 34,550.00	\$ 28,000.00
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Home School Coordinator Salary	\$ -	\$ 3,126.00	\$ -	\$ -
FICA	\$ -	\$ 239.14	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 3,365.14	\$ -	\$ -
LIBRARY				
Salary - Para 40%	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 6,227.12	\$ 10,188.00	\$ 9,015.00
Health Ins	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,297.42	\$ 3,811.00	\$ 4,545.00
FICA	\$ 424.58	\$ 432.41	\$ 779.38	\$ 690.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 222.00	\$ 249.01	\$ 329.00	\$ 361.00
Workers Comp	\$ 32.19	\$ -	\$ 54.00	\$ 55.00
Unemployment	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 110.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books\Periodicals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 706.14	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Dues\Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 11,516.77	\$ 10,412.10	\$ 17,256.38	\$ 16,826.00
TECHNOLOGY				
Salary - Teacher	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 21,959.92	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 23,640.00
Health Ins	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 4,131.00	\$ 4,269.00	\$ 4,607.00
FICA	\$ 1,713.60	\$ 1,624.90	\$ 1,713.60	\$ 1,809.00
Life Insurance	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 20.00
Workers Comp	\$ 129.92	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 142.00
Unemployment	\$ 31.20	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 163.00
Tuition	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,080.00
Dental Ins	\$ 192.00	\$ 225.24	\$ 230.00	\$ 231.00
Long Term Disability	\$ 62.72	\$ -	\$ 64.00	\$ 74.00
Purchased & Technical Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,137.61	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,800.00
Contract Services-SIS	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,105.66	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Learning Mgmt Software, Eplus Main	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 789.05	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 735.00
Purchased Property Services-Internet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Purchased Services	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 580.06	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,582.87	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 57,990.44	\$ 36,256.31	\$ 55,667.60	\$ 47,126.00

	FY2015 BUDGET 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2015 ACTUAL 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2016 BUDGET 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 BUDGET 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
PATH EXPENSE				
PATH Stipend	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
FICA-PATH	\$ -	\$ 84.15	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Retirement Path	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -
Purchased Services	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PATH EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 1,504.15	\$ -	\$ -
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Salaries - Board	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
FICA	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Legal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 4,652.00	\$ 4,108.39	\$ 4,085.00	\$ 6,750.00
Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,380.26	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 969.18	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Board Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 829.33	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Contingency for Teacher Negotiations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Contingency for Support Staff Increases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,502.00	\$ -
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 7,722.00	\$ 7,767.16	\$ 35,657.00	\$ 9,820.00
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	\$ 37,413.00	\$ 37,413.00	\$ 40,833.00	\$ 43,004.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 37,413.00	\$ 37,413.00	\$ 40,833.00	\$ 43,004.00
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Principal	\$ 71,720.00	\$ 71,717.00	\$ 73,869.00	\$ 76,085.00
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Salary - Clerical	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 23,473.76	\$ 20,662.50	\$ 20,550.00
FICA	\$ 7,197.12	\$ 7,436.80	\$ 7,384.66	\$ 7,546.00
Life Insurance	\$ 144.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 132.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 812.00	\$ 877.76	\$ 804.00	\$ 822.00
Workers Comp	\$ 545.66	\$ 453.60	\$ 545.00	\$ 594.00
Unemployment	\$ 65.00	\$ 41.60	\$ 358.00	\$ 545.00
Long Term Disability	\$ 200.82	\$ 200.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 235.00
Purchased & Technical Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Purchased Property Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,201.83	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Travel	\$ 750.00	\$ 827.55	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Supplies	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,051.40	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Furniture	\$ -	\$ 289.97	\$ -	\$ -
Dues\Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Misc	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$ 110,619.60	\$ 109,716.27	\$ 113,550.16	\$ 115,359.00

	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2015 ACTUAL	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
FISCAL SERVICES				
Town Office	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Contracted Service	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,100.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,400.00
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,100.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,400.00
AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,782.50	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00
TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,782.50	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 5,750.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$ 14,340.00	\$ 10,688.80	\$ 14,829.00	\$ 14,830.00
Salaries-Summer	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,881.75	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
FICA	\$ 1,295.91	\$ 961.65	\$ 1,333.32	\$ 1,333.00
Municipal Retirement	\$ 573.60	\$ 447.46	\$ 571.00	\$ -
Workers Comp	\$ 98.25	\$ 606.03	\$ 760.00	\$ 745.00
Unemployment	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.80	\$ 179.00	\$ 272.00
Septic Services	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Water Testing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,674.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,700.00
Rubbish Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,567.84	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Purchased Services	\$ -	\$ 12,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
Property Ins.	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 2,411.17	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 2,860.00
Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,023.92	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 329.70	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Electricity	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,633.53	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Propane	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,861.96	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 13,918.20	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Non-Instructional Equip.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Insurance Claim Expenses	\$ -	\$ 13,031.90	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 64,247.76	\$ 78,808.71	\$ 66,682.32	\$ 66,890.00
CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Contracted Services	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 893.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Repairs & Maint	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,668.07	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,071.63	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ 134.95	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 18,767.65	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 15,600.00
CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Contracted Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Snow Removal	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
Lawn Care	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Supplies	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 16.99	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Equipment Playground	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 4,026.99	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00

	FY2015 BUDGET 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2015 ACTUAL 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2016 BUDGET 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 BUDGET 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT				
Purchased Property Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT	\$ 400.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 68,953.48	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Contract 504 Service	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Transportation-Summer	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 75,100.00	\$ 68,953.48	\$ 75,100.00	\$ 75,100.00
EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Field Trips	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,510.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Transportation-VSAC	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Athletic Transp.	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,739.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 6,249.50	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 6,250.00
DEBT SERVICES				
Long Term Debt - interest	\$ 1,316.25	\$ 1,338.75	\$ 440.00	\$ -
Long Term Debt - principal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Fund Transfer To Bldg/Maint. Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$ 21,316.25	\$ 16,338.75	\$ 15,440.00	\$ -
SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Salary - Teacher	\$ 81,300.00	\$ 78,267.47	\$ 102,600.00	\$ -
Summer Tutoring Wages	\$ -	\$ 288.00	\$ -	\$ -
Salary - Para	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 96,935.33	\$ 98,555.00	\$ 96,700.00
Substitutes Pay	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,982.37	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Health Ins	\$ 41,705.00	\$ 48,015.49	\$ 54,140.00	\$ 59,390.00
FICA	\$ 10,273.95	\$ 12,914.97	\$ 15,541.36	\$ 7,398.00
Life Insurance	\$ 54.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 3,621.15	\$ 3,942.20	\$ 3,868.00
Workers Comp	\$ 778.94	\$ 672.69	\$ 1,113.00	\$ 683.00
Unemployment	\$ 180.00	\$ 114.40	\$ 539.00	\$ 1,900.00
Tuition	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,632.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -
Dental Ins	\$ 576.00	\$ 576.00	\$ 768.00	\$ -
Long Term Disability	\$ 227.64	\$ 227.02	\$ 287.28	\$ -
Purchased & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 7,112.54	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Service NCSU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,237.00
Tuition-SPS	\$ -	\$ 29,545.05	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 464.82	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books\Periodicals	\$ 500.00	\$ 636.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

