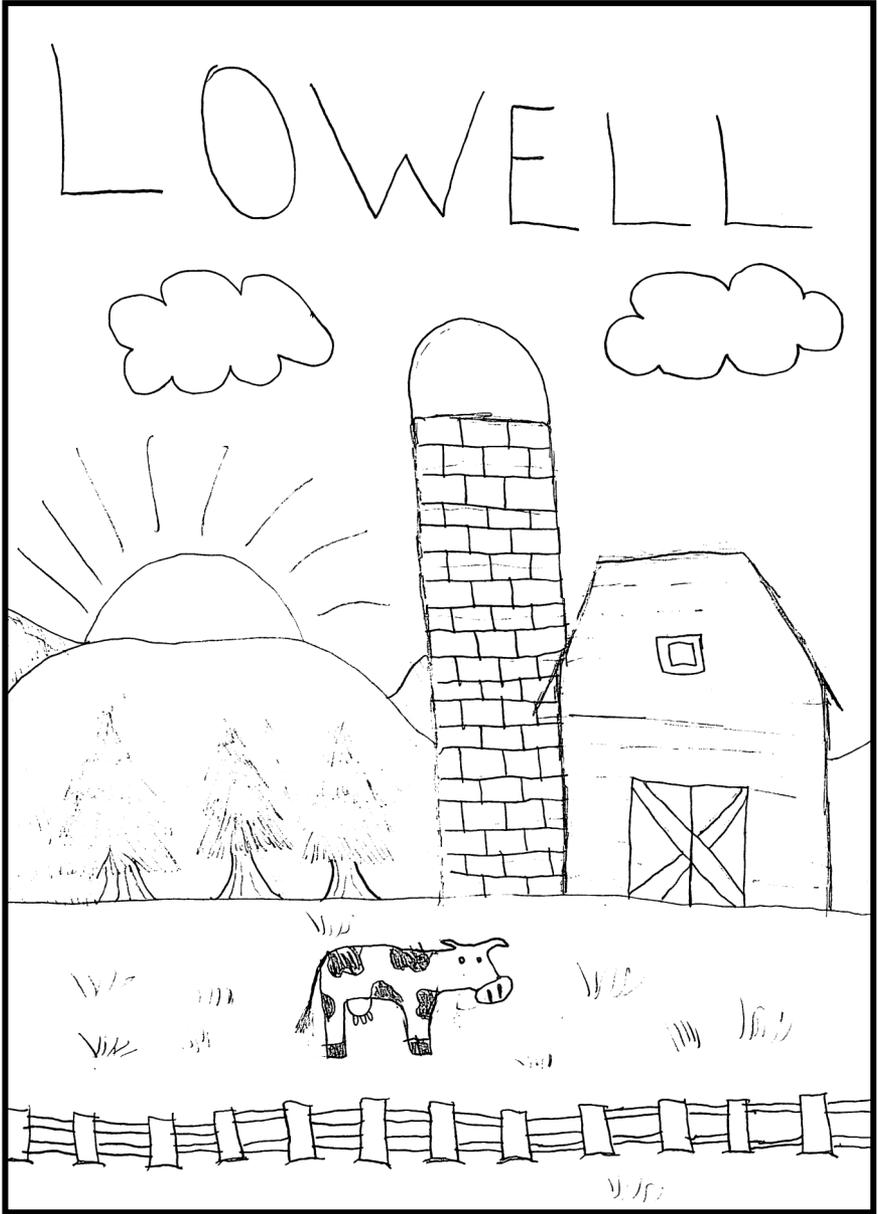


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**ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2014**

With special thanks.....

The Town of Lowell would like to recognize the following individuals for their years of dedicated service to the Town:

Roger Stewart

Gaston Doyon

Pamela Tetreault

On behalf of the entire Lowell Community, we extend our gratitude and thanks. These three people have dedicated a combined 6 decades of service to the Town as members of the Select Board, as Listers, Justices of the Peace and as the Town Treasurer.

We are truly grateful for the time and dedication to serving the Town and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

COVER STORY:

The Lowell Graded School recently held a contest in which students were asked to draw what they loved about Lowell. The winning picture was chosen to be the artwork for the cover of this year's Town Report!

Many wonderful pictures were received and you will see several throughout the report.

Thank you to all the students who participated.

Cover picture by: Daniel Hodgeman—Grade 6

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 2014

Town of Lowell, Vermont



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

Please bring any non-perishable items with you to the Lowell Graded School on Tuesday March 3, 2015.

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

Thank you for your support.

Register your dog:

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

- \$8 spayed/neutered
- \$12 unaltered

Must have current rabies vaccination and copy of certificate.

All dogs need to be licensed by April 1, 2015

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

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2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2015
TOWN CLERK:	Karen Clinger	2016
TREASURER:	Pamela Tetreault	- Resigned 11/2014
	Karen Clinger	- Appointed 11/2014
SELECTMEN:	Richard Pion	2015
	Alden Warner	2016
	Dwight Richardson	2017
ELEMENTARY	Steven Mason	2015
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	Gilles Bathalon	2016
	Shauna Richardson	2017
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	George Swanson	2016
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Pamela Tetreault	- Resigned 11/2014
	Karen Clinger	- Appointed 11/2014
1st CONSTABLE:	Gerald Green	2015
2nd CONSTABLE:	Darren Pion	2015
AUDITORS:	Rose Barry	- Resigned 10/2014
	Priscilla Matten	- Appointed 10/2014
	Gordon Spencer	2016
	Arlon Warner	2017
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Reginald Pion	2016
LISTERS:	Carolyn Arel	2015
	Mark Higley	2016
	Lerry Chase	2017
TOWN AGENT:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2015
GRAND JUROR:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2015
LIBRARIAN:	Regine Griswold	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Jennifer Blay	2015
	Gail Sicotte	2016
	Gina Arel	2017
	Gynette Manning	2018
	Marcia Mason	2019
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	
	Jeff Parsons	
	Gilbert Hill	
	Steven Mason	
	Roger Stewart	- Resigned 11/2014
	Gaston Doyon	- Resigned 11/2014
2014 OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT		
ASST. TOWN CLERK	Amanda Carlson	
ASST. TOWN TREASURER	Sandra Edwards LaDeau	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	Gerald Green	
HEALTH OFFICER:	Carol Wood- Koob	2016
SERVICE OFFICER:	Steve Mason	2015
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick	
ASST. FIRE WARDEN	Marc Sicotte	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer	
ZONING COMMISSION:	Doug Manning	
	Sam Thurston	
	Keith Richardson	
	Rolf Koob	
	Mike Tetreault	- Resigned 12/2014

WARNING

LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

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

All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School. Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 3: To ELECT the following OFFICERS:

- A. **SELECTPERSON** for a three year term.
- B. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three year term.
- C. **TREASURER** for a one year term
- D. **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR** for a one year term.
- E. **LISTER** for a three year term.
- F. **AUDITOR** for a three year term.
- G. **1ST CONSTABLE** for a one year term.
- H. **2nd CONSTABLE** for a one year term.
- I. **TOWN AGENT** for a one year term.
- J. **GRAND JUROR** for a one year term.
- K. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE** for a five year term.

ARTICLE: 4 To ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

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

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

- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town start its annual town meeting on the Saturday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in March, in accordance with 17 V.S.S. § 2640(b)?
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$280,000.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the funds received as **SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS** from the owners of the "Kingdom Community Wind Project", based on operations of the Project in 2014 that are remaining after payment of the municipal expenses of the Town, be deposited in the Savings Reserve Fund?
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS**?
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS**?
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 25,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**?
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 2,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL & JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$ 3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

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

- A. \$ 250.00 to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- B. \$ 300.00 to AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VT
- C. \$ 225.00 to CORNUCOPIA
- D. \$ 300.00 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- E. \$ 50.00 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- F. \$ 450.00 to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPSHIP FUND
- G. \$ 250.00 to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- H. \$ 200.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
- I. \$ 923.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- J. \$ 200.00 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- K. \$ 659.00 to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- L. \$ 500.00 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- M. \$ 250.00 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- N. \$ 200.00 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE- VERMONT
- O. \$ 500.00 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- P. \$ 200.00 to POST 28 AMERICAN LEGION
- Q. \$ 700.00 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- R. \$ 600.00 to UMBRELLA
- S. \$ 200.00 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- T. \$ 100.00 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- U. \$ 90.00 to VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- V. \$ 35.00 to VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS

Total for above appropriations = \$ 7,182.00

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

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

ARTICLE 18: TO ADJOURN.

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion, Chairman, Dwight Richardson, Alden Warner
Karen Clinger – Town Clerk/Treasurer

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Steve Mason, Chair, Gilles Bathalon, Shauna Richardson

Received for posting: January 30, 2015

AUDITOR'S REPORT

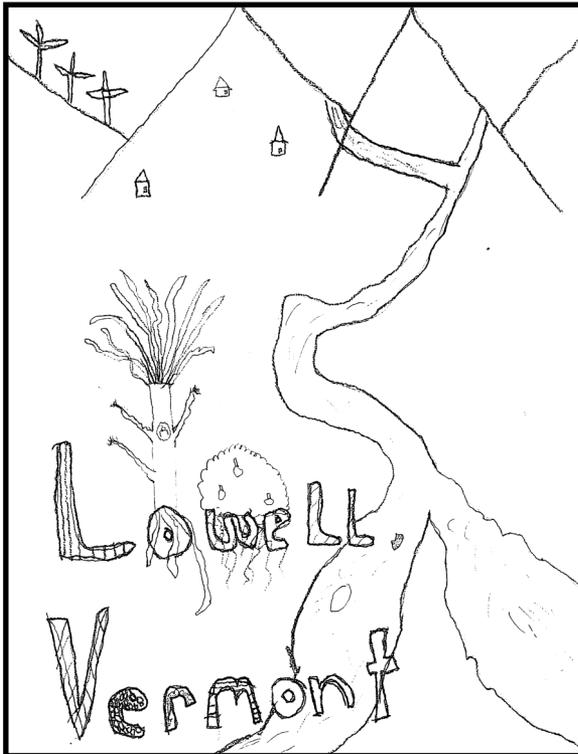
We, the Auditors of the Town of Lowell, found the financial books for year ending 12/31/2014 to be in good order and in balance with all Bank Reconciliation Statements. These books were audited by us, on 1/28/2015.

Arlon Warner, Gordon Spencer, Priscilla Matten

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PUBLIC MONEY

The Archie Powers Memorial Trust at People's United Bank for the Town of Lowell Recreational Park was created in 1985. Interest from 1985-2014 is \$5,607.56 (only the interest may be used). \$1,267.66 was drawn out to complete the building at Gelo Park in 1997. \$2,500 was withdrawn in 2005 towards matching grant funds for the Playground Fund. \$1,500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards Security Camera. This account has a balance 12/31/14 of \$7,376.37 of which \$339.90 is available to be used.

Town of Lowell CD at People's United Bank earned interest of \$1.19 This account has a balance 12/31/14 of \$43,493.34.



Isaiah Clinger, Grade 8

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Reports for the Town of Lowell have been prepared by
Karen Clinger, Town Treasurer

TOWN ASSET COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

Year End Balances	12/31/2013	12/31/2014
Appraisal Fund	20,966.53	3,474.04
Del Taxes <i>Receivable</i>	62,061.01	67,563.21
Equipment Fund	10,645.76	(35,613.81)
Fire Dept. Operating	1,255.90	1,800.49
Gravel Fund	24,519.57	39,044.57
Library Account	1,005.13	1,173.23
Restoration Fund	22,185.82	6,275.75
Computerization Fund	-	9,706.90
Road Account	548.47	17,547.97
Road Bridge & Culvert Fund	21,333.74	11,885.01
Selectmen Account	43,873.18	121,307.71
Sports Fund	5,002.29	3,894.77
FOLK Group	3,993.08	5,317.94
Pre Tax Escrow	708.48	1,949.22
Town CD	43,387.72	43,496.32
KCW CD	53,703.09	136,031.86
KCW Fund	81,831.00	-
Paving Fund	-	25,000.00
Trust - Archie Powers	7,350.17	7,376.37
	404,370.94	467,231.55

TOWN REPORT OF INDEBTEDNESS

	Principal	Interest
Note for Flood - CNB	75,000.00	2,200.82
7/2/2013		
Payment as of		
12/31/2014	38,600.41	1,462.50
To be paid off 7/2/15	37,862.09	738.32

TREASURER'S TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Taxes Levied

Real-Estate & Personal Property - Total Value	1,179,303.00
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Taxes Billed

Real Estate & Personal Property (Town)	-
Local Agreement	-
Real Estate (School - Homestead)	482,080.00
Real Estate (School - Non-Resident)	563,138.99
	1,045,218.99

Taxes Accounted For

General Property Tax	1,045,218.99
HS 131 Prebates	158,997.46
Delinquent sent to Tax Collector	67,534.95
	1,271,751.40
Current Use / Long Trail State Forest	33,512.00
Total Taxes	1,305,263.40

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2014 Delinquent Tax	67,534.95
Paid Through 12/31/14	24,737.61
Balance Delinquent Tax	42,797.34
Interest & Penalty Due	5,021.75
Total 2014 Delinquent Tax Receivable	47,819.09

2008 Delinquent Tax	1,568.73
2009 Delinquent Tax	1,524.43
2010 Delinquent Tax	1,416.22
2011 Delinquent Tax	1,702.40
2012 Delinquent Tax	3,111.71
2013 Delinquent Tax	10,420.63
2014 Delinquent Tax	47,819.09
Total Delinquent Tax Receivable	67,563.21

**** Effective January 20th, 2015 the Delinquent Tax Collector will no longer be paid by collection of penalty fees. The position will be paid at an hourly rate to be determined by the Select Board.**

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2014 DELINQUENT TAX

Albrecht, Creed & Carmelite
Backus, Kelly
Bessett, Crystal
Blanchard, Edward
Bonneau, Nathan
Champagane, Larry
Cochran, James Sr.
Coleman, William
Donna, Patrick
Driscoll, Eugene
Eldred, Maurice
Federal Home Loan
Hill, Jeffrey
Hoadley, David
Jackson, Alfred Jr.
Joiner, Billy Wayne
Kran, Jeffrey & Marlene
Labarron, Brian
Langmaid, Randy & Tonya
Machia, David
Moodie, Damon & Cindy
Morin, Joseph Jr.
Pion, Christopher
Pion, Jeremy
Richardson, Jamie
Russin, Armand & Cynthia
St. Onge, Joseph
Tuttle, Blair & Bryant
Villeneuve, David
Warner, Kevin & Laura
Warner, Marcia
Williams, William & Emily
Wynn, Ricky & Cindy

2013 DELINQUENT TAX

Blanchard, Edward
Dannat, Mark & Joiner, Anita
Frisbee, George
Joiner, Billy Wayne
Kran, Jeffrey & Marlene
Mayo, Cecil Jr.
Moodie, Damon & Cindy
Pion, Jeremy
Villeneuve, David

2012 DELINQUENT TAX

Frisbee, George
Kran, Jeffrey & Marlene
Villeneuve, David

2011 DELINQUENT TAX

Villeneuve, David

2010 DELINQUENT TAX

Villeneuve, David

2009 DELINQUENT TAX

Villeneuve, David

2008 DELINQUENT TAX

Villeneuve, David

SUMMARY OF MONEY VOTED

LOWELL TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Tuesday, March 04, 2014

		RATE 1	RATE 2
State Education Property Tax (to be raised)	Homestead Tax Rate	1.187	
State Education Property Tax (to be raised)	Non-Homestead Tax Rate		1.432
Municipal Property Tax (to be raised)	540,596.00 divided by 2014 Municipal Grand List (1,179,471)		0 0
		1,179,471	
Local Agreements (Veterans)	2,077.25 divided by 2014 Municipal Grand List (1,179,471)		0 0
		1,179,471	
	\$542,673.25 TOTAL TAX RATE	1.187	1.432

VOTED TOWN ASSESSMENTS:

260,000.00	Select. Assess. - Town Liabilities
125,000.00	Winter Roads
125,000.00	Summer Roads
25,000.00	Fire Department
25,000.00	Replacment Roof
6,000.00	Library Assessment
0.00	Sheriff's Department
2,000.00	Little League T-Ball & Jr.Hoop
3,500.00	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.
300	Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern VT
250	American Red Cross
250	Green Mountian Farm to School
50	Green Up Vermont
450	Hazen Notch Association
500	Jay Area Local Food Shelf
100	NE VT Resource Assoc.
200	NEK Learning services
100	Northeast Kingdom Community Action
923	Northeast Kingdom Human Services
309	Northeastern VT Development Assoc.
500	Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
200	Orleans County Historical Society
500	Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Sociey
200	Post 28 American Legion
200	Prevent Child Abuse - Vermont
700	Rural Community Transportation
350	Umbrella (formerly Step One)
90	Vermont Center for Independent Living
200	VT Assoc for Blind & Visual
100	VT Rural Fire Protection
577,972.00	
33,512.00	Less Current Use
3,614.00	Less State Land
540,846.00	

SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED BUDGET - 2015

REVENUE	2014 Revenue Anticipated	2014 Actual	2015 Revenue Anticipated
State (Local Fines)	1,000	453	450
Licenses	3,000	2,619	2,800
Fees	10,000	6,868	7,000
Permits	500	453	500
Interest	1,000	548	500
Other	2,000	3,564	2,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,500	\$ 14,505	13,250
EXPENSE	Proposed 2014 Budget	2014 Actual	Proposed 2015 Budget
Salary & Benefits	85,000	95,540	95,000
Insurance/Outside Prof.	20,000	23,450	20,000
Office Expense	18,000	23,558	20,000
Snow Removal	1,500	2,020	2,000
Lawn Mowing	1,750	1,500	1,750
Utilities - Hall	9,000	10,309	10,000
Utilities - Garage	8,000	13,967	11,000
Utilities - Street Lights	3,500	2,583	2,500
Misc. Exp. less Del Tax	20,000	23,075	20,000
	166,750	196,003	182,250
LINE ITEMS			
Cemetery Expense	3,500	3,500	4,000
Roads & Bridges	12,000	12,000	12,000
Paving Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000
Town Appraisal	14,000	14,000	4,000
Ambulance Assessment	12,646	12,646	12,500
Lowell 8th Grade Class Trip	2,000	2,000	2,000
Gravel Pit Payment	3,000	3,000	0
	72,146	72,146	59,500
SELECT BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 238,896	\$ 268,149	\$ 241,750
OTHER OBLIGATIONS			
Roof - Town Office	-	25,170	-
Flood Loan Payment	38,600	38,600	37,862
	\$ 260,000	\$ 331,919	279,612
PROPOSED BUDGET			280,000

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance	FY 2013	FY 2014
	\$ 49,033.13	\$ 43,873.18
<u>TAX REVENUE :</u>		
Property Taxes 2013 / 2014	920,626.83	824,229.69
Property Taxes 2015 (prepay)	700.00	259.64
GMP Contract to Tax	462,568.00	542,673.25
HS-131 Reconciliation	11,743.31	14,186.91
Current Use / State	37,126.00	5,398.28
Delinq.Taxes 2011	8,152.76	8,559.40
Delinq.Taxes 2012	61,615.82	17,271.59
Delinq.Taxes 2013	18,870.72	34,405.26
Delinq. Taxes 2014	-	17,666.55
Delinq.Interest 2011	1,812.38	3,396.73
Delinq.Interest 2012	6,610.03	2,850.98
Delinq.Interest 2013	406.96	4,008.63
Delinq.Interest 2014	-	305.12
Comm. Delinq. Taxes 2011	550.12	684.75
Comm. Delinq. Taxes 2012	4,744.45	862.24
Comm. Delinq. Taxes 2013	1,717.24	2,762.20
Comm. Delinq. Taxes 2014	-	1,619.90
	1,537,244.62	1,481,141.12
<u>STATE REVENUE :</u>		
State - Local Fines	825.50	453.00
<u>LICENSES :</u>		
Dog Licenses	1,917.00	1,886.00
Beer License	150.00	300.00
Marriage License	225.00	360.00
DMV Renewals	-	73.00
	2,292.00	2,619.00
<u>FEES :</u>		
Recording Fees	6,550.00	4,824.00
Research Fees	214.00	198.80
Copying Fees	1,084.70	1,120.50
Certificate of Vital Stat	320.00	440.00
Posted Land Fees	30.00	20.00
Truck Weight Fees	190.00	205.00
Miscellaneous Fees	115.00	60.00
	8,503.70	6,868.30
<u>PERMITS :</u>		
Zoning Permits	346.00	453.00
Driveway Permits	10.00	-
	356.00	453.00
<u>OTHER REVENUE :</u>		
Interest on Checking- MM	741.24	548.09
Land Rent	150.00	150.00
Tire Event	67.00	214.00
Revolving Line of Credit	-	115,000.00
Miscellaneous	27.00	200.00
Miscellaneous - HHW Grant	3,000.00	3,000.00
	3,985.24	119,112.09
	1,553,207.06	1,610,646.51
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 1,602,240.19	\$ 1,654,519.69

VOTED ASSESSMENTS:

Selectmen Operating Account	278,338.46	338,042.37
Road Dept. Assessment	200,000.00	250,000.00
School Assessment	667,045.19	592,833.92
High School Assessment	330,480.14	309,363.49
Fire Dept. Assessment	25,000.00	25,000.00
Library Assessment	6,000.00	6,000.00
Lowell 8th Grade Trip	2,000.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	3,076.22	-
Little League - T-Ball	2,000.00	2,000.00
Orl.Ess.VNA & Hospice	3,400.00	3,500.00
NE VT Development Assoc.	409.00	309.00
Adult Learning Center	200.00	200.00
American Legion Jay #28	200.00	200.00
NEK Human Services	923.00	923.00
Umbrella - Step O.N.E.	350.00	350.00
VT Ctr Independent Living	90.00	90.00
NE Area Agency on Aging	300.00	300.00
NECKA Youth Services	75.00	100.00
NE VT Resource Assoc.	-	100.00
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00
Jay Food Shelf	250.00	500.00
Orleans Historical Society	150.00	200.00
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	500.00	500.00
Prevent Child Abuse	200.00	200.20
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00
Green Mountain Farm to School	250.00	250.00
Hazen Notch Summer Camp	400.00	450.00
Pope Frontier Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00
Rural Community Transportation	700.00	700.00
VT Assoc. for Blind	200.00	200.00
VT Trails & Greenways	30.00	-
VT Rural Fire Protection	-	100.00
Selectmen Transfer to Roads- Mudd	35,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,558,367.01	1,533,211.98
TOTAL REVENUE	1,602,240.19	1,654,519.69
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	1,558,367.01	1,533,211.98
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 43,873.18	\$ 121,307.71

SELECT BOARD ACCOUNT

	FY 2013	FY 2014
REVENUE: Selectmen Assessment	\$280,338.46	\$ 338,042.37
<u>SALARY & BENEFITS :</u>		
Town Clerk	15,965.04	17,082.63
Town Treasurer	17,258.80	18,742.94
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	12,477.21	19,505.70
Select Board	4,500.00	4,500.00
Listers	6,607.11	13,557.06
Auditors	243.00	166.80
Zoning Board-Permit Fees	355.00	355.00
Civil Board	463.92	870.66
Bookkeeper-Select/Roads	2,399.80	2,472.08
Clerk to Select Board	-	2,214.00
Zoning Board Meetings	-	792.28
Ballot Clerks	1,678.86	3,044.90
Health Officer	-	351.00
Recycling Attendant	3,327.75	1,966.85
911 Coordinator	196.00	898.46
Animal Control Officer	-	250.00
FICA Expense	4,441.99	6,028.54
Medicare Expense	1,038.65	1,333.00
Mileage	1,189.28	1,408.40
	72,142.41	95,540.30
<u>INS. / OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL</u>		
Legal Fees - Town	2,726.68	2,403.47
VLCT Dues & Fees	1,584.00	1,742.00
Workers Compensation	4,094.00	6,614.50
Unemployment	1,222.00	1,082.00
Property Insurance	5,598.00	5,574.50
Public Official & Employee Liability	1,948.00	3,017.00
Liability Insurance	4,790.00	3,017.00
	21,962.68	23,450.47
<u>OFFICE EXPENSE :</u>		
Office Supplies	2,232.70	2,271.03
Office Equipment	-	272.55
Postage	1,456.45	2,614.97
Checks	469.97	-
Advertising	535.59	1,002.54
Printing-Town Reports	1,722.45	986.85
Dog Tags / Books	110.52	117.30
Dog License Fee-VT Treasurer	815.00	804.00
Marriage License-VT Treasurer	140.00	210.00
DMV Renewal Fee	-	70.00
Cartographic	1,350.00	3,850.00
Software Agreement	1,412.23	1,737.73
NEMRC Annual Disaster Fee	1,176.65	1,211.96
IT - Service Contract	1,500.00	1,500.00
Land Record Books - New	857.89	139.53
Seminars & Dues	836.63	1,153.26
Computer Software	-	215.00
Computer/Printer Hardware	3,519.99	-
Equipment/Furniture	309.96	4,306.30
Equipment Maintenance	482.84	1,095.57
	18,928.87	23,558.59

SNOW REMOVAL :

Town Hall	700.00	800.00
Fire Dept.	662.50	850.00
Fire Hydrant	400.00	370.00
	1,762.50	2,020.00

LAWN MOWING :

Town Hall	600.00	680.00
Bandstand	810.00	790.00
Mulch/landscaping - Hall	115.00	30.00
	1,525.00	1,500.00

UTILITIES - TOWN HALL :

Phone - Hall	1,632.22	1,599.74
Internet Service	585.88	719.04
Electricity - Hall	1,563.32	2,086.55
Bottled Water	41.65	77.40
Hall Cleaning	732.38	673.01
Bathroom/ Cleaning Supplies	97.90	208.54
Fuel Oil - Hall	3,040.50	3,216.79
Trash Removal	-	152.54
Repairs & Maintenance Hall	496.06	1,395.73
Alarm System Maintenance	180.00	180.00
	8,369.91	10,309.34

UTILITIES - GARAGE :

Phone - Garage	674.21	734.30
Electricity - Garage	1,180.93	1,450.80
Fuel Oil - Garage	4,149.70	6,366.88
Trash Removal	261.00	270.00
Repairs & Maintenance Garage	1,149.95	1,065.97
Security System	-	3,375.00
Office/ Garage Supplies	439.37	704.54
	7,855.16	13,967.49

UTILITIES - STREETS :

Electricity - Street Lights	3,107.32	2,582.92
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE :

Comm.to Tax Collector	7,068.13	6,121.68
Tax Sale Property	-	4,784.55
Tax Management Fees	186.16	418.36
County Tax	13,127.49	11,194.96
In-Town Recycling	2,609.35	3,146.48
Tire Event	-	344.00
Hazardous Waste Plan	1,545.35	1,132.89
Miscellaneous	157.28	1,091.76
Cash Flow-Credit Line Interest	3,044.63	178.37
Green Up Day - Removal	135.00	140.00
Gelo Park Repair/Maintenance	129.18	643.80
	28,002.57	29,196.85

LINE ITEMS :

Loader Loan Payment	30,933.96	-
Flood Loan Payments	-	38,600.41
Roof - Town Office	-	25,170.00
Ambulance Assessment	11,070.00	12,646.00
Mountain View Cemetery	3,000.00	3,500.00
Road & Bridge Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00
Paving Project	54,678.08	25,000.00
Appraisal Fund	-	14,000.00
Lowell 8th Grade Trip	-	2,000.00
Gravel Pit Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00

	114,682.04	135,916.41
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$	278,338.46	\$	338,042.37
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ROAD DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

	FY 2013	FY 2014	Budget 2015
Prior Balance	44,086.17	(52,377.53)	17,547.97
REVENUE			
State Aid to Roads Class 2	40,646.89	40,544.62	40,550.00
State Aid to Roads Class 3	36,762.36	36,760.53	36,760.00
State Aid to Paving	9,157.50	-	-
FEMA -FLOOD	-	-	-
FEMA -FLOOD Receivable	-	87,434.64	87,434.64
Assessment for Summer Rds	100,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Assessment for Winter Rds	100,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Reimbursement 1/2 Training	1,050.00	200.00	-
Transfer from Selectmen	35,000.00	-	-
	322,616.75	414,939.79	414,744.64
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 366,702.92	\$ 362,562.26	\$ 432,292.61
DISBURSEMENTS			
	SUMMER ROADS		
Salary Road Comm. - Summer	12,682.53	16,223.23	16,709.93
Other Salaries - Summer	24,367.69	25,196.48	25,952.37
FICA Expense	2,505.28	8,680.55	2,559.74
Medicare Expense	526.78	673.52	618.60
Municipal Retirement	1,175.86	1,386.27	1,706.74
Health Care - Summer	7,159.84	5,944.47	6,370.00
Hired Equipment - Summer	63,121.75	56,016.46	50,000.00
Hired Equipment - Rd Ditching	3,779.85	4,132.50	3,000.00
Hired Equipment - Rd Mowing	3,400.00	4,160.00	4,000.00
Hired Equip.- Sweeper	2,390.00	2,640.00	2,700.00
Stone - Mud Season	29,821.02	-	-
Hired Equipment - Mud Season	18,447.75	957.25	-
Diesel Surcharge to Road Comm.	3,100.45	4,623.73	4,000.00
Ditching Fabric	2,248.60	-	-
Gravel out of Town/ Albany	896.00	-	500.00
Gravel	5,313.00	2,895.00	6,000.00
Crushed Stone	7,842.20	-	-
Chloride - Dust Control	3,005.26	-	2,500.00
Crushing of Stone	11,600.00	-	10,000.00
Paving	-	899.10	5,000.00
Cold Patch	-	835.24	1,000.00
Culverts	3,033.39	6,290.40	5,000.00
Use of Town Grader-Summer	13,825.00	5,180.00	10,000.00
Use of Town Loader-Summer	9,870.00	12,260.00	10,000.00
Beaver Trappings	650.00	715.00	500.00
Guide Rails	-	1,050.00	5,000.00
Training	2,500.00	-	-
Miscellaneous	746.46	241.86	200.00
	234,008.71	161,001.06	173,317.38

Road Department Continued...

DISBURSEMENTS

WINTER ROADS

Salary- Road Comm.- Winter	24,409.37	20,658.24	21,277.00
Other Salaries - Winter	30,951.18	30,370.27	31,281.00
FICA Expense	3,493.74	3,211.83	3,153.48
Medicare Expense	817.06	751.12	762.09
Municipal Retirement	1,710.95	1,451.87	2,102.32
Health Care - Winter	7,160.00	5,944.47	6,340.00
Hired Equipment - Winter	73,363.10	69,105.25	65,000.00
Hired Equipment - Road Debrush	-	-	5,000.00
Diesel Surcharge to Reginald	11,075.58	11,088.40	8,000.00
Sand	5,355.00	5,250.00	5,000.00
Sand Screening	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salt-Winter Roads	15,095.76	9,787.78	15,000.00
Road Stakes	720.00	864.00	700.00
Town of Albany- Plowing	3,500.00	3,700.00	3,500.00
Use of Town Grader - Winter	1,050.00	5,950.00	5,000.00
Use of Town Loader - Winter	6,370.00	5,880.00	7,000.00
	185,071.74	184,013.23	189,115.89

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 419,080.45 \$ 345,014.29 \$ 362,433.27

TOTAL REVENUE

366,702.92 362,562.26 432,292.61

LESS DISBURSEMENTS

419,080.45 345,014.29 362,433.27

ROAD ENDING FUND BALANCE

\$ (52,377.53) \$ 17,547.97 \$ 69,859.34

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMER

\$ 125,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET WINTER

\$ 125,000.00

PAVING FUND

FY 2014

Prior Balance

-

REVENUE

Town Assessment

25,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE

\$ 25,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Road Department

-

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ -

TOTAL REVENUE

25,000.00

LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

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PAVING ENDING FUND BALANCE

\$ 25,000.00

EQUIPMENT FUND

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Prior Balance	5,212.59	10,645.76
REVENUE		
Use of Town Loader	16,240.00	28,139.97
Use of Town Grader	14,875.00	11,130.00
Equipment Fund-Taxpayer Use	-	105.00
	31,115.00	39,374.97
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 36,327.59	\$ 50,020.73
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grader Repairs / Maintenance	2,027.93	57,784.45
Loader Repairs / Maintenance	596.72	2,066.89
Chains - Loader/Grader	-	1,175.00
Sander Repairs / Maintenance	325.02	997.22
Screeners Repairs	1,245.99	480.40
Pressure Washer repair	141.48	71.50
Plow Blades & Shoes	4,347.96	6,993.91
Portable Water Pump	-	449.95
Trimmer Repairs	74.61	-
Diesel	13,063.38	9,455.33
Maintenance Supplies / Fluids	3,646.39	3,560.07
Miscellaneous	212.35	1,031.82
Equipment	-	-
New Equipment - Sander	-	1,568.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 25,681.83	\$ 85,634.54
TOTAL REVENUE	36,327.59	50,020.73
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	25,681.83	85,634.54
EQUIP. ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,645.76	\$ (35,613.81)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Prior Balance	31,958.38	21,333.74
REVENUE		
Town Assessment	12,000.00	12,000.00
State	190,831.00	181,427.98
State A/R	49,424.00	0.00
Better Backroads Grant (<i>Mink Farm Rd Project</i>)	-	4,702.60
	252,255.00	198,130.58
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 284,213.38	219,464.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
Road Signs	431.85	678.48
Road Work signs	-	391.96
Mines #1 - Collapse	248,732.45	15,246.00
Mines # 1 - Engineer	8,732.90	129.00
Mines #2	-	171,741.27
Mines # 2 - Engineer	4,982.94	5,291.60
Mink Farm Rd. Project	-	5,880.00
Culverts 6ft and Over	-	8,221.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 262,880.14	207,579.31
TOTAL REVENUE	284,213.38	219,464.32
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	262,880.14	207,579.31
END FUND BALANCE	\$ 21,333.74	11,885.01

GRAVEL PIT FUND

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Prior Balance	9,761.84	24,519.57
REVENUE		
From Selectmen's Budget	3,000.00	3,000.00
Rent of Gravel Pit (Mulch)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Use of Sand	5,313.00	5,250.00
Use of Gravel	5,355.00	2,895.00
Use of Gravel - other	14,784.00	1,380.00
	30,452.00	14,525.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 40,213.84	\$ 39,044.57
DISBURSEMENTS		
Hired Chrusher	15,000.00	-
Maintenance of Pit	694.27	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 15,694.27	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	40,213.84	39,044.57
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15,694.27	-
END FUND BALANCE	\$ 24,519.57	\$ 39,044.57

APPRAISAL FUND

	FY2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	47,232.03	20,966.53
REVENUE		
State- Lister Fund	6,659.50	6,697.50
State- Lister Training	-	390.01
Town Assessment	-	14,000.00
	6,659.50	21,087.51
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 53,891.53	\$ 42,054.04
DISBURSEMENTS		
Appraisal Fees	32,300.00	38,580.00
Lister Computer/Hardware	625.00	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 32,925.00	\$ 38,580.00
TOTAL REVENUE	53,891.53	42,054.04
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	32,925.00	38,580.00
APPRAISAL END FUND BALANCE	\$ 20,966.53	\$ 3,474.04

A NOTE FROM THE LISTERS

Town of Lowell Property Owners,

Thank you for your support in helping, Douglas MacArthur & Associates and the Lowell Listers, complete the reappraisal for the 2014 Grand List. If you have any questions, please contact the Listers at (802) 744-6559.

