# Town of Townshend

Fiscal Year 2012: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

155<sup>th</sup> Annual Report



Milking Time, Holden Farm, Windham Hill Milton "John" Holden, sons Milton, Jr. and Richard, 1953 - mhh

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P.O. BOX 223 - 2	2006 VT ROUTE	30 - TOWNSHEND, V	T 05353	
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9	11 FOR EME	RGENCIES		
Population: 1,232		Registered Voters 9	932	
Elevation: 574 Feet Area: 27,	200 Acres	Roads: 63 Miles		
First Constable	221-0467	Highway Dept.	365-4260	
Second Constable	365-7334	Library	365-4039	
<b>Townshend Dam Picnic/Swimming</b> For Reservations	365-7703 802-886-8111	L&G Union HS	365-7355	
Elementary School	365-7506	Town Hall	365-7300	
	TOWN CLEF	RK HOURS		
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	- 9:00 A.M. to 4:0	00 P.M., Saturday by Ap	pointment, Closed Thursday	
	COMPA	CTOR		
Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.				
Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.				
	MEETI	NGS		
CEMETERY COMMISSI	ON	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
3rd Monday - 5:00 P.M. at Town Hall		2nd Monday of each 7:00 P.M. at the Elen		
FIRE DEPARTMENT		SELECT BOAF	RD	
4th Monday - 7:00 P.M. Work Detail		1st & 3rd Monday - 6 at Town Hall	6:00 P.M.	
2nd Thursday - 7:00 P.M. Business Me Station				
PLANNING COMMISSION	ON	LIBRA	ARY TRUSTEES	
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:15 P.M. at Tow	vn Hall	2nd Wednesday - 6:	00 P.M. at the Library	
AUDITORS		LIBF	RARY HOURS	
Meet monthly at Town Hall at their disc	retion	Monday - 1:00 P.M. t	to 5:00 P.M.	
LELAND & GRAY		Tuesday - 9:00 A.M.	to 1:00 P.M.	
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.N	M. in the Leland	Wednesday - 1:00 P.	.M. to 7:00 P.M.	

**TOWN Informational Meeting** Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

& Gray Library

LISTER HOURS

Tuesday & Friday - 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Please bring this Report to Town Meeting, March 4, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

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#### WARNING

## Townshend School District Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham and the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 9:05 A.M. In the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

viz:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 2. To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2012 June 30, 2013 Auditors' Report.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect School Directors for the following terms:

one (1) - three year term - until March 2017

two (2) - one year terms - until March 2015

ARTICLE 4. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 5. To see what salarles the Townshend School District will approve for Town School District

Officers.

Treasurer

\$1,790.00

School Directors(1) Chair

\$500.00

(4) Members \$250 ea. \$

\$1,000.00

- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Townshend School District will approve \$1,416,472 for the running expenses and liabilities of the School.
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to spend "unanticipated" funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes?
- ARTICLE 9. To set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Townshend School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year of 2015 at 1:00pm.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

April Chase - Chairperson

Al Claussen - Vice Chairperson

Brian Schmidt - Clerk

Kimberly Liebow - Board Member

Elizabeth Cutts - Board Member

#### 2013 Townshend Elementary School Principal's Report

#### Celebrating individuality, creativity and the concept of excellence!

As a small school (76 students) we are now dealing with a decline in our enrollment, which impacts our budget. We have increased our Pre-K program to five full days a week to help attract new students. We currently enroll 10 PreK students from Townshend and 1 tuition students from Wardsboro. These four year olds love attending all day!

<u>NECAP</u> (New England Common Assessment Program) data below tell us how we compare with the state of Vermont in reading, math, science and writing.

#### Percentage of students who Achieved the Standard Fall 2012& Spring 2013 NECAP

	Reading	Math	Science	Writing
TES Students	75%	68%	70%	57%
State of VT	73%	65%	54%	51%

<u>Staff Changes:</u> Judy Gould & Barbara Bedortha are sharing teaching grades 1 & 2 combined. Deborah Leggott has absorbed the counseling program within her principal position and supervises an Antioch University intern to teach social skills and counsel students. Our new Title 1 teacher is Katharine Depew.