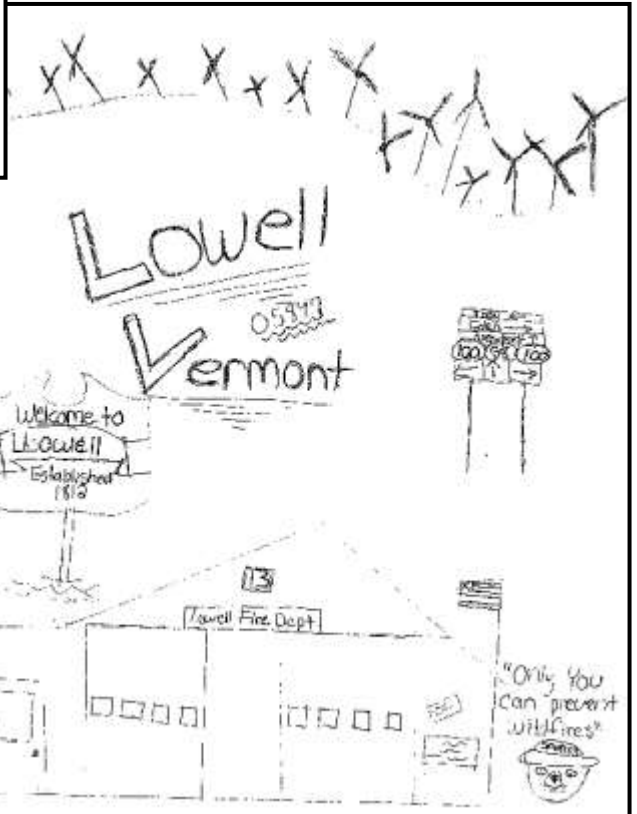
	FY2015 BUDGET 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2015 ACTUAL 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2016 BUDGET 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 BUDGET 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ 189.90	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues\Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 194,925.53	\$ 287,240.65	\$ 285,195.84	\$ 420,226.00
EEE				
EEE Local	\$ 37,183.00	\$ 35,689.77	\$ 30,252.00	\$ 30,897.00
EEE State/Federal	\$ 11,284.00	\$ 11,284.00	\$ 12,717.00	\$ 12,834.00
TOTAL EEE	\$ 48,467.00	\$ 46,973.77	\$ 42,969.00	\$ 43,731.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Contract Services-NKHS SpEd eligible	\$ -	\$ 6,763.90	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 6,763.90	\$ -	\$ -
SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES				
Testing Services	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Contract Services - SLP	\$ 22,148.00	\$ 22,189.33	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -
Supplies-Speech	\$ 500.00	\$ 78.10	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 23,148.00	\$ 22,267.43	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 500.00
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
Contract Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,337.60	\$ 7,154.00	\$ -
TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,337.60	\$ 7,154.00	\$ -
PHYSICAL THERAPY				
Purchased & Technical Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 601.68	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 601.68	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION				
Special Ed Transportation Para Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BCBS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SpEd Trans FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation Svc-SPS SpEd Student	\$ -	\$ 811.43	\$ -	\$ -
SpEd Trans Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 4,260.55	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 5,071.98	\$ -	\$ -
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salaries	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
FICA	\$ 150.00	\$ 106.42	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Unemployment	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Referees	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

	FY2015 BUDGET 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2015 ACTUAL 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY2016 BUDGET 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 BUDGET 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Trophies/Banquet	\$ 200.00	\$ 265.80	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$ 4,365.00	\$ 2,332.22	\$ 4,365.00	\$ 4,365.00
AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS				
Camp Encore	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Camp Swim	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services-ASP Music	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies-ASP/Summer Prog	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,613,650.38	\$ 1,638,321.11	\$ 1,754,498.71	\$ 1,880,310.00



Ava Cleary – Grade 5

Destiny Sorrell – Grade 6



Haidin Bathalon – Grade 4

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2017 BOARD APPROVED ASESMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2016 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$4,000)	(\$2,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$3,000)	(\$2,000)
INTEREST REVENUE	(\$7,000)	(\$4,000)
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,099,837)	(\$1,131,650)
TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT	(\$1,099,837)	(\$1,131,650)
1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$15,000)	(\$40,000)
MISC REVENUE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$40,000)	(\$65,000)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$1,146,837)	(\$1,200,650)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE		
SALARY ATTENDANCE OFFICER	\$1,000	\$1,000
F.I.C.A.	\$75	\$75
W COMP	\$5	\$5
TRAVEL	\$75	\$75
TOTAL 2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE	\$1,155	\$1,155
2210 Improvement of Instruction Services		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$8,000	\$8,000
SP PROJECTS PRINCIPAL MENTORING	\$0	\$0
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$3,000	\$3,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$3,500	\$3,500
SPEC.PROJ.-SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 Improvement of Instruction Services	\$14,500	\$14,500
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$41,485	\$42,523
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$15,481	\$15,875
BCBS	\$16,541	\$17,763
FICA	\$4,358	\$4,467
LIFE INSURANCE	\$75	\$75
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$832	\$873
WORKERS COMP	\$270	\$270
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$40	\$40
TUITION	\$770	\$770
DENTAL	\$360	\$360
LTD	\$170	\$170
TRAINING	\$750	\$750
TRAVEL	\$645	\$645
SUPPLIES	\$600	\$600
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$750	\$900
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$83,628	\$86,581
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$32,400	\$65,118
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	\$10,454	\$10,454

Account Number / Description	FY2016 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
SUPPORT TECH WAGES	\$7,380	\$7,380
BCBS	\$9,120	\$11,500
FICA	\$3,843	\$6,346
LIFE INSURANCE	\$168	\$168
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$3,020	\$3,649
WORKERS COMP	\$250	\$400
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$262	\$262
TUITION	\$920	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$295	\$395
LTD	\$155	\$255
TRAVEL	\$1,530	\$3,000
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$400
SUPPLIES	\$500	\$500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$5,000	\$5,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$80,697	\$122,127
2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES		
PURCHASED TECH SERVICE CONTRACT	\$65,000	\$66,000
TOTAL 2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES	\$65,000	\$66,000
2300 Support Services - General Admin		
ANNUITY	\$0	\$0
SUP'T SALARY	\$117,875	\$120,822
SECRETARY WAGES (2)	\$67,704	\$69,451
BCBS	\$51,205	\$54,987
FICA	\$14,143	\$14,412
LIFE INSURANCE	\$190	\$190
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$3,639	\$3,820
WORK COMP	\$1,050	\$1,050
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$330	\$330
DENTAL	\$1,068	\$1,068
LTD	\$525	\$533
AUDIT NCSU	\$12,200	\$12,200
LODGING & MEALS	\$1,500	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$4,500	\$4,500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$200
PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$1,600	\$1,600
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$280,728	\$289,663
2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	\$2,000	\$2,000
LEGAL MISC TOWNS	\$250	\$250
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ADS	\$7,000	\$7,000
STORAGE PURCHASE SERVICE	\$700	\$700
LEGAL SERVICES	\$2,000	\$2,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$0	\$600
EQUIP MAINT	\$2,000	\$2,000
PHONE EQUIP MAINT	\$2,800	\$2,800
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$10,800	\$10,800
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$5,000	\$5,000
TELEPHONE	\$8,000	\$7,000
POSTAGE	\$12,500	\$10,000
INTERNET	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$400	\$400
ADVERTISING	\$2,000	\$2,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$1,500	\$2,200

Account Number / Description	FY2016 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	FY2017 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$8,000	\$8,000
BOOKS	\$1,000	\$1,000
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$2,000
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$2,000
PHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$2,000
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$500	\$500
TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS	\$72,500	\$75,300
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL WAGES	\$78,193	\$71,976
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$32,458	\$19,830
PERSONNEL FICA	\$5,982	\$5,506
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$45	\$45
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$4,203	\$3,739
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$350	\$350
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$200	\$200
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$3,450	\$3,450
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$592	\$707
PERSONNEL LTD	\$219	\$190
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$250	\$550
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$126,541	\$107,143
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$66,093	\$67,050
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$54,974	\$56,348
WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$26,790	\$25,664
WAGES COURIER	\$600	\$1,600
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANT	\$41,000	\$42,025
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$51,240	\$53,274
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$14,852	\$14,618
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$230	\$123
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$11,622	\$11,913
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$900	\$950
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$675	\$675
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,500	\$3,500
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,008	\$1,100
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$554	\$561
PURCHASE SERVICE BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500	\$4,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$400
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$350	\$1,400
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,500	\$500
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$284,788	\$290,701
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
WAGES CUSTODIAN	\$1,400	\$2,380
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$1,500	\$3,200
CUSTODIAN-P.SERV	\$6,500	\$8,500
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$3,900	\$1,800
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$0	\$800
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$0	\$2,800
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$13,300	\$19,480
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$124,000	\$128,000
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$124,000	\$128,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,146,837	\$1,200,650

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

Dear North Country School-Community:

The North Country Supervisory Union Board formally adopted the “NCSU Commitments” this past September. Our “Commitments” are the articulation of our **Mission** and **Learning Beliefs** along with the desired **Learning Outcomes** and subsequent **Learning Opportunities** to support those outcomes. This framework provides a guide for the common practices and direction across the supervisory union. I encourage you to review the NCSU Commitments and Design for Learning included in this report or on our website, www.ncsuvt.org.

The NCSU Commitments, along with the Vermont Education Quality Standards are having a large impact on shaping the direction of curriculum, instruction and assessment of student learning. The EQS promote an intentional focus on proficiency based learning, personalization and “transferable skills” such as communication and collaboration. The NCSU Commitments further define the knowledge, skills and dispositions we want our learners to acquire. We support quality instruction that promotes inquiry and engages students at all grade levels. The NCSU Design for Learning provides broad areas of focus and allows individual schools to implement strategies at the local level.