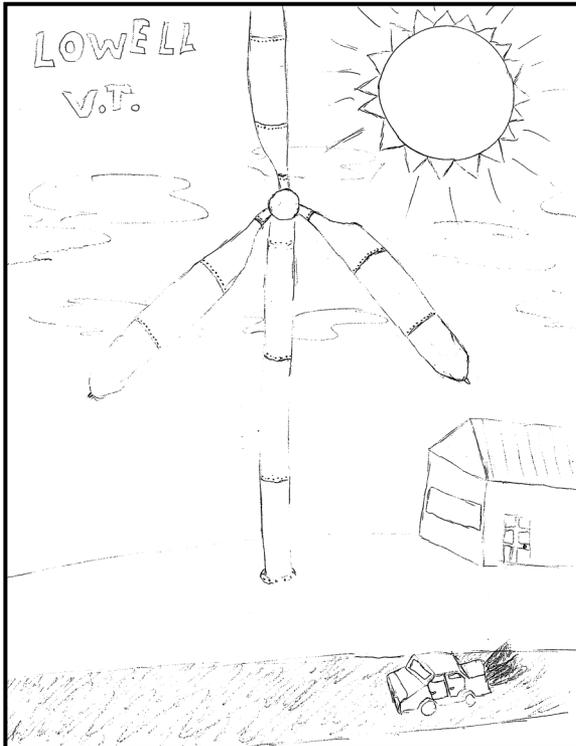
Sincerely,

Mark Higley, Carolyn Arel, Lerry Chase

KINGDOM COMMUNITY WIND FUND

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Prior Balance	53,506.00	135,337.00
REVENUE		
GMP Revenue above Tax 2012	1,524.00	-
GMP Revenue above Tax 2013	80,307.00	-
GMP Revenue above Tax 2014	-	201.60
Interest Revenue	-	493.26
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 81,831.00	\$ 136,031.86
DISBURSEMENTS		
Transfer to KCW CD	-	136,031.86
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 136,031.86
TOTAL REVENUE	81,831.00	136,031.86
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	136,031.86
KCW FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 81,831.00	\$ -

KCW CD Balance \$136,031.86



Caleb DiZazzo –Grade 5

RESTORATION FUND

	FY 2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	11,327.42	12,256.42
REVENUE		
Restoration Fees Collected	929.00	684.00
	929.00	684.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 12,256.42	\$ 12,940.42
DISBURSEMENTS		
Restoration Expense		6,664.67
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 6,664.67
TOTAL REVENUE	12,256.42	12,940.42
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	6,664.67
RESTORATION END FUND BALANCE	\$ 12,256.42	\$ 6,275.75

COMPUTERIZATION FUND

	FY2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	8,790.00	9,776.40
REVENUE		
Computerization Fees Collected	1,826.00	1,072.00
	1,826.00	1,072.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 10,616.00	\$ 10,848.40
DISBURSEMENTS		
Recording Maintenance	839.60	67.50
Computerization Salary	-	1,074.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 839.60	\$ 1,141.50
TOTAL REVENUE	10,616.00	10,848.40
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	839.60	1,141.50
COMPUTERIZATION END FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,776.40	\$ 9,706.90

LIBRARY FUND

	FY2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	286.00	1,005.13
REVENUE		
Assessment	6,000.00	6,000.00
Donation	-	-
	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 6,286.00	\$ 7,005.13
DISBURSEMENTS		
Librarian Salary	2,011.50	2,752.20
Library Assistant	297.00	194.60
FICA Expense	143.13	182.70
Medicare Expense	33.45	42.71
Books	2,354.75	2,383.83
Magazines	156.95	75.90
Supplies	178.09	87.96
Postage	106.00	112.00
	\$ 5,280.87	\$ 5,831.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,280.87	\$ 5,831.90
TOTAL REVENUE	6,286.00	7,005.13
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,280.87	5,831.90
LIBRARY ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,005.13	\$ 1,173.23

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

SPORTS FUND

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Prior Balance	4,927.20	5,002.29
REVENUE		
Assessment - Teams	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fund Raisers	300.00	500.00
Donations	-	225.00
	2,300.00	2,725.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 7,227.20	\$ 7,727.29
DISBURSEMENTS		
Equipment	169.56	364.00
Uniforms	392.00	1,749.95
Building & Grounds	522.35	466.52
Umpire	180.00	300.00
Misc. - Trophies	154.00	388.05
Summer Program	300.00	-
League Insurance	507.00	564.00
	\$ 2,224.91	\$ 3,832.52
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,224.91	\$ 3,832.52
TOTAL REVENUE	7,227.20	7,727.29
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,224.91	3,832.52
SPORTS ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 5,002.29	\$ 3,894.77

**LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Prior Balance	(6,550.93)	1,255.90
 REVENUE		
Town Appropriation	25,000.00	25,000.00
	25,000.00	25,000.00
 TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE		
	\$ 18,449.07	\$ 26,255.90
 DISBURSEMENTS		
General Maintenance	727.68	399.76
Fire House Supplies & Gas	68.15	178.51
Electricity	629.37	1,190.69
Heat	2,633.24	3,037.00
Telephone	559.46	565.39
Insurance	5,028.00	6,351.05
Postage	117.30	123.60
Volunteer Stipend	1,300.00	3,650.00
Training	350.00	600.00
Misc.	163.40	1,238.35
Dues & Memberships	371.00	354.00
Books & Subscriptions	-	58.95
Pagers & Radio Repair	1,023.02	444.75
Gear	229.93	191.37
New Equipment	2,788.74	530.84
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	-	60.00
Equipment Repair	817.96	1,104.82
Diesel / Gas	265.92	650.33
Fire House Building Audit	-	3,626.00
Air Pac Inspections	120.00	-
Fire Extinguisher /Inspection	-	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 17,193.17	\$ 24,455.41
 TOTAL REVENUE		
	18,449.07	26,255.90
LESS DISBURSEMENTS		
	17,193.17	24,455.41
 OPERATING ENDING BALANCE		
	\$ 1,255.90	\$ 1,800.49

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND

	FY2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	\$ 11,089.14	\$ 13,797.01
REVENUE		
Interest (Savings)	6.34	8.27
Fund Raisers (911 Signs)	90.00	-
Donations	875.00	2,285.00
Donations - Jam Session	2,308.12	2,129.79
Pull Tickets	-	279.00
Services Rendered	40.00	95.00
Everett (Bud) Carter Memorial Fund	-	375.00
Great Auk Wireless	900.00	300.00
	4,219.46	5,472.06
 TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	 \$ 15,308.60	 \$ 19,269.07
 DISBURSEMENTS		
New Equipment	305.49	850.00
Fund Raiser & Fire House Supplies	-	37.08
Building & Grounds	48.55	-
Postage	11.40	-
Christmas Dinner	946.15	488.76
Miscellaneous	-	24.95
Pull Ticket Kitty	200.00	-
	\$ 1,511.59	\$ 1,400.79
 TOTAL REVENUE	 15,308.60	 19,269.07
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	1,511.59	1,400.79
 EQUIPMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	 \$ 13,797.01	 \$ 17,868.28

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

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

This year there were 87 permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden & Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Wow! 2015! It's hard to believe that it's been 15 years since the Y2K panic. Yes, all the computer companies tried, and successfully put the fear in many people's mind that their computer was going to crash at midnight on Dec. 31, 1999. They claimed that computers would not understand the date of year 2000. Many, many people went out and spent thousands of dollars, to buy new computers before the big crash. Guess what? Nothing happened!

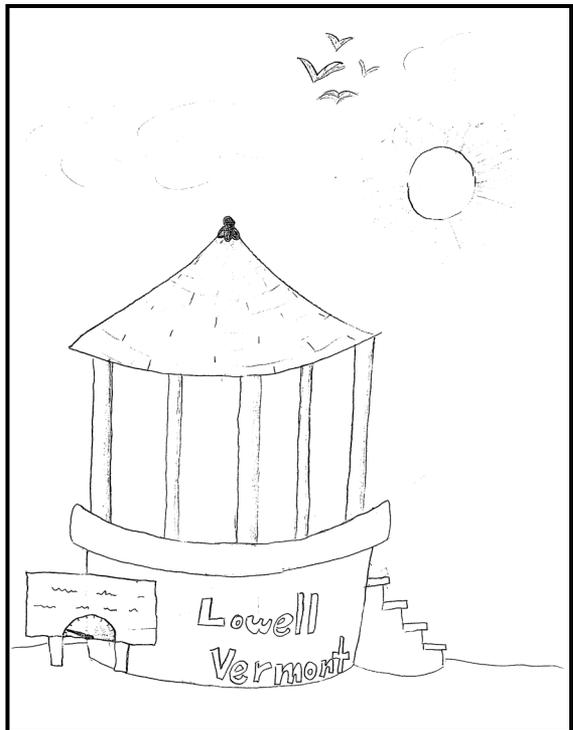
2014 was an average year as far as number of calls for the department. There was a total of 18 calls: 10 of which were vehicle accidents; 2 chimney fires; 2 structure fires; 2 mutual aid calls; 1 "tires-on-fire" in the road and; 1 EMS staging. Along with this, as with every year, we have responded to many "lift assist" calls from Missisquoi Ambulance, which we do not keep record of.

Also, this year, we have 4 of our members who have been trained and certified for up-tower rescue at the wind farm. During the summer, you may have seen an unusual 3 story tower at the fire station for a couple days. This was our phase 1 training, where we learned more about rescue equipment, ropes, and things to do, and NOT to do. We then went up into the nacelle, learned how to rescue off the top of the nacelle, climbed out into the hub of one of the turbines, and learned how to rescue a person from within one of the blades, or from the hub itself. I want to thank Trip Wileman, Gerry Nick, and Jeremy Nick for joining me in this challenge and training.

On a different note, I'd like to share that this will be my last annual report as fire chief. I have proudly served as fire chief for 12 years, and have decided that as of April when we have elections, to retire from the position and pass it down to new blood. It has been an honor to serve, and certainly have enjoyed the challenges I have faced. However, I will still be serving as a firefighter on the department. I want to thank all the town residents, and especially the department members, for all your support and help throughout my tenure.

Respectfully submitted

Alden Warner – Fire Chief



Allison Surprenant—Grade 4

F.O.L.K. (FRIENDS OF LOWELL KIDS)

F.O.L.K. is a group of community members dedicated to supporting the needs of the children in the town of Lowell. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at Lowell Graded School.

ON TOWN MEETING DAY, FOLK WILL BE COLLECTING CONTRIBUTIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE JAY AREA COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF.

Please bring your donations to Town Meeting. We'll have boxes set up for collections.
THANK YOU!

According to the survey we sent home at the beginning of the school year, academic support and field trips are two of the areas parents encourage FOLK to concentrate on. To that end, we have worked with the Lowell Public Library again this year to provide incentives for students to read over the summer. For every book borrowed and read from the Lowell Public Library, students entered their names in a drawing to win a tent, and other prizes. FOLK also took up the challenge that the Year of the Book Grant sponsored last year, asking families of Lowell Graded School to agree to read together at least twice per week. If 80% of the "contracts" were signed and returned, we'd host an Ice Cream Party with an Author Visit. We are proud to announce that **98%** responded! Look forward to the Community Party in the spring!

FOLK donated money to sponsor the 4th & 5th Grade to go on a ferry ride on the Spirit of Ethan Allen on Lake Champlain this spring as part of their Magical History Tour! We are proud of their efforts and can't wait to hear about their big trip!

FOLK offers an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior from the Town of Lowell who is pursuing higher education. We will send invitations to apply, and encourage high school seniors to send us their applications. We want you to know your community continues to support you as you move on in life.

We are very grateful to the Lowell Community for supporting our Fund Raising efforts. We're a small group trying to make a big difference and appreciate all of the volunteering, fundraising, event attendance and other support that **folks** like you give.

2015 CALENDAR OF F.O.L.K. EVENTS

Tuesday, March 3rd:

Donations for Jay Area Community Food Shelf will be collected at Lowell Town Meeting.

Saturday, March 7th:

BINGO! St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit the 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.

April 30th:

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications (Letters will be sent in March).

Saturday, September 19th:

FOLK Festival!

Saturday, November 14th:

Hunter's Breakfast and Raffle

Thank you for your support and please feel welcome to join us at any of the events, or meetings to join us in our efforts!

FOLK (Friends of Lowell's Kids) ACCOUNT

	FY2013	FY2014
Prior Balance	3,664.12	3,993.08
REVENUE:		
Donations	10.00	-
FOLK Festival	2,249.30	1427.00
Hunter Raffle	571.00	820.00
Hunter's Breakfast	478.00	880.00
Total Revenue	3,308.30	3,127.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	6,972.42	7,120.08
DISBURSEMENTS:		
FOLK Festival	-	300.00
Hunter Raffle	-	250.00
Hunter's Breakfast	143.00	435.94
Scholarship Program	200.00	-
School - Field Trips	750.00	410.00
School - Storyteller	500.00	15.00
Miscellaneous	1,386.34	391.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	2,979.34	1,802.14
FOLK ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,993.08	\$ 5,317.94

LOWELL CEMETERY ACCOUNT

	FY 2013	FY2014
Prior Balance - CHECKING	\$ 4,098.55	\$ 4,911.76
REVENUE:		
Town Assessment	3,000.00	3,500.00
MA Mutual Interest	756.59	763.98
Lot Sold	710.00	410.00
Grave Prep	175.00	150.00
Closed Savings Acct / Union Bank	156.62	-
Sold Lawn Mowers	-	300.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 8,896.76	\$ 10,035.74
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Lawn Mowing & Trimming	1,810.00	1,915.00
Perm Care	400.00	200.00
Co-Op Ins.	125.00	125.00
Maintenance	1,650.00	-
Stone Repair	-	1,000.00
Corner Post	-	315.00
Fencing	-	1,741.73
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	3,985.00	5,296.73
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$ 4,911.76	\$ 4,739.01
SAVINGS	1,144.92	1,145.96
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$ 6,056.68	\$ 5,884.97

LOWELL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Thanks to town funding, increased Board participation, significant volunteer efforts and generous contributions of material and equipment, several improvements were made in 2014:

- ◆ Dozens of monuments were straightened and repaired
- ◆ A fence was installed over the vault
- ◆ Cemetery drive ruts were filled and graded
- ◆ A large dead tree and fence line brush was removed

In order to provide necessary ongoing maintenance and continue the improvements undertaken last year, the Association requests town funding of \$4,000.00 for 2015. In addition to grounds care, the funds would be used for additional monument repair, fence replacement, improved signage and sunken grave repair.

LOWELL ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Town of Lowell Zoning Board would like to thank the people and owners that applied for and received building and other related permits during 2014. There are however, several residents that failed to apply for permits. To ensure that there are no problems or delays in obtaining financing for building projects or property sales you must comply with all ordinances. If you have any questions or concerns relative to obtaining a permit or complying with your town's ordinances please contact any member of the zoning committee or myself.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Spencer, Zoning Administrator*

LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD

The Lowell Zoning Board needs one more member. If you are interested please speak to any member of the Select Board or the Zoning Board or give your name and telephone number to the town clerk.

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. The regularly scheduled meeting time is the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100. To confirm meeting time call any board member or 744-6859.

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

Please feel free to contact the board if we can be of any assistance.

**Respectfully submitted,
Keith Christiansen, Rolf Koob, Doug Manning, Sam Thurston**

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

Lowell Historical Society had a very successful quilt raffle in 2014. Tremendous thanks due to Daphne Dolan-Christiansen and Sadie Willey for making the beautiful quilt and heartfelt thanks all the many individuals who bought tickets. The quilt was won by Anita Gagner. The society raised \$1390.

