

Annual Report

Town of Stratton, Vermont



July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

IN MEMORY

This past year was again one of sadness for the Town of Stratton. We suffered the loss of three outstanding citizens . . . Paul Schwippert, Robert Minners, and Mary McKibbin.



Paul wore many hats during his years of service to our Town. He was a Justice of the peace, held the position of Stratton Republican Party Committee Chairman and served on Stratton's Board of Civil Authority. His most demanding position was Chairman of Stratton's Planning Commission, a post to which he was faithful even while waging a courageous battle with cancer. He also served for years as Stratton's representative to the Windham Regional Commission.

Robert Minners and Mary McKibbin were entrepreneurs. Mr. Minners recognized the need to enhance fine dining by establishing Minners and Company whose mission to provide custom tableware was accomplished when such well-known establishments as the Four Seasons Restaurant, Pierre Hotel, Carlyle Hotel and countless others sought his table-top appointments. An avid skier and tennis player, he was a charter member of the Stratton Mountain Country Club.

Mary McKibbin received her Master's Degree from Fordham University and worked at various medical advertising agencies before founding and operating a pharmaceutical media company. Following her retirement in 2003, she divided her time between Florida and Vermont. A strong advocate for the advancement of women in the workplace, she also fought during the last months of her life to advance cancer research.

We offer our sincere condolences to the families of these remarkable people.

Front cover photos of the Sun Bowl Ice Castle courtesy of Chris Liller

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

The unexpected resignation of our Town Treasurer Laura Hawksley, caused by ill health during the second half of the current year, presented our Town and auditors with many regrets and serious considerations. Laura had given the Town decades of dedicated service and friendship. Her camaraderie is greatly missed. She took with her our fondest wishes.

In Laura's absence, Candie Bernard, one of our Listers and also Delinquent Tax Collector, assumed the task of keeping financial records and services updated while we await the election of a new treasurer at Town Meeting. We are grateful to everyone who assisted during this transition period. Special kudos to Candie.

Stratton had two official audits this year. The first was performed by Pace and Hawley, Certified Public Accountants, to assure that the Town complied with federal program requirements. Pace and Hawley also provided a complete audit of our General and Highway funds resulting in several practical recommendations.

Our town auditors spent considerable time examining accounts and records, following up on suggestions from the outside auditors. This Town Report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Stratton and Stratton School District. In the future, we anticipate some changes to assure higher accounting standards.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Eddy
Laura Nelson
Joann Liller, Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Selectboard
Town of Stratton, Vermont

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratton, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, management has not recorded certain general capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those general capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

*A copy of the entire Auditor's Report is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

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October 27, 2014

Selectboard
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Selectboard Members:

We have completed the review of your Town's Single Audit Report as required by the US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations". The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) is required to issue a management decision on the audit findings contained in your A-133 single audit. This correspondence is to address the findings contained in your Town's Fiscal 2013 A-133 Single Audit report.

Your town received the following findings on the Federal Awards Programs:

2013-002 – Submission of Single Audit to Federal Audit Clearinghouse

We have found your Town's corrective action plan to be satisfactory.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (802) 828-0631.

Sincerely yours,



Coleen Hogan Krauss
Financial Manager III
Contract and Grants Unit
Finance & Administration Division
Agency of Transportation

cc: Rose Lessard

TOWN OFFICERS

<u>ELECTED POSITIONS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2015
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2017
Treasurer:	Candie Bernard*	2015
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2015
	Larry Bills	2015
	Kevin Robinson	2015
	Chris Liller	2016
	Greg Marcucci	2017
Planning Commission:	Rodney Cooney	2015
	John Wadsworth	2015
	Ray Hawksley	2016
	Kent Young, Chair	2016
	Paul Schwippert**	2017
	Rob Wadsworth	2017
	Chris Mann	2018
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2015
	Candie Bernard	2016
	Allan Hicks	2017
Auditors:	Joann Liller, Chair	2015
	Helen Eddy	2016
	Laura Nelson	2017
School Directors:	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2015
	Siobhan Eddy Young	2016
	Lorraine Weeks Newell	2017
Cemetery Commission:	Chris Liller	2015
	Larry Bills	2016
	Kent Young, Chair	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2015
Trustee of Public Funds:	Candie Bernard*	2015
Constable:	Skip Hammond**	2015
Grand Juror:	John Waite	2015
Town Agent:	John Waite	2015
Justices of the Peace:	Patricia Coolidge	
(Terms expire Feb. 1, 2017)	Helen Eddy	
	Nancy Ferrucci	
	Paul Schwippert**	
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	

Town Officers Continued

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Patricia Coolidge	
	Candie Bernard	
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	
Book Keeper:	Terri Garland	
Zoning Administrator:	Allan Hicks	2017
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Ray Hawksley	2017
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2017
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2015
	Greg Marcucci	2015
	Dennis Holton	2016
	Diana Stugger	2016
	Paul Bernard	2017
WRC Representatives:	Jenna Pugliese**	
	Paul Schwippert**	
Town Service Officer:	Helen Eddy	
Fire Warden:	Roger Schultz	
Dog Warden:	Pat Salo	
Pound Keeper:	Pat Salo	
Fence Viewer:	Selectmen	
Weigher of Coal:	Selectmen	
Inspector of Lumber:	Selectmen	
Tree Warden:	Selectmen	
Board of Civil Authority:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectmen	
Board of Abatement:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Selectmen	
Road Foreman:	Ralph Staib	
Road Crew	Chris Liller	
	Stuart Chapin	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Roger Schultz	

*Appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of
Laura Hawksley

** Position currently vacant

**WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

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

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Treasurer	one two-year term to complete a three-year term
Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	two four-year terms and one two-year term to complete a vacant four-year term
Lister:	one three-year term
Auditor:	one three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	one three-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	one one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds:	one one-year term
Constable:	one one-year term
Grand Juror:	one one-year term
Town Agent:	one one-year term

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:

American Red Cross	500.00
Betty Boop Bus	1,500.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Connecticut River Transit	250.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00
Morningside Shelter	500.00
Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Districts	100.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
Valley Cares Inc.	335.00

VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
Visiting Nurse Association	600.00
Wardsboro Public Library	2,600.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	500.00
Winhall Library	1,400.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$27,835.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$47,660.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company Fire Truck Fund.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$999,507.31.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016).

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,076,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016).


ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

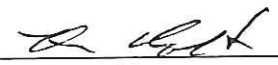
Stratton Board of Selectmen


Albert Dupell


Chris Liller

Larry Bills


Greg Marcucci


Kevin Robinson

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Budget
GENERAL FUND	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	5,000.00	3,073.56	4,000.00	3,339.98	4,000.00	4,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS	115,000.00	110,625.00	111,500.00	111,485.00	114,460.00	115,495.00
AUDIT-OUTSIDE				3,401.72	7,000.00	15,000.00
AUDIT: WAGES	3,500.00	3,218.69	3,500.00	3,503.01	3,500.00	3,500.00
AUDIT: TOWN REPORT	2,000.00	1,260.29	2,000.00	829.70	2,000.00	2,000.00
BCA WAGES	3,000.00	1,850.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
CEMETERIES	3,500.00	3,142.89	3,500.00	1,837.63	5,500.00	3,500.00
MEETING HOUSE	0.00	1,615.00	0.00	520.67	0.00	10,000.00
CLERK EXPENSES	4,000.00	2,913.16	3,000.00	1,507.82	3,000.00	3,000.00
COPIER EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,503.25	6,000.00	5,756.57	6,000.00	6,000.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	50,000.00	42,951.00	50,000.00	45,359.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX EXPENSES	0.00	5,460.39	0.00	4,981.40	0.00	5,000.00
DOG LICENSES	0.00	293.77	0.00	279.03	0.00	300.00
DUES	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,354.00	1,450.00	1,500.00
ELECTION:WAGES/EXP	1,000.00	934.09	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
FICA-GF	16,000.00	14,676.05	16,000.00	15,400.78	16,000.00	16,000.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE	87,647.00	87,647.01	87,647.00	87,647.01	87,647.00	84,398.38
FIRE PUMPER TRUCK LEASE					60,000.00	56,813.93
HEALTH OFFICER-SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HOUSE NUMBERING-911	500.00	154.50	100.00	11.34	100.00	100.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	40,000.00	43,577.00	42,000.00	46,110.00	46,000.00	48,000.00
INS/HEALTH AND DENTAL	47,000.00	48,272.46	49,000.00	63,660.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
INS/UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00	962.00	2,000.00	496.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LEGAL FEES,NOTICE,EDUC	5,000.00	75.82	5,000.00	1,354.68	2,500.00	5,000.00
LISTERS/APPR & EXPENSE	15,152.50	24,560.91	0.00	9,367.14	0.00	1,000.00
LISTERS WAGES	17,000.00	21,885.30	22,000.00	23,103.91	22,000.00	25,000.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSE	0.00	385.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	300.00
MISC (INCL BANK CH)	100.00	2.40	100.00	383.13	100.00	100.00
MISC EXP FOR DEMOLITION	0.00	7,870.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MUTUAL AID	34,200.00	34,084.00	36,800.00	36,177.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
OFFICE/COMPUTER EQUIP	0.00	1,499.99	0.00	2,694.08	0.00	2,000.00
OFFICE POSTAGE/SUPPLY	7,000.00	3,256.82	7,000.00	4,220.74	3,500.00	5,000.00
PLANNING COM-EXPENSE	10,000.00	5,396.75	10,000.00	4,257.88	6,000.00	6,000.00
PLANNING-SALARIES	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,066.66	4,200.00	4,200.00
PLANNING COM-WAGES	5,000.00	4,250.00	5,000.00	3,950.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PLANNING CLERK WAGES	1,000.00	398.06	500.00	290.39	500.00	0.00
REC AREA OPERATING EXP	31,200.00	27,887.49	25,250.00	76,775.56	82,250.00	90,000.00
REC AREA GROOMER/EQUIP	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
REC AREA PAVILLION FUND	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
REFUSE DISPOSAL	75,000.00	86,065.28	75,000.00	58,731.43	80,000.00	80,000.00
RESCUE SERVICES	4,000.00	5,659.20	4,000.00	5,771.52	5,800.00	5,900.00
RURAL PATROL	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,600.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
SELECTMEN: EXPENSE	500.00	30.90	500.00	273.16	500.00	500.00
SELECTMEN-SALARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,750.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SELECTMEN:WAGES	7,000.00	5,450.00	7,000.00	5,700.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SALARIES-FIRE WARDEN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL LOAN	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PILT	0.00	34,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN:CLERK	1,200.00	1,167.00	1,500.00	1,225.62	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN FUNCTIONS	2,000.00	2,066.94	4,000.00	2,349.87	4,000.00	3,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	1,800.00	1,862.77	1,800.00	1,724.24	2,000.00	2,000.00

GENERAL FUND						
Continued	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2012-2013	2012-13	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
TOWN HALL-ELECTIC	1,600.00	1,323.82	1,600.00	1,482.84	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL-HEAT	4,000.00	2,062.10	3,000.00	2,798.83	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN HALL-MAINT	20,000.00	8,221.11	20,000.00	7,980.47	10,000.00	500.00
TOWN HALL-TRANSF TO SAV		14,115.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
TOWN OFFICE-ELECTRIC	2,500.00	2,191.90	2,500.00	1,909.18	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE-HEAT	4,000.00	2,319.36	3,000.00	4,735.93	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-MAINT	5,500.00	12,178.91	8,500.00	10,468.43	9,000.00	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-PHONE	3,000.00	2,569.51	2,500.00	2,866.58	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRAINING-SEMINARS	300.00	263.14	300.00	0.00	300.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO EQUIP FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	1,000.00	899.62	1,000.00	865.55	1,000.00	2,000.00
VERMONT RETIREMENT	15,000.00	13,994.93	16,000.00	15,107.98	16,000.00	16,000.00
WAGES: OFFICE	110,000.00	103,586.41	110,000.00	110,973.59	113,000.00	113,000.00
ZBA:SAL/WAGE	1,500.00	1,900.00	1,500.00	1,850.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ZONING EXPENSES	1,000.00	575.39	1,000.00	1,236.53	1,000.00	1,000.00
ZONING ADM. SAL/WAGE	3,600.00	3,550.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
TOTAL	797,899.50	919,315.97	792,897.00	951,933.58	985,207.00	999,507.31

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Checkbook Balance 6/30/14	427,237.18	472,237.18
Savings Balance 6/30/14	738,763.07	
Savings Withdrawals	<384,671.27>	
Deposits/Transfers	15,398.97	
Savings Interest	46.27	369,536.04

RECEIPTS:

Current Taxes	12,658,027.40	
Current Use	6,318.00	
Delinquent Taxes	325,838.93	
Delinquent Tax Interest	22,886.57	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	26,314.88	
Appraisal – State of Vermont	15,200.00	
1% Sales/Meals Option Tax	420,395.18	
Payment Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	37,023.00	
Local Share of State Education	26,789.63	13,538,793.59

LICENSES:

Beverage	1,535.00	
Dog	272.00	
Marriage	225.00	2,032.00

FEES:

Town Clerk	31,954.50	
Zoning	2,420.00	
911 House Numbering	105.00	
Traffic Fines	689.85	35,169.35

INTEREST:

Checking Account	424.68	424.68
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Town Hall Rental	300.00	
Town History	40.00	
Postage Reimbursement	11.47	
Cemetery Plot	350.00	
Recycling Revenue	965.67	
School Loan repayment	80,000.00	
T-shirt Sales	20.00	
Credit Card Tax Overpayment	85.39	
Workman's Comp Refund	256.00	
Lister's Education	398.97	82,427.50

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:

14,500,620.34

DISBURSEMENTS:**Animal Control:**

Patrick Salo	3,339.98	3,339.98
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Appraisal/Reappraisal:

Brett Purvis	3,300.00	
Vision Government Solutions	3,525.00	6,825.00

Appropriations:

American Red Cross	500.00	
Bette Boop Bus	1,500.00	
Community Food Pantry	500.00	
CT River Transit	250.00	
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00	
Green Up Vermont	50.00	
Health Care Rehabilitatiobn	500.00	
Historical Society	250.00	
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00	
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00	
Morningside Emergency Center	500.00	
Northern VT RC & D Council	100.00	
Council on Aging	500.00	
Valley Cares	335.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00	
VNA & Hospice of VT & NH	600.00	
Wardsboro Library	2,200.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department	5,000.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00	
Windham County Humane Society	500.00	
Winhall Memorial Library	1,400.00	
Women's Freedom Center	750.00	
Stratton Mt. Vol. Fire Co.	49,050.00	
Stratton Mt. Vol. Fire Co. Truck Fund	35,000.00	111,485.00