This past year we hired Kelli Dean (Holland Principal) to work part-time as our Instructional Innovation Coordinator to assist in the implementation of our Design for Learning. Kelli has worked closely with Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Kathy Nolan, principals and teacher leaders in advancing areas such as positive learning environments and the effective use of technology. Kathy Nolan will retire at the end of this year. Kathy has made many lasting contributions to the learning of students in her roles as teacher, math coach, principal and her current role at central office. We will greatly miss Kathy’s strong educational knowledge, wisdom about learning and ability to bring people together in the common interest of children.

During the budget process this year, school boards continued to face tough choices in sustaining programs and services while considering the financial limitations of our communities. A number of our schools are moving forward with the development of school-based pre-school programs. NCSU will be in compliance with state law that requires the centralization of special education beginning next year. This will result in all licensed special education professionals becoming supervisory union employees. The NCSU Board determined that we would aggregate the cost of special education and assess expenses to schools based on equalized pupils. Our Boards are responsible in building budgets while remaining steadfast in providing a quality education for all students.

Unfortunately, Act 46 ushered in a number of changes that have an immediate impact on FY17 budgets. With the loss of “hold harmless” several schools have seen a faster rate of decline in equalized pupils than they would have otherwise. Down the road there are also concerns that we will see an elimination of the small schools grants. For many of our schools, the number one pressure on school budgets is declining enrollments. A large intent of Act 46 is to push for the elimination of local school boards with a shift to proportional representation within a centralized governance model. The State is providing temporary tax incentives as an inducement to encourage supervisory unions to become “supervisory districts” and thus transferring the authority for making all decisions regarding schools to a centralized board. Thus far, there has not been an interest by NCSU boards to make this shift.

Our most important decisions related to the direction of the supervisory union and individuals schools must remain on student learning. I am confident that North Country Supervisory Union schools have established the right foundation with our Commitments to support learning and promote shared culture of continuous improvement. We are moving forward with a collective sense of purpose thanks to the many contributions of talented, compassionate and committed staff, teachers, administrators and school board members. We appreciate the continued support of our community members and our shared commitment to the development of **character, competence, creativity** and sense of **community**.

With great respect and appreciation,

John A. Castle
NCSU Superintendent of Schools



LEARNING BELIEFS

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

Growth Mindset ❖ Curiosity ❖ Perseverance ❖ Relevance ❖ Mutual Respect
Feedback & Reflection ❖ Instructional Access ❖ Equity ❖ Diversity
❖ Personal Responsibility

Shared Leadership ❖ Individual & Collective Accomplishments ❖ Community Partnerships

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learners participate in experiences that/to...

Support Personal Pathways ❖ Include Problem-Based Projects ❖ Are Academically Rigorous
Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections ❖ Contain Experiential Discovery
❖ Utilize Transferable Skills

Encourage Student Voice ❖ Incorporate Technology ❖ Involve Physical Activity ❖ Create & Perform
Engage The Community ❖ Occur In The Natural World ❖ Happen Anywhere & Any Time

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learners succeed by becoming...

Caring, Kind & Grateful ❖ Confident & Self-Directed ❖ Honest & Fair
❖ Independent Thinkers

Innovative Problem Solvers ❖ Academically Accomplished ❖ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
Technologically Skilled ❖ Globally Aware ❖ Contributing Citizens ❖ Respectful of Our Environment
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy ❖ Appreciative Of & Skilled In The Visual & Performing Arts

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

...committed to the development of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community

DESIGN FOR LEARNING 2015 – 2018

GOAL: All schools will provide a curriculum that advance outcomes as articulated in the NCSU Commitments.

Objectives:

1. Each school will deliver a comprehensive curriculum to achieve proficiency based on current standards.
2. Each school will establish curricula to ensure instructional access tailored to individual needs and interests.
3. Each school will ensure curricula that include the visual and performing arts.
4. Each school will establish curricula related to transferable skills.

GOAL: All schools will provide learning opportunities and utilize instructional practices in accordance with NCSU Commitments.

Objectives:

1. Each school will utilize the NCSU Instructional Framework.
2. Each school will incorporate project/problem-based learning.
3. Each school will ensure access to a comprehensive continuum of supports for all learners.
4. Each school will establish a more customized approached to learning and support multiple pathways.

GOAL: All schools will utilize effective assessment, grading practices, feedback and use of data.

Objectives:

1. Each school will implement current best practices for assessment and reporting of student learning outcomes.
2. Each school will update a comprehensive assessment plan including the use of electronic portfolios.
3. Each school will develop practices of student goal setting, self-assessment and student-led conferences.
4. Each school will use qualitative data to guide reflection around the review of programs and practices.

GOAL: All schools will create a positive learning environment.

Objectives:

1. Each school will implement research-based practices that advance positive behaviors.
2. Each school will develop strategies to address character development.
3. Each school will promote authentic student voice and leadership.
4. Each school will increase parent and community engagement.

Message from North Country Union High School Board of Directors – January 2016

The Board continues to view our main task as providing a relevant, affordable public education while meeting our obligations to our students, taxpayers and employees.

We continue to face constant challenges to public education including declining enrollments, reduced state and federal aid, rising costs continue with health insurance, we feel this budget has addressed all of these while more importantly meets students' needs. The budget being presented is a total (NCUHS and NCCC) of 2.34% less than last year's budget. This is the result of meeting our contractual obligations and fixed costs with offsetting savings in staffing and other efficiencies.

Public education funding continues to draw a lot of attention and will likely continue to do for at least the foreseeable future. We continue to be one of the most efficient school districts in the state while remaining true to our efforts to provide the best opportunities for our children and balancing the needs of our taxpayers.

The board wishes to thank our employees for their dedication and diligence in serving our children. We have a school to be proud of!

Once again we hope you, the taxpayers, agree and will support the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted by NCUHS Board of Directors

*Rose Mary Mayhew, Chair – Troy, Scott Boskind, Derby, Richard Cartee, Newport City, David Ghelli, Newport Town
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North Country Union High School

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January 2016

North Country Union High School continues to be a powerful and positive influence for our students and in the community. Since 1967 North Country Union High School has served over 11 communities that make-up the North Country Supervisory Union. With our communities support, North Country Union High School will continue to offer educational programs designed to meet the needs of all students.

This year's budget process was by far one of the most challenging faced. The budget presented reflects an overall reduction from last years budget of -\$258,162.00 (-2.07%). As a result voters can expect to see a \$ -.0359 reduction in their estimated union tax rate to be prorated.

Our new mission statement, "Achievement through Perseverance" along with our core values and beliefs will continue to guide our work as we face the challenges to maintain the numerous academic, career, co-curricular and athletic programs available to our students, while maintaining a budget that reflects one of the lowest per pupil costs in the state.

On behalf of the North Country Union High School community, we truly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bill Rivard

Principal

North Country Union High School

NORTH COUNTRY CAREER CENTER

January 2016

The North Country Career Center provides education and training programs to the students of North Country Union High School and Lake Region Union High School, as well as adult community members throughout the Northeast Kingdom. We prepare our high school students for their futures as students, employees and community members. We strive for all of our students to be “Career, College and Community Ready”. We also help our adult learners reach their potential in their chosen career. We have expanded our Adult Education Department and provide training that leads to industry recognized credentials in technical fields such as welding and began the first Medication Nursing Assistant program in the state. We offer personal enrichment classes that bring community members together to learn new languages, explore artistic medium, and prepare international cuisine.

In response to the declining population of high school aged students, we have looked carefully at the opportunities that we can provide to our students and will be offering fifteen half day programs in the 2016-2017 school year and twelve additional pre-tech foundation (PTF) courses. The half day programs run approximately 120 minutes a day and are available to 11th and 12th graders; the PTF courses introduce the 9th and 10th grade NCUHS students to the career options available in the various career pathways at NCCC. Our course selection offers students a variety of technical training in many different areas, often supplemented with work-based learning experiences for the students. This means that students get real job experience and often earn credits and/or get paid for the work that they do. Many students also earn college credits during their time at the career center through dual enrollment. These credits are at no cost to the student or the local budget, thanks the Carl B. Perkins Grant through the federal government.