The Lowell Historical Society's yearly \$200 scholarship will again be offered to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is enrolling in college. The award will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history. You may base your essay on interviews with family, friends and residents, written sources like diaries, old newspapers and published books and from direct observation of remains of the past (rock wall foundations of now gone buildings, etc). Essays are due **Monday May 11th** and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell. The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or samueltthurston@gmail.com

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 at the Town Offices. Further meetings to be announced. All our meetings are open to all and everyone is welcome. We are a small society and your presence would be most welcome.

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	FY 2013	FY2014
Prior Balance - Checking	\$ 652.71	\$ 536.42
Prior Balance - MM	4,345.34	4,373.67
 REVENUE:		
Membership Dues	5.00	60.00
Cookbooks, Magnets, History of Lowell, etc...	76.00	237.00
Fundraiser - Quilt Raffle	-	1,390.00
Interest - Checking	0.21	0.32
Interest - MM	28.33	23.05
	109.54	1,710.37
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 5,107.59	\$ 6,620.46
 DISBURSEMENTS:		
Membership VT Historical Society	45.00	45.00
Cutting Edge Graphics (Magnets)	-	236.00
Vermont Humanities - Speaker for Lecture	75.00	-
Expenses for Speaker (gas)	37.50	-
Northland Journal Subscription	40.00	-
	197.50	281.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 197.50	\$ 281.00
 HISTORICAL ENDING BALANCE	 \$ 4,910.09	 \$ 6,339.46

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

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

2015- HHW DATES:

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

Where: Town Garage

When: Saturday – May 16, 2015

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: Car/ Truck (13"- 19.5") \$1.00 ea.

Truck (19.5") \$3.00 ea.

Tractor Trailer (22.5"- 24.5") \$7.00 ea.



8 tires max. per family/ No rims, please

For more information contact: Town Clerk's Office @ 744-6559



RECYCLING



THE TOWN RECYCLING DROP OFF IS NOW ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS

DAILY FROM DAWN TO DUSK

Acceptable materials:

- Household paper, plastic & glass products.

NON-Acceptable items:

- Compostable kitchen waste/food waste, garbage, wood, furniture.

RULES:

- Drop off of materials is to be done during the posted times.
- Materials are to be put into the bins provided.
- Public is responsible to ensure materials are placed inside the bin.
- Sorting of materials is not currently necessary.
- All acceptable materials can be placed in one bin.
- The Town will ensure there is a safe path to the receptacles. Public is responsible to ensure their own safety when disposing of materials.
- If bins are not safely accessible please notify the town immediately.

These bins are **NOT** for Garbage. Recyclable materials only. Any person caught disposing of unaccepted materials is subject to a \$50 fine by the Town of Lowell.

TOWN GARAGE IS NOW MONITORED BY 24H VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

For further clarification of rules please contact the Town Clerks Office - (802) 744-6559

REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2014).....	\$ 1,764
Penalties	\$ 54
Special Licenses	\$ 72
Total License Fees Received	\$ 1,886
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer	\$ 804

DOG REMINDER
ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY
APRIL 1ST, 2015
50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2015



Dog License Fees:
\$8.00 each neutered or spayed
\$12.00 each not neutered or not spayed
\$25.00 Pet Dealer Permits
\$30.00 Special License



The Animal Medical Hospital will host a Rabies clinic for
\$15.00 per rabies vaccination on
SATURDAY- MARCH 28, 2015 ONLY
from 1:45 TO 2:45 P.M.
at the Lowell Fire Station

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

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

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

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

LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

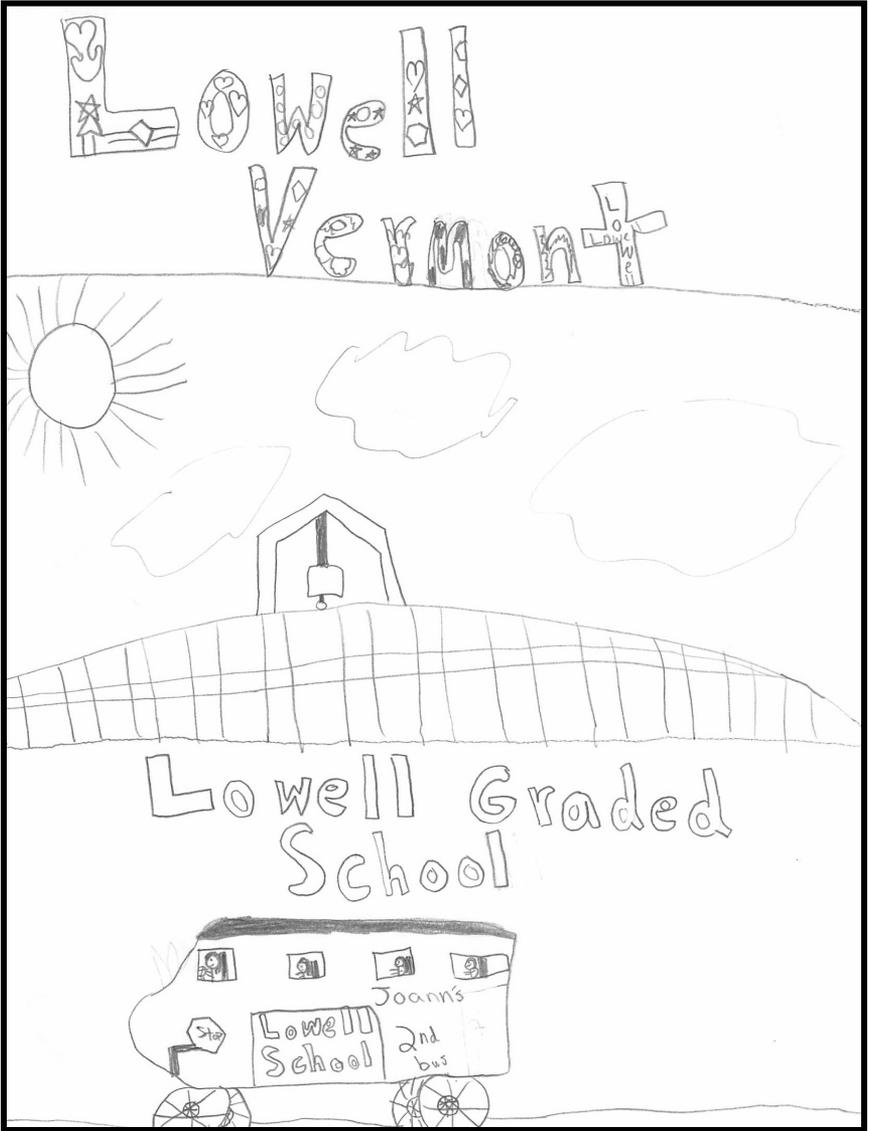
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BIRTHS			
Name	Mother	Father	Date
Brianna Ryleigh King	Ashley King	Joshua King	1/27/2014
Gabriel Ethan Randall	Ashley Randall	Jason Randall	2/5/2014
Collin William Connor Heinchon	Hannah Heinchon	Kurt Heinchon	11/14/2014

MARRIAGES				
Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date
Real Gauvin	Lowell, VT	Shirley Perry	Brownington, VT	3/22/2014
Richard LaDeau	Lowell, VT	Sandra Edwards	Lowell, VT	4/29/2014
Nolan Gunn	Westfield, VT	Rachel Clinger	Lowell, VT	6/7/2014
Peter Legrand	Tujunga, CA	Aline Matsuo	Tujunga, CA	6/15/2014
Gerald Green Jr.	Lowell, VT	Madeline Greenway	Lowell, VT	6/21/2014
Marc Geoffroy	Lowell, VT	Cory McGillivray	Lowell, VT	8/30/2014
Phillip Tetreault	Lowell, VT	Carrie McKown	Lowell, VT	11/1/2014

DEATHS				
Name	Residence	Place of Death	Age	Date
Charlotte Fontaine	Lowell, VT	Lowell, VT	81	5/29/2014
Everett L. Carter	Lowell, VT	Newport City, VT	93	9/9/2014
Maurice W. Eldred	Lowell, VT	Barton, VT	87	9/19/2014
Raymond Pion	Lowell, VT	Glover, VT	87	12/17/2014

SCHOOL REPORTS



Natalee Kneeland—Grade 2

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL

52 Gelo Park Road
LOWELL, VERMONT 05847-9796
(802) 744-6641 (phone)
(802) 744-9989 (fax)

Anita Gagner
Principal

John Castle
Superintendent

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

Principal’s Letter for 2014

Hello from your Principal,

Educational programs at Lowell Graded School are ever evolving, continuously raising the bar of educational excellence for students, staff, parents, as well as the community at large.

We have been able to raise the education level due, in part, to the restructuring plan the teachers and I devised in regards to class and grade level configurations at the end of school year 2013-2014. Having “three schools” in one building provides for many unique opportunities. Our early childhood center is thriving with Jenn Blay as our lead teacher and Robin Messier as the support teacher. Preschool children attend school 5 days a week for 2 hours and 45 minutes each day. This is longer than the state currently requires. Students are brought into school by parents/caregivers and transported home on the bus. The morning half of Jenn’s day is spent doing intervention. The first half of Robin’s day is spent assisting students in the library. Kindergarten and first grade are combined all day this year. Lorelei Willis is the lead teacher. She is assisted by Suzanne Hastings for 2 hours daily for literacy and math instruction. Sonja Blodgett continues as the support teacher in the kindergarten - first grade classes.

Second grade is taught by Dr. George Hambleton. He is assisted by Gail Sicotte. We welcome a new third grade teacher this year, Samantha Santaw-Wright. Ms. Santaw-Wright was a support teacher for the middle grade students last year. Anne Cota has joined us this year and provides help for students in the primary grades. Due to space constraints we must combine two grade levels. For the 2014-2015 school year, fourth and fifth grades are combined. Judy Ide is the fourth grade teacher. Leanne Barnard is the fifth grade teacher.

Our middle school, which is sixth, seventh and eighth grades, has 90 minute blocks of core instruction time. Zarah Savoie is our sixth grade homeroom and sixth-eighth grade science teacher. Michael Brooks is our seventh grade homeroom teacher. He also teaches sixth-eighth grade Humanities. This is the second year we have combined Language Arts/Social Studies. He has had much success during the initial implementation. Bonnie Deslandes is our eighth grade homeroom and sixth-eighth grade math teacher. This year we acquired a new math program, CMP3, for these students. It is research based and comes highly recommended by the NCTM (National Council for Teachers of Mathematics). Shannon Mead and Jill Legacy share duties as support teachers in the middle grades

Mary Peters continues as our full time Resource Room teacher. Gretchen Irwin is our half time Resource Room and half time intervention teacher. Melanie Richardson is the support teacher for the Resource Room. She is in her third and final year of training for a Speech Pathologist Assistant.

Anna McAllister returns as our art teacher on Wednesdays. Matt Lapham returns as our physical education teacher on Thursdays. We are pleased to welcome Josh Estes as our Guidance Counselor. He is with us for 1.5 days a week. Laura Emery returns as our school nurse for 1.5 days each week. Debbie Merrill returns as our lead cook with Becky DiZazzo as her assistant. Ryan Sargent is in his second year as our school custodian.

This year we had the opportunity to make building changes. In the kitchen, we did some shelving upgrades as well as purchasing a griddle for the stove. We painted three classrooms. We are in the process of replacing chalkboards with white boards and tables for desks. During the spring of 2015, students at North Country Career Center will be building cubbies for our preschool and kindergarten – Grade 1 classrooms. They will also be constructing wooden lockers for students in seventh and eighth grade.

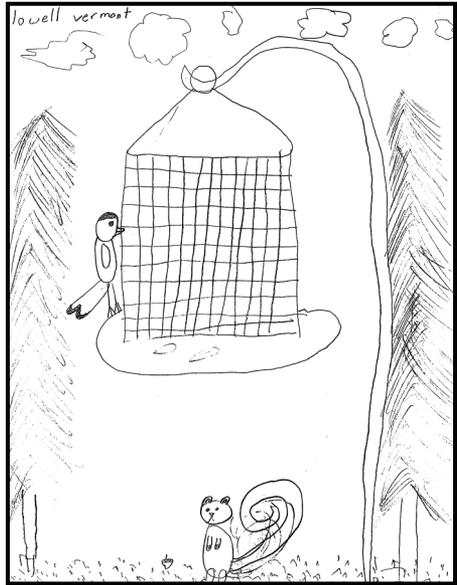
Mr. Oquendo returns as our music teacher two days a week. He is also our technology and curriculum integrationist. “Mr. O.” wrote and received a Voya Unsung Heroes Award grant in the amount of \$2,000. This money will be used for music education. We are fortunate to have Mr. O. assisting teachers with the integration of technology.

We extend many thanks to the board and community for their support in helping us to reach our goal of 1:1 computing for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This will empower students in inquiring lifelong skills.

On behalf of the student body and staff at Lowell Graded School, I cannot say “Thank You” enough for your continued cooperation and support. Working collaboratively as a team, we are empowering students! Please call and come in to share your thoughts with me.

Remember... It’s all about the children!

Anita Gagner



Mckenna Blay—Grade 4

A LETTER FROM THE LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD

JANUARY 2015

Lowell Village School – In presenting this year’s town report, we are reminded that the Lowell Village School, otherwise known as the Lowell Graded School, exists as more than just a school. It is a town center and a community gathering-place.

Many parents and grandparents will come into the very auditorium in which the town meeting is held to witness the graduation of their children and grandchildren. Many voters will remember their own days within the hallowed halls of this school.

Likewise, even residents who may not have grown up in Lowell can get the sense of community that the school conveys. It is the heart of our small town, and the school is source of great pride that is easily seen by all as they pass.

We live in a time, and in a place, where many of our neighboring towns have had discussions about declining enrollment. The number of students in these schools may be getting to the point, or have already reached the point, that the communities may have to consider closing their school. Fewer students, rising costs and diminishing assistance from the state and federal government have put great pressure on small, rural school budgets.

Also, we are often reminded that our school may be considered from the outside to be too small to succeed. Residents and students know that the quality of the school is not measured by its size, it is measured by its contribution to the individual and the community.

The words to a song remind us that many times we don’t know what we’ve got until it’s gone. As always, we are pleased to report that students, parents, staff and the entire Lowell community have not waited until they are faced with losing their school to know what they’ve got – and to support it.

Our school continues to meet compliance standards established for social, educational, environmental, and governance standards. Mostly, we continue to take pride in our students, staff and facility. Our mandate: make better citizens.

The discussion of a consolidated middle school on the western side of the supervisory union is over. Our administrators and staff are taking the necessary steps to prepare 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for future challenges. The community must continue to support this effort.

While much is being done to all help learners make a smooth transition from our school into high school, we all understand that many obstacles can still be present. While it is true that some hurdles can be overcome through the preparation that the school provides, that alone is not enough. Ultimately the students themselves, with preparation, must meet this challenge.

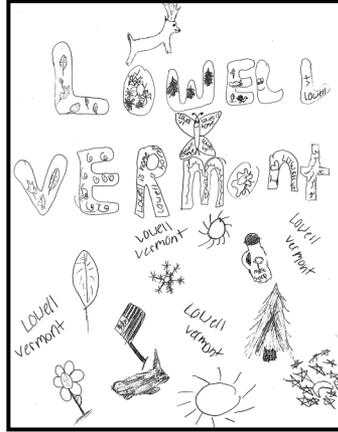
Lastly, it is noteworthy to mention that we have continued on the course of providing more extensive access to technology, and more innovative art and science opportunities. Project-based learning that teaches both problem-solving and critical thinking is being offered, and efforts will continue to grow in that approach to learning.

It can never be said enough, the Lowell School Board wishes to express their appreciation for the support we receive each and every day from the Lowell community.