Audit:

Wages	3,638.46	
Town Report – Repro Digital	701.70	
Mileage	128.00	4,468.16

Board of Civil Authority:

26 Meetings @ \$50.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
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Cemeteries:

Wages	112.63	
Mowing	1,685.00	
Headstone Repair	40.00	1,837.63

Church/Meeting House:

Wages	22.67	
Brattleboro Roofing	498.00	520.67

Computer Equipment:		
Dell Marketing	2,094.08	2,094.08
Copier Expense:		
Ricoh USA Inc. (Lease)	5,756.57	5,756.57
Dues:		
VLCT	970.00	
Windham Regional Commission	384.00	1,354.00
E911-House Numbering:		
Wages	11.34	11.34
Expenses:		
Town Clerk	1,472.82	
Town Clerk Refund	35.00	
Town Treasurer	865.55	2,373.37
FICA:	15,400.78	15,400.78
Fire Warden:	200.00	200.00
Fire Truck Replacement:	87,647.01	87,647.01
Health Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance:		
Unemployment	496.00	
Liability/Bonding	46,110.00	
Northeast Delta Dental	5,014.58	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Vermont	12,440.12	
MVP Health Care	38,253.60	
Health Savings	12,500.00	
Health Insurance Coordinator	500.00	
Employee Co-Payments	<5,048.30>	110,266.00
Legal:		
Fisher & Fisher fees	975.45	
Public Notices	379.23	1,354.68
Licenses:		
Marriage	210.00	
Dog	279.03	489.03
Listers:		
Wages	22,953.91	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Vision Government Solutions	2,200.00	
Staples Contract	248.93	
Postage	67.21	

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Cartographic Technologies	26.00	
Transfer to Savings – Education	398.97	26,045 .02
Miscellaneous Expense:		
Loan to Stratton School District	60,000.00	
Transfer to Equipment Replacement	50,000.00	
Interest Reimbursements	380.53	
Bank Charges	2.60	110,383.13
Office Expenses:		
Checks/Postage Envelopes	1,966.60	
Postage	1,157.85	
Staples	1,014.53	
Supplies	51.76	
VLCT	30.00	4,220.74
Office Equipment:		
Index Card File Cabinet	600.00	600.00
Outside Audit:		
Pace & Hawley	3,255.00	
Mileage	146.72	3,401.72
Planning Commission:		
Salaries	4,066.66	
Wages (67 meetings @ 50.00)	3,350.00	
Clerk	290.39	
WRC Zoning Revision Contract	3,370.25	
Cartographic Technologies	210.00	
WRC Representatives – Wages		
12 meetings @ 50.00	600.00	
Mileage	220.00	
Public Notices	457.63	12,564.93
Recreation Area:		
Rent to Stratton School District	60,000.00	
Labor/Maintenance	8,183.49	
(includes 2 Meetings @ 50.00)		
Security Systems	810.60	
Sanitary	800.00	
Skating/Multi Use Court	77.97	
Trails	3,249.31	
Groomer – Transfer to Savings	10,000.00	
Pavilion – Transfer to Savings	5,000.00	
Rec Building	3,237.11	
Electric	417.08	91,775.56
Refuse/Disposal		
Windham Solid Waste	1,943.94	
Casella Waste Management	29,025.39	

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Grainger	339.75	
Ward Electric	340.74	
Security	415.20	
Supplies/Services	892.98	
Payroll	25,773.43	58,731.43
Rescue/Emergency Services:		
Rescue Inc.	5,771.52	
Mutual Aid Dispatch	36,177.00	
Windham County Sherriff's Dept.	12,600.00	54,548.52
Selectmen:		
Salaries	5,000.00	
123 Meetings @ 50.00	6,150.00	
Selectmen's Clerk	1,225.62	
Memorial Flowers	107.00	
Public Notices	104.98	
Supplies	61.18	12,648.78
Street Lights:	1,724.24	1,724.24
Tax Collector:	4,981.40	4,981.40
Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance:		
Supplies/Services	840.02	
Pest Control	650.00	
Cleaning Services	990.00	
Stage Renovations – Paul Bernard	1,550.00	
New Tables	3,516.42	
Payroll	434.03	
Heat	2,798.83	
Electricity	1,482.84	12,262.14
Town Office:		
Payroll	103.39	
N.E. Municipal Resource Center	2,607.13	
2 Wired Guys	1,334.23	
Mowing	635.00	
Water/Water Services	425.00	
Cleaning Services	1,250.00	
Tree Removal	1,200.00	
Security	310.00	
Supplies	1,545.17	
Maintenance Services	1,058.51	
Heat	4,735.93	
Electric	1,909.18	
Telephone	2,866.58	19,980.12
Town Office Wages:		
Town Clerk	40,734.71	

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Assistant Town Clerks	24,964.07		
Town Treasurer	40,947.78		
Assistant Town Treasurer	3,527.83		
Bookkeeper	663.75	110,838.14	
Town Functions:			
Holiday Party			
Invitations/Postage	127.80		
Wreaths/Trees	423.50		
Paper Products/Food/Decorations	1,159.37		
Payroll	461.85		
Town Meeting			
Food/Supplies	177.35	2,349.87	
Vermont Retirement:	15,107.98	15,107.98	
Windham County Tax;	45,359.00	45,359.00	
Zoning:			
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00		
3 Meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Public Notices	1,236.53	4,386.53	
Zoning Board of Adjustment:			
Salary (Chairman)	1,000.00		
Wages (14 Meetings @ 50.00)	700.00	1,700.00	
Other:			
Transfer to School Fund	509,562.00		
Transfer to Highway Fund	853,500.00		
State of VT – Education Fund	11,367,141.17		
PILT - Payment to School Fund	37,023.00		
Checkbook Balance	409,975.26		
Savings Balance	369,536.04	13,546,737.47	14,499,070.62
Audit Adjustment:			1,549.72
TOTAL EXPENSES:			14,500,620.34

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2013 to June 30 2014

	Balance 7/1/2013	Interest	Transfers/ Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2014
Outside Audit	4,370.07	.36	0.00	0.00	4,370.43
Groomer/Maintenance Machine	21,496.59	2.79	10,000.00	0.00	31,499.38
Recreation Pavilion	45,047.69	5.22	5,000.00	0.00	50,052.91
State Reappraisal	52,792.63	6.02	0.00	0.00	52,798.65
Computer/Office Equipment	1,112.97	.20	0.00	0.00	1,113.17
Meeting House/Church	23,575.40	2.61	0.00	0.00	23,578.01
School House	16,292.53	1.71	0.00	0.00	16,294.24
Bridge Engineering	117,153.85	12.51	0.00	0.00	117,166.36
Lister Education	2,116.81	.28	398.97	0.00	2,516.06
Penny Avenue	68,461.19	7.33	0.00	<28,442.13>	40,025.39
Garage Building	356,224.38	4.76	0.00	<356,229.14>	-0-
Town Hall/Maintenance	30,118.96	2.48	0.00	0.00	30,121.44
Totals	738,763.07	46.27	15,398.97	<384,671.27>	369,536.04

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

	Balance 7/1/2013	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/14
Willis	300.00	-0-	300.00
Andrew King	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00
Chester Allen	75.00	-0-	75.00
Forrester	280.00	-0-	280.00
Ball Farm	200.00	-0-	200.00
Pike Hollow	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
*Warren Trust	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
	5,855.00	-0-	5,855.00

*Warren Trust CD renewal date is February 10, 2016.

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED & ACCOUNTED FOR
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Taxable Parcels: 1,586

APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE:

Education Grand List	7,543,394.37
Municipal Grand List	8,029,941.50

TAX RATES:

	Tax Rate	x	1% Grand List	=	Taxes to Raise
Non Residential Education	1.5290		7,543,394.37		11,533,850.54
Homestead Education	1.7663		264,722.13		467,578.70
Local Agreement	0.0002		8,029,941.50		1,605.96
Recreation	0.0050		8,029,941.50		40,153.51
Highway	0.1063		8,029,941.50		853,582.66
General Fund	0.0215		8,029,941.50		172,641.28
7/09/2013 Total Taxes Billed					13,069,412.65

Changes to Grand List:

Changes to GL after billing	<10,503.84>
HS-122 Changes	2,798.51

2013 Final Taxes Billed	13,061,707.32
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TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Taxes collected after transfer	254,988.60
Administrative fees retained by Town	26,789.63
Current taxes transferred to School	509,562.00
Current taxes transferred to Highway	853,500.00
State Education sent to State of Vermont	11,367,141.17
	13,011,981.40

Taxes due as of 6/30/2014 (Delinquent)	49,740.23
Under/Over	<14.31>

6/30/14 Final Taxes Accounted For:	13,061,707.32
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DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2012

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharp	2013	823.24
Bennett, Jeffrey*	2013	938.78
Cheverez, Anthony	2013	667.05
De Preux, Michel	2013	1,929.81
Derosa, Patrick*	2013	2,822.36
E & T Properties LLC	2013	14,118.20
Elliott, Paul ETAL	2013	7,732.93
Elliott, Paul ETAL	2013	5,743.29
Newman, Mark*	2013	361.28
O'Sullivan, Eileen*	2013	16.36
Pisano, Vincennt*	2013	14,941.34
Reney, Mary*	2013	6.91
Sasco Farms Vermont*	2013	20.46
Sieber, Edward*	2013	414.40
Siladi, Stephen	2013	954.81
Stevenson, Joseph*	2013	255.41
Werbin, Jeffrey*	2013	5,806.93

57,553.56

* Paid after June 30, 2014
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

2010 Pierce Arrow-XL Aerial Platform Fire Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule

Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
1	5/14/2015	84,398.38	10,418.04	73,980.34
2	5/14/2016	84,398.38	8,442.77	75,955.61
3	5/16/2017	84,398.38	6,414.75	77,983.63
4	5/14/2018	84,398.38	4,332.59	80,065.79
5	5/14/2019	84,398.38	2,194.84	82,203.54
Totals		421,991.90	31,802.99	390,188.91

2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	9/29/2014	56,813.93	3,687.91	53,126.02
	2	9/29/2015	56,813.93	9,205.43	47,608.50
	3	9/29/2016	56,813.93	7,781.93	49,032.00
	4	9/29/2017	56,813.93	6,315.88	50,498.05
	5	9/29/2018	56,813.93	4,805.99	52,007.94
	6	9/29/2019	56,813.93	3,250.95	53,562.98
	7	9/29/2020	56,813.93	1,649.42	55,164.51
	Totals		397,697.51	36,697.51	361,000.00

The payment schedules shown here are for leases taken out in the spring of 2014.
 Initial Payments for both leases occur in the 2014/15 fiscal year.

HIGHWAY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016		
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 2	25,000.00	26,444.69	58,000.00	55,040.25	40,000.00	52,981.31	40,000.00	50,000.00		
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 3	50,000.00	62,176.85	72,000.00	53,569.17	75,000.00	33,843.85	75,000.00	85,000.00		
WINTER ROADS CLASS 2	70,000.00	60,268.87	60,000.00	52,104.43	60,000.00	77,838.27	60,000.00	95,000.00		
WINTER ROADS CLASS 3	60,000.00	42,003.11	50,000.00	38,862.93	50,000.00	50,304.20	45,000.00	50,000.00		
BRUSH & MOWING	MOVED FROM GENERAL FUND		18,000.00	7,138.38	18,000.00	7,605.76	18,000.00	25,000.00		
TH-20 PENNY AVE	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,728.25	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00		
PENNY AVE FLOOD EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	558,816.90	0.00	38,189.13	0.00	0.00		
KIDDERBROOK CULVERT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,559.07	50,000.00	0.00		
OLD FORRESTER FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.95	0.00	0.00		
EQUIP/TRUCK MAINT EXP	34,000.00	50,968.61	34,000.00	46,814.99	40,000.00	48,887.82	40,000.00	50,000.00		
FUEL/GREASE/OIL	28,000.00	45,659.82	28,000.00	25,206.52	28,000.00	26,327.84	28,000.00	28,000.00		
GARAGE MAINT/SUPPLIES	30,000.00	26,014.07	30,000.00	29,208.42	30,000.00	41,680.69	30,000.00	30,000.00		
GARAGE NEW BUILDING	475,000.00	672,555.40	0.00	8,553.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00		
GARAGE-SALT/SAND SHED	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	168,961.19	100,000.00	441,155.26	3,000.00	0.00		
GARAGE UTILITIES	20,000.00	10,032.19	20,000.00	13,550.24	15,000.00	16,832.93	15,000.00	15,000.00		
PAVING	285,000.00	213,536.25	285,000.00	134,495.39	300,000.00	329,932.71	310,000.00	367,000.00		
CRACK SEALING	9,000.00	3,463.22	9,000.00	4,963.28	9,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00		
ROAD SIGNS	1,500.00	1,547.33	1,500.00	423.27	2,000.00	3,265.53	3,000.00	5,000.00		
FICA	10,000.00	11,079.35	11,000.00	10,373.65	12,000.00	11,093.68	12,000.00	12,000.00		
EMPL LEAVE(SP,VP,HP)	13,000.00	17,038.27	17,000.00	21,031.47	17,000.00	18,875.45	20,000.00	22,000.00		
TOOLS	5,000.00	1,612.70	5,000.00	3,143.91	5,000.00	3,227.30	5,000.00	5,000.00		
HIGHW-ADVERTISING BIDS	500.00	1,049.09	500.00	67.13	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00		
HIGHWAY CULVERTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,497.65	0.00	2,379.76	105,000.00	50,000.00		
HIGHWAY FLOOD EXP	0.00	232,637.58	0.00	24,327.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
HIGHWAY UNIFORMS	1,000.00	899.23	1,500.00	1,365.66	1,500.00	1,116.65	1,500.00	1,500.00		
SEMINARS	2,000.00	471.82	2,000.00	821.58	3,000.00	1,084.32	1,000.00	1,000.00		
BRIDGES	20,000.00	22,200.00	50,000.00	2,475.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	0.00	500.00	113.17	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00		
HEALTH & DENTAL INS	35,000.00	33,681.21	35,000.00	36,205.19	37,000.00	34,092.18	39,500.00	39,500.00		
NEW EQUIP PURCHASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00		
TOTAL	1,184,500.00	1,545,339.66	998,000.00	1,331,859.18	853,500.00	1,291,353.66	921,000.00	1,076,000.00		

HIGHWAY STATEMENT
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Checkbook Balance – 6/30/2014	<9,966.04>	<9,966.04>
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RECEIPTS:

State Aid	86,481.30	
Current Taxes	853,500.00	
FEMA Reimbursement (Penny Ave.)	502,814.46	
Miscellaneous Revenue:		
Grants:		
State Bridge Grant	28,253.54	
State Paving Grant	133,111.60	
VLCT Equipment Grant	576.08	
Transfers: Savings to Checking		
Garage Building	356,229.14	
Penny Avenue	28,443.13	
Overpaid Invoices:		
Paving	91.00	
Napa – Garage Maintenance	9.99	
Nortrax – Loader	746.22	1,990,256.46

Total Funds Available	1,980,290.42
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Summer Roads – Class 2:		
Labor	23,242.90	
Materials	15,713.41	
Hired Equipment	13,945.00	
Mileage	80.00	52,981.31
Summer Roads – Class 3:		
Labor	20,654.85	
Materials	10,991.50	
Hired Equipment	2,160.00	
Mileage	37.50	33,843.85
Winter Roads – Class 2:		
Labor	21,507.41	
Materials	56,330.86	77,838.27
Winter Roads – Class 3:		
Labor	18,988.62	
Materials	31,315.58	50,304.20
Paving/Retreatment:		
Labor	1,595.33	
Materials	6,328.00	

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Retreatment	321,469.38	
Hired Equipment	540.00	329,932.71
Crack Sealing – Nicom Coating Co:	8,000.00	8,000.00
Penny Avenue – TH20:		
Labor	8,163.13	
Hired Equipment	20,280.00	
Hired Labor	9,746.00	38,189.13
Forrester Road – FEMA:		
Labor	79.95	79.95
Kidder Brook Culvert – FEMA:		
Labor	102.62	
Materials	27,967.20	
Hired Labor	14,489.25	42,559.07
Culverts:		
Labor	880.00	
Hired Equipment	1,499.76	2,379.76
Road Signs:		
Labor	691.46	
Materials	2,574.07	3,265.53
Seminars:		
Labor	284.60	
Town Equipment	799.72	1,084.32
Garage Maintenance:		
Labor	8,660.97	
Supplies	33,019.72	
Napa Refund	9.99	
Utilities	16,832.93	58,523.61
Tools:	3,227.30	3,227.30
Uniforms:	1,116.65	1,116.65
Fuel/Grease:	26,327.84	26,327.84
Brush & Mowing:		
Labor	2,304.76	
Hired Labor	5,301.00	7,605.76

Equipment & Truck Maintenance:

Pickup		
Labor	3,229.58	
Materials	8,177.82	
Mileage	432.10	11,839.50
T1 International (2014)		
Labor	2,668.10	
Materials	7,798.55	
Mileage	60.00	10,526.65
T2 International (2009)		
Labor	1,324.86	
Materials	344.78	
Mileage	153.00	1,822.64
T3 International (2010)		
Labor	4,555.23	
Materials	6,416.51	10,971.74
T5 Western Star (2014)		
Labor	66.63	66.63
Backhoe		
Labor	1,513.97	
Materials	2,144.96	
Mileage	152.50	3,811.43
Grader		
Labor	1,723.17	
Materials	3,278.79	
Mileage	44.50	5,046.46
Broom		
Labor	79.95	
Mileage	12.50	92.45
Chipper		
Materials	35.38	35.38
Plows & Wings		
Labor	26.65	26.65
John Deere Loader		
Labor	881.19	
Materials	3,290.52	
Nortrax Refund	746.22	4,917.93
Saws		
Labor	38.70	
Materials	437.88	476.58
Salt & Sand Shed:		
Labor	4,970.29	
Salt & Sand Shed	417,765.04	
Materials	18,419.93	441,155.26

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Miscellaneous Expense:			
Labor (Fringe)	18,875.45		
Health Insurance			
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	8,448.24		
MVP	13,450.56		
Delta Dental	2,193.38		
Health Savings Contributions	10,000.00		
FICA	11,093.68	64,061.31	
Total Expenses:		1,292,109.87	
Checkbook Balance		688,180.55	
			1,980,290.42

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance:	63,775.19	63,775.19	
RECEIPTS:			
1% Option Tax Revenue	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Available Funds:			113,775.19
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Delurey Sales & Service – 2014 (T1) Cab & Chassis	35,285.00		
Ralph Osgood Inc. – 2014 (T1) Body, Wing & Plow	65,175.00		
Patriot Freightliner – 2015 (T5) Western Star	95,048.00*		
Ralph Staib – mileage	56.00	195,564.00	
Ending Balance:			<81,788.81>

*Replaces 2010 International (T3) and does not include \$57,000 trade-in

TRUCK INVENTORY

	PURCHASE \$	LIFE SPAN
2011 Ford Pickup	66,571.00	5 years
2014 T1 International	100,460.00	5 years
2015 T5 Western Star	95,048.00	5 years

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

	PURCHASE \$	LIFE SPAN
1994 Plate Compactor	1,738.25	
1994 Welder	1,131.70	
1995 Sweepster Road Broom	7,928.50	
1996 Morbark Chipper	11,500.00	
1999 Calcium Chloride Sprayer	2,203.25	
2004 Crack Sealing Machine	1,855.00	
2007 JD 627D Grader	139,000.00	20 years
2007 Cat Backhoe Loader 420 E	59,000.00	10 years
2008 Echo Pole Saw	599.99	
2009 Husquavarna Chainsaw	430.20	
2010 Echo Leaf Blower	529.28	
2010 Grader Plow – Craig 12'	15,900.00	
2011 Husquavarna Chainsaw 372	647.96	
2011 Husquavarna Chainsaw 357	567.96	
2011 Husquavarna Chainsaw 346	399.96	
2011 Base Radios	5,127.67	
2011 John Deer Loader	114,100.00	20 years
2011 Echo Trimmer	340.98	
2011 Echo Trimmer/Brush Cutter	419.99	
2011 Asphalt Cutting Saw	2,341.61	

WAGES AND SALARIES
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Town Clerk:

Kent Young

1,380.50 hours @ 26.65	36,790.44	
148 hours @ 26.65 (fringe)	3,944.27	40,734.71

Town Treasurer:

Laura Hawksley

1,179 hours @ 26.65	31,420.39	
357.50 hours @ 26.65 (fringe)	9,527.39	40,947.78

Assistant Town Clerk:

Patricia Coolidge

949.75 hours @ 22.67	21,530.89	
114 hours @ 22.67 (fringe)	2,584.38	

Candie Bernard

40 hours @ 21.22	848.80	24,964.07
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Assistant Town Treasurer:

Candie Bernard

166.25 hours @ 21.22	3,527.83	3,527.83
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Bookkeeper:

Terri Garland

29.50 hours @ 22.50	663.75	663.75
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Selectmen:

Al Dupell (Chair)

Salary	3,000.00	
25 meetings @ 50.00	1,250.00	

Larry Bills

Salary	500.00	
20 meetings @ 50.00	1,000.00	

Christopher Liller

Salary	500.00	
23 meetings @ 50.00	1,150.00	

Gregory Marcucci

Salary	500.00	
29 Meetings @ 50.00	1,450.00	

Kevin Robinson

Salary	500.00	
26 Meetings @ 50.00	1,300.00	11,150.00

Selectmen's Clerk:

Kent Young

44 hours @ 26.65	1,185.95	
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Patricia Coolidge

1.75 hours @ 22.67	39.67	1,225.62
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Board of Civil Authority:

Al Dupell		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Helen Eddy		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Christopher Liller		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Gregory Marcucci		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Kevin Robinson		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Paul Schwippert		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	1,300.00

Listers:

Candie Bernard		
1 (BCA) meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
892 hours @ 21.22	18,928.31	
180 hours @ 21.22 (fringe)	3,819.60	
Allan Hicks		
1 (BCA) meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
5 hours @ 19.88	99.40	
Kent Young		
1 (BCA) meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
4 hours @ 26.65	106.60	23,103.91

Auditors:

Helen Eddy		
41.75 hours @ 18.06	754.01	
Joann Liller		
96.75 hours @ 20.62	1,994.99	
Laura Nelson		
49.25 hours @ 18.06	889.46	3,638.46

Planning Commission:

Paul Schwippert (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
11 meetings @ 50.00	550.00	
Rodney Cooney		
Salary	200.00	
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00	
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	200.00	
9 meetings @ 50.00	450.00	

Wages and Salaries – Page 3

Christopher Mann		
Salary	66.66	
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Avis Pickering		
Salary	100.00	
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
John Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
11 meetings @ 50.00	550.00	
Robert Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
10 meetings @ 50.00	500.00	
Kent Young		
Salary	100.00	
10 meetings @ 50.00	500.00	7,416.66
Planning Clerk:		
Jenna Pugliese		
17.75 hours @ 16.36	290.39	290.39
Planning Expense:		
Paul Schwippert – WRC Representative		
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Jenna Pugliese – WRC Representative		
10 meetings @ 50.00	500.00	600.00
Zoning:		
Allan Hicks		
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	3,150.00
Health Officer:		
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
Thomas Montemagni (Chair)		
Salary	1,000.00	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Paul Bernard		
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Dennis Holton		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Gregory Marcucci		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Diana Stugger		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	1,700.00
Tax Collector:		
Candie Bernard		
234.75 hours @ 21.22	4,981.40	4,981.40

Recreation Committee:

Candie Bernard

1 budget meeting @ 50.00 50.00

Al Dupell

1 budget meeting @ 50.00 50.00 100.00

Fire Warden:

Roger Schultz

Salary 200.00 200.00

Refuse and Recycling:

Roger Schultz

1,213 hours @ 16.71 20,269.23

147 hours @ 16.71 (fringe) 2,456.37

OT 8 hours @ 25.06 200.48

Al Dupell

16 hours @ 16.71 267.36 23,193.44

Highway Department:

Stuart Chapin

Highway Hours

1,371.50 hours @ 19.35 26,538.78

274.50 hours @ 19.35 (fringe) 5,311.61

OT 77 hours @ 29.0250 2,234.93

General Fund Hours

238.50 hours @ 19.35 4,615.05

Equipment Hours

191.50 hours @ 19.35 3,705.64 42,406.01

Christopher Liller

Highway Hours

1,453 hours @ 22.67 32,939.83

281.50 hours @ 22.67 (fringe) 6,381.66

OT 131 hours @ 34.005 4,454.67

General Fund Hours

112.50 Hours @ 22.67 2,550.40

Equipment Hours

228.50 hours @ 22.67 5,180.18 51,506.74

Ralph Staib

Highway Hours

1,438 hours @ 26.65 38,323.02

269.50 hours @ 26.65 (fringe) 7,182.18

OT 189 hours @ 39.975 7,555.32

General Fund Hours

97.50 hours @ 26.65 2,598.42

Equipment Hours

271 hours @ 26.65 7,222.27 62,881.21

Total Wages and Salaries:

351,681.98

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law.

School District Director One three-year term

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$14,950 per pupil for students in grades K-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2015-2016 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$15,950.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

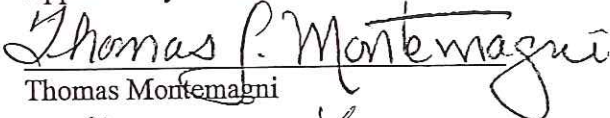
ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2015-2016 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district.

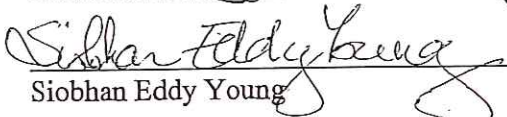
ARTICLE 7: To authorize the School Board to expend \$611,903.00 to defray expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year.

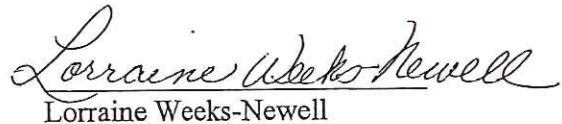
ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:


Thomas Montemagni


Siobhan Eddy Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Stratton School District ~ Student Enrollment

		2011	2012	2013	2014
ELEMENTARY		2012	2013	2014	2015
Pre-K			2		
Kindergarten		1	3	3	1
1st Grade		3	1	2	0
2nd Grade		2	2	1	3
3rd Grade		2	2	2	2
4th Grade		1	2	2	2
5th Grade		3	0	3	2
6th Grade		2	3	1	2
SECONDARY					
7th Grade		3	3	3	4
8th Grade		2	2	4	2
9th Grade		7	3	2	3
10th Grade		2	6	3	4
11th Grade		5	3	4	1
12th Grade		2	4	3	3
TOTALS		35	36	33	29
Schools Attended					
Mountain School at Winhall		11	15	14	10
Dover Elementary		1	0	0	0
Hunter Montessori School		1	0	0	0
Twin Vally Elementary School		0	0	1	2
Maple Street School		3	0	0	0
Manchester Elm/Mid School		1	1	4	5
Leland & Gray M/High School		2	0	0	0
Twin Valley M/High School		1	1	0	0
The Long Trail School		0	1	1	2
Stratton Mountain School		1	6	6	3
Burr & Burton Academy		12	11	6	7
Pomfret School		1	0	0	0
Deerfield Academy		1	1	1	0
		35	36	33	29