I would like to thank all of the voters for the ongoing support that you give to the Career Center. We are working hard to provide educational opportunities to all the members of our community while realizing the need to be fiscally responsible in the face of declining student enrollment and legislatively imposed spending caps.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Illuzzi,
Director
North Country Career Center

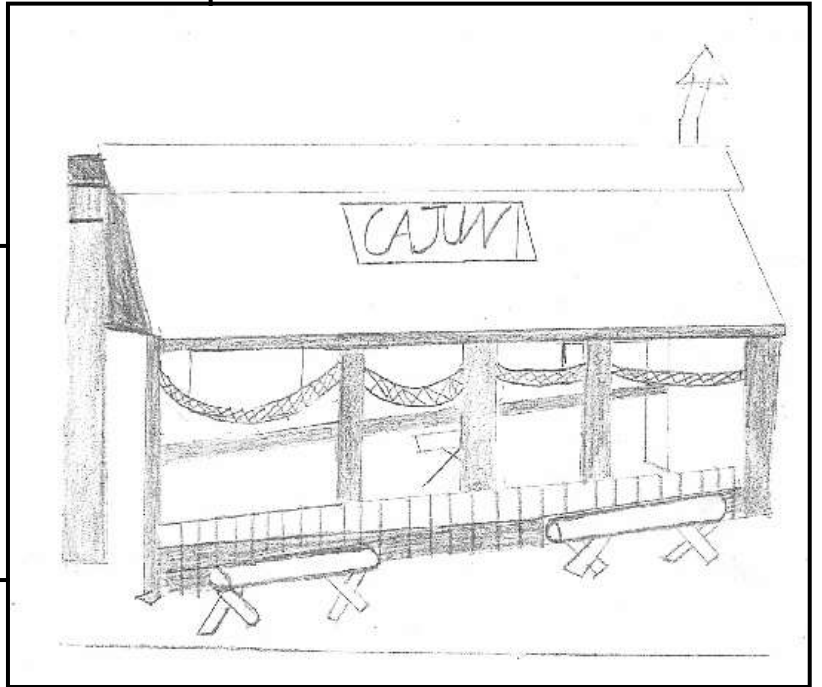


Kaylee Sargent – Grade 5

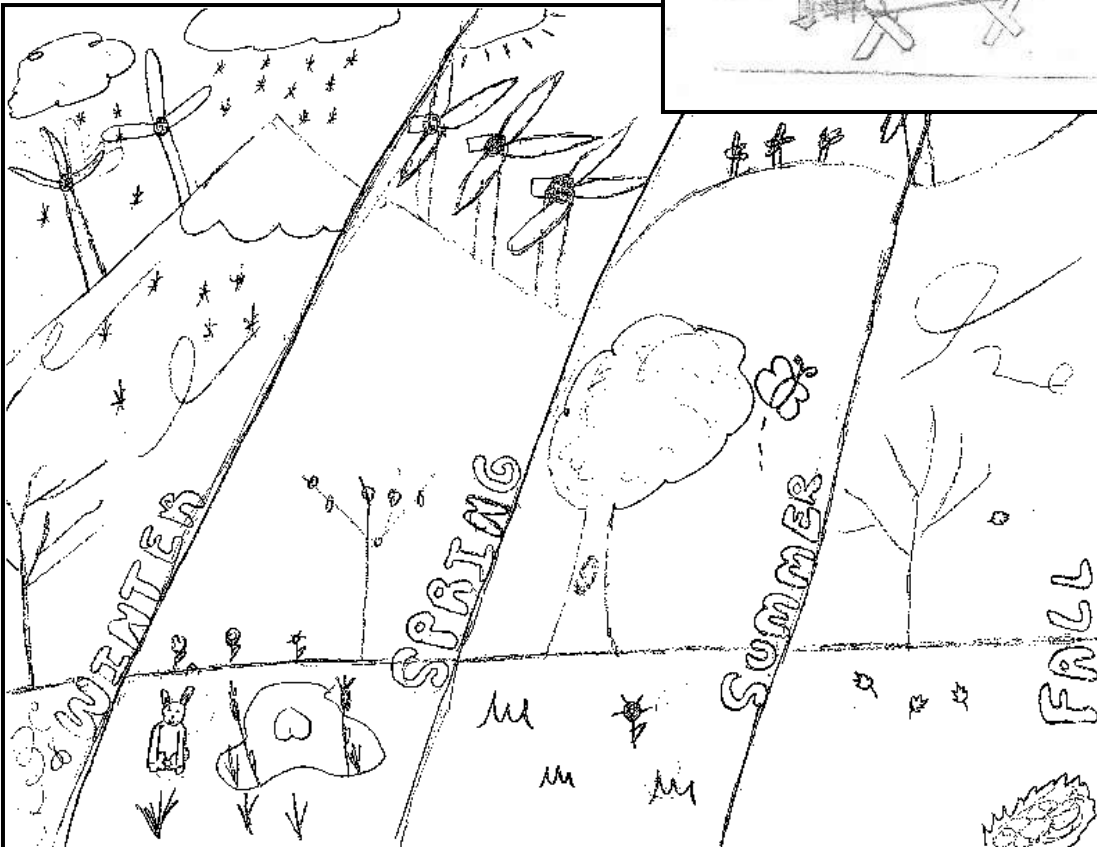
SERVICE REPORTS



Taylor Richards – Grade 3



Wyatt Pion – Grade 7



McKenzie McLeod – Grade 8



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

RE: Request for Appropriation

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of Lowell for an appropriation of Twelve Thousand and Forty-Two Dollars, \$12,042.00. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2016.

We will not increase funding by ¼ percent this year as we indicated at last Town meeting even though we have seen our expenses and purchases increase again this year mostly due to the costs of renovating the ambulance bay and buying the newly required equipment for the Paramedic Level of service. We will continue to use the grand list based approach to funding as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-309-8894 or email to missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com . Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
William Smith, NRP
President
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. of Jay, Vermont will provide the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, Westfield and the Village of North Troy with 24 hour Paramedic level emergency medical services. We are licensed and governed by the Vermont Department of Health and will consistently strive for improvement and growth to provide the best service to our constituents' at the most economical costs possible. **We responded to more than 473 emergency calls this year.**

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we get every year. Community service is a difficult but very rewarding job and it's your support and thanks that keeps our members motivated.

MVAS continues to field a squad of 25± members. We continue to operate one, 4 wheel drive, intermediate level ambulance and one, 4 wheel drive Paramedic level ambulance. We currently operate a 2009 F450 and a 2013 F350. The commitment to running newer rigs has driven our maintenance costs down, our out-of-service time down and put our patients & crews in a much safer vehicle day-in and day-out. Our service this past year upgraded from an Advance level service to a Paramedic level service, this provides the communities we serve with the highest level of pre-hospital care. On March 15th 2015 MVAS responded to its first Paramedic level call with EMT Melinda smith and Paramedic Billy Smith. This level of service requires our members to continually attend additional training. MVAS currently has 3 paramedics on staff. 1 member completing her training now and others applying to go to Paramedic school.

MVAS has had many changes this past year, from becoming a Paramedic level service to changes in its leadership. After 20 years of dedicated service President Scott Rappold has decided to retire from MVAS. With Scott leaves many years of dedication, knowledge and community service. Scott has been the backbone in the progressive growth of this service and we wish him the best. Paramedic Billy Smith has been appointed by the board to fill this position. MVAS also conducted its first meetings with the towns oversight board, we welcome these great community members and look forward to the assistance this will provide to both the towns we serve and the service.

As we have mentioned year after year, we are still in need of a suitable, permanent facility to store our equipment, house our responders and perform our training, meetings and day to day operations. We continue to reach for this goal and in the meantime have been granted the use of the old Jay Town Garage. We have been making improvements to this space throughout the year to make it usable to our on-call crews who spend their days and some nights here. We appreciate Jay granting us the use of this space.

MVAS is committed to serving our communities and devoted to the health and safety of our neighbors. Anyone with questions and concerns or interest in joining our organization should call 988-1098 or email us at missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com.

William (Billy) Smith, NRP, President



August 28, 2015

Lowell town
Karen Clinger
2170 VT Rte. 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Karen,

Please accept this letter as a request for funds from **Lowell town** for the upcoming fiscal year in the amount of **\$500**.

The American Red Cross of NH and VT is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the New Hampshire and Vermont communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters. These services help 1000s of Vermonters each year, and would not be possible without the help of generous donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year.

In this past year, the American Red Cross provided the following services throughout the two states:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **284** local disasters, helping over **1,200** people.
- We installed **over 500** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- **283** Nurse Assistants and **26** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held **2900** blood drives and collected **100,000** units of blood.
- We connected **379** military members with their loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,330** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.
- There were **30,669** enrollees in our Health & Safety courses including CPR, First Aid, Aquatics and Babysitting.

The American Red Cross provides all its services for *free* with no support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like Lowell town for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500**.

As you know, disaster can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in Lowell town and its surrounding areas to help. Including any incorporated towns, villages and census designated areas, Lowell town is the home to 1107 Vermonters. Your donation of \$500 will go a long way in ensuring that these citizens receive the support they need when confronted by disaster.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do. Feel free to contact me at (802) 660-9130 or email at Claire.girouxwilliam@redcross.org.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Specialist



Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.