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

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL STUDENTS & STAFF

STUDENTS:	
PRESCHOOL	13
KINDERGARTEN	10
1st GRADE	7
2nd GRADE	13
3rd GRADE	15
4th GRADE	11
5th GRADE	10
6th GRADE	14
7th GRADE	8
8th GRADE	16
TOTAL STUDENTS	117



Haiden Bathalon—Grade 3

PRINCIPAL

Anita Gagner

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sara Morse LeBlanc

TEACHERS

50% Preschool & 25% R. R / 25% R.I

Grades K & 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grades 4 & 5

Grades 4 & 5

Grades 6-8 Humanities

Grades 6-8 Math

Grades 6-8 Science

Music (40%), Tech & Curric. Integ.(60%)

Art (20%)

Physical Education (20%)

Special Educator

Special Educator (50%), Titles (50%)

Speech/Lang. Pathologist (30%)

Classroom Teacher (25%)

School Based Clinician (20%)

School Guidance Counselor 50%

NURSE (30%)

Jennifer Blay

Lorelei Willis

George Hambleton

Samantha Santaw-Wright

Judith Ide

Leanne Barnard

Michael Brooks

Bonita Deslandes

Zarah Savoie

Michael Oquendo

Hosanna McAllister

Matthew Lapham

Mary Peters

Gretchen Irwin

Kathy Hill

Suzanne Hastings

Jackie Bilodeau

Joshua Estes

Laura Emery

NCSU

BOOKKEEPER

April Touchette
Debbie Brunelle

PARAEDUCATORS

Preschool Assist/Library Assist.
SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Robin Messier
Melanie Richardson
Gail Sicotte
Shannon Mead
Sonja Blodgett
Anne Cota
Jill Legacy

LUNCH PROGRAM

Manager/Cook
Cook

Debra Merrill
Rebecca DiZazzo

CUSTODIAN

General

Ryan Sargent

BUS DRIVERS

Nanette Bonneau
Joanne Bathalon

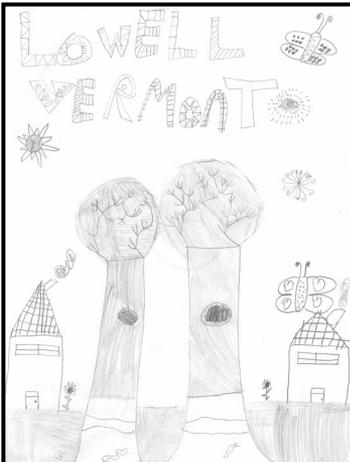
COACHES

Soccer
Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Softball

Zarah Savoie
Kyle Warner & Calvin Allen
Kyle Warner & Calvin Allen
TBH

TRUANT OFFICER

Kevin Charbonneau



Jazmine King—Grade 3



Kayla Kennison—Grade 3

LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Fund
As at 6/30/2014
Unaudited

Audited Cumulative Fund Balance : June 30, 2013 \$89,590

Revenues:

Interest	\$1,208
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	\$80
Miscellaneous	\$1,606
Sub-Grants from NCSU	\$62,433
State	\$1,557,178
Other Revenues	\$0
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Total Revenues	\$1,622,505

Expenditures:

Direct Instruction	\$771,462
Special Programs	\$351,051
Support Services	\$123,397
General Administration	\$39,821
Building Administration	\$110,053
Fiscal Services	\$26,518
Operation and Maintenance of Building	\$86,950
Transportation	\$84,603
Debt Service	\$22,047
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Total Town School Expenditures	\$1,615,902

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures \$6,603

Fund Transfers

Fund Transfers	\$30,000
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Total Fund Transfers	\$30,000

Fund Balance June 30, 2014 \$66,193

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND

BALANCE AT 7/1/13	\$7,101.90
REVENUES	\$6,988.95
EXPENDITURES	(\$8,413.23)
BALANCE AT 6/30/14	\$5,677.62

INSTRUMENT FUND

BALANCE AT 7/1/13	\$207.19
REVENUES	\$550.35
EXPENDITURES	(\$181.00)
BALANCE AT 6/30/14	\$576.54

8TH GRADE FUND

BALANCE AT 7/1/13	\$9,787.85
REVENUES	\$19,694.83
EXPENDITURES	(\$15,838.22)
BALANCE AT 6/30/14	\$13,644.46

WELLNESS FUND

BALANCE AT 7/1/13	\$6,099.65
REVENUES	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
BALANCE AT 6/30/14	\$6,099.65

LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lowell Anticipated Budget FY2016

Account Description	FY2014 Adopted Budget	FY2014 Actual	FY2015 Adopted Budget	FY2016 Anticipated
LOCAL REVENUES				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,208.39)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Misc. Other Local Revenue	(\$500.00)	(\$1,685.68)	(500.00)	(500.00)
Fund Balance as Revenue	(\$30,000.00)	\$0.00	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	(\$31,500.00)	(\$2,894.07)	(31,500.00)	(31,500.00)
SUBGRANT REVENUES				
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Title IIA NCSU Funds	\$0.00	(\$1,261.32)	0.00	0.00
VEHI Wellness Funds	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	0.00	0.00
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$63,620.00)	(\$60,671.40)	(57,258.00)	(65,077.64)
Best Sub Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES	(\$73,620.00)	(\$62,432.72)	(67,258.00)	(75,077.64)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	(\$1,198,889.28)	(\$1,199,095.00)	(1,233,150.38)	(1,294,248.07)
Small Schools Grant	(\$92,913.00)	(\$104,369.00)	(104,300.00)	(109,302.00)
State Aid for Transportation	(\$26,933.00)	(\$30,058.00)	(29,662.00)	(29,662.00)
VSAC Grant	(\$9,500.00)	\$0.00	(9,500.00)	(9,500.00)
Special Ed. - Mainstream Block Grant	(\$38,712.00)	(\$35,227.00)	(37,381.00)	(39,053.00)
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	(\$89,924.00)	(\$96,520.00)	(89,615.00)	(153,439.00)
Intensive Reimbursement PY	\$0.00	\$5,321.00	0.00	0.00
Special Ed. - EEE	(\$9,372.00)	(\$10,961.00)	(11,284.00)	(12,717.00)
State Placed Student SpEd Reim.	\$0.00	(\$86,268.88)	0.00	0.00
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	(\$1,466,243.28)	(\$1,557,177.88)	(1,514,892.38)	(1,647,921.07)
TOTAL REVENUES	(\$1,571,363.28)	(\$1,622,504.67)	(\$1,613,650.38)	(\$1,754,498.71)

EXPENSES

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

	FY2014 Adopted	FY2014 Actual	FY 2015 Adopted	FY2016 Anticipated
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$421,000.00	\$421,214.05	\$435,500.00	\$435,500.00
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$25,140.00	\$21,087.65	\$21,200.00	\$22,500.00
Salary-VSAC	\$8,000.00	\$9,226.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Salary - Elementary Para	\$40,566.00	\$37,920.93	\$35,000.00	\$23,783.00
Salary - Pre K Para	\$6,724.00	\$9,343.62	\$7,050.00	\$10,188.00
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$6,000.00	\$6,980.50	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Health Ins - Elementary	\$85,740.00	\$94,137.24	\$112,400.00	\$108,339.00
Health Ins - Pre K	\$3,000.00	\$5,565.99	\$3,475.00	\$13,185.00
FICA - Elementary	\$34,656.30	\$34,061.23	\$36,452.24	\$35,594.15
FICA - Pre K	\$2,437.60	\$2,233.94	\$2,161.13	\$2,500.63
FICA-VSAC	\$612.00	\$705.80	\$612.00	\$612.00
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$360.00	\$183.25	\$468.00	\$360.00
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$18.00	\$22.50	\$18.00	\$15.00
Municipal Retirement	\$2,742.64	\$1,512.33	\$1,400.00	\$951.32
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$268.96	\$373.77	\$282.00	\$407.52
Municipal Retirement	\$0.00	\$53.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$2,568.23	\$2,585.34	\$2,755.00	\$2,755.00
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$181.60	\$144.60	\$163.85	\$177.00
Unemployment - Elementary	\$330.00	\$303.12	\$406.00	\$2,670.00
Unemployment - Pre K	\$44.00	\$41.36	\$46.00	\$275.00
Tuition - Elementary	\$19,800.00	\$7,382.00	\$18,180.00	\$18,180.00
Tuition - Pre K	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$2,520.00	\$2,897.78	\$3,852.00	\$3,226.00
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,439.90	\$1,043.85	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$96.79	\$130.20	\$79.10	\$80.00
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$3,000.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Prch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$2,450.00	\$1,386.57	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00
Tuition	\$8,550.00	\$0.00	\$8,550.00	\$8,550.00
Travel - Elementary	\$500.00	\$94.92	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies - Elementary	\$6,000.00	\$11,312.34	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Supplies - Pre K	\$400.00	\$604.45	\$400.00	\$400.00
Supplies-Common Core	\$5,000.00	\$735.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$14,000.00	\$6,038.98	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Books/Periodicals-Math	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Manipulatives - Elementary	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Computer Software - Pre K	\$0.00	\$131.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Software-BEST Grant	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment - Elementary	\$550.00	\$378.83	\$550.00	\$550.00
Furniture	\$2,000.00	\$4,789.53	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Furniture-Pre K	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$2,000.00	\$2,959.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dues\Fees - Pre K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc.	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Misc.-VSAC	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Student Activities	\$1,000.00	\$1,506.82	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Salaries	\$2,000.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
FICA	\$150.00	\$110.94	\$150.00	\$150.00
Municipal Retirement	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workers Compensation	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Unemployment	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Referees	\$500.00	\$320.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$850.00	\$92.21	\$850.00	\$850.00
Equipment	\$500.00	\$1,257.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$150.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Trophies/Banquet	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$716,211.02	\$696,197.01	\$748,795.32	\$748,593.62

SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS

	2014 Adopted	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2016 Anticipated
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$45,410.00	\$41,652.37	\$42,400.00	\$43,600.00
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$6,812.00	\$2,242.91	\$8,300.00	\$9,374.00
FICA - Schoolwide	\$3,473.87	\$3,125.85	\$3,243.60	\$3,335.40
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$72.00	\$22.50	\$36.00	\$36.00
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$258.84	\$229.52	\$245.92	\$246.00
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$44.00	\$41.36	\$32.00	\$180.00
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$174.83	\$143.49	\$118.72	\$126.00
Supplies - Schoolwide	\$500.00	\$600.44	\$294.88	\$295.00
Books\Periodicals - Schoolwide	\$500.00	\$5,518.90	\$294.88	\$295.00
Dues\Fees - Schoolwide	\$0.00	\$8,921.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,598.24
TOTAL SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS	\$59,225.54	\$62,690.58	\$56,958.00	\$65,077.64

TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY

Salary - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$0.00	\$336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$0.00	\$25.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Purchased & Technical Services Title IIA	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY	\$0.00	\$1,261.32	\$0.00	\$0.00

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Salary - Teacher	\$78,945.00	\$78,880.50	\$81,300.00	\$102,600.00
Salary - Para	\$56,886.00	\$47,050.56	\$52,000.00	\$98,555.00
Substitutes Pay	\$3,900.00	\$3,665.47	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Teachers Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Ins	\$30,444.32	\$32,300.41	\$41,705.00	\$54,140.00
FICA	\$10,995.42	\$9,320.69	\$10,273.95	\$15,541.36
Life Insurance	\$72.00	\$56.25	\$54.00	\$60.00
Municipal Retirement	\$2,755.44	\$1,882.02	\$2,080.00	\$3,942.20
Workers Comp	\$819.27	\$591.84	\$778.94	\$1,113.00
Unemployment	\$132.00	\$82.72	\$180.00	\$539.00
Tuition	\$3,600.00	\$1,679.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,600.00
Dental Ins	\$360.00	\$576.00	\$576.00	\$768.00
Long Term Disability	\$288.15	\$333.96	\$227.64	\$287.28
Tuition-SPS	\$0.00	\$80,213.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,262.98	\$500.00	\$500.00
Books\Periodicals	\$500.00	\$1,419.01	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues\Fees	\$400.00	\$125.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$191,247.60	\$259,439.41	\$194,925.53	\$285,195.84

EEE

EEE Local	\$30,000.00	\$30,887.00	\$37,183.00	\$30,252.00
EEE State/Federal	\$9,372.00	\$10,961.00	\$11,284.00	\$12,717.00
TOTAL EEE	\$39,372.00	\$41,848.00	\$48,467.00	\$42,969.00

AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS	2014 Adopted	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2016 Anticipated
Camp Encore	\$10,000.00	\$9,563.58	\$10,000.00	\$15,500.00
Camp Swim	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
Contracted Services-ASP Music	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Supplies-ASP/Summer Prog	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
TOTAL AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS	\$15,500.00	\$11,313.58	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00

GUIDANCE

Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$20,000.00	\$19,419.00	\$20,100.00	\$21,100.00
Health Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,374.00
FICA	\$1,500.00	\$1,469.62	\$1,537.65	\$1,614.15
Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$22.50	\$36.00	\$36.00
Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$108.36	\$116.58	\$116.00
Unemployment	\$0.00	\$20.68	\$31.20	\$179.00
Tuition	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Dental Ins	\$200.00	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
Long Term Disability	\$0.00	\$40.77	\$56.28	\$61.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$49.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books\Periodicals	\$500.00	\$131.67	\$500.00	\$300.00
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$22,200.00	\$21,699.59	\$23,469.71	\$33,872.15

HEALTH SERVICES

Contract Services - NCSU	\$21,245.00	\$18,433.00	\$18,193.00	\$18,500.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,937.70	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$72.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$22,245.00	\$20,442.74	\$19,193.00	\$19,500.00

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Testing Services	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Contract Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$7,250.00	\$5,000.00
Contract Services - NKHS	\$33,025.00	\$7,395.05	\$22,268.00	\$22,300.00
Contract Services - Behavior Specialist	\$7,111.00	\$6,915.93	\$5,600.00	\$5,750.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$57.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract Services-NKHS SpEd eligible	\$0.00	\$14,119.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$43,636.00	\$31,638.48	\$36,618.00	\$34,550.00

SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

Testing Services	\$500.00	\$1,350.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Contract Services - SLP	\$20,210.00	\$21,420.36	\$22,148.00	\$23,000.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,033.89	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$21,210.00	\$23,804.25	\$23,148.00	\$24,000.00

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Contract Services	\$4,000.00	\$11,839.01	\$4,000.00	\$7,154.00
TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$4,000.00	\$11,839.01	\$4,000.00	\$7,154.00

	2014 Adopted	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2016 Anticipated
PHYSICAL THERAPY				
Purchased & Technical Services	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Home School Coordinator Salary	\$0.00	\$3,186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$0.00	\$243.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$3,429.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
LIBRARY				
Salary - Para	\$10,691.00	\$4,821.96	\$5,550.00	\$10,188.00
Health Ins	\$5,050.00	\$1,574.63	\$2,730.00	\$3,811.00
FICA	\$817.86	\$338.72	\$424.58	\$779.38
Municipal Retirement	\$427.64	\$192.87	\$222.00	\$329.00
Workers Comp	\$60.94	\$59.64	\$32.19	\$54.00
Unemployment	\$11.00	\$20.68	\$8.00	\$45.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$645.56	\$500.00	\$500.00
Books\Periodicals	\$2,000.00	\$312.49	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$420.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$2,163.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues\Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$19,608.44	\$10,550.42	\$11,516.77	\$17,256.38
TECHNOLOGY				
Salary - Teacher	\$28,405.00	\$2,890.00	\$22,400.00	\$22,400.00
Health Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,700.00	\$4,269.00
FICA	\$3,320.48	\$221.09	\$1,713.60	\$1,713.60
Life Insurance	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Workers Comp	\$247.41	\$0.00	\$129.92	\$120.00
Unemployment	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$31.20	\$110.00
Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Dental Ins	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$192.00	\$230.00
Long Term Disability	\$167.11	\$40.53	\$62.72	\$64.00
Purchased & Technical Services	\$15,000.00	\$4,285.36	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Contract Services-SIS	\$1,250.00	\$969.31	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Learning Mgmt Software, Eplus Main Agree	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Purchased Property Services-Internet	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Travel	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,826.21	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Computer Software	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$19,728.38	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment Purchased with Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$17,237.18	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$55,383.00	\$49,198.06	\$57,990.44	\$55,667.60
PATH EXPENSE				
PATH Stipend	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA-PATH	\$0.00	\$38.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Retirement Path	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PATH EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$558.25	\$0.00	\$0.00

BOARD OF EDUCATION	2014	2014	2015	2016
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Anticipated
Salaries - Board	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
FICA	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Legal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$4,400.00	\$4,503.13	\$4,652.00	\$4,085.00
Advertising	\$500.00	\$786.69	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues	\$1,000.00	\$945.54	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Board Expenses	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Contingency for Teacher Negotiations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Contingency for Support Staff Increases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,502.00
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$7,470.00	\$6,260.36	\$7,722.00	\$35,657.00

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

NCSU Assessment	\$33,355.50	\$33,561.00	\$37,413.00	\$40,833.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$33,355.50	\$33,561.00	\$37,413.00	\$40,833.00

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Salary - Principal	\$69,628.00	\$69,628.00	\$71,720.00	\$73,869.00
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,000.00
Salary - Clerical	\$19,680.00	\$21,898.11	\$20,300.00	\$20,662.50
Health Ins	\$0.00	\$456.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$6,985.06	\$7,150.76	\$7,197.12	\$7,384.66
Life Insurance	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$144.00	\$120.00
Municipal Retirement	\$787.20	\$848.41	\$812.00	\$804.00
Workers Comp	\$520.46	\$509.56	\$545.66	\$545.00
Unemployment	\$44.00	\$62.04	\$65.00	\$358.00
Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dental Ins	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Disability	\$268.07	\$213.27	\$200.82	\$207.00
Purchased & Technical Services	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Purchased Property Services	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Postage	\$825.00	\$860.82	\$825.00	\$850.00
Travel	\$750.00	\$1,219.83	\$750.00	\$750.00
Supplies	\$2,250.00	\$3,448.28	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$230.13	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Dues\Fees	\$600.00	\$1,424.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Misc	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$107,607.79	\$110,053.34	\$110,619.60	\$113,550.16

FISCAL SERVICES

Town Office	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Contracted Service	\$16,500.00	\$16,800.00	\$17,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$18,500.00	\$16,800.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00