Stratton School District		Adopted	Adopted	Adopted	Proposed		
FY 2016 Budget Proposal	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	\$ change	% change
Transfer from Reserve	7,000	9,500	-	-	-	-	
Earned Interest & Misc	200	100	100	100	100	-	0%
Lease Revenue			-	60,000	60,000	-	
WCSU Subgrant Medicaid	-	6,025	5,142	5,087	1,320	(3,767)	-74%
Total Local Revenue	7,200	15,625	5,242	65,187	61,420	(3,767)	-6%
State Aid							
Education Spending Revenue	468,211	477,809	496,114	482,632	444,477	(38,155)	-8%
State Career Center Aid	4,831	531	1,115	1,131		(1,131)	-100%
General State Aid-Transportation	14,800	16,121	15,728	13,944	14,013	69	0%
Spec Ed-State Block Grant	13,053	11,615	12,422	11,829	12,602	773	7%
State Aid-Special Ed Intensive Aid	26,896	52,922	45,526	54,798	31,673	(23,125)	-42%
State Aid-Special Ed Extraordinary Aid	-	-	14,400	-	-	-	
Special Ed.-State EEE Aid	938	1,293	2,329	1,710	1,718	8	0%
Total State Aid	528,729	560,291	587,633	566,044	504,483	(61,560)	-11%
Federal Aid (ARRA / PILT)	-	8,226	20,000	-	-	-	
PILT Revenue				30,000	30,000	-	0%
Green Mtn. National Forest	18,000	18,000	18,000	16,000	16,000	-	0%
		26,226	38,000	46,000	46,000	-	0%
Total Revenue	553,929	602,142	630,875	677,231	611,903	(65,327)	-10%
Elementary Exp. - Direct Instruction							
Elem. Early Education				3,000	3,000	-	0%
Elem. Tuition Instate (public)	37,000	25,800	13,000	38,000	42,620	4,620	12%
Elem. Tuition Out of State	10,900	11,000	-	-	-	-	
WCSU Explorers camp	-	6,025	5,142	5,087	-	(5,087)	-100%
Elem. Tuition Private School in State	123,000	118,440	162,600	142,500	147,420	4,920	3%
Elem. Special Education Contracted Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED -WCSU Assessment	3,912	5,069	6,223	6,699	5,679	(1,020)	-15%
SPED Tuition Instate	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Tuition Out of State	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Tuition State Placed	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Tuition Private School in State	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Tuition Sp. Ed. Excess Cost Public	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Tuition Sp. Ed. Excess Cost Private	11,230	-	-	-	-	-	
Essential early Ed-WCSU Assessment	1,510	2,996	3,274	5,241	3,288	(1,953)	-37%
Elem. Special Ed OT	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Elem. Special Ed PT/Case management	-	3,163	-	-	-	-	
Elem. Special Ed Psychological Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Elem. Special Ed Speech Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL Elem. DIRECT INSTRUCTION	187,552	172,493	190,239	200,527	202,007	1,480	1%
Support Services							
School Board Salaries	2,900	3,300	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0%
School Board FICA	220	250	230	230	233	3	1%
Short Term Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2300 Insurance and Bonds & Dues	900	900	900	500	500	-	0%
Legal Fees			-			-	
Audit Services	9,800	1,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	0%
WCSU Adm Assessment	9,064	8,465	8,323	10,897	11,022	125	1%
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Transportation Services						-	
Transp Services from VT Districts-Bus	13,775	11,725	14,375	14,025	8,500	(5,525)	-65%
Transp Services from Contracted Serv-parent	2,700	2,250	-	-	-	-	
SPED Transp Services from VT Districts-bus	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPED Transp Contracted Serv-Parent	-	-	-	-	-	-	
						-	

			2014	2015	2016			
Block Grant Revenue from State			12,422	11,829	12,602			
Extraordinary Special Ed Aid			14,400	0	0			
Intensive Aid			45,526	54,798	31,673			
Act 68 Revenues								
Local Funds [includes Transfers from Reserve]			5,242	65,187	61,420			
State [excluding Educ Spending & Career Center aid]			90,405	82,281	60,006			
Federal Aid			38,000	46,000	46,000			
Total Act 68 Revenues			133,647	193,468	167,426			

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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January 19, 2015

Board of Directors
Town of Stratton School District
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Stratton School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014.

The financial statements and our reports thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Offices.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

RECEIPTS:

Earned Interest	11.55	
Loan from General Fund	60,000.00	
Town Lease Revenue	60,000.00	
Education Block Grant	496,113.00	
Transportation Aid	13,449.00	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	50,608.85	680,182.40
Special Ed Block Grant	12,422.00	
Special Ed Intensive Aid	38,680.00	
Special Ed Early Evaluation Aid	2,329.00	
Special Ed Extraordinary Aid	3,024.90	56,455.90
Miscellaneous Revenue	70.00	70.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

736,708.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tuition – Elementary:

Twin Valley	250.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
10 @ 13,550.00	135,500.00	
Manchester School		
3 @ 13,000.00	39,000.00	174,750.00

Tuition – High School:

Mountain School @ Winhall		
4 @ 13,700.00	55,000.00	
Stratton Mountain School		
6 @ 13,078.00	78,468.00	
Deerfield Academy		
1 @ 13,078.00	13,078.00	
Burr & Burton		
6 @ 14,875.00	89,250.00	
Manchester School		
1 @ 13,000.00	13,000.00	
Long Trail School		
1 @ 13,081.00	13,081.00	
Brattleboro Vocational	1,114.50	262,991.50

Total Tuition:

Transportation – Elementary:

Winhall School	13,250.00	13,250.00
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Transportation – High School:

Winhall School	13,250.00	13,250.00
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Total Transportation

Special Education:

All Contracted Services	83,974.00	83,974.00
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Supervisory Union Expenses:

Essential Early Education Assessment	3,274.00	
School Age Assessment	6,223.00	
WSCU Administration Assessment	8,323.00	17,820.50

School Board Administration:

Laura Hawksley - Treasurer	500.00	
Tom Montemagni – Chair		
Salary	150.00	
12 Meetings @ 50.00	600.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell - Secretary		
Salary	150.00	
10 Meetings @ 50.00	500.00	
Secretarial	238.48	
Siobhan Eddy Young – Director		
Salary	100.00	
9 Meetings @ 50.00	450.00	
Secretarial	98.33	2,786.81

Miscellaneous:

FICA	213.20	
Dues – VSBA	262.65	
Sullivan & Powers Outside Audit	9,455.00	
Bonds/Insurance	444.00	
Town Loan Reimbursement	80,000.00	90,374.85

Total Disbursements:

659,197.66

District: **Stratton**
County: **Windham**T200
Windham CentralStatutory calculation.
See note at bottom of
page.Recommended homestead
rate from Tax
Commissioner. See note
at bottom of page.

9,459

1.00

Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (total budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$602,142	\$630,876	\$677,231	\$611,903	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$602,142	\$630,876	\$677,231	\$611,903	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$602,142	\$630,876	\$677,231	\$611,903	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$123,802	\$133,647	\$193,468	\$167,426	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$123,802	\$133,647	\$193,468	\$167,426	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$478,340	\$497,228	\$483,763	\$444,477	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	32.31	31.42	30.95	30.28	15.

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,804.70	\$15,825.21	\$15,630.47	\$14,678.90	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	\$10.86	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	\$369	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$14,805	\$16,194	\$15,630	\$14,679	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$14,679 / \$9,459)	169.720%	176.969%	168.341%	155.184%	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (155.184% x \$1,000)	\$1,5105	\$1,6635	\$1,6497	\$1,5518	28.
29.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.55)	\$1,5105	\$1,6635	\$1,6497	\$1,5518	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	99.45%	94.18%	98.40%	98.62%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,5518 / 98.62%)	\$1,5189	\$1,7663	\$1,6765	\$1,5735	32.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (155.184% x 1.94%)	3.05%	3.19%	3.27%	3.01%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 3.01%)	3.05%	3.19%	3.27%	3.01%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.635. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Vermont Department of Taxes

NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2015

TOWN OF STRATTON

Prepared: June 27, 2014

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.5396

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.6765

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations is available on the Department of Taxes website at:

<http://www.tax.vermont.gov/pvredtaxrates.shtml>

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.
32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council

COPY: Town / City Treasurer

Town of Stratton

Date Prepared: 7/1/2014

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year 2015

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates as shown below.

Base homestead tax rate	\$0.98	
Base spending amount	\$9,285	
Excess spending threshold	\$16,166	
Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil	\$14,029	Actual Homestead Tax Rate
Common level of appraisal for Stratton	98.4%	

Equalized homestead tax rate for Stratton from town school district



1. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$15,630.47	
2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$10.86	
3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$15,630.47
5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	168.34%	
6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate		\$1.6497
7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district	100.00%	
8. Equalized tax rate from school district		\$1.6497
9. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$1.6497 / CLA: 98.4%)	\$1.6765

Homestead Tax Rate

You should see this rate on your tax bill. \Rightarrow

\$1.6765

Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

Base Non-Residential Tax Rate / CLA

Base NR Rate: CLA:
\$1.515 / 98.4%

Non-Residential Tax Rate

You should see this rate on your tax bill. \Rightarrow

\$1.5396

06/24/2013
11:05 am

Town of Stratton Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 627)
Main District

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	210	146,236,500	12,669,800	133,566,700	146,236,500
Residential II R2	105	54,315,300	11,151,900	43,163,400	54,315,300
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	230,900	0	230,900	230,900
Seasonal I S1	9	797,400	0	797,400	797,400
Seasonal II S2	5	737,800	0	737,800	737,800
Commercial C	59	60,544,300	0	60,544,300	60,544,300
Commercial Apts CA	1	3,345,600	0	3,345,600	3,345,600
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	3,427,200	0	3,427,200	3,427,200
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,089	518,678,400	2,362,213	516,316,187	518,678,400
Woodland W	65	17,055,100	0	17,055,100	17,055,100
Miscellaneous M	39	1,981,900	0	1,981,900	1,981,900
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,585	807,350,400	26,183,913	781,166,487	807,350,400
P.P. Cable	1	513,500		513,500	513,500
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	513,500		513,500	513,500
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		807,863,900	26,183,913	781,679,987	807,863,900
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	4	40,000	40,000	0	40,000
Veterans >10K		120,000			
Total Veterans		160,000	40,000	0	40,000
P.P. Contracts	1	513,500			
Contracts Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1	374,100	0	374,100	374,100
Non-Apprv(voted)	0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
Total Contracts	2	887,600	0	374,100	374,100
Farm Stab Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
Total FarmStab Contr	0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	16	3,822,150	336,800	3,485,350	3,822,150
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		4,869,750	376,800	26,555,450	26,932,250
Total Exemptions		4,869,750	376,800	26,555,450	26,932,250
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		8,029,941.50			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			258,071.13	7,551,245.37	7,809,316.50
NON-TAX	15	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

06/24/2013
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Town of Stratton Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 627)
Main District

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

REAL ESTATE	Parcel	Municipal	Homestead Ed	Non-Resi Ed.	Total Education
Category/Code	Count	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value

- Status on Personal Property
- 1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city? Yes_XX_ No____
- 2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by
vote of your town/city? Yes_XX_ No____
- 3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt?
(include percentage) _____ 100.00 _____
- 4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is
assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)
- a) at fair market value _____ b) at depreciated value _____

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)

Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	374,100
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	22,696,000
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	3,822,150
Veteran Exemptions	40,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	120,000
Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0



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Agency of Administration

December 18, 2014

Town Clerk
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 05360

Division of Property Valuation and Review
Certified Equalized Education Property Value (Effective 1/1/2015)

This letter serves to notify you of the results of the Division's 2014 equalization study. We are required to annually certify the equalized education property value (EEPV) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont school district. 32 V.S.A. §5406. For your municipality these values are:

Equalized Education Property Value:	\$793,074,000
Coefficient of Dispersion:	7.26 %

The equalized education property value is the sum of:

- 1) the aggregate fair market value of all non-residential and homestead property required to be listed at fair market value;
- 2) the aggregate use value of all property enrolled in use value appraisal;
- 3) the aggregate value of property established under a local agreement in accord with 32 V.S.A. §5404a.

The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in the grand list. It measures the average deviation from market value of sold properties from the average townwide level of appraisal. A coefficient of dispersion of 0.00% is perfect as it indicates absolute fairness insofar as every taxpayer is appraised at exactly the same percentage of fair market value. Such perfection is impossible to achieve and COD's close to zero usually indicate sales chasing.

The higher the COD, the greater the disparity in how properties are assessed in that town. A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments.

Included with the listers' copy of this notice is a report showing the sales and, where necessary, appraisals used in the study. A town or city may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of the EEPV and/or COD. 32 V.S.A. §5408. All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the legislative body of your town or city. Petitions should contain a plain statement of the matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy the



<http://tax.vermont.gov>

municipality is seeking. **Petitions must be received in my office by the close of business on the 30th day following receipt of this notice by the clerk.** Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the booklet described below.

Additional study results include:

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$7,821,177
Equalized Education Grand List:	\$7,930,740
Common Level of Appraisal:	98.62 %

The education grand list is one percent of the total assessed value of taxable property (including cable, if applicable) as reported on form 411. The equalized education grand list is one percent of the equalized education property value. The education grand list is divided by the equalized education grand list to determine the common level of appraisal (CLA). As such, the CLA provides a town or citywide comparison of your total listed value to our estimate of total fair market value.

There is a brief explanation of the reported values and how they were determined in our publication entitled "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study." (This booklet can be found on the Tax Department's website. Go to: <http://www.tax.vermont.gov/pvr.shtml> and click on Equalization Study Intro.)

If you have any questions, please contact your district advisor or call 828-5860.

Sincerely,



James E. Knapp, Interim Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Select Board
Superintendent of Schools

TOWN CLERK 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

As of December 31, 2014, Stratton had 186 voters on the Voter Checklist. 10 new voters applied to the checklist and were added this year, while 14 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. 16 voters remain as inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures.

The following is a list of our yearly statistics:

Land Records: In 2014, two new mylars were recorded for \$30.00, and 2292 pages were recorded (Books 161 through Book 164). Recording fees at \$10.00/page brought in revenues of \$22,920.00.

Property Transfers:

134 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2014 (an increase of 32% from last year). An amount of \$1340.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property-transfer taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$561,239.00 (an increase of 26% over last year).

2014 Vital Statistics

Births – Two children were born to Stratton families this year. Both were born out of town (no births occurred within Stratton).

Marriages – Four marriages were registered in Stratton – all were non-resident couples.

Deaths – Three deaths occurred within Stratton and one resident died in another town: residents Robert Minners and Paul Schwiippert and non-residents Lawrence Walck and William Romatzick.

Appointments by Town Clerk:

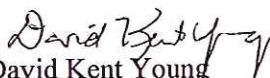
Deputy Registrars – Mark F. Shea and Thomas R. Lloyd of Shea Family Funeral Homes and Tom Robinson of Eternal Blessings Cremation Service

Liquor Licenses:

1 st Class	10
2 nd Class	1

Solid Waste Disposal:

A total of 316.97 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2014. Of this, 45.65 tons (14.4%) were recycled.


David Kent Young
Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen 2014 Annual Report

2014 was a sad and difficult year for the Town with first the resignation of our longtime Treasurer, Laura Hawksley and then the death of Paul Schwippert, Stratton's Planning Commission Chairman and a Justice of the Peace. Our condolences go out to Paul's family. Additionally Skip Hammond moved from Town and resigned as the Town's Constable.

The major project over the past year was the replacement of the Kidder Brook Culvert on Mountain Rd.. This was the final repair project authorized by FEMA for Tropical Storm Irene related damage within Stratton. During the repair, additional small culverts along Mountain Rd. were also repaired while the road was closed. Paving projects this year included a section of the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. through the resort area and a length of the Stratton-Arlington Rd. from the Wardsboro Town line. At the Town Garage, modifications were made to the heating system and repairs were made to the roof. Additionally, the cold storage building was painted. The Old Stratton Meetinghouse had leakage problems as well, and so the roof was replaced and the steeple refurbished.