194 Main Street, Suite 301

Newport, VT 05855

(802) 334-2044

www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting to **an appropriation in the amount of \$250.00** from the town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to over 10,000 students at schools across northern Vermont.

GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Lowell School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in planting and harvesting the garden. Students started seeds for the garden at the school and the entire school participated in a spring Garden Dedication Ceremony. In addition, students participated in GMFTS' year-round cooking and gardening after-school program, Sprouts. All of the produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria. GMFTS also coordinated community volunteers who helped maintain the garden over the summer.

With the town's help, we can continue to provide the School Garden Program at the Lowell School, producing fresh food for the cafeteria and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. Funding from the school and the 21st Century After-School Program covers a portion of GMFTS' staff time and materials to lead Farm-to-School activities in-class workshop, taste tests, and farm field trips. This funding does not fully cover the cost of the program and the balance comes from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses. These funds from the town pay for supplies including tools, seeds, equipment, and staff time to deliver our school garden program.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Sims
Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT
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 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
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greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2015

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

- For towns under 1,000 population \$ 50
- For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . \$100
- For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . \$150
- For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . \$200
- For towns over 4,000 population \$300

Sincerely,
 Melinda Vieux
President, Green Up Vermont

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU REQUIRE A SECOND REQUEST LETTER FOR FUNDS DISTRIBUTION.

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015
 (This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar!
May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,
46 years of tradition!

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
always the first Saturday in May.**



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

December 20, 2015

Town of Lowell
2170 Vt Route 100
Lowell VT 05847

Dear Friends:

We are writing to ask the voters of the Town of Lowell to approve a request for a contribution of \$450 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2016, our 23rd year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$4,650 enabling 20 children from 8 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past thirteen years the voters of Lowell at Town Meeting have approved a request for a contribution to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund.

If voters approve this request for a \$450 contribution, school administrators in the Lowell School may then recommend one or more students from Lowell who wish to attend the HNA Summer Camp to receive partial or full financial assistance towards the camp fee. Camp fees are \$225 for the Day Camp and \$450 for the Overnight Camp.

On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

Yours truly,

Rolf Anderson

Rolf Anderson
President
Hazen's Notch Association



Jay Area Food Shelf

Sincere thanks to the voters of each town for the voted appropriation at Town Meeting 2015. A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the food shelf. With all the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program, or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site in the **Jay Municipal Building, on Thursday during operation hours of 9 am to 12:00 pm.**

For individuals who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, c/o Jay Town Clerk's Office, 1036 VT RTE 242, Jay, VT 05859.

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. Berry Creek Farm for the 2015 season in kind donation.

REVENUE:

Appropriations:

Jay	\$	250
Westfield		500
Troy		250
Lowell		250

Donations:

Orleans Country Board of Realtors	1600
Friend Class Reunion	100
Newport Rotary Club	102
Passumpsic Savings Bank	500
Community National Bank	100
Troy Area Lions Club	100
Jay Focus Group	1500
American Legion-Auxiliary Post 28	200
Troy School Activity Fund	82
Individual Donations	575
Troy	250
Total	\$6,359

EXPENSES:

Food Bank	\$	3925
Grocery Store		2458
Gas		276
Jay Day-Cash		100
Winter Clothing-Cash		300
Freezer/Refrig.		1472

Total **\$8,531**



Beginning Balance	9825
Receipts	6359
Expenses	<u>(8531)</u>
Ending Balance	\$7653



JAY PEAK POST No. 28, INC.

254 Dominion AVE
North Troy, Vermont 05859-9701

802-988-2861

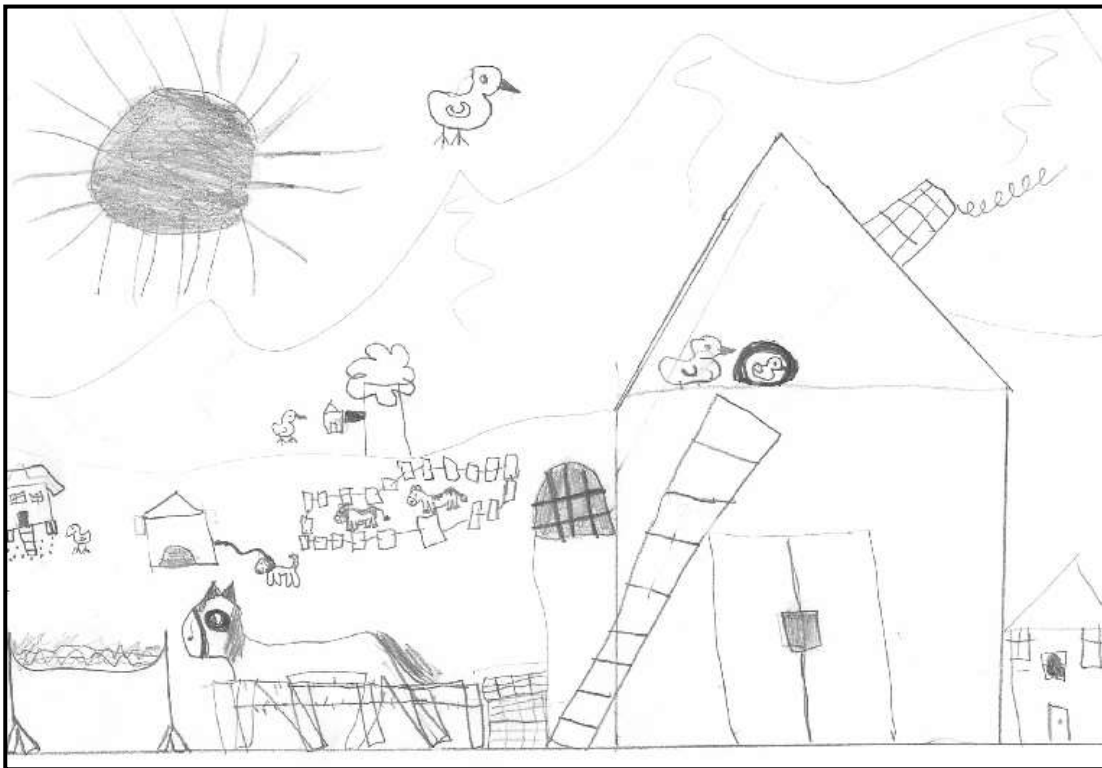
January 11, 2016

To the voters of Lowell,

On behalf of Jay Peak Post No. 28 members (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion), I wish to thank you for your continued support of the American Legion. The appropriated funds provide the means for the Post to purchase flags and markers for placement near a veteran's headstone in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace the American and Service flags that fly at the Post's flag park, support our Memorial Day Observance, and defray operational costs. This year Post No. 28 is requesting \$200.00 (no increase from previous years).

In appreciation,

Gaston P. Bathalon
Commander and Executive Director
Jay Peak Post No. 28



Kelcee Doaner – Grade 2



NEKCA
Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc.

Orleans County Court Diversion

71 Seymour Lane
Newport, VT 05855
Ph: 802-334-8224

December 31, 2015

TO: Karen Clinger, Town Clerk, Town of Lowell
RE: Appropriations for 2016 Meeting

The Orleans County Court Diversion Program asks that you include the enclosed request in your Town Warning for 2016.

Court Diversion is a community response to juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Board comprised of community residents reviews cases after the offender has met certain program criteria. The Review Board designs a contract which specifies the conditions of the offender's participation. If the offender satisfactorily completes the contract, the State's Attorney dismisses the charges. The contract typically includes an apology and restitution to the victim, community service and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 87% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.

Eight (8) Lowell residents paid fines owed to the State of Vermont in the amount of \$643.50.

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Sincerely,

Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP
Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP
Diversion Director



The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, formerly doing business as the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, is a private, non-profit, organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Council connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Council, but many of those we assist donate to help support our work.

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 28 residents of Lowell, as well as more than 6,000 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom, and to implement a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely,

Lisa Viles
Executive Director

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Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. Annual Summary for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) strives to meet the needs of at risk and vulnerable individuals of all ages living in the Northeast Kingdom. We are a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization with oversight by the volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committee members who support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

FY15 Summary:

- 47 residents from the **Town of Lowell** received services
- 3823 total individuals were provided services across the Northeast Kingdom in the community, office, homes, schools, and through emergency services
- These services could not be provided without our dedicated staff of 485+, 6 from the Town of Lowell

Fees charged are based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay. NKHS is asking for your town's contribution by appropriating **\$923.00** towards our 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services we provide in the Northeast Kingdom.