<u>Technology</u>: You can check on school activities, calendar and our food menu by visiting our website <u>www.townshendschool.org</u> If you want to send us an email, our school email address is <u>tespr@townshendschool.org</u>, <u>After School Programs</u>: We are in the third year of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for After School Programs. TES has a 50% poverty rate for free and reduced breakfast & lunch this year, which is a criteria for eligibility for the 21st Century grant. Heidi Russ has continued as our site coordinator and has brought many wonderfully innovative programs to our students. Transportation home at 4:30PM is paid for by the grant. The four week Explorers' Camp was housed at TES during the summer of 2012. Students attending accessed both breakfast and lunch from the food service at LGUHS.

School Club: Our School Club is comprised of a group of vibrant, committed parents whose generosity is unending. School Club officers are: Carley Sanderson, President, Beth Beattie & Jesse Wheeler, Co-Vice-presidents, April Chase, Treasurer, and Michelle Sanderson, Secretary. Besides conducting productive monthly meetings, the School Club members voted to spend much of their fund-raised budget on enrichment activities for the students: Camp Keewaydin for grade 5, Winter Sports scholarships, 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, Teacher Appreciation luncheon, scholarships to Leland & Gray students from Townshend, field trips and arts residencies. A huge thank you to School Club for the thousands of dollars they have raised and donated to TES to enrich each child.

As Principal of the Townshend Elementary School for eighteen years, I look forward to each new day with our wonderful students and staff. I wish to thank our dedicated School Board members for hours of work on our behalf and to everyone who volunteers to spend their time with us.

With sincere gratitude, Deborah M. Leggott, Principal

#### **Townshend School Board of Directors**

The Townshend School Board is... the "voice" of the people, elected to ensure our students get the best education with available resources by developing a responsible budget, maintaining school policies, and employing qualified administrative staff.

Our Board and Administration have presented a fiscally responsible budget with a nominal increase while maintaining educational programs. This year we face significant increases in our special education programs and a deficit from 2013 for unanticipated special education costs. These costs are all outside our control. We have made some cost reductions to help offset some of these increases.

We face some challenging decisions this fiscal year. With a declining enrollment, we will need to look very hard at our educational configuration. Are there other solutions besides cutting costs? Is it time to consider sharing resources with other schools? Maybe through technology or consolidation?

Our board has met with Jamaica school board to discuss what collaboration could look like for both our towns. This is an alternative avenue to what the RED is offering. The Regional Educational District study committee "RED" is preparing for another vote in June 2014. They will continue to disseminate information to the public via a website and mailing. The committee is investigating what it would take to consolidate the school boards within our supervisory union, under a single board. More Community discussions about what a RED offers and what concerns the community may have, will continue.

Our community will need to speak up on these issues and help the administration and board plan for the future. If you're interested in following these issues with the board, then we invite you to attend a meeting!

**Townshend School Board** 

April Chase - Board Chair

Al Claussen – Vice -Chair Brian Schmidt – Clerk Elizabeth Cutts – Board Member Kimberly Liebow – Board Member

#### Superintendent's Annual Letter 2014

#### "How can we afford to sustain and improve the quality of our public school system?"

If this question looks familiar, it may be because I led my annual letter with this question last year. As you review your school board's proposed budget, you may find this question more pertinent than ever.

All eleven school district boards that make up the Windham Central Supervisory Union and I take great pride in what our students are learning and performing. Vermont's students lead the nation in high school graduation rates. All courses and classes in the WCSU's schools are taught by highly qualified teachers. Nutritious meals are now available in our seven largest schools. Pre-k education for 10 hours/week is now available for all WCSU residents. As part of the School-wide Action Plans for Improvement, schools provided after-school activities supported by the WCSU 21st Century Grant. Fiber-optic cable connects all eight schools and provides broadband access to the web. These positive results and improving prospects for the future are due to the public support of our schools, their accomplished instructional teams, principals and dedicated school directors.

As we work together to sustain educational excellence, we must overcome two troubling