During the Town Meeting of 2014, all incumbent members of the Select Board were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

With the resignation of Laura Hawksley, the Selectmen appointed Candie Bernard as Treasurer. We wish to thank Candie for the great job she is doing filling this difficult position. Additionally, the Board hired Terri Garland as Bookkeeper and more recently upon request of the Treasurer, Allyson Marcucci was hired to the position of Assistant Treasurer. With the resignation of Skip Hammond and changes to the Open Meeting Laws, the Selectmen agreed to abolish the Recreation Committee and assume that role.

Additional appointments of Town Officials: Helen Fuller Eddy was re-appointed as Town Service Officer. Paul Schwippert and Jenna Pugliese were reappointed as Stratton's representatives to the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), however, since that time Paul has passed away and Jenna Pugliese moved from the area and so resigned, leaving both these positions open. Paul Bernard was reappointed to the ZBA. Allan Hicks was reappointed as Zoning Administrator for a three-year term and Ray Hawksley was reappointed as Health Officer and Assistant to the Zoning Administrator for those three-year terms.

The Board also wishes to thank the many volunteers who have helped with Town events and projects this year. Thanks to Lorraine Weeks-Newell and Helen Eddy for coordinating Green-Up Day. Thanks to the Town Office employees, the Road Crew, and Helen Fuller Eddy for organizing and decorating for this year's Holiday Party and we wish to thank all those who donated goods for the Jamaica-Wardsboro Community Food Pantry.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen



Stratton Planning Commission

2014 Annual Report

At the end of December, we were all deeply saddened with the news of the death of Paul Schwippert, our Chairman. He was a good friend and a dedicated public servant, who did much more than his share to support this community since his move here in 2001. He had been a member of the Planning Commission since 2004 and Chairman since July 2005. Even during the last months of his struggle with brain cancer, Paul attempted to attend meetings when his treatment schedule allowed. We will miss him. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Diane and his sons, Adam and Eric.

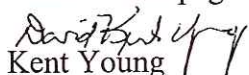
Additionally, this year, Jenna Pugliese, made a career move and left the area, resigning her positions as Planning Clerk and as a representative for Stratton to the Windham Regional Commission. Also, another long time Commission member, Avis Pickering, was replaced at the last Town Meeting after more than 20 years of service on the Planning Commission. We again wish to thank her for her long and dedicated service to our Town.

This year we welcome Chris Mann to the Planning Commission who was newly elected at March Meeting. After Town Meeting, we reappointed Paul Schwippert as Chairman, Kent Young as Vice-Chairman and Secretary and Jenna Pugliese as Planning Clerk. At this same time, Dinah Reed, a Windham Regional Commission employee, who had been working with the Planning Commission on changes to Zoning, notified us that she had taken another job and will be turning over our Zoning Revision project to John Bennett, a longtime employee of the WRC. In the following months, the Planning Commission set aside changes to Zoning and began a revision of the Town Plan, which was up for its five-year renewal. The Commission completed those changes and held a public hearing on September 17, 2014. Following Planning Commission approval, the Town Plan was forwarded to the Selectmen. The legislative Public Hearing was held on October 27, 2014 and subsequently the Town Plan was adopted by the Selectmen. In the coming months we hope to get it approved by WRC. Following the completion of the Town Plan changes, the Planning Commission refocused on Zoning changes, which we hope will be completed in 2015.

During the past year, the Planning Commission held public hearings for and considered the following projects:

- 1) The Carlos Otis Clinic renovations – approved.
- 2) Tamarack Heights Lot #2 – approved.
- 3) Tamarack Heights Lot #8 – approved
- 4) Stratton Corp. Base Lodge Renovations – approved.
- 5) Triple Tree Lodging Fuel Tank Installation – approved.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. We meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Stratton Town Office. Meeting minutes can be found posted at the Town Office, Town Garage and Stratton Mountain Post Office, as well as on the Planning Commission page of the Town of Stratton's website: www.townofstrattonvt.com.


Kent Young

Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Buchalter	Storage Barn	08/21/13	30.00
Incorvia	Shed Roof	08/28/13	20.00
Micioni	Sign	09/16/13	10.00
Parker	Addition/Deck	10/04/13	40.00
Flanagan	Addition/Decks	11/25/13	45.00
Mattos	New House	12/23/13	110.00
Pessin	Addition	04/15/14	35.00
Vos	Addition	04/15/14	80.00
Topper	New House	05/08/14	1,265.00
Carlos Otis Clinic	Addition	05/08/14	270.00
Reynolds	Shed	05/20/14	20.00
Goldfarb	Shed	05/20/14	20.00
Studwell	Addition	05/28/14	20.00
Durney	New House	06/02/14	240.00
Laffont	Addition	06/02/14	215.00
Total Fees Collected			2,420.00

Listers' Report 2014

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Allan Hicks. 2014 was an uneventful year for the Board overall. The Listers heard 10 Grievances this year. One aggrieved homeowners appealed to the Board of Civil Authority and was heard. The Listers provided an alternate assessment, which the BCA accepted and was applied to the property. The owner did not appeal this decision.

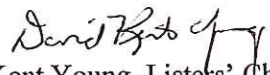
The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) used to determine the 2014 Education Property Tax Rates was 98.4%. The State Non-Residential Education Tax Rate for 2014 was \$1.5396. The Residential Education Tax Rate was additionally adjusted per the Statutes by penalizing the Town Residents for exceeding the average tuition cost per student, resulting in a rate of \$1.6765. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.1550; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.8315 for homestead properties and \$1.6946 for non-residential properties. Please see the "Grand List" pages within the Town Report for property assessment details and visit the Assessors' Page at the Town of Stratton website - www.townofstrattonvt.com for more information on property values.

The CLA, which the State has calculated for Stratton for 2015, is 98.62% and our coefficient of dispersion (COD) is now at 7.26%.

Currently, Stratton contracts with:

- 1) Purvis and Associates for professional appraising.
- 2) Visions Inc. for appraisal software and support.
- 3) Cartographics Technologies, Inc. for tax mapping and software support.

All appraisals of Stratton properties can be viewed on the internet via our website or at the Vision site: <http://data.visionappraisal.com/strattonvt/DEFAULT.asp>.


Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2014 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED:

57 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2014 Licenses issued were for:

53 spayed female or neutered male dogs

4 unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2014: \$476.00 (of which \$224.00 was sent to the VT State Treasurer).

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

If you own or keep a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months or older on or before April 1, the license fee is:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$8.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$12.00

After April 1st an additional 50% is added to the fee:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$10.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$16.00

To register a dog or wolf-hybrid, as a neutered male or spayed female, a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the animal has been sterilized must be given to the Town Clerk.

To license a dog or wolf-hybrid, the owner/keeper shall give the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has a current approved vaccination against rabies.

A current vaccination means:

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All vaccinations following the initial vaccination will be valid for 36 months.

Town of Stratton Cemetery Commission

We continue to place flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and we ensure that all cemeteries are mowed at least once each month during the summer, immediately prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We wish to thank Ben Lowe for doing an excellent job of mowing and trimming our cemeteries at those times. One cemetery family plot (six graves) was deeded in Pike Hollow Cemetery and one grave was deeded in Willis Cemetery this year. One burial occurred in Ball Cemetery.


Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co., Inc

	Budget 2014-15	To Date	Budget 2016-17
Operations Income			
Beginning Balance		(\$4,325)	
Town of Stratton	\$46,725	\$46,725	\$47,660.00
Post Office Rental	\$11,050	\$2,917	\$7,000.00
VTA Lease	\$250	\$0	\$0.00
Grants			
Fund Raising/Donation		\$12,190	
Total Funds	\$58,025	\$57,507	\$54,660.00

Expenditures

Electricity	\$1,280	\$451	\$1,280.00
Telephone	\$570	\$359	\$580.00
Heat	\$8,000	\$1,524	\$6,000.00
Insurance	\$3,000		\$2,000.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$0		\$5,000.00
Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$2,000	\$151	\$2,000.00
Postage			
Cleaning/Building Supplies			
Grounds Maintenance			
Tools			
Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000	\$100	\$2,500.00
Radio Repair		\$68	
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,500		\$2,000.00
SCBA			
Extinguishers		\$559	
New Equipment	\$5,500	\$3,208	\$5,500.00
Turnout Gear			
SCBA Comprsor & Containment			
Training	\$500		\$500.00
Dues & Ass. Fees	\$300	\$242	\$300.00
Reimbursement Per Point	\$23,000		\$23,000.00
Officer Points @ 11.65			
Call Points @ 11.65			
Meeting Points @ 11.65			
Training Points @ 11.65			
Fund Raising Expense		\$1,491	
CPA	\$425		\$450.00
Post Office Construction Loan	\$6,450		
Secretary Position	\$2,600	\$1,235	\$2,600.00
Software	\$400		\$600.00
BBQ		\$202	
Hosting Fee	\$500		\$350.00
ACS Fire Companies.com		\$260	
Total Expenditures	\$58,025	\$9,850	\$54,660.00

Fire Engine Fund CD

Town of Stratton	\$0	\$0	\$40,000.00
Beginning Balance	\$172,000	\$183,000	\$6,415.00
Stratton Corp.	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000.00
New Truck Payment		(\$187,585)	
Ending Balance	\$183,000	\$6,415	\$57,415.00

Fire Pond Program CD**Total Town Funds Requested**

Operations	\$46,725	\$47,660.00
Fire Engine Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000.00
Fire Pond Program		
Total	\$86,525	\$87,660.00

**Stratton Mountain
Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155

John Waite – President

Mathew Underwood – Chief

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 73 calls in 2014.

- 8 Fires (structure, vehicle, and forest)
- 43 False Alarms
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 9 Gas Alarms, Smoke Conditions, and Fuel Spills
- 9 Other (Assist Rescue, Landing Zones, Power lines down)

The Fire Company continued raising funds independently in 2014 through a mailing, T-shirt sales, Post office rental, and making use of local and state grants that were available.

The new truck is nearly completed and we are expecting an early spring delivery.

We currently have fifteen member, but as always the Fire Company is in need of more volunteers. The need for non-firefighting individuals is as important as for firefighters. Any interested parties should contact Matt Underwood or attend a meeting, which are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Station at 6:30pm.

TOWN OF STRATTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10:00AM.

Moderator, Nancy Ferrucci, called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.. Al Dupell led the town in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Town Clerk took roll. 32 voters were present. 17 constitutes a majority. The Moderator read the following article:

ARTICLE 1: *To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.* Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Skip Hammond seconded. All were in favor and Diana Stugger was elected Moderator and assumed the duties of the Moderator.

The Moderator read the following articles:

ARTICLE 2: *To act on the Town Report.* Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. All were in favor and so the Town Report was approved.

ARTICLE 3: *To elect Town officers as required by law:*

Town Clerk, a three-year term: DR Holton nominated Kent Young. Laura Hawksley seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Ray Hawksley seconded – all concurred. Kent Young was elected Town Clerk for a term of three year.

Treasurer, a three-year term: Lorraine Weeks-Newell nominated Laura Hawksley. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and Laura Hawksley was elected Treasurer for the term of three years.

Selectman, a three-year term: Kent Young nominated Greg Marcucci. Allan Hicks seconded. Larry Bills moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded – all concurred. Greg Marcucci was elected Selectman for a term of three years.

Selectman, a one-year term: Skip Hammond nominated Al Dupell. Laura Hawksley seconded. Mat Underwood moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred and Al Dupell was elected Selectman for the term of one year.

Selectman, a one-year term: Roger Schultz nominated Kevin Robinson. D. R. Holton seconded. Allan Hicks moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred and Kevin Robinson was elected Selectman for the term of one year.

Planning Commission, a four-year term: Kent Young nominated Avis Pickering. Laura Hawksley seconded. John Wadsworth nominated Chris Mann. Rob Wadsworth seconded. A paper ballot was taken. 15 votes for Avis Pickering and 19 votes for Chris Mann. Chris Mann was elected Planning Commissioner for the term of four years.

Lister, a three-year term: Roger Schultz nominated Allan Hicks. DR Holton seconded. DR Holton moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred and Allan Hicks was elected Lister for the term of three years.

Auditor, a three-year term: Laura Hawksley nominated Laura Nelson. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Allan Hicks moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred and Laura Nelson was elected Auditor for the term of three years.

Cemetery Commissioner, a three-year term: Larry Bills nominated Kent Young. Skip Hammond seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Allan Hicks seconded. All concurred and Kent Young was elected Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years.

Delinquent Tax Collector, a one-year term: Laura Hawksley nominated Candie Bernard. Allan Hicks seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred and Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for the term of one year.

Trustee of Public Funds, a one-year term: Allan Hicks nominated Laura Hawksley. DR Holton seconded. Larry Bills moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Skip Hammond seconded. All concurred and Laura Hawksley was elected Trustee of Public Funds for the term of one year.

Constable, a one-year term: Kent Young nominated Skip Hammond. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and Skip Hammond was elected Constable for the term of one year.

Grand Juror, one-year term: Allan Hicks nominated John Waite. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and John Waite was elected Grand Juror for the term of one year.

Town Agent, a one-year term: Larry Bills nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Skip Hammond seconded. All concurred and John Waite was elected Town Agent for the term of one year.

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.* Allan Hicks so moved. Roger Schultz seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Siobhan Eddy Young so moved. Kent Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:*

<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Betty Boop Bus</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
<i>Community Food Pantry</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Connecticut River Transit</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>	<i>7,000.00</i>
<i>Green Up Vermont</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Health Care and Rehabilitation Services</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Historical Society of Windham County</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>LaMarche Scholarship Fund</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Morningside Shelter</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Districts</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Valley Cares Inc.</i>	<i>335.00</i>
<i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	<i>600.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	<i>2,500.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>
<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Winhall Library</i>	<i>1,400.00</i>
<i>Women's Freedom Center</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$27,735.00</i>

Kent Young so moved. Ray Hawksley seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$46,725.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Siobhan Eddy Young so moved. Kent Young seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$361,000.00 for the purchase of a new Fire Engine for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company.* Kent Young so moved. Skip Hammond seconded. Discussion: The Fire Chief, Matt Underwood, explained the need for a new pumper truck. There are two existing pumpers. The oldest is to be sold off, while a decision on what to do with the other has not been made. A new truck will last for at least 20 years. After a question about the ladder truck, which was purchased in 2010, Matt Underwood explained that this is a

different issue, as this truck will provide different needs. The ladder truck is still being paid through a yearly lease. He also said that the amount requested from the Town is only a partial amount for the vehicle, as other funds will be applied to it. Allan Hicks asked about funding from Stratton Mountain. Matt Underwood said that the resort continues to support expenses. Kent Young stated that the majority of taxes used to pay for appropriations from the Town come from the tax base at the resort. Following this discussion, Kent Young stated that the Town has had discussions with a finance company for this purchased and that the motion needs to be corrected to allow for a lease-to-own purchase. He therefore moved to amend Article 8 as recommended by the Selectmen as follows: *To see if the Town will approve the Select Board to lease-to-own a new Fire Engine at an amount not to exceed \$361,000.00 for the exclusive use of the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, the lease to be for 7 years with a yearly installment not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year – this amount to be added to the General Fund.* Al Dupell seconded. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the amendment to Article 8 passed unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the article as amended, and the amended article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$40,000.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company Fire Truck Fund.* Larry Bills so moved. Laura Hawksley seconded. Discussion: Fire Chief, Matt Underwood said that since Article 8 was approved, the Fire Dept. no longer requests this appropriation for this year and he recommends defeating the article. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. All voted against it – therefore, the Article was defeated.