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

Please visit our website at www.nkhs.org for more information about our agency and services. We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

D. W. Bouchard
Executive Director

Andy Barter
President, Board of Directors



NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11, Newport, VT 05855

Phone: (802) 334-6532 Fax: (802) 334-6555 www.neklsvt.org

Non-Traditional Educational Services for Children, Youth, Adults, Families, and Businesses

Nearly 50 Years of Service

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.

It is **so much more** almost 50 years later.

The mission of Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. is to promote a culture of lifelong learning and individual self-sufficiency that engages all community members through an array of high quality educational services through children's programs, adult education and literacy, and family literacy programs.

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY 2015, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools, awarded 83 high school diplomas** in the tri-county region.
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. **In FY 2015, NEKLS awarded 13 GED's** in the tri-county region.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **368 students for more than 11,314 hours in FY 2015 in the tri-county region**. In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in their transition to work or college.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English Speaking Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2015, NEKLS served 15 ESOL students in the tri-county region**.
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual computer training**. In addition to computer classes, an average of **46 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region**.
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In **FY 2015**, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services **Early Intervention Specialists** provided support to increase **school readiness skills for 229 children in the tri-county region**.
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2015, NEKLS served 110 K-12 students in the tri-county region**.
- **NEKLS** has also provides **prevention programming** aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use. **In FY 2015, NEKLS provided prevention education to 12 schools and at 16 community events throughout Orleans County**.

*NEKLS has a staff of **75 dedicated professionals** committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at **1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557)** if you or someone you know has need of our services or at info@neklsvt.org*

Thank you for your generous support!



To the Voters of Lowell:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are the only combined regional planning and economic development organization in Vermont, and we serve the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Each year we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital to us as they help defray the costs of providing direct assistance to the 50 municipalities and scores of businesses in our region in areas such as:

- **Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;**
- **Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;**
- **Digital mapping and GIS data services;**
- **Grant writing and administration;**
- **Direct business support and referral services to the employers in our region.**

With local governance becoming increasingly complex, we've recently expanded our service offerings. These services include:

- **Emergency planning –Local Emergency Operations Plans, All-Hazard Mitigation Plans; and assistance with flood hazard planning and regulation;**
- **Economic development planning and helping to grow businesses in our communities;**
- **Benchmarking and reporting activities for the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone – a program that has brought millions of dollars to the region;**
- **Developing and maintaining a federal Foreign Trade Zone designation to improve the competitiveness of companies in our region;**
- **Providing municipal education and training opportunities for local officials in many of the areas listed above.**

How is this relevant to Lowell? In 2015, NVDA staff provided the following services in your community we are currently assisting with the development of a hazard mitigation plan. Our staff has provided information on emergency preparedness and trainings. We also provided regional review of the town plan and conducted traffic counts.

NVDA's municipal dues are based on \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We remain the most affordable of all regional commissions in Vermont and we take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

As always, we thank you for your community's support. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

**Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director**

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

P.O. Box 781

Derby, VT 05829

802-624-0877

www.occavt.org

November 29, 2015



Town Voters of Lowell,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's mission is to build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members (called advocates) and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered. OCCA's goal is for people with developmental disabilities to be valued and accepted in their communities. The mutually beneficial relationships created by Citizen Advocacy, grow to be enriching and important friendships, not only for the person with disabilities but also for the advocate. In turn, these deep personal commitments between neighbors results in strong vibrant communities from which we all benefit.

Our non-profit organization operates with money raised at annual fundraisers as well as from individual & business donations. **OCCA does not receive any federal or state funding or United Way monies. Town Meeting Day appropriations from towns across Orleans County are one of our largest sources of revenue, and are very much needed for the viability & sustainability of our program.**

Since our program began in 1989 over 90 matches have been made, thanks to the support from large-hearted people in our communities. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy facilitates community connection, friendship, support and advocacy between those with developmental disabilities who may be isolated from the greater community, and unpaid community members. We are currently supporting 20 such relationships to re-create a sense of healthy interdependence among community members. We would appreciate your support in continuing to connect people from **Lowell** with others, preferably in the same area, that would benefit from an OCCA friendship.

We, at OCCA, are proud to have celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2013, and to have been, for several years now, the **ONLY** association of our type left in Vermont among the many that used to match disabled people with local volunteers in a one-to-one friendly relation. Orleans County Towns have played a major role, through their unflinching support, in assuring such long life, regardless of better or worse times. The people of each and every of those Towns have great reason to be proud of such a unique heart warming record. Thank you for being that kind of better place, with such kind hearted people.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Board of Directors looks forward to your assistance again this year. Anyone interested in learning more about Citizen Advocacy, please call Ann Stannard, Board, at 802-723-4425.

Sincerely,

Ann Stannard, Board

188 Whitehill Loop

Morgan, VT 05853

askkvermont@gmail.com



December 29, 2015

Lowell Select Board
2170 VT Rte. 100
Lowell, VT 05847

THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM
Orleans County Historical Society, Inc.
109 Old Stone House Rd.
Brownington, VT 05860

(802)754-2022

Email: information@oldstonehousemuseum.org

Dear Select Board Members:

Since it purchased the Old Stone House in 1917 and opened it as a museum in 1925, the Orleans County Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our county and our region. The Society preserves six historic buildings in the Old Stone House Museum complex, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our unique regional heritage. We plan to move the 1823 Orleans County Grammar School back to its original site at the base of Prospect Hill, and restore it for exhibits and programs, as well as community events.

In addition to its preservation efforts, the Historical Society tells the stories of our region's past through engaging exhibits, educational programs and public events. The Society will also be sponsoring the annual Collectors' Fair, the Antique Engine Show, Old Stone House Day, Time Travelers' Day Camp, Heritage Craft Workshops for adults, the Cheese & Apple Tasting, as well as lectures, concerts and traditional craft circles.

Also this year, more than 1200 schoolchildren from Orleans County will participate in educational programs sponsored by the Historical Society. These include on-site events such as Spring Field Day and Fall Harvest Day and Time Travelers Day Camp, as well as school visits.

As a local nonprofit organization, the Orleans County Historical Society faces financial challenges in its efforts to maintain its buildings, collections and programs. Each year, the Historical Society seeks and receives support for special projects and programs through grants and restricted gifts, but the struggle to meet day-to-day operating expenses continues. In recent years, support from Orleans County towns has played an important role in helping the Society to maintain the quality of its work. With this in mind, we ask that you include the following article in your Town Meeting warning:

To see if the Town of Lowell will appropriate the sum of \$300 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its Educational Program, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

Later in January we will e-mail a message to enclose in your town report, if space allows, and also the 2015 income and expense report. Thank you for considering the Historical Society's request. We appreciate your past support. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peggy Day Gibson
Museum Director



Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.

Dear Town of Lowell

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2016 Town Warning.

Shall the voters of the town of Lowell vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely

Betsy Hampton, Treasurer
PMFAS Board Member
December 2015

Callie Beloin – Grade 5



FALL 2015 REPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOWELL

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) was founded in 1976 and is today a statewide Vermont not for profit organization working to improve the welfare of children. All PCAVT programs are free to residents of the State of Vermont and are designed to both prevent abuse and encourage intervention at the first opportunity when the risk of abuse is observed.

Our staff of 15 directly worked with almost 16,000 Vermont people in 2015, and impacted nearly 50,000 through our 17 prevention programs. Our direct work and collaboration with child-serving professionals in education, healthcare and childcare made these impacts possible. PCAVT employees also serve on many national, state-wide and community Prevention boards and councils advising and advocating for the strengthening of families and the protection of children. Our Executive Director is an appointed member of the Vermont Citizens Advisory Board (VCAB) which provides guidance to the Vermont Department for Children and Families. After the deaths of two young children in 2014, VCAB conducted a thorough review of DCF practices and policy and submitted a 98 page report with detailed recommendations for changes.

PCAVT is working to help parents and caregivers of toddlers by creating a new “Nurturing Toddlers” addendum to our Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Project, and has also created and distributed new posters and parent information brochures providing ways to soothe a crying baby, tips for parents on managing stress, how to keep your child safe and ideas on how to parent toddlers safely. By placing these posters and parent information brochures in pediatric offices, early childhood centers, schools, and family serving organizations we will raise awareness and help families and caregivers of babies and toddlers.

PCAVT’s school based programs help youth, families, and community members identify those actions that put youth at risk for being hurt and for hurting others. Our programs increase adult awareness and knowledge of child development, deliver developmentally targeted instruction for children, are trauma-informed, and include victim *and* victimization prevention.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive which makes it possible to serve as many people as we do. It is through the combined financial resources of United Ways, businesses and individuals, the State of Vermont, private foundations and many communities that it becomes possible for us to help children!