AUDIT SERVICES

Audit Services	\$0.00	\$9,717.50	\$5,500.00	\$5,750.00
TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$9,717.50	\$5,500.00	\$5,750.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	2014 Adopted	2014 Actual	2015 Adopted	2016 Anticipated
	Salaries	\$15,440.00	\$13,780.00	\$14,340.00
Salaries-Summer	\$2,600.00	\$2,091.08	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Health Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$1,380.06	\$1,214.10	\$1,295.91	\$1,333.32
Municipal Retirement	\$617.60	\$551.20	\$573.60	\$571.00
Workers Comp	\$959.73	\$758.52	\$98.25	\$760.00
Unemployment	\$44.00	\$20.68	\$45.00	\$179.00
Septic Services	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Water Testing	\$2,000.00	\$2,793.99	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rubbish Services	\$2,500.00	\$2,369.51	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Contracted Serv.	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ins.	\$2,000.00	\$1,858.44	\$1,745.00	\$2,860.00
Telephone	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.35	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$1,626.06	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Electricity	\$11,500.00	\$10,596.77	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Propane	\$2,750.00	\$1,383.47	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Heating Oil	\$15,000.00	\$13,200.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Non-Instructional Equip.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Conf/Dues/Fees	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$64,841.39	\$54,574.17	\$64,247.76	\$66,682.32
CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Contracted Services	\$10,000.00	\$4,358.25	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fund Balance Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$3,831.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repairs & Maint	\$3,000.00	\$14,652.30	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,302.50	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS	\$15,600.00	\$24,144.90	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00
CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Contracted Services	\$500.00	\$1,170.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Snow Removal	\$3,400.00	\$3,020.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Lawn Care	\$2,250.00	\$2,681.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Supplies	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Equipment Playground	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS	\$8,400.00	\$6,871.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT				
Purchased Property Services	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Supplies	\$300.00	\$1,360.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT	\$400.00	\$1,360.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services	\$70,000.00	\$68,782.42	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00
Contract 504 Service	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Transportation-Summer	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$73,100.00	\$68,782.42	\$75,100.00	\$75,100.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION				
Transportation Svc-SPS SpEd Student	\$0.00	\$6,055.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
SpEd Trans Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$4,109.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$0.00	\$10,165.27	\$0.00	\$0.00

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION

Field Trips	\$3,000.00	\$4,636.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Transportation-VSAC	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Athletic Transp.	\$1,750.00	\$1,019.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00

TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION	\$5,250.00	\$5,655.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
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DEBT SERVICES

Long Term Debt - interest	\$4,500.00	\$2,193.75	\$1,316.25	\$440.00
Long Term Debt - principal	\$15,000.00	\$19,853.38	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Fund Transfers	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Transfer To Bldg/Maint. Fund	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00

TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$24,500.00	\$52,047.13	\$21,316.25	\$15,440.00
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TOTAL 01 GENERAL FUND	\$1,571,363.28	\$1,645,902.52	\$1,613,650.38	\$1,754,498.71
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FOOD SERVICE

	<u>FY11-12</u>	<u>FY12-13</u>	<u>FY13-14</u>
Prior Balance	\$ 3,480.78	\$ -	\$ 2,582.93

REVENUE**LOCAL****EARNING ON INVESTMENTS**

PY Adjustment to Revenues Received	-	-	2,020.64
Sales to Students	8,868.50	8,257.80	7,031.50
Sales to Adults	3,401.65	3,162.90	3,063.10
Farm to School Transfer	-	-	-
School to HL Transfer	4,673.12		-
Miscellaneous	97.05	59.98	-
Total LOCAL	\$ 17,040.32	\$ 11,480.68	\$ 12,115.24

SUBGRANTS

Summer Program	2,098.71	-	-
Total SUBGRANTS	\$ 2,098.71	\$ -	\$ -

STATE

State Revenue - Lunch	827.56	1,362.89	1,407.02
State Revenue - Breakfast	513.39	643.20	667.50
Grant for Food Service	410.50	-	-
State Additional Meal Reimb	-	-	824.00
Total STATE	\$ 1,751.45	\$ 2,006.09	\$ 2,898.52

FEDERAL	FY11-12	FY12-13	FY13-14
Federal Revenue - Snack	2,724.60	3,590.34	3,342.40
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable	4,617.50	7,047.24	7,257.73
Federal Revenue - Lunch	32,858.90	32,624.75	37,008.14
Federal Revenue - Breakfast	19,814.60	21,184.06	24,758.18
Total FEDERAL	60,015.60	64,446.39	72,366.45
Total REVENUES	\$ 80,906.08	\$ 77,933.16	\$ 87,380.21
EXPENDITURES			
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM			
Food Service Salaries	18,982.18	27,161.17	27,937.90
Food Service Manager	7,420.16	-	-
Health Benefit	9,201.55	8,598.44	9,306.78
FICA	2,039.74	1,913.40	1,959.30
Municipal Retirement	916.10	861.18	898.27
Workers Compensation	416.48	237.21	385.84
Unemployment	33.97	49.48	41.36
Contract Service	363.50	299.00	649.00
Equipment & Repairs	-	-	-
Grant Equipment	-	-	-
Food & Food Service Supplies	31,812.86	30,729.66	36,340.80
FOOD SERVICE EXPENSE	\$ 71,186.54	\$ 69,849.54	\$ 77,519.25
FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM			
FTS - Salary	3,000.00	-	-
FTS - Food	400.49	-	-
FARM TO SCHOOL EXP	\$ 3,400.49	\$ -	\$ -
SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM			
Summer - Salary	1,970.00	-	-
Summer - Food	2,493.32	-	-
SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM	\$ 4,463.32	\$ -	\$ -
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE	5,336.51	5500.69	4527.06
FFV TO SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$ 5,336.51	\$ 5,500.69	\$ 4,527.06
Total EXPENDITURES	\$ 84,386.86	\$ 75,350.23	\$ 82,046.31
Total REVENUE & BALANCE	84,386.86	77,933.16	89,963.14
Less Total EXPENDITURES	84,386.86	75,350.23	82,046.31
FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 2,582.93	\$ 7,916.83

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Lowell Graded School
S.U.: North Country S.U.

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

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment < 200
(34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
17 out of 34

School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Oswald Village School	K - 8	111	11.30	1.00	10.00	111.00	11.10
Oleons Elementary School	PK - 8	114	10.40	1.00	10.96	114.00	10.40
Brownington Central School	PK - 8	116	10.40	1.00	11.35	116.00	10.40
Lowell Graded School	PK - 8	118	12.06	1.00	9.78	118.00	12.06
Tunbridge Central School	K - 8	121	15.00	1.00	7.76	121.00	15.00
Newton School	PK - 8	121	11.52	1.00	10.34	121.00	11.52
Milens Run School USD #37	PK - 8	126	11.05	1.00	11.40	126.00	11.05
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		122.94	11.87	1.00	10.35	123.49	11.93

School District: Lowell
LEA ID: T114

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs, including assessments to SUs make districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2013 FTE < 200
(35 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
19 out of 35

Grades offered in School District

Student FTE enrolled in school district

Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Charleston	PK-8	108.80	\$11,366
Sutton	PK-8	109.81	\$11,612
Coverly	PK-8	110.71	\$12,749
Lowell	K-8	111.31	\$11,552
Oleons ID	PK-8	111.40	\$12,626
Tunbridge	PK-8	116.52	\$13,756
Stafford	K-8	116.31	\$13,260

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

120.4

\$12,622

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate				Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			SchDist	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	SchDist Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
↑ T030	Brighton	PK-8	105.74	12,748.03	1.3455	1.3705	108.11%	1.2676	1.2676	
T194	Stamford	K-8	106.81	12,029.38	1.2097	1.2697	103.18%	1.2306	1.2306	
T034	Brownington	PK-8	108.88	10,411.64	1.0059	1.2280	104.73%	1.1726	1.1726	
↑ T114	Lowell	PK-8	110.86	11,123.49	1.1740	1.2552	105.74%	1.1870	1.1870	
T044	Charleston	PK-8	114.75	10,847.33	1.1449	1.2184	92.40%	1.3196	1.3196	
T148	Owst	K-8	121.40	11,170.39	1.1790	1.2593	103.73%	1.2141	1.2141	
↑ T080	Glover	PK-8	125.54	13,410.87	1.4155	1.4423	104.05%	1.3962	1.3962	

Use these tax rates to compare to state rates.

These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.

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

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

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

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

Statutory calculation. See rate from Tax Computation note at bottom of page.

Recommended homebased rate from Tax Computation note at bottom of page.

District: **Lowell**
County: **Orleans**

T114
North Country

9,459

1.00

Expenditures

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,473,810	\$1,571,569	\$1,613,650	\$1,754,499	1.
2. PKS Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3. MVAS Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Member's Web/Member only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,473,810	\$1,571,569	\$1,613,650	\$1,754,499	4.
5. PKS Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6. PKS Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7. Total Budget	\$1,473,810	\$1,571,569	\$1,613,650	\$1,754,499	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, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$296,061	\$372,474	\$380,500	\$460,251	10.
11. PKS Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12. MVAS All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Member's Web/Member only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13. Offsetting revenues	\$296,061	\$372,474	\$380,500	\$460,251	13.

Education Spending

14. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	\$1,177,749	\$1,199,095	\$1,233,150	\$1,294,248	14.
15. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	114.18	107.37	110.86	113.75	15.

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

16. Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$10,314.84	\$11,167.88	\$11,123.49	\$11,378.00	16.
17. MVAS Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$158.27	\$160.14	\$147.91		17.
18. MVAS Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuition paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	18.
19. MVAS Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	19.
20. MVAS Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.

22.	<p>22. Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition</p> <p>23. Less planning costs for merger of small schools</p> <p>24. Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015</p>	NA	NA	NA	NA	
25.	<p>25. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)</p> <p>26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment</p>	Threshold = \$14,481	Threshold = \$14,458	Threshold = \$14,198	Threshold = \$17,103	
26.		\$10,315	\$11,168	\$11,123	\$11,378	
27.	<p>27. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</p> <p>(\$11,378 / \$9,458)</p>	118.249%	122.040%	119.801%	120.288%	
		Based on \$9,123	Based on \$9,151	Based on \$9,205	Based on \$9,458	
Prorating the local tax rate						
28.	<p>28. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (120.288% x \$1,000)</p>	\$1,0524	\$1,1472	\$1,1740	\$1,2029	
		Based on \$0.89	Based on \$0.94	Based on \$0.98	Based on \$1.00	
29.	<p>29. Percent of Lowell equalized pupils not in a union school district</p>	68.95%	66.87%	65.71%	65.19%	
30.	<p>30. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (65.18% x \$1.20)</p>	\$0.7266	\$0.7671	\$0.7714	\$0.7841	
31.	<p>31. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</p>	97.76%	98.28%	105.74%	103.73%	
32.	<p>32. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7841 / 103.73%)</p>	\$0.7422	\$0.7805	\$0.7295	\$0.7569	
		Based on \$0.89	Based on \$0.94	Based on \$0.98	Based on \$1.00	
<p>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.</p>						
33.	<p>33. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (120.288% x 1.94%)</p>	2.13%	2.20%	2.32%	2.33%	
		Based on 1.80%	Based on 1.90%	Based on 1.94%	Based on 1.94%	
34.	<p>34. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (65.18% x 2.33%)</p>	1.47%	1.47%	1.52%	1.62%	
		Based on 1.80%	Based on 1.90%	Based on 1.94%	Based on 1.94%	
35.	<p>35. Percent of equalized pupils at North Country Sr UHSD</p>	31.05%	33.13%	34.29%	34.82%	
36.		-	-	-	-	

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,458. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. 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%.

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

Dear North Country School-Community:

Our community schools are at a cross-roads. Schools across our supervisory union, and the state, will continue to have discussions about governance, consolidation and challenges around funding. All of these issues have the potential to alter the direction of our schools and impact many communities. However, the most critical decisions related to the direction of schools must remain on student learning. I am confident that North Country Supervisory Union schools are on the right road and making steady progress.

Just as one faces a decision when they come upon an intersection in a road, school leadership teams are facing many decisions regarding what path to follow. There are many uncertainties regarding the continued influence of our state and federal government on education. The Common Core Standards call for substantial shifts in approach regarding math and literacy. This past year, the Vermont Board of Education adopted new "Educational Quality Standards" that will cause us to challenge many assumptions about how we define student outcomes. If we are waiting for the federal government, or even our very own Agency of Education, for direction with regard to meaningful and transformational change, we will wait too long. Our school-communities must "take the wheel" and determine our own direction.

NCSU schools are excellent and share a culture of continuous improvement. We are committed to providing quality instruction that engages students and advances meaningful outcomes. We promote inquiry and project-based learning opportunities at all grade levels. In addition to increasing outcomes in the areas of literacy, math or other content areas, we are fostering skills in critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration. We are increasing personalized learning and the integration of technology as we go forward. A number of our schools are moving forward with the development of school-based pre-school programs as we discontinue center-based programs. All schools continue to look at ways to provide the most effective supports and services to meet the needs of all learners. We are moving in a positive direction thanks to the many contributions of talented, compassionate and committed staff, teachers, administrators and school board members.

During the budget process this year, school boards continued to face tough choices in sustaining programs and services while considering the financial limitations of our communities. Our Boards are thoughtful and responsible in building budgets while remaining steadfast to a quality education for all students. Unfortunately, local budgets are all impacted by the changing context at the state level. We believe the state will increase the base education amount per equalize pupil. We expect to see the state-wide tax rate rise two cents for FY2016. There are also concerns that we will see an elimination of the small schools grant and "hold harmless" provision that protects schools with declining enrolments. For many of our schools, the number one pressure on school budgets is declining enrollments. Fortunately, our boards continue providing steady navigation through these various twists, turns and bumps in the road.

We cannot idle at the intersection waiting for direction. We are on the move. Now, more than ever, the challenges ahead require us to hold a collective sense of purpose across NCSU. To that end, we are committed to increasing and broadening the dialogue about our direction throughout our school-community. There is much for us to collectively consider as we balance tradition and transformation in establishing the best contemporary practices for student learning. I share in the enthusiasm of our staff, school boards and community in moving our schools from excellent to exceptional. With your continued support, and our shared commitment to **character, competence, creativity** and sense of **community**, we will provide a road to success for our children.

With great respect and appreciation,
John A. Castle
Superintendent of Schools

North Country Union High School Board Report January 2015

The board views its main task as providing a relevant, affordable public high school and career center education while honoring its responsibility toward students, taxpayers, and employees.

In the face of constant challenges to public education, we feel that this budget is a realistic assessment of the present circumstances. The 2015 combined budget total is the same as last year's. Contract obligations have been offset by savings in staff personnel and other efficiencies.

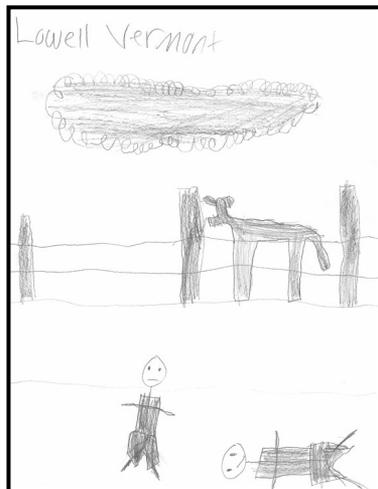
Public education funding continues to draw a lot of attention and significant changes seem possible this legislative session. We continue to be one of the most efficient union high school districts in the state while providing many opportunities for our students. The high school remains a dynamic and varied learning environment for them.

Those of us involved in the operation of the high school feel that the education of our children is being well served, and our thanks go to the employees for their dedication and diligence.

It is our hope that you, the taxpayers, agree and will support the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted by the NCUHS
Board of Directors,

- Rose Mary Mayhew, Troy – Chair
- Scott Boskin, Derby
- Peter Moskovites, Charleston
- Richard Cartee, Newport City
- Richard Nelson, Derby
- Richard Geisel, Derby
- Karen O'Donnell, Westfield
- David Ghelli, Newport Town
- George Swanson, Lowell
- Maggie Griffith, Newport City
- Le-Ann Tetrault, Jay
- Dan Maple, Holland
- Corey Therrien, Newport City
- Kristin Mason, Morgan



Sam Randall—Grade 2

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January 2015

Since 1967 North Country Union High School has served over 11 communities that make-up the North Country Schools Supervisory Union. With our communities' support, North Country Union High School continues to offer educational programs designed to meet the needs of all students.

Some recent highlights in NCUHS activities include our field hockey team bringing home a state championship. This was the first Vermont State Field Hockey championship for NCUHS since 1980. Samuel Brunnette brought home Vermont State Cross Country Champion Title. NCUHS has only seen this title on two other occasions, when NCUHS graduate Daniel Webster took home the Vermont State Champion Title in 2003 and again in 2004. The German exchange program celebrated its 30th year anniversary with our partner school in Ochtrup Germany. Our performing and visual arts programs collaborated to present Tarzan, which was featured on VPR's Vermont Edition in a story by Charlotte Albright. NCUHS graduate and Director Chase Gosselin truly integrated the entire school community in an unforgettable production.

North Country Union High School continues to be a powerful and positive influence for our students and in the community. The numerous academic, career, co-curricular and athletic programs available to our students allow all students the opportunity to pursue their passions and to excel. With your continued support of our budget, the students of North Country Union High School will be prepared for the challenges they will face in the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Bill Rivard, Principal
North Country Union High School

North Country Union High School and the community will provide a secure educational environment in which all students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, pursue academic and career excellence and become citizens who respect diversity, value lifelong learning and make healthy choices.