ARTICLE 10: *To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.* Kent Young so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$855,247.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015).* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Laura Hawksley stated that the article should be amended to include the \$60,000.00 appropriation of Article 8 for the year and an additional \$2,960.00 to correct the appropriation line-item in the budget. Kent Young said that the Selectmen have also been in discussion with the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. to contract for coverage for next year, prompted by the recent rash of break-ins in Town. The Selectmen also intend to contract for coverage for the remainder of this year. Many people attending the meeting were in support of additional police coverage. Kent Young continued that the Sheriff's Dept. recommended budgeting \$60,000.00 for the 2014/15 fiscal year, and therefore we should add this amount to the budget. Laura Hawksley added that because the Town was awarded greater than \$500,000 in funds from FEMA in a single year, due to the Penny Ave. Bridge replacement, the Town is required to have an outside audit. The company contracting to perform the 2012/13 fiscal-year audit highly recommended an additional audit of the 2013/14 fiscal year. She said that an additional \$7000.00 will be necessary for this audit. With these changes, Kent Young moved to amend Article 11 as follows: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$985,207.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2015 (July 1,*

2014 to June 30, 2015). Ray Hawksley seconded. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

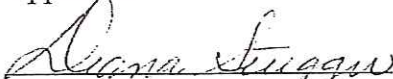
ARTICLE 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$921,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015).* Laura Hawksley so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: DR Holton asked if there were any additional funds being raised for construction of the garage. Al Dupell replied that it has been all paid for. Paving this year will be for Mountain Rd.. The Kidder Brook culvert on Mountain Rd. is to be replaced this year, using some FEMA funds. At that time, Mountain Rd. will be closed to traffic for several weeks, which will also coincide with some weekend closures of Rt. 100. A detour will be West Jamaica Rd. to Pikes Falls Rd.. We intend to have the road opened before school begins and the leaf-peepers arrive. While the road is closed, several smaller culverts will also be replaced along that stretch and then that section will be paved afterward. Additional paving is scheduled to finish the Town Garage area. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. John Wadsworth asked if people were satisfied with the traditional 10:00a.m. Tuesday meeting? Kent Young explained that the law allows for the meeting to begin on any of the three days prior to the first Tuesday in March; however, if it is held previous to Tuesday, the meeting must then adjourn to Tuesday. This would require some people to attend to open and close the meeting at that time. Another option is for the Legislature to approve a charter change for the Town. No one expressed an interest for a change at this time. With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Skip Hammond so moved. Al Dupell seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously – the meeting adjourned at 10:57a.m..

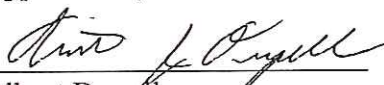
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Town Clerk – David Kent Young

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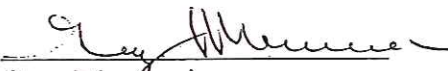

Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Selectmen:


Albert Dupell


Chris Liller


Larry Bills


Greg Marcucci


Kevin Robinson

DISTRICT TOWN OF STRATTON ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton School District met as warned at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 11:05 a.m. and transacted the following business:

Nancy Ferrucci called the meeting to order. The Clerk took the roll. 35 voters were present (requires an 18-vote majority).

The Moderator read the opening statement of the Warning.

ARTICLE 1: *To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year as required by law.* Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Laura Hawksley seconded. Larry Bills moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred and Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the term of one year.

ARTICLE 2: *To elect all Stratton School District Officers as required by law.* The position of School District Director, a 3-Year Term, currently held by Lorraine Weeks-Newell is up for re-election. Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Lorraine Weeks-Newell. Tom Montemagni seconded. Nominations closed. All concurred and Lorraine Weeks-Newell was elected School District Director for the term of three years.

ARTICLE 3: *To set the Annual 2014-2015 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$14,250 per pupil for students in grades K-6 who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828.* Kent Young so moved. Betsey Wadsworth seconded. No discussion. All concurred and the motion passed.

ARTICLE 4: *To set the Annual 2014-2015 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$14,500 per pupil for students in grades 7 & 8 who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828.* Siobhan Eddy Young so moved. Tom Montemagni seconded. No discussion. All concurred and the motion passed.

ARTICLE 5: *To set the Annual 2014-2015 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.* Tom Montemagni moved to set the Annual 2014-2015 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools at \$11,936.00, which is the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the amendment. All concurred and the Article was amended. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the Article as amended. All voted "aye" and the amendment passed.

ARTICLE 6: *To set the Annual 2014-2015 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$15,400.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12 who are residents of the school district.* Siobhan Eddy Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred and the motion passed.

ARTICLE 7: *To set the Annual 2014-2015 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 4 and Article 6 who are residents of the school district.* Siobhan Eddy Young moved to set the Annual 2014-2015 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools at \$13,752.00, the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 4 and Article 6 who are residents of the school district. Tom Montemagni seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the proposed amendment. A voice vote was taken – all concurred and the Article was amended. Siobhan Eddy Young motioned to approve the Article as amended. Al Dupell seconded. A voice vote was taken and all concurred. Article 7 was passed as amended.

ARTICLE 8: *To authorize the School Board to expend \$677,231 to defray expenses and liabilities for the 2014-2015 school year.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. All were in favor and the Article passed.

(No ARTICLE 9 existed in the Warning)


ARTICLE 10: *To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.* Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. A voice vote was taken – all concurred and the article passed.

ARTICLE 11: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* Several residents questioned the out-of-state tuition for residents. Tom Montemagni addressed the issue by saying that the School Board has the authority to implement this policy and that it is not subject to a Town vote, but that they also can make exceptions in extreme circumstances. Additionally, the State Legislature is moving quickly to eliminate School Choice by considering forcing Districts to combine. Stacie Chiodi commented that it appears the Legislature will likely prohibit High School tuition going out of State during this year's session. They previously prohibited it for elementary school tuition.

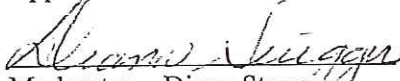
Mark Tashjian, Head Master of Burr and Burton Academy, was present for the meeting and asked the Moderator for permission to speak. Tom Montemagni moved to allow Mr. Tashjian to speak. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. All concurred. Mr. Tashjian thanked the Town for their support of Burr and Burton and briefly described to the voters the school, its goals and his commitment to the education of Vermont's children.

Following Mr. Tashjian's presentation and with no further discussion and no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m..

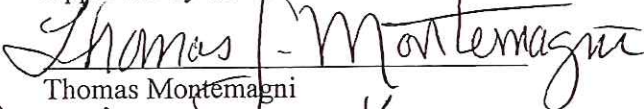
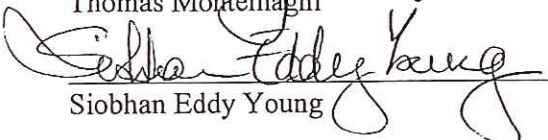
Minutes by:


Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved


Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:


Thomas Montemagni

Siobhan Eddy Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell



American Red Cross
Vermont & the New Hampshire
Upper Valley Region

Down the street.
Across the country.
Around the world.TM



December 24, 2014

Kent Young
Town of Stratton
9 W. Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young,

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

Fiscal year 2014 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross was there providing vital services to our community.

- Responded to 206 disasters/emergencies in our region
- Collected 45,000 pints of local blood and blood products
- Assisted 163 members of the military and their families from our area
- Empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need
- Provided free babysitter training to over 250 youths in our region

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation based on its current population. We would greatly appreciate your continued support in the amount of \$500 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like the Town of Stratton and throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

Sincerely,

Larry Crist
Regional Executive
Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

Regional Headquarters: 29 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401-3323 • Tel: 802-660-9130 •
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Animal Control
200 Vermont Route 30
Bondville VT 05340
Cell: 802-688-4020

Annual Report for the Town of Stratton

Animal Control Officer: Patrick Salo

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the Vermont State Laws pertaining to animals. The officer responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control laws by telephone or police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased, neglected or abused animals. Impounded animals are cared for at the officer's kennel. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption.

The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of the department are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople. The Animal Control Officer provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully.

Reminder: All dogs six months and older must be licensed. Dog Licenses are issued in the Town Clerk's Office. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be shown and if the dog is spayed or neutered a veterinarian certificate must be shown.

Unlicensed dogs: The animal control officer is responsible for the enforcement of the dog licensing laws. A dog without tags will be considered unlicensed and unvaccinated and fines may be issued.

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



January 26, 2015

Dear Residents:

The board of trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has set tuition for the 2015-2016 school year at \$15,950. This tuition reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality education while maintaining affordability to our sending towns. A modest increase is needed to ensure that BBA is able to attract and retain top quality teachers and staff members. (Next year, teacher salary increases will be 2.8%, with benefits cost increasing at 4%-5%.)

Burr and Burton continues to take steps to streamline operating expenses. In the past year, positions were eliminated in our business office, health clinic, science department, and administrative support. In addition, since the recession began in 2009, positions have been eliminated in the maintenance, advancement, technical support, and academic departments.

Simultaneous with these cost-cutting measures, BBA launched the Student Success Program, Mountain Campus, and other efforts designed to enhance the experience of being a student at BBA.


Burr and Burton's programming costs significantly more than we receive in town tuition. To balance our budget while providing educational value well in excess of tuition, we generate over \$3 million in annual revenues, as follows:

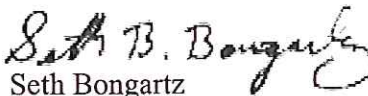
- We raise \$1 million per year for the annual fund, which goes each year toward supporting operating expenses.
- Our international program brings important diversity to our school while also generating \$1.5 million in revenues.
- Our endowment draw exceeds \$600,000 to support travel programs, technology, the arts, and general operating expenses.

As a result, we are able to provide superb educational experiences, top-notch facilities, and a corps of faculty and staff members at the top of the profession. It is this combination that yields a 100% graduation rate, SAT scores among the top in the state, college matriculation rates well over 80% each year, and a student and parent body overwhelmingly supportive of the school.

Since 1829, Burr and Burton has served the communities of southern Vermont. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Seth Bongartz
Chair, Board of Trustees

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Providing supplemental food to households in need

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Annual Report to the Town of Stratton • 2014

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

In an effort to respond to the changing needs and face of our clients, the Community Food Pantry is now open two times each month. We had noticed an increased sense of urgency at our monthly distributions. Based on numerous requests from our clients, we are now open for a mid-month distribution in addition to our end-of-month schedule. Folks seem to be more relaxed about their visits and we feel blessed that we have been able to respond to this need.

In 2014 we have seen a marked increase in the number of young adults seeking our service. Many of these have low-paying and/or seasonal employment. Most live in households where two or three are living together in an effort to share rent and expenses. We continue to see families with preschool age children, families with teenagers, the elderly and disabled among our regular visitors. Fewer families with elementary school-age children are likely the result of the excellent nutrition programs in both the Jamaica and Wardsboro schools. On average, we are serving approximately 80 households per month, representing about 200 individuals (based on two distributions per month). For the 2014 Thanksgiving holiday we served 55 households (161 individuals); and for the 2014 Christmas holiday we served 61 households (representing 192 individuals).

The generosity of our communities, the good people of Jamaica, Wardsboro, Stratton and beyond helps keep us going. In 2014 additional assistance was received from the Stratton Foundation, the Hunter Foundation and the Vermont Foodbank. We are blessed to live in a place where neighbors truly help neighbors.

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

Thank you for supporting your Community Food Pantry.

Elaine Beckwith
Coordinator

www.communityfoodpantryvt.weebly.com

November 19, 2014

Town of Stratton
Kent Young, Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT. 05360

Re: Succinct Letter

Dear Kent Young,

The Current, operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc. (CRT) appreciated the support received from the Town of Stratton this year, and requests a town contribution of \$250 for FY15. CRT is a private, non-profit (501 c 3) transit provider providing transportation services to 30 towns in Windham and Southern Windsor counties. The types of services provided by the Current are commuter, in-town, town-to-town, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) and non-emergency medical transportation services. Funding sources are the Federal Transit Association (FTA), Vermont Agency of Transportation (Vtrans), and Vermont Department of Health, towns, businesses, donations and fares. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

- Dial-A-Ride service to Stratton Residents operates Monday thru Friday and includes medical rides for elderly, disabled and /or children and families who receive Medicaid

Ridership in FY 14 services to the region:

- Commuter bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 78,499.
- Non-Commuter bus service to the General Public: 83,040.
- Human Services transportation, including E & D, Medicaid and Taxi network: 199,446.

FY 14 was a year in which CRT began merger discussion with DVTA that will result in a more efficient system providing additional resources and options for both companies. CRT continues to increase ridership and provide a vital service to our community.