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Town of Lowell
Lowell Town Office
2170 VT Rte 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Date: December 1, 2015

Re: Town Appropriation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2016 for an appropriation in the amount of \$700.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 206,987 rides last year.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Last fiscal year RCT provided 20 Lowell residents with 1,186 trips travelling 33,770 miles.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant

Mary Grant
Executive Director



Report of 2015 Activity for Lowell
Town Appropriation Request: \$ 825

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2015 we:**

- supported at least 496 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 17 adults and 13 children in our shelter for a total of 1578 bed-nights

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. **In 2015 we:**

- helped 79 families find high-quality child care at no-cost
- connected 538 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- supported the creation of 5 new child care programs in our region's most underserved areas
- offered 235 hours of professional development to 88+ child care providers to ensure the people responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we offered 1051 hours of visitation to help 105 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 34,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 8 of Lowell households and 0 child care providers were served directly by Umbrella in 2015, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Lowell's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee A.K. Swain
Executive Director



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
14 Crab Apple Ridge, Randolph, VT 05060
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November 3, 2015

Re: Request for 2016 Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **17 years** of the program, **991 grants** totaling **\$2.1 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair.

Over the past two years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2014 we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is about \$195,000 per year, \$120,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore

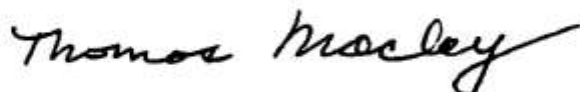
we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2016 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over **\$7,000** in town appropriations from more than **60** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

213 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report of the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you'd like to receive this appropriation request by email instead of by mail, please email Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Rural Fire Protection Task Force
(802) 426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net

Troy Dare, Manager
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
(802) 496-5162 | jill.arace@vacd.org

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
George Cook, UVM Extension
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
Neil Fulton, Norwich Town Manager
Tess Greaves, Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation
Jeremy McMullen, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Jenny Nelson, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report of Services for the Town of Lowell

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Since our state has an aging population, many of them are experiencing age-related vision loss. Visual impairments can make performing daily tasks, staying mobile, and enjoying leisure activities very difficult. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter those facing similar challenges, thus creating feelings of isolation and depression. We counter this trend by providing the tools, services, and support necessary to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be independent, confident, and productive.

During Fiscal Year 2015 VABVI served 1,444 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 57 adult clients and 11 students from Orleans County.

Since 1926 our nonprofit organization has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has offices in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or general@vabvi.org. Learn more about us at www.vabvi.org or “like” us at www.facebook.com/vabvi.org for updates.

If you would prefer to receive this information by email, please contact Julia Connell, Development Coordinator, at jconnell@vabvi.org or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217.



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Toll Free (800) 639-5861 website www.vabvi.org

**TOWN OF LOWELL
SUMMARY REPORT**

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

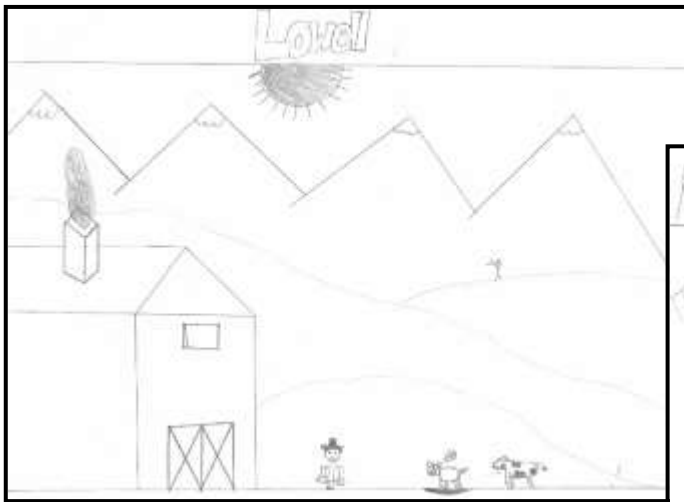
In FY'15 (10/2014-9/2015) VCIL responded to over **3,265** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **346** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **18** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **238** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 68 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **100** individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **500** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '15, **2** residents of **Lowell** received services from the following programs:

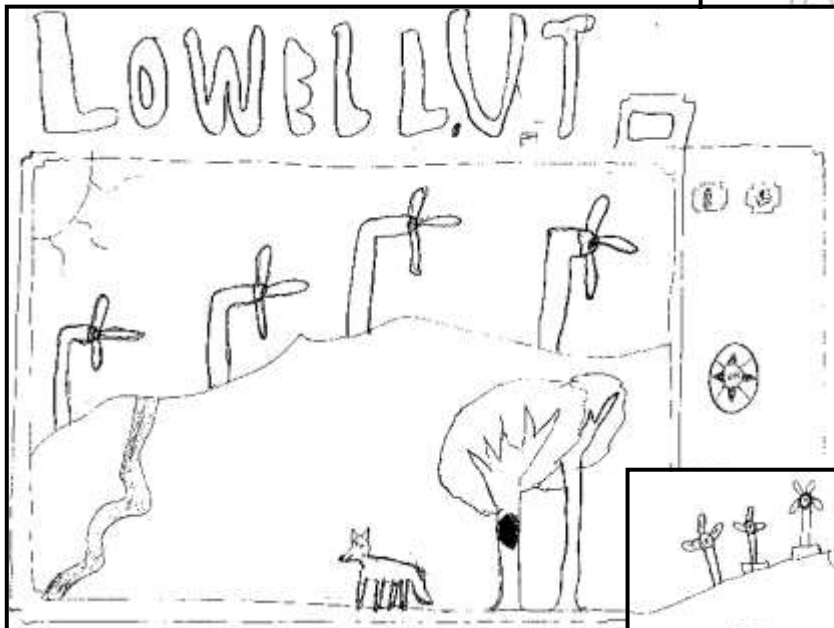
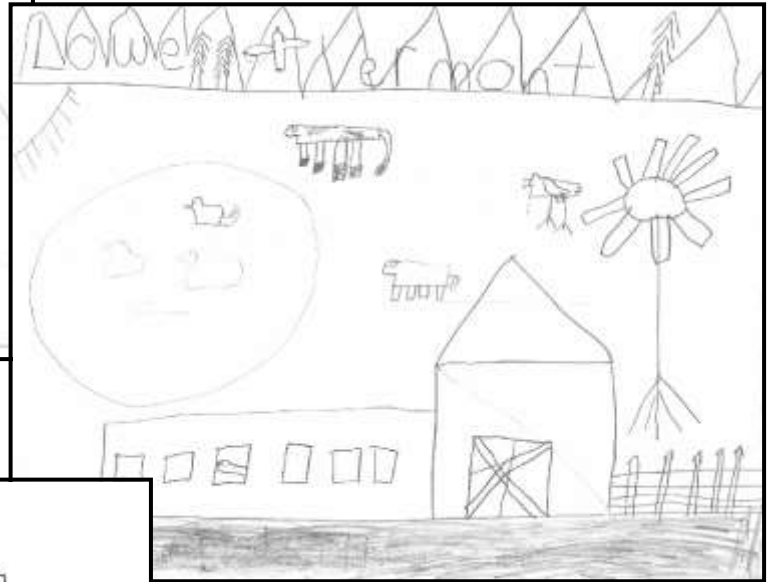
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(\$546.00 spent on meals for residents)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

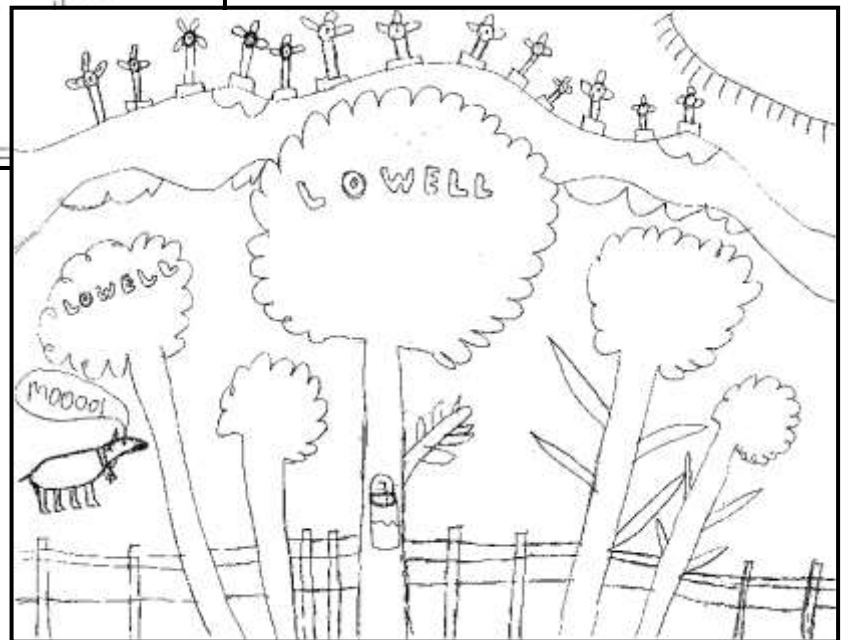


Devon Cote – Grade 7

Martina Blodgett – Grade 4



Tia McLeod – Grade 4



Xander Stacey – Grade 8

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles of business:

Note: There were 96 voters in attendance, out of 569 eligible voters. This indicates an approximate 16.5% participation.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alden announced several upcoming events. On behalf of the Town, Selectman Richard Pion recognized and thanked the following individuals for their years of service to the Town: Gaston Doyon, Roger Stewart and Pamela Tetreault. Plaques were given to each. A plaque was also presented to Alden Warner, who is retiring as Lowell Fire Chief, for his 12 years of service. Alden reviewed Robert's Rules.