NORTH COUNTRY CAREER CENTER

January 2015

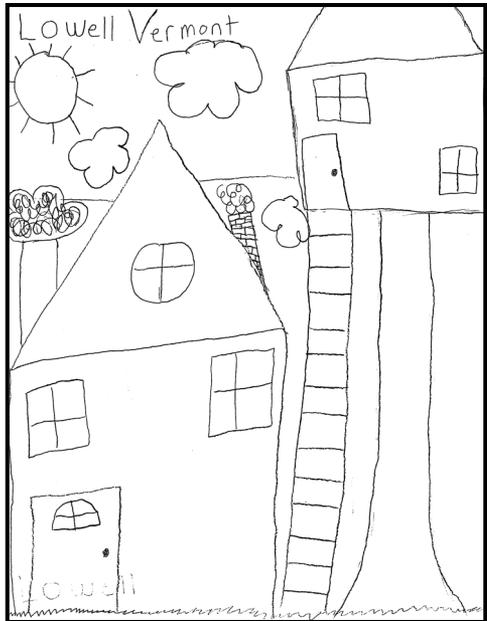
The North Country Career Center provides a wealth of opportunities to the students of North Country Union High School and Lake Region Union High School, as well as adult community members throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In the 2015-2016 school year we will be offering sixteen programs to all 11th and 12th graders (for a list, please read the letter from Regional Advisory Board Chair, Grant Spates) and eleven additional pre-tech foundation (PTF) courses to our 9th and 10th grade NCUHS students. Our course selection offers students a variety of technical training in many different career pathways, often supplemented with work-based learning experiences for the students. This means that students get real job experience and often earn credits and/or get paid for the work that they do. Many students also earn college credits during their time at the career center through dual enrollment. These credits are at no cost to the student or the local budget, thanks the Carl B. Perkins Grant through the federal government.

Career center students participate in many community service activities. Whether it is the Health Careers students working with the elderly at one of the health care facilities, the Transportation Science Technology program co-sponsoring the Cars of Yesteryear Car Show, the Cosmetology students hosting "Salon Day" for community members or the Welding program sponsoring a fishing derby to raise funds to support a student and family in need, our students are learning the benefits of helping others and giving of oneself. There are countless more activities and events that the career center has been involved with and will continue to support in the future.

At the North Country Career Center it is essential that we prepare our high school students for their futures as students, employees and community members. We strive for all of our students to be "Career, College and Community Ready". Just as important is to help our adult learners reach their potential in their chosen career. We have expanded our Adult Education Department and have also become a resource to the community by hosting workshops and seminars, meetings and even starting an indoor walking path for the public!

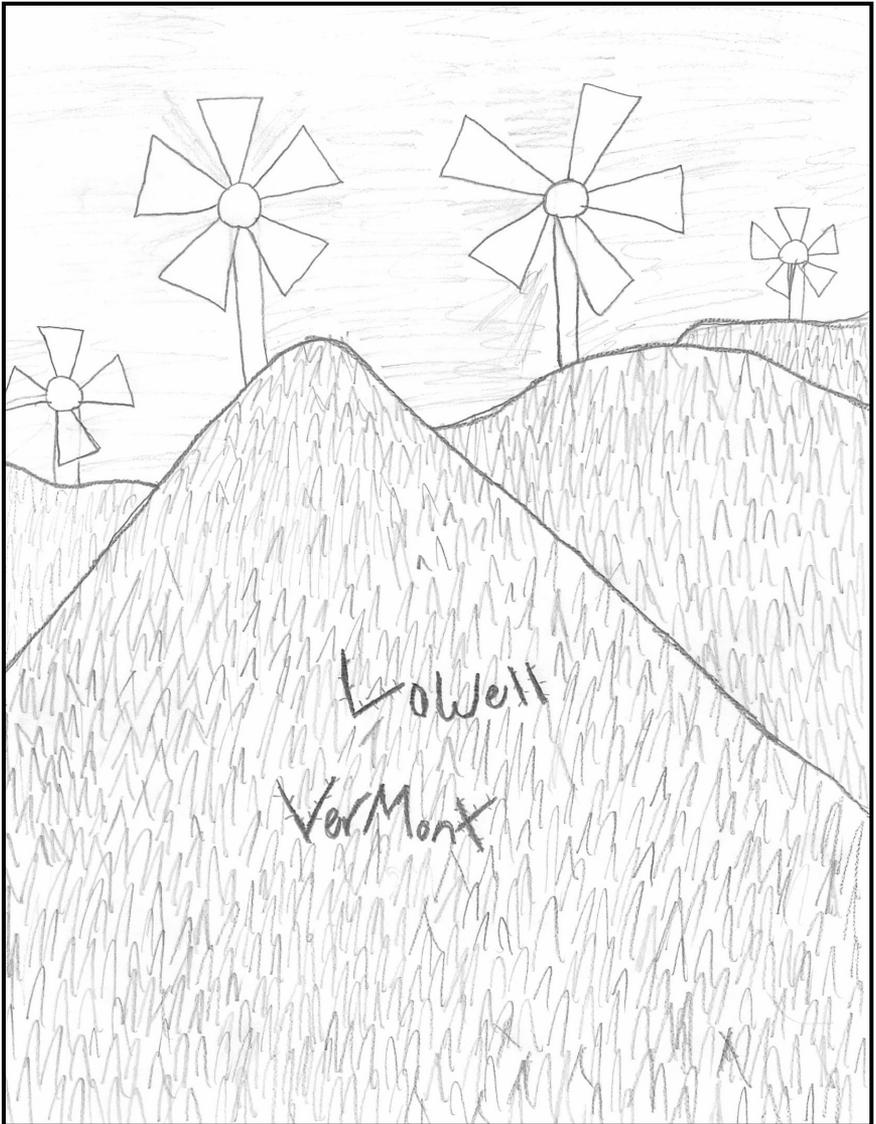
I would like to thank all of the voters for the ongoing support that you give to the Career Center. We are working hard to be a premier technical education facility for all the members of our community while realizing the need to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers in the region.

Sincerely,
Eileen M. Illuzzi, Director
North Country Career Center



Lauren Legacy—Grade 2

SERVICE REPORTS



Gabi Cota—Grade 8



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

RE: Request for Appropriation

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of Lowell for an appropriation of Twelve Thousand Six Dollars, \$12,006.00. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2015.

We will not increase funding by $\frac{1}{4}$ percent this year as we indicated at last Town meeting even though we have seen our expenses and purchases increase again this year mostly due to the costs of renovating the ambulance bay and buying the newly required equipment mandated by the state EMS office. We will continue to use the grand list based approach to funding as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-383-8199 or email to missisquoiambulance@comcast.net. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Rappold, President

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service



American Red Cross Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

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 to support our work. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$250 for Fiscal Year 2015. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

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



Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

481 Summer St. Suite 101
St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819



Advocacy. Action. Answers on Aging.

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

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

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 9 residents of Lowell as well as more than a thousand seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Viles
Executive Director



Report of 2014 Activity for Lowell
Town Appropriation Request: \$225

Cornucopia grows social and economic justice for women while feeding community elders and supporting local farms. The program helps women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency through a 17-week job-skills training experience that introduces them to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors and operate a weekly community meal site. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 21,500 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 15 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Successful partnerships are key to Cornucopia's ability to affect positive change in our community. A variety of entities, both public and private, contribute to the program in their own unique way:

- Vermont Works for Women's FRESH Food* initiative serves as the model for Cornucopia
- The Area Agency on Aging of Northeastern Vermont* oversees our region's Meals-on-Wheels program and coordinates the volunteer drivers who deliver Cornucopia's meals to homebound seniors
- Northeast Kingdom Learning Services* provides four weeks of general job readiness training to Cornucopia trainees which includes effective communication, basic resume writing, and key interview skills
- Vermont Department of Labor* connects women who are in need of supportive vocational training to Cornucopia and assists in identifying supplemental funding streams for participants to cover basic needs while they are enrolled in the program.

Cornucopia's average cost per meal is approximately \$7.85, yet the high level of poverty amongst Orleans County seniors makes it nearly impossible for recipients to cover the full cost (11.5% of people 65+ have income under the federal poverty level, compared to 7.5% across the rest of Vermont). **In 2014 the average donation was a mere 40 cents per meal.** Combined with the federal reimbursement rate of \$3.60 per meal, Cornucopia is left to absorb the majority of each meal's cost.

Given that Cornucopia's weekly meal site is open to all members of the community it's difficult to provide the precise number of Lowell residents who attended the **47 congregate meals in 2014**. However, we do know that **in 2014 at least 3 residents of Lowell received an average of six meals a week, a value of \$6,641.** Community support of Cornucopia's mission to both train disempowered women while feeding vulnerable seniors is critical. We are deeply grateful for Lowell's support.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Fay
Executive Director



194 Main Street, Suite 301
Newport, VT 05855
(802) 334-2044
www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$300.00 from the town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Sims
Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT

REMINDER ~ GREEN UP DAY IS MAY 2, 2015

Green up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (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.

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 for 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 calendar 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.



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

We are writing to ask the voters of the Town of Lowell to approve a request for a contribution of \$450 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2015, our 20th year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$4,275 enabling 18 children from 10 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

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

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

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

Yours Truly,

Rolf Anderson

President, Hazen's Notch Association

Jay Area Food Shelf



Sincere thanks to the voters of each town for the voted appropriation at Town Meeting 2014. A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the food shelf. With all the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

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

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

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. Berry Creek Farm for the 2014 season had a \$830 in kind donation.

REVENUE:

Appropriations:

Jay	\$250
Westfield	500
Troy	500
Lowell	250

EXPENSES:

Food Bank	\$2053
Grocery Store	1687
Gas	415
Dollar Tree	107
Wal-Mart (Coat Fund)	67
Total	\$4,329

Donations:

Orleans Country Board of Realtors	1600
Friend Class Reunion	200
Friends of Mark Higley Campaign	150
Newport Rotary Club	134
Francis Azur	1250
Ben & Jerry's Foundation	2000
Community Service Award (Kim)	500
Jay Peak Area Chamber	500
Jay Focus Group	1200
American Legion-Auxiliary Post 28	200
Individual Donations	702
Total	\$9,936

Beginning Balance	4218
Receipts	9936
Expenses	<u>(4329)</u>
Ending Balance	\$9825



NEKCA
Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc.

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

Four (4) Lowell residents paid fines owed to the State of Vermont in the amount of \$100.00.

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

Sincerely,

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

Orleans County Court Diversion

71 Seymour Lane
Newport, VT 05685
Ph: 802-334-8224



NORTHEAST
KINGDOM
HUMAN
SERVICES

We're all about being human.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. **The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.**

NKHS serves residents through our programs for Children, Youth, and Family Services, Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Community Rehabilitation Treatment, Developmental / Intellectual Ability Services, and 24/7 Crisis Intervention.

No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay.

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

FY 2014 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF LOWELL

2000 Census Count for your town: **879**. We served **52** and employ **5** from your community.

Our 2015 request for support is calculated on \$1.05 per person based on the last census, the same amount as requested last year.

Thank you for your support.

D.W. Bouchard
Executive Director

Andy Barter
President, Board of Directors

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
181 Crawford Road, Derby, VT 05829
(802) 334-6744



NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11, Newport, VT 05855

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

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

For almost 50 years, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS) has been serving the residents of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Adult education, job skills, transitional support, supplemental education services, early education and family services are some of the many programs that are available to the residents of the area. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$200 to help support the programs that we deliver in your area.

NEKLS has full service Community Education Centers located in Hardwick, Newport, and St. Johnsbury, with part time centers located in Canaan, Island Pond and Gilman. Services are provided to anyone wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, learn basic computer skills, improve college and career readiness, and for support in job search activities. Our Adult Education & Literacy program meets these needs through a wide variety of free services. In 2014, 128 adults over the age of 16 earned a high school diploma or GED through NEKLS. On average, our AEL staff provides more than one thousand hours of education per month.

In 2013, NEKLS introduced the NEKLS Mobile Lab to the Northeast Kingdom. In 2014, the lab consisting of 6 laptops and a printer provided connectivity and instruction to hundreds of community members at their work. Career and job fairs, training programs and for GED testing. This is just one more way that NEKLS brings services to the most rural areas of the Northeast Kingdom.

Partnering with local schools, the NEKLS Tutorial program provides academic support to students of all grade levels K-12 who are struggling in school. In 2014 the tutorial program served 126 students in the tri-county region. Another supplemental education program provided by NEKLS is the Migrant Education Program. Our migrant workers live and work on our Northeast Kingdom farms and provide valuable support to our local agricultural economy.

Parents with children ages 0 to 6 are able to access services through our Children's Integrated Services programs. Early Intervention provides many support services to families with children ages 0 to 3 who are at risk of developmental delays. Family Support Workers support families during pregnancy/postpartum and their child's early years by providing and connecting them to needed resources so they can support their child's growth and development.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact the funding of community non-profit organizations such as NEKLS. As a result, town appropriations are vital to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain the same level of high program quality. We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being an integral partner in your community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Tarryk - Executive Director



NORTHEAST VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Since 1950 the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the region's advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economics. As the only combined regional planning commission and economic development corporation, we serve the largest geographic region in the state.

Each year, we request an appropriation from every member community. These appropriations are vital to us, because they help cover the costs of directly assisting the 50 municipalities in our region:

- Land use planning at the local and regional levels and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administrative support for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support to the employers in our region.

NVDA is increasing its municipal appropriation for the first time since 2005. We've seen our service offering expand greatly since then, partly due to increased statutory demands on municipalities, but also in response to new opportunities for economic expansion,. New services include:

- Emergency planning – including Local Emergency Operations Plans and All-Hazard Mitigation Plans; and assistance with flood hazard planning and regulation;
- Reporting activities for the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone - enabling millions of dollars to come into the region;
- Municipal education and training services for local officials.

How have we served Lowell? In 2014, NVDA staff applied for and received Hazard Mitigation Planning Funds so that we can help Lowell plan for the future emergencies. We also assisted with the review of revisions to Lowell's Town Plan, and the update of Lowell's Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Our municipal appropriations are based on a per capita amount, with a cap set at \$3,500. Since 2005, that amount was \$0.42, with a minimum of \$100. Our new rate of \$0.75 with a minimum of \$500 is still the lowest of all the other 10 regional planning commissions in the state, which range from \$0.96 to \$1.78 per person. We're the only regional entity that does "double-duty" as an economic development corporation, so this low rate is certainly a testament to our cost efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

We look forward to pursuing new opportunities with your community in the coming year. Learn more about NVDA and our work at: www.nvda.net.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker - Executive Director



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

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington and organizes programs and events that celebrate the history and cultural heritage of the area. At annual town meetings we ask residents of the towns in Orleans County for appropriations to help maintain the museum and fund our operations, as well as demonstrate local support for our work, which helps us get grants.

The four story granite block Old Stone House, built by Alexander Twilight in 1836 to serve as the dormitory of the first secondary school in the county, opened as the historical museum of Orleans County in 1925, with exhibits of furniture, textiles, ceramics, paintings, folk art, tools, toys, and town histories. Two barns house equipment used in farming, logging and transportation. These buildings are open to the public from May 15 to October 15. The library in the Cyrus Eaton House is open by appointment, and the visitors' center and office, located in the Alexander Twilight House, is open year-round. Events and classes, as well as private functions are scheduled in the restored Samuel Read Hall House

The museum sponsors educational programs for children and adults throughout the year, including the Collectors Fair, the NEK History Fair every other year, the Antique Engine Show, spring and fall field days for elementary students, Time Travelers Day Camp for children 8-12, classes in traditional crafts and small-scale agriculture for adults, and special programs focusing on history and historical preservation. Our special events include Old Stone House Day, the Cheese and Apple Tasting, the Fall Foliage Run. We thank you for your support in the past, and we promise to continue to work to preserve the history of Orleans County and enrich the culture of our communities.

This summer we will invite the community to participate in an archaeological dig at the base of Prospect Hill to find the original location of the Orleans County Grammar School, which was moved down the road in 1869 to become the Brownington Grange Hall. We also plan to make packed dirt, wheelchair and walker friendly paths around the museum grounds.



ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's mission is "to build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members (called advocates) and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered."

OCCA's goal is for people with developmental disabilities to be valued and accepted in their communities. The mutually beneficial relationships created by Citizen Advocacy, grow to be enriching and important friendships, not only for the person with the disabilities but also for the advocate. In turn, these deep personal commitments between neighbors results in strong vibrant communities from which we all benefit.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ann Stannard, Board Chair



Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.

2014 Report

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. continues to take in, spay or neuter and care for unwanted and stray dogs and cats from all of the towns of Orleans County. Over the past twelve months, nearly 400 animals have come into the shelter. Although the larger areas of Derby, Newport and Barton utilize the shelter services the most, every town benefits from the existence of this facility. This past year, 15 low cost cat spay/neuter clinics have been held at the shelter. These clinics are available to all, regardless of income, and the cost remains at \$45 per cat for spaying or neutering and vaccinations. Over 475 cats have been altered through these clinics this year, and very town has residents taking advantage of this program. Each town's support is truly needed, and we thank you all for your continued assistance.

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
4473 Barton Orleans Road
Orleans, VT 05860



JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC.