Please contact us by email: rgagnon@crtransit.org, phone (802) 460-7433 x 201 or visit our website at www.crtransit.org and let us know how CRT may improve service in your community.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager
rgagnon@crtansit.org
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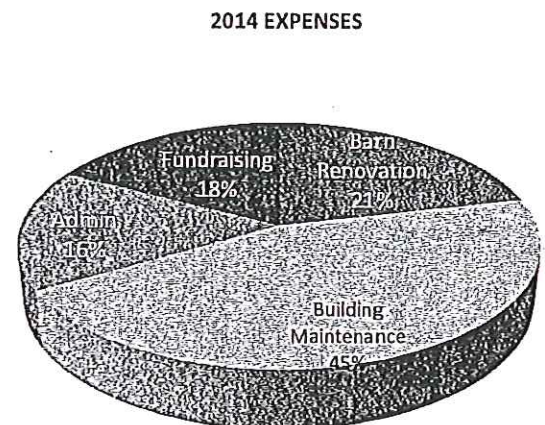
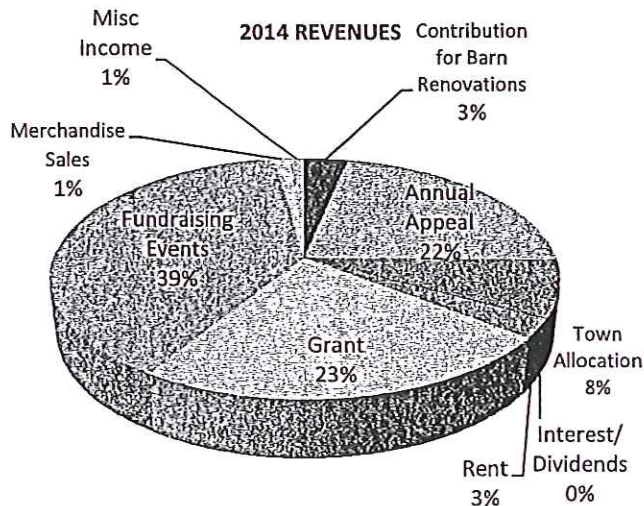
Gloria Danforth Memorial Building

FRIENDS OF THE WARDSBORO LIBRARY

The Friends undertook an ambitious fundraising schedule in 2014 with the Annual Appeal, the Plant Sale, Fourth of July Raffle Booth and Art Show, Summer Raffle, the Red Barn Affair Art Auction, the Gilfeather Turnip Festival and the Friends' Green Barn Art Show. In addition, the Friends focused on conserving energy and energy costs. After an energy audit, the old farmhouse section of the library was properly insulated.

None of these events and activities would be possible without the support of eager volunteers, generous donors and charitable sponsors. An impressive fifteen years of volunteers and volunteer hours has brought to Wardsboro, and our neighboring communities, an outstanding cultural facility, open to all. In appreciation of our many donors and supporters, the Friends of the Wardsboro Library are committed to continue, in 2015, our tireless dedication and mission to support and maintain the Wardsboro Public Library.

The Friends of the Wardsboro Library is a 501(c) 3 corporation registered with the IRS and the state of Vermont. The all volunteer, nonprofit organization is dedicated to supporting and advocating for the library, fundraising to pay for maintenance and rehabilitation and sponsoring activities that contribute to the cultural life of the town and surrounding communities.



Board of directors for 2014 seated: Chairperson Nancy Ferrucci; Vice Chairperson Cris Tarney; Secretary Karen Davis; Treasurer Carol Fay; Directors Linda Gifkins, Cristel Holden, Karen Wacker, Sally Wadsworth and Jill Dean, librarian.

Minutes and financials may be reviewed by request.

Respectfully Submitted by the Officers and Board of Directors of the Friends of the Wardsboro Library

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P.O. Box 216, 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353
(802) 365-7357 ♦ www.gracecottage.org

We Go Beyond Patient Care

2014 was a significant year in the 65-year history of Grace Cottage Hospital. With tremendous support from people in your community, Grace Cottage reaffirmed its continuing role as an independent rural hospital dedicated to delivering personalized, professional health care to the residents and visitors of Windham County. During 2014, Grace Cottage was named by GoLoProv.com as the top hospital in Vermont and 14th in New England for overall patient satisfaction, based on the latest results of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) surveys. As Senator Bernie Sanders noted in his letter of congratulations: "This award signifies the outstanding work that the Grace Cottage Hospital team has done to become one of the finest hospitals in the region. Especially impressive is Grace Cottage Hospital's high level of patient satisfaction, which demonstrates the dedication the Grace Cottage staff brings to the job."

As part of Vermont's Blueprint for Health, Grace Cottage's Community Health Team, composed of skilled health care professionals, is working with many area patients to help them develop plans to meet their personal healthcare goals. Services offered (free of charge to Vermont residents following a referral by a medical provider), include chronic disease management, nutrition and exercise education, mental health/substance abuse assessment, connections to community and financial resources, diabetes education, health education, medication management, weight management, home visits, and a wide variety of health education programs.

Up-to-date technology is being used by Grace Cottage's medical professionals (five family practice physicians, a pediatrician, a full-time psychiatrist, two physician assistants, a family nurse practitioner, eleven physical therapists, five occupational therapists, a speech therapist, and five pharmacists) to care for patients of all ages, from newborn to hospice. Patients can access medical records and communicate with their physician or provider's office through Grace Cottage Connections, a free Patient Portal, implemented in early 2014.

There were over 30,000 visits to our emergency department, lab, X-ray, rehabilitation, doctors' offices, and wellness programs during 2014. Thank you, taxpayers in the town of Stratton, for your support of Grace Cottage Hospital, the heart of healthcare in the hills and valleys of southeastern Vermont.



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Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 3, 2014

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. **New for 2015 on the Vermont Income Tax Form will be the chance to support Green Up Day by a check mark for charitable donation to Green Up Vermont!**

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Our coordinators tell us that many of their volunteers are families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY14 for Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2015 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2014, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,108 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

Residential Services: Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Stratton for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1926 to preserve our history for present and future generations.

In 1936, the Museum was built in Newfane to house the extensive collection that came from all the towns in the County. The collection now contains over 7,000 artifacts which are displayed in changing interpretative exhibits, or are available for research or interest. School visits are encouraged.

We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Your support will help us to maintain the collection and continue our policy of free admission. We are open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October. Please see our website for more information: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

Thank you.

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 501 calls in 2014. This is a record number of calls and an increase of over 10% from last year. The location of these calls are as follows: 5 in Andover, 14 in Jamaica, 15 in Landgrove, 110 in Londonderry, 57 in South Londonderry, 80 in Peru, 38 in Stratton, 92 in Weston, 17 in Windham, 68 in Winhall, 1 in Townshend, 3 in Jamaica, and 1 in Chester. There were 43 calls at the following ski areas: 34 at Bromley, 9 at Stratton, and 8 at Magic Mountain.

Of these calls: 255 were illnesses, 130 injuries, 53 motor vehicle accidents, 20 stand-by calls, and 43 public assists. We responded to 24 mutual aid calls, while 38 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support measures and interventions on over 150 calls. These interventions includes: starting 134 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, epinephrine, narcan, aspirin, nitroglycerin, morphine, fentanyl, and dextrose (D50). We used a Paramedic Intercept service 9 times and called in the DHART helicopter 5 times. Sixty-seven percent of our calls were daytime calls between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Of the patients we transported, 49 were younger than 18 years of age while 195 patients were over 65.

We have made a couple of large purchases this year. In August we received our new M2 Freightliner Ambulance with a custom made "Life Line" box. The total cost of this ambulance was \$238,468.00, with a trade-in value of \$16,000.00 for our 2005 Ford ambulance. The final cost that we paid was \$222,468.00 for the ambulance, without any equipment. After 10 years of service we needed to upgrade our heart monitors. We have just purchased two (2) Zoll X series monitors for a cost of \$51,698.75, which will be put in service in February. This upgrade was required so that we can transmit our 12 lead EKG's from the field to the receiving hospitals. These large expenses would not have been possible if not for the help of all of our volunteer membership and your continued support.

Our Squad membership is down slightly to forty members. Eight of these members are ambulance drivers with CPR training, seven are Emergency Medical Responders, nine are Emergency Medical Technicians, eleven are Advance Emergency Medical Technicians, and five are Paramedics. Three of our Emergency Medical Responders are currently taking an Emergency Medical Technician course. Within our squad we have our Londonderry Technical Rescue which does all of the vehicle extrications, back country rescues, cold water rescues, low angle rescues, etc. in our coverage area. This department has twenty-nine members. With our membership down slightly and our call volume up we are in need of new members. At times we are finding it difficult to fill daytime teams. Please go to our new website at (londonderryrescuevt.org) to read more about us, our contact information, and to down load joining applications.

Our Squad often encounters two problems that you can help us out with. Our GPS's are helping with this, but one of our greatest concerns is finding the location of calls. Often valuable time is lost having to go house-to-house looking for the right location because of the lack of numbers, or numbers on houses that we cannot see. We urge everyone to post their 911 numbers on mail boxes or sign posts next to the road, we can't see them posted on houses in the middle of the night, or those covered with snow in winter. The other problem that we often encounter is the lack of information we receive from patients. Often patients in distress can't remember what medications they are on, or what they are being treated for. Each of you can help us out by just creating a simple list that includes such things as your name, mailing address, date of birth, past and current medical treatments and/or conditions, and a list of your current medications. Please have this list available so that it's handy when we arrive on scene. **It's your life that we can save with this knowledge.**

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is a licensed Paramedic Service. We are a highly trained, professional Squad that is run completely by volunteers. I want to thank our members and their families for the time, commitment, and sacrifices that they have made in taking our Squad to the level that it has achieved. We do not and have never billed individuals for any of our services. This is only made possible by the continued generosity and support of the communities and the residents that we serve.

Thank You,

William "Pete" Cobb Jr.
President, LVRS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 2014, the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$143,567.23. There were 501 calls at an average expense of \$286.56 per call.

Vicky Collingwood
Treasurer, LVRS

Rescue Inc: A Year in Review

It is our pleasure to provide emergency medical services to your community. Last year was busy for the staff at Rescue Inc. We responded to 4,732 calls during our last reporting year ending in October, with 3,551 patients transported. Patients were transported to 32 area hospitals, specialty centers, and nursing homes with treatment requirements ranging from basic first aid to invasive lifesaving interventions. Our service is provided by a staff of fifty-three full time, part time and volunteer staff members operating a fleet of seven ambulances out of two stations.

As a regional non-profit, we rely heavily on the support of the communities we serve. The commitment to our community started in 1966 and continues today as we all try to navigate through changes in our health care system. The nature of health care and emergency medicine has become extremely sophisticated. Access to specialists and the latest technology during emergencies often requires critical care level transports to more distant hospitals. In the last year we have seen this trend, which often takes our ambulances out of the area several times a day. To meet this new demand we have had to increase our daily staffing and have purchased smaller, more fuel efficient, ambulances. This past year has also been a year of upgrading our medical technology. Thanks to your support during our annual "heart of the matter campaign", we have been able to replace half of our cardiac monitors with the newest technology available. We hope to replace the remaining monitors at the conclusion of this year's campaign.

The changes nationally in emergency medical treatment have increased the demand on our training and education programs for professional medical staff as well as the public. We are running monthly CPR and AED programs and have been able to provide equipment and training to many of the West River Valley schools with funding from the Holt Foundation. Training for professional rescuers is now being done at our Flat Street training center. These programs support development of new local responders and provide for the continuing education. This year we anticipate additional changes as a result of healthcare reform and will watch several pieces of federal legislation in hopes that a long term ambulance funding bill will bring some predictability from the federal insurers. Regardless, we will work to ensure that the emergency medical treatment, transportation and rescue services in our region continue to be cutting edge and affordable.



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Stratton community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Stratton we offer a number of services, including:

Information and Assistance- Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. 57 residents requested service this past year.

As part of the Medicare Part D, prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. 2 residents requested assistance this year.

Senior Nutrition- We offer congregate meals in Jamaica, Townshend and Londonderry (May through October) through arrangements with community members. A Registered Dietician is available to offer nutritional counseling when appropriate.

Transportation- We support various providers of transportation for both medical appointments and non medical needs.

Case Management & Advocacy- One on one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. Senior Solutions helped 1 resident this past year.

Care Giver Respite- Through grants we provided respite assistance for caregiver's of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Your town contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Stratton citizens is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Joyce A. Lemire, Executive Director

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Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

VALLEY CARES, INC.

P.O. Box 341 • Townshend, VT 05353
www.valleycares.org • 802-365-4115

December 4, 2014

"This is my home. This is the place to be!"

- Resident of West River Valley Senior Housing

Dear Friend,

A comment like this makes all of us at Valley Cares so proud to be a part of this senior housing community – a community which you and your neighbors have helped to create. At West River Valley Senior Housing, residents discover a new sense of "home" – a home where individuals are valued and friendships are inspiring; a community where one's needs are met with genuine warmth and caring.

This past year, we welcomed 30 new residents into our community. While many became initial occupants of our new supportive housing apartments, others moved into independent housing, or took a unit in our assisted living to receive care and meals.

Our residents have a broad range of needs – from a safe warm one-bedroom apartment to nursing home-level of care. Each year we ask you to help meet the needs of our seniors by making a year-end donation to Valley Cares.

Your support will help us to achieve the following:

- Continue to provide housing and/or supportive services at a reduced cost to 3 out of every 4 of our residents in independent and assisted living.
- Better accommodate residents with a higher level of care need by training our staff to better support those with Alzheimer's, dementia, and emotional challenges.
- Maintain vital Meals on Wheels programming to seniors in Townshend, Newfane, and Grafton. Over the past year, we have provided 7,700 meals to residents in these towns.
- Continue to deliver and improve a rich calendar of activity programming, like bone-building exercise groups, yoga, art, musical entertainment, and a variety of community outings which are available to all members of our community.

Thank you for considering a gift to Valley Cares.

With your support, we can continue to be "home" and "the place to be" for seniors in the West River Valley.