Motion was made and seconded to pass over reading the Warning; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE 1: To ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
Alden Warner was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
ALDEN WARNER- ELECTED

ARTICLE 2: To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.
Correction: p.7: Zoning Commission member changed from Keith Richardson to Keith Christiansen.
The question was asked about interest earned on the Town of Lowell CD at People's United Bank. The amount shown on p.11 is \$1.19 and last year it was \$108.34. This appears to be incorrect. The Treasurer will look into this.

A question was asked about the FEMA – Flood Receivable amounts, which changed from the 2013 Report and the 2014 Report. Motion was made and seconded to allow Amanda Carlson to answer the question. She explained that the anticipated money was not actually received so had to be carried over.

There appears to be an error on p. 21. The FICA expense for the Summer Roads is shown as \$8,680.55. FY 2013 was \$2,505.28. The Treasurer will look into this.

Motion made and seconded to accept report with corrections; voice vote/ carried.

Moderator read NCUHS Articles III, VI and VII. Voters were instructed on voting procedures and informed that the polls would be open until 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 3: To ELECT the following OFFICERS:

A. SELECTPERSON for a three year term.

Richard Pion was nominated. Motion was made and seconded for Clerk to cast one ballot; voice vote/ carried.
RICHARD PION- ELECTED

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three year term.

Steve Mason was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
STEVE MASON- ELECTED

C. TREASURER for a one year term

Sandy LaDeau was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
SANDY LADEAU- ELECTED

D. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR for a one year term.

Sandy LaDeau was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
SANDY LADEAU- ELECTED

E. LISTER for a three year term.

Carolyn Arel was nominated. Motion made and seconded for Clerk to cast one ballot; voice vote/ carried.
CAROLYN AREL- ELECTED

F. **AUDITOR** for a three year term.
Priscilla Matten was nominated. Motion made and seconded for Clerk to cast one ballot; voice vote/ carried.
PRISCILLA MATTEN- ELECTED

G. **1ST CONSTABLE** for a one year term.
Gerry Green was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
GERRY GREEN- ELECTED

H. **2nd CONSTABLE** for a one year term.
Rick LaDeau was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
RICK LADEAU- ELECTED

I. **TOWN AGENT** for a one year term.
Andre Tetreault Sr. was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
ANDRE TETREAUULT SR. - ELECTED

J. **GRAND JUROR** for a one year term.
Andre Tetreault Sr. was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
ANDRE TETREAUULT SR. - ELECTED

K. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE** for a five year term.
Jill Legacy was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
JILL LEGACY- ELECTED

Motion was made and seconded to recess Town Meeting and open School Meeting; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE 4: To ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
Alden Warner was nominated; voice vote/ carried.
ALDEN WARNER- ELECTED

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** appropriate the sum of **\$1,754,498.71** necessary for the support of its budget in the 2015-2016 school year?

Article moved and seconded. Request was made to hear from the School Board for reason of increase. Motion was made to amend article to appropriate the same amount as last year- \$1,613,650.00. Paper ballot was requested by seven voters. Moderator called for paper ballots to be cast.

Total votes cast: 96 No: 63 Yes: 33

Amendment to reduce appropriation to \$1,613,650.00 was defeated.

Motion made and seconded to call the question. Voice vote/ carried. Main motion voted. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$ 30,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited fund balance from the 2013-2014 school year, to reduce taxes in the 2015-2016 school budget?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

Motion was made and seconded to recess School Meeting and resume Town Meeting; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town start its Annual Town Meeting on the Saturday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in March, in accordance with 17 V.S.S. § 2640(b)?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

The question was asked as to whether studies have been done that show how this affects the turn out. Moderator replied that studies done indicate that changing the date of Town Meeting does not increase voter turn-out.

Motion was voted by voice vote; article defeated.

ARTICLE DEFEATED

ARTICLE 8: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$280,000.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 9: Shall the funds received as **SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS** from the owners of the "Kingdom Community Wind Project", based on operations of the Project in 2014 that are remaining after payment of the municipal expenses of the Town, be deposited in the Savings Reserve Fund?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 10: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

An error was made on p. 21, showing \$87,434.64 as FEMA- Flood Receivable for both 2014 and 2015. This should only be reported in 2015. This changes the Road Ending Fund Balance from \$69,859.34 to -\$17,575.30. Money will be transferred from the Selectmen's Account, if needed, to compensate for the difference. Main motion voted; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 11: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 12: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 25,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY?**

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 14: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 2,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL & JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 15: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$ 3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

Motion was made and seconded to take a one hour recess for lunch; voice vote/ carried.

Moderator called Annual Town Meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to allow Representative Mark Higley speak; voice vote/ carried.

Mark clarified some of the questions on the Doyle Survey and explained how responses could affect taxpayers.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- A. **\$ 250.00** to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- B. **\$ 300.00** to AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VT
- C. **\$ 225.00** to CORNUCOPIA
- D. **\$ 300.00** to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- E. **\$ 50.00** to GREEN UP VERMONT
- F. **\$ 450.00** to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPERSHIP FUND

- G. \$ 250.00 to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- H. \$ 200.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
- I. \$ 923.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- J. \$ 200.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- K. \$ 659.00 to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- L. \$ 500.00 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- M. \$ 250.00 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- N. \$ 200.00 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE- VERMONT
- O. \$ 500.00 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- P. \$ 200.00 to POST 28 AMERICAN LEGION
- Q. \$ 700.00 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- R. \$ 600.00 to UMBRELLA
- S. \$ 200.00 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- T. \$ 100.00 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- U. \$ 90.00 to VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- V. \$ 35.00 to VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS

Total for above appropriations = \$ 7,182.00

Article moved and seconded; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before the town.

Motion was made and seconded to request the Select Board to have a professional audit done of the Town books. Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to have the audit performed on the last two years. Motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment to add a maximum amount to spend to be \$20,000.00. Both amendments and the main motion passed by voice vote.

There was discussion about increasing the size of the Town Report next year so it's easier to read.

ARTICLE 18: TO ADJOURN.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting; voice vote/ carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING:

Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE III: TOTAL VOTES CAST: 92
IN FAVOR- 43 OPPOSED- 49

ARTICLE DEFEATED

ARTICLE VI: TOTAL VOTES CAST: 92
IN FAVOR- 44 OPPOSED- 48

ARTICLE DEFEATED

ARTICLE VII: TOTAL VOTES CAST: 92
IN FAVOR- 40 OPPOSED- 51 BLANK- 1

ARTICLE DEFEATED

Moderator: Alden Warner
Election Official: Richard Pion
Presiding Officer: Karen Clinger

Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book

Attest: Karen Clinger, Town Clerk

NOTES:

Town Clerk's Office

In addition to the many services your Town Clerk's Office has always offered, we have some additions for 2015 for your convenience. Some services offered include:

- **Purchase/update/renew hunting & fishing Licenses**
- **DMV Renewals for auto & snowmobile registration**
- **License your dog**
- **Obtain certified vital records – Birth/Death/Marriage**
- **Obtain property tax maps, listers valuation cards or copies of property deeds**
- **Pick up building permits & zoning by-law information**
- **Voter registration**

The Town is now accepting Credit Card payments for all services and fees. This is no-charge to the Town but will cost the user a convenience fee (2.45% or \$3 minimum per transaction).
As always cash & check are accepted with no additional fees.

If you have any questions or need assistance with services offered at the Town Office please don't hesitate to contact us or stop by during our new extended business hours.

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 2:30pm

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2170 VT Rte 100
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Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com.