North Troy, Vermont 05859-9701

I would like to thank the voters of Lowell for their support of the veterans' graves. I am asking for \$200.00 for the 2015 season. For those who do not know, we do 11 cemeteries and close to 700 sites throughout the area. We are again asking for \$200 toward this endeavor. Any monies left over are utilized in our on-going Legion's Children & Youth programs.

Thank you for your support.
George Frisbee
Commander Post 28
American Legion, North Troy, VT
(802) 744-6625



FALL 2014 REPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOWELL

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) was founded in 1976 and is today a statewide Vermont not for profit organization working to improve the welfare of children.

All PCAVT programs are free to residents of the State of Vermont and are designed to both prevent abuse and encourage intervention at the first opportunity when the risk of abuse is observed.

Our staff of 18 directly worked with almost 18,000 Vermont people in 2014, and impacted nearly 60,000 through our 16 prevention programs. Our direct work and collaboration with child-serving professionals in education, healthcare and childcare made these impacts possible. PCAVT employees also serve on many national, state-wide and community Prevention boards and councils advising and advocating for the strengthening of families and the protection of children.

In 2014, 24 residents of Lowell utilized 3 of our programs.

- 1 individual participated in our parenting programs which are parenting skills building, empathy, child development and understanding curriculum or joined a parenting support group which reinforces positive parenting and quickly reduces likelihood of child abuse.
- 15 students developed skills in communication, interpersonal relations, gained an understanding of consent and decision making needed to promote healthy relationships free of sexually abusive attitudes and behaviors.
- 8 parents of new babies born to Lowell residents received a copy of our parenting resource guide the Vermont Parents Home Companion, and received training and knowledge on Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention through the PCAVT trained nursing staff at North Country Hospital or Copley Medical Center.

We're particularly proud of our SBS program, a nurse-implemented, school, community and hospital-based, parent education program aimed at preventing SBS of all infants.

Studies indicate a 50% reduction in SBS in communities using this program. This fall we have added new parenting guidance on coping and nurturing toddlers which has become part of many of our school age babysitter and childcare center trainings, accompanied by a printed brochure containing tips for nurturing toddlers.

Our programs increase adult awareness and education, deliver developmentally targeted instruction for children, are trauma-informed, and include victim *and* victimization prevention.

Several PCAVT programs help youth identify those factors that put them at risk for being hurt and for hurting others, as well as developing protective factors and enhancing resilience.

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

For more information about our programs and events please visit www.PCAVT.ORG, or in Vermont call 1-800-CHILDREN (800-244-5373)!

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1161 Portland Street Saint Johnsbury, Vt. 05819
(802) 748-8170 Fax: (802) 748-5275

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2015 for an appropriation in the amount of \$700. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

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

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 194,600 rides last year.

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

Last fiscal year RCT provided **11 Lowell residents with 1,114 trips travelling 46,135 miles.**

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Mary Grant
Executive Director



**Report of 2014 Activity for Lowell
Town Appropriation Request: \$600**

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

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2014 we:**

- **supported at least 485 individuals with direct advocacy housed 14 adults and 6 children in our shelter for a total of 846 bed-nights**

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we offered 935 hours of visitation to help 91 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. **At least 3 Lowell households were served directly by Umbrella in 2014,** and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Lowell's support.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Fay
Executive Director



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (REP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering technician Troy Dare helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the costs of construction. During the 16 years of the program, 968 grants totaling \$2 million have been provided to 213 Vermont towns for installations of new dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair after the floods of 2011.

Over the past year, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful, evolutionary transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resource Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with land-owners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state. VACD represents and supports its member districts and manages state-wide technical programs.

In 2014 we made several adjustments to the Rural Water Supply (RWS) Grant Program, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we plan to make further changes, including changing the RWS Grant Program from once a year to a revolving program, and adding a wider range of activities to the Rural Fire Protection Program, such as assisting towns with Rural Water Supply Plans and facilitating state-wide training sessions for the Vermont Fire Service.

We are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2015 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. To date in 2014, VACD has received over \$6,000 in town appropriations. We are deeply grateful for this support. 213 Vermont communities have benefited from the Rural Fire Protection Program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns, and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Tom Maclay, Chair, Troy Dare, Manager, Jill Arace, Executive Director

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 households received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **125** individuals with 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 Advocacy Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '14, 4 residents of Lowell received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels Program (MOW)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
(\$2,150.00 spent on assistive technology)
- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

**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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Sandra K. Floersheim, Interim Executive Director

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex Counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a Volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

TOTAL AGENCY VISITS FY 2014.....	38,431
TOTAL VISITS FY 2014- Town of Lowell.....	724

During Fiscal Year 2014, home based services were provided to 18 individuals in Lowell for a total of 724 multi-disciplinary visits. 6 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2015..... \$3,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

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

During fiscal year 2014, VABVI served 1,409 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 53 adults and 12 students from Orleans County.

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

VABVI's services for adults and children include:

Rehabilitation: (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently)

Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently)

Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire)

Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network)

Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits)

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



On behalf of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds you enjoying the new year. We respectfully request your support by including an appropriation of \$35.00 in your 2015 Town budget. Being an organization with state-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each town, so we ask that this small amount be included in your budget.

For nearly three decades, the VTGC has been your voice for recreational trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups – organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont’s recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources.

Your membership will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The VTGC is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all users. Groups represented in the Council today include walkers and joggers, cross-country skiers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, mushers, OHV users, paddlers, municipalities, community path organizations, local and regional planners, land trusts, conservation and recreation committees, guides and private individuals. Please join this group of trail advocates today.

The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council continues to work to benefit Vermont communities by:

- Developing and distributing the [Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual](#) – a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects;
- Providing community assistance - members of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project;
- Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state;
- Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System;
- Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects;
- Advocating for trail users in the Vermont Legislature and with State and Federal Agencies to secure trail funding, ensure public access to trails, and protect trail lands, and
- Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont,

By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the VTGC directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at (802) 477-5075 or any members of our Board of Director’s listed on our website, www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,

Dani Cady

Treasurer

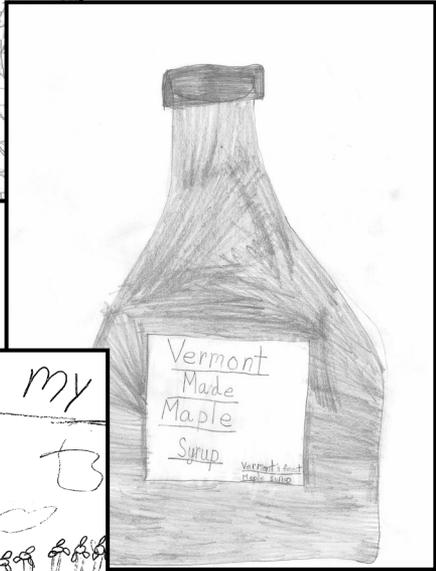
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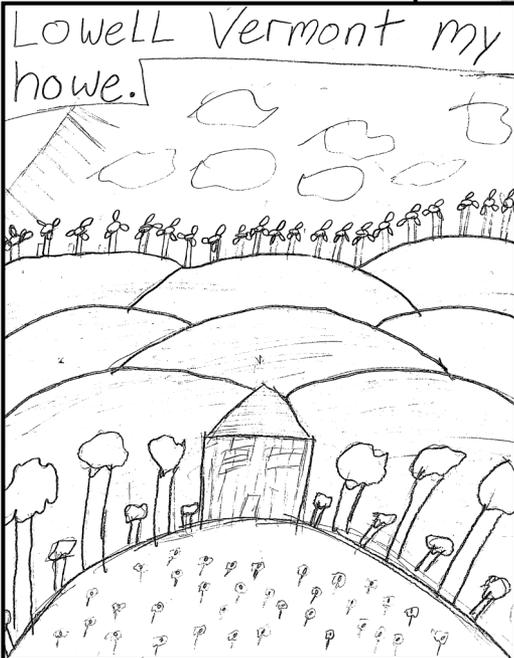
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Jacob Richardson—Grade 8



Michael Hodgeman—Grade 5



Miriah Langmaid—Grade 4

MINUTES

LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING March 4, 2014

Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Moderator asked the voters to take a moment to honor the American Flag, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

ARTICLE 1: To ELECT **TOWN and SCHOOL MODERATORS** for the ensuing year.

Alden Warner nominated. Lerry Chase nominated/ declined. Voice vote/ carried.

ALDEN WARNER- ELECTED

Motion made and sec. to recess town meeting, and open school meeting to elect school meeting moderator. Voice vote/ carried.

Nominations for School District Meeting Moderator for one year.

Alden Warner nominated; voice vote/ carried.

ALDEN WARNER- ELECTED

Motion made and sec. to recess school meeting, and resume Town Meeting. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE 2: To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.

Corrections: p.4: Service Officer changed from Mary Pion to Steve Mason.

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

ARTICLE 3: To ELECT the following OFFICERS:

SELECTPERSON for a three year term. Dwight Richardson and Steve Clark nominated. Request made to hear from each candidate.

Seven voters requested paper ballot. Moderator requested paper ballots.

Total votes cast: 143 Dwight Richardson: 103 Steve Clark: 40

DWIGHT RICHARDSON- ELECTED

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three year term. Shauna Richardson nominated; voice vote/ carried.

SHAUNA RICHARDSON- ELECTED

LISTER for a three year term. Lerry Chase nominated; voice vote/ carried. Motion made for Clerk to cast one ballot; sec. Voice vote/ carried. Clerk cast ballot.

LERRY CHASE- ELECTED

AUDITOR for a three year term. Arlon Warner nominated. Motion made for Clerk to cast one ballot; sec. voice vote/ carried. Clerk cast ballot.

ARLON WARNER- ELECTED

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR for a one year term. Pam Tetreault nominated; voice vote/ carried.

PAM TETREAUULT- ELECTED

1ST CONSTABLE for a one year term. Gerry Green nominated; voice vote/ carried.

GERRY GREEN- ELECTED

2nd CONSTABLE for a one year term. George Sargent nominated/ declined. Calvin Allen nominated/ declined. Gilles Bathalon nominated/ declined. Darren Pion nominated; voice vote/ carried.
DARREN PION- ELECTED

TOWN AGENT for a one year term. Andre Tetreault Sr. nominated.
Voice vote/ carried.

ANDRE TETREAUULT SR.- ELECTED

GRAND JUROR for a one year term. Andre Tetreault Sr. nominated.
ed.

Andre Tetreault Jr. nominated/ declined. Voice vote/ carried.

ANDRE TETREAUULT SR.- ELECTED

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for a five year term. Marcia Mason nominated;
voice vote/ carried.

MARCIA MASON- ELECTED

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Lowell express their opposition to the **G.M.P. and Velco Wind Project**, given that this project has destroyed federally protected stream headwaters, destroyed the ridge line; will cause clinical depression and/ or stress for many of those that live around it; will be an eyesore that curtails tourism, destroys the area we call "a national treasure", threatens to turn the town into a slum town by depressing real estate values, future investments and development; raises electric rates, noise levels, and other inherent stressors that divide families in a community; exports huge sums of money out of the USA; may have infringed upon the rights of private property owners; may not even solve the problem of Carbon emissions; allows G.M.P. and Velco to not pay the town as much as promised; if at all, if the project does not go as well as they expected; and in the long run will increase the tax burden on the people of the town it was supposed to benefit? Article moved and sec. Discussion followed. Mr. Wesolow explained that he feels that Lowell residents didn't have all the facts prior to voting on the wind project. Another resident said that people would have had a change of heart if they'd known the full impact the wind towers would have. Motion was made to call the question; seconded. Voice vote/ carried. Seven voters requested paper ballot. Moderator called for paper ballots to be cast. Total votes cast: 137 Yes: 27 No: 110

ARTICLE DEFEATED

Moderator asked for a motion to recess the Town Meeting and call the Annual School District Meeting to order. Motion made/ sec.; voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** appropriate the sum of **\$1,613,650.00** necessary for the support of its budget in the 2014-2015 school year? Article moved and sec. Motion made to amend article to appropriate \$1,571,363.00; sec. Request made to hear from the School Board for reason of increase. Amendment voted by voice vote/ defeated. Main motion voted by voice vote/ carried.
\$1,613,650.00 APPROPRIATED

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$ 30,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited fund balance from the 2012-2013 school year, to reduce taxes in the 2014- 2015 school budget? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use the unallocated, unaudited fund balance from the 2012-2013 school year estimated **\$30,000.00** to be placed in the Building/Maintenance Reserve Fund? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn Annual School District Meeting and resume Town Meeting. Motion made/ sec.; voice vote/ carried.

Moderator asked for a motion to break for lunch- so moved/ sec.; voice vote/ carried. Meeting to be re-convened at 1:10 p.m.

Moderator called Annual Town Meeting back to order at 1:10 p.m.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$260,000.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Selectboard's Account)? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

\$260,000.00 APPROPRIATED

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town use enough money from the **SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS** from the owners of the "Kingdom Community Wind Project," based on operations of the Project in 2014, to pay 100% of municipal expenses each year for the next five years? Article moved and sec. Motion made and sec. to amend the article to read "for the next one year" instead of "for the next five years." Voice vote; defeated. Motion made and sec. to modify amount to "90%" instead of "100%." Voice vote; defeated. Motion made and sec. to call the question. Voice vote/ carried. Main motion voted. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 10: Shall the funds received as **SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS** from the owners of the "Kingdom Community Wind Project", based on operations of the Project in 2013 that are remaining after payment of the municipal expenses of the Town, in the amount of **\$81,831.00**, be deposited in the Savings Reserve Fund? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 11: Shall the legal voters authorize the Board of Selectmen to install a new **STANDING SEAM ROOF** on the town municipal office building, not to exceed **\$25,000.00**? Article moved and sec. Discussion on condition of the existing roof, and where the \$25,000.00 figure came from. Pam Tetreault stated that only one contractor had been contacted for an initial estimate only. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 12: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS**? Article moved and sec. Motion made and sec. to amend article to read "\$100,000.00"; voice vote/ defeated. Main motion voted. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 125,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS**? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 14: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 25,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**? Article moved and sec. Question about the \$13,000 on reserve in the town

report. Fire chief stated the \$13,000 was not town appropriated money, but rather, money raised through fund raisers and services. This is a special equipment fund used for new equipment. Town appropriated money is used for operating expenses. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 15: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 16: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **2,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL & JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 17: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ **3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency? Article moved and sec. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 18: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- \$ **250.00** to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- \$ **300.00** to AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VT
- \$ **250.00** to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- \$ **50.00** to GREEN UP VERMONT
- \$ **450.00** to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC CAMPSHIP FUND
- \$ **250.00** to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- \$ **100.00** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
- \$ **923.00** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
 - \$ **200.00** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- \$ **309.00** to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- \$ **500.00** to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- \$ **200.00** to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- \$ **200.00** to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE- VERMONT
- \$ **500.00** to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- \$ **200.00** to POST 28 AMERICAN LEGION
- \$ **700.00** to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- \$ **350.00** to UMBRELLA
- \$ **200.00** to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- \$ **100.00** to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- \$ **90.00** to VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Total for above appropriations = \$ 6,122.00

Article moved and sec. Motion made to amend 18N to \$250.00 and 18F To \$500.00; seconded. Voice vote/ defeated. Motion made to amend 18F to \$500.00; seconded. Voice vote/ carried. Motion made to amend 18E to zero;

Voice vote/ defeated. Motion made and sec. to call the question. Voice vote/ carried.
Main motion as amended voted. Voice vote/ carried.

ARTICLE ACCEPTED WITH AMENDMENT: 18F (JAY AREA FOOD SHELF) WILL RECEIVE \$500.00, FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT OF \$6,372.00

ARTICLE 19: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to **FRIENDS OF NORTHERN LAKE CHAMPLAIN** to assist in cleaning the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed? Article moved and sec. Discussion on advantages and disadvantages. Motion made to pass over the article. Moderator explained that the appropriate “Robert’s Rules” term was to postpone article indefinitely. Voice vote/ carried.
ARTICLE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

ARTICLE 20: To do any other **“NON-BINDING”** business found necessary. Moderator asked residents how they felt about possibly changing the time of Town Meeting to 9:00 a.m. Voters did not support this. Motion made to change Town Meeting to Saturday, instead of Tuesday; seconded. This will be an article included on the Warning for Town Meeting in 2015. A resident stated that the recycling attendant needs to be held to a higher standard. Discussion followed.

ARTICLE 21: **TO ADJOURN.** Motion made to adjourn; sec. voice vote/ carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

**OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING:
Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

ARTICLE III: NCUHS BUDGET- TOTAL VOTES CAST: 138
IN FAVOR- 73 OPPOSED- 64 BLANK- 1

ARTICLE VI: NCUHS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 138
IN FAVOR- 68 OPPOSED- 68 BLANK- 2

MODERATOR: Alden Warner
ELECTION OFFICIAL: Richard Pion
PRESIDING OFFICER: Karen Clinger

Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book
Attest: Karen Clinger- Town Clerk

NOTES:

Town Clerk's Office

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

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

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

As always cash & check are accepted with no additional fees.

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 2:30pm



front porch forum™

HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

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