Sincerely,



Susanne Shapiro
Executive Director, RN

Valley Cares, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

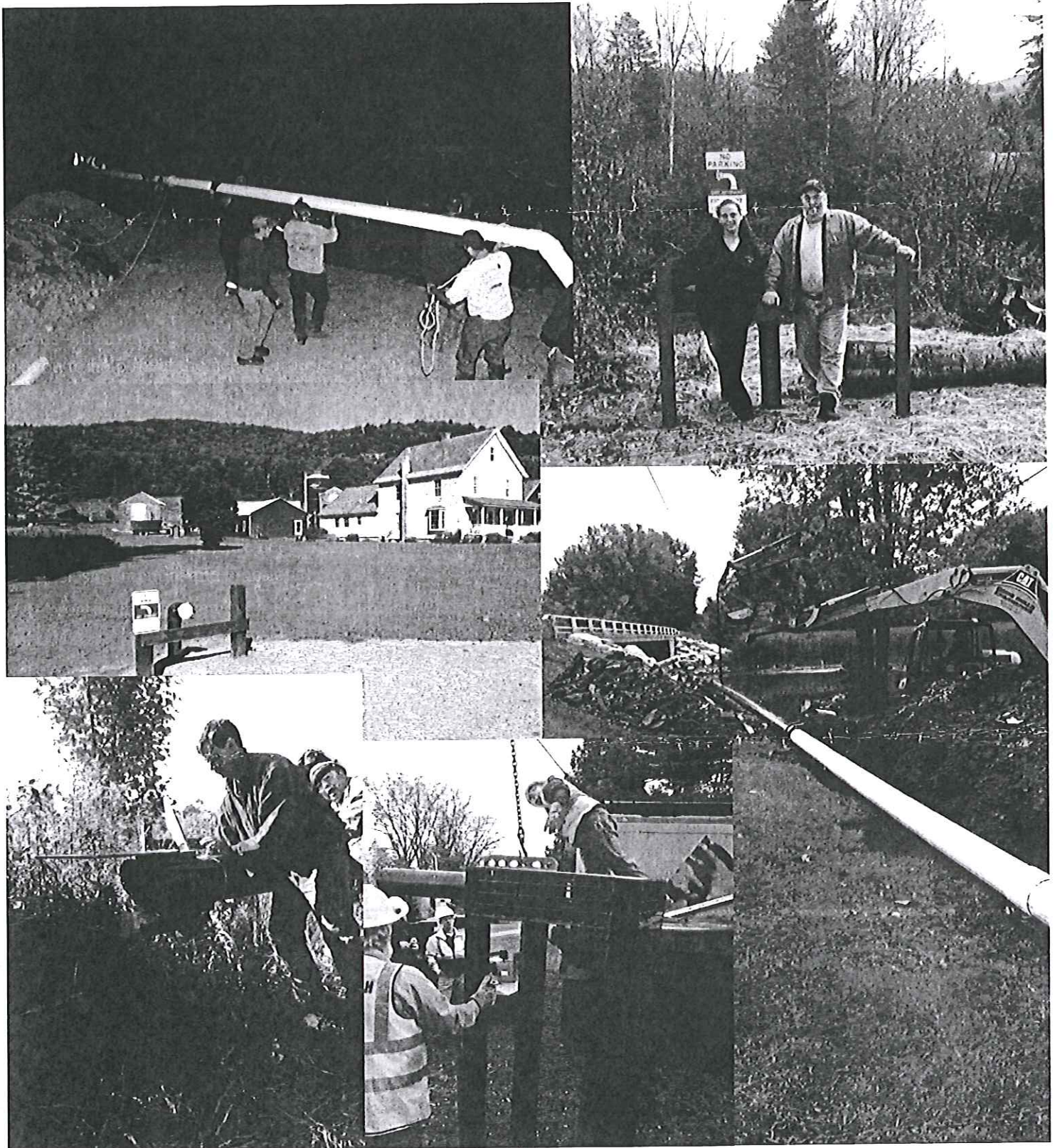
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

1998-2014 Rural Water Supply (Dry Hydrant) Grant Program



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The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.



THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

TOWN OF STRATTON

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.

Final numbers for our FY'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over **2,383** 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 **304** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **12** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **6** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **215** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **125** individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **447** 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 '14, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)

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**.



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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Stratton

Your Health Department district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Five Coalitions in Windham County together received a second year \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant to reduce underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse through a targeted regional approach.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: The WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program) served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5. WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January through October, 2014 we responded to 193 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2013, over \$13 million of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$821,964 of which was in our district.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state. The Windham meeting was held at the Marlboro College campus with 55 participants. An active committee is meeting to support existing and new efforts. Please contact Prudence MacKinney, District Director, for more information.

Started an Oral Health Program: In November, we hired an experienced public health dental hygienist as part of an effort to address serious oral health problems through prevention, education and links to treatment.

Distributed 16,858 doses of Potassium Iodide: Each person who lives or works in the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Marlboro and Vernon may receive one free dose. Potassium iodide is a drug that, taken in an appropriate and timely dosage, can block exposure to radioactive iodine.

Participated in Emergency Preparedness: VDH district office staff participated in an FEMA graded exercise to demonstrate the capabilities of responders to open and operate a reception center at the Bellows Falls Union High School.



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Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2014 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 134 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services – including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water – on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting, and education services. In the past year, VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. MAC also conducted 18 workshops that attracted more than 1,250 people. For example, our workshop on how to comply with the new Open Meeting Law changes and the Public Records Act drew more than 140 attendees. Additionally, we conducted 10 on-site workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics, and we provided 26 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. We produced new materials to help members comply with the Open Meeting Law and revised our Town Officers Handbook. These and all of our publications may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up our lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2015 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services to the local level. We also provide a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available to all free-of-charge on the VLCT website.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continues to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange to secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damages resulting from recent weather events makes the value of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** to all our members quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. Our two Trusts are responsible in 2014 for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Stratton, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

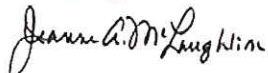
Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 39 homecare visits to Stratton residents. This included approximately \$2,422 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 39 home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Stratton's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

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Annual Report and Funding Request

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library are very grateful for the continuing support given by the Town of Stratton. Our facilities, services and programs are always available and increasingly used by the Stratton community. In light of the tight economic times, it is our hope that you will renew that commitment. We are requesting \$2,600 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The Wardsboro Public library has seen dramatic increases in its use by everyone from young families to retirees. Library visit have increased substantially over the years. As part of its educational outreach to adults and children the library has hosted dozens of programs during that same period. Several hundred attendees were given the opportunity to learn about travel, history, the arts and other programs not otherwise available nearby. The Library's outreach for children provided active learning and recreational opportunities for many of our youngsters throughout this past year.

We especially want to thank Jill Dean, Library Director as well as Jenn Finaldi, our Youth Services/Assistant Librarian. The library also wishes to thank our dedicated core of volunteers, especially members of the Friends of the Wardsboro Library.

Help from the towns of Stratton and Wardsboro as well as donor response to our fundraising letter and the public's support of our bake sales, variety show, and book sale helps to keep our library thriving. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Backus, Sheri Lewis, Nancy Perkins, Jeremy Schrauf - Trustees

**Request for appropriation and report of services
Windham County Humane Society**

Description of Services: The Windham County Humane Society is a non-profit organization serving all residents of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of the Windham County Humane Society is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare. We accept owner surrendered dogs, cats and other pets; house and care for stray/abandoned/neglected animals; facilitate adoptions; provide lost and found services; offer monthly low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public; provide pet food assistance for those in need; and coordinate the investigation of reports of animal cruelty and neglect. We are dedicated to educating the public toward increased awareness of the need to promote animal welfare and the importance of spaying and neutering pets, and to encouraging respect for all living things.

Animal Intake and Outcomes

883 animals came into the shelter from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. The intake of animals breaks down as follows:

- 121 were seized by ACO's/law enforcement
- 297 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 286 were strays brought in by the public or abandoned at the shelter
- 179 were transported to WCHS from high kill shelters and successfully adopted out

884 animals left WCHS from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. Outcomes are as follows:

- 657 or 74% were adopted out to new homes
- 120 or 14% were reunited with their owner
- 44 or 5% were euthanized for health or behavior reasons (*WCHS does not euthanize for time or space. Average euthanasia rate in the US is 50%*)
- 25 or 3% died
- 38 or 4% were transferred out to another shelter or rescue

Spay/Neuter

- 398 public animals
- 61 Feral cats
- \$7,702 in financial aid for spay/neuter to low-income pet owners

Pet Food Assistance

Pet food assistance was provided to 311 low-income residents from Windham County.

Cruelty/Neglect

WCHS coordinated the investigation of 48 reports of cruelty and neglect in Windham County.

Volunteers 2013-14

96 Volunteers worked a total of 5,987 hours. These numbers do not include time donated by the Board of Directors, or by the two event committees.

These services are not underwritten by any state or federal funding, as you are probably aware. I respectfully request the town consider an appropriation of \$500 to WCHS for the next fiscal year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carolyn
Director of Operations, Windham County Humane Society



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Stratton is currently represented by Jenna Pugliese and Paul Schwippert. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. The 10 professional staff of the WRC provides support to the Committees, as well as to our member towns.

The Commission assists towns with activities in a number of different areas including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; testing, technical support and cleanup funding for the redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites which are those sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances; natural resources; transportation planning; infrastructure and capital improvement planning; traffic counts; emergency planning; energy planning; review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; development and management of capital improvement projects; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses.

Our relationship with our towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the Commission is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was just updated through a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns and is ultimately approved by our towns. We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively. We assist with projects between and among towns, build and augment the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and provide professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 23 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 109 Act 250 applications and 9 Section 248 applications. Culvert inventories, road/infrastructure inventories, traffic studies and/or sign inventories were provided for 18 towns. We assisted all of our towns with the development and submittal of Local Emergency Operations Plans and other requirements to maximize benefits related to the Emergency Relief Assistance Fund, which provides state funding to match federal dollars in the event of a federally-declared disaster. We have led the region's response to the announcement of the closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. As part of the Irene Recovery Project collaboration funded by the U.S. Economic Development Agency we completed 17 long-term recovery plans for the hardest hit villages and downtowns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us."

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 7 percent of a \$1.2 million budget for FY 2015 – it is virtually the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We have based our budget on a modest increase in the per resident assessment rate from \$1.83 to \$1.88. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$400 from Stratton for the new fiscal year. Stratton may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2015, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WSWMD ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

July 1, 2014 was the start date for implementation of Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, and WSWMD staff and town supervisors have spent considerable time assisting member towns in gearing up for the law. Most town transfer stations were already offering recycling along with trash collection so they were in compliance with the first phase of the law. However, starting July 1, 2015, Variable Rate Pricing (VRP), or Pay-As-You-Throw, becomes mandatory, and the District will pass an ordinance on behalf of member towns that requires trash haulers to register with WSWMD and provide a copy of their VRP plan. For information on Act 148 please visit the WSWMD's website: www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

During the past year, WSWMD continued to operate our 20-year old dual stream material recycling facility (MRF) in Brattleboro, losing significant amounts of recyclable materials to single stream programs being offered by some haulers. The District has over 100 roll-off containers that are utilized at town transfer stations and 24-7 recycling drop-off centers, and District trucks haul the boxes to the MRF. The District decided to continue providing the 24-7 recycling boxes until at least December 2015 to determine the impact of Act 148 on quantities of recyclables dropped off, and the extent of illegal dumping of trash in the boxes.

Due to a stagnant world economy, both the volume and value of the recyclable materials collected has decreased over the past two years, necessitating a 9 percent increase in the assessments to the member towns for FY 2015. Fortunately, the increase in the FY 2016 budget was contained to just 5.6 percent despite additional educational program requirements of Act 148.

The District conducted 8 Household Hazard Waste (HHW) collections this year in Brattleboro, Guilford, Halifax, Newfane, Wardsboro, Westminster, Wilmington, and Winhall. A total of 595 households participated in the collections. WSWMD has increased household participation rates in the HHW collection every year since 2010 through use of direct mailing notices to residents. Act 148 eventually requires that four HHW collections per year be offered in each town.

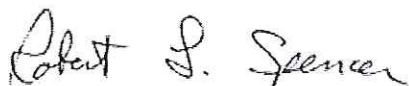
In May 2014, WSWMD joined the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, primers, coatings, sealers, stains, shellacs, waterproofing and rust preventatives. We now offer year-round collection at our Brattleboro convenience center so that residents no longer have to wait for a hazardous waste collection event to recycle leftover paint products.

The District continues to grow its composting facility, which accepts food scraps and non-recyclable paper from the Town of Brattleboro's residential curbside collection program, the only such program in Vermont. By 2020, curbside residential food scrap collection will be mandatory. Our composting facility is also processing food scraps from supermarkets, and other large generators. With a grant from Vermont ANR, composting programs are being established at four regional middle and high schools in the District. In addition, the District began selling its compost to residents in the fall.

A project was started in 2014 to install solar panels on the 25-acre closed landfill owned by WSWMD. This will directly benefit member towns by providing lower cost electricity to towns and school districts.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents. We also provide educational materials about reuse, recycling, composting, and we sell discounted backyard composters at the District office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Spencer".

Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

WINHALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

New at the library

- Two new computers – we now have three computers for patrons to use.
- New printer that prints only black & white and double sided.
- We sponsored an informational meeting for the community with Oliver Olsen on October 6th. This event was well attended, there were many questions and great discussion.



Circulation and Budget Data

- We spent \$5,549 on books, books on CD, magazines, etc.
- We bought 358 books
- We had 1803 patron visits this year
- We circulated 2215 books this year
- Budget data attached



Programs

Our 5th Annual "Friend Raiser" and Summer Picnic was very well attended and honored Fran Rosenthal a huge facilitator in developing the Winhall Memorial Library into what it is today. Thank you Fran! This event, once again brought many wonderful people to the library. We listened to wonderful music by the Dusty Pilgrims, ate hot dogs, had a 50/50 raffle, sold books and even brought in an Ice Cream Truck. We raised \$2,055 this year. In addition, we raised \$775 when a few of our Library Board Members manned the entrance at the Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show.

Once again, Thank you to Connie our Librarian and Annah for helping out when ever needed and for the "care and keeping" of our website.

Library hours Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm
Saturdays from 10-12

Don't forget FREE WI-FI!

www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

2 Lower Taylor Hill Road, Bondville, VT 05340 ~ 802-297-9741

PLEASE STOP BY AND CHECK US OUT!

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Stratton**

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 505 women and their 527 children and sheltered 45 women and their 42 children. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contributions to the Freedom Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
Director
Women's Freedom Center

NOTICE!

**THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN
OF THIS TOWN IS**

**ROGER SCHULTZ
(802) 896-9792**

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burning permit from the Town Forest Fire Warden. The warden in your town will be able to advise you on local burning regulations and current conditions. Remember, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!"



Roger reported that 28 burn permits had been issued for the period January 1 – December 31, 2014. No forest fires were reported in Stratton.

TOWN OF STRATTON

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office: 896-6184
896-6185

Town Office FAX: 896-6630

Town Office Email: townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

Town Office Web Site: www.townofstrattonvt.com

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00PM

Town Garage & Highway Department: 896-6224

Town Garage FAX: 896-6999

Town Garage Email: garage@townofstrattonvt.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office

Planning Commission: 1st Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM - Town Office

School Board: 1st Thursday of the month – 7:00 PM – Town Office

Volunteer Fire Co.: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM
Meetings are held at the Fire House – 5 Brazers Way

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Garage Refuse/Recycling Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Recreation Area Hours : Lighting available as needed

Animal Control Officer: Pat Salo 802-297-1032 Cell: 802-688-4020

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE & RESCUE 911
KEENE MUTUAL AID: 603-352-1291

Back Cover Photo: Stratton-Arlington Road early December ice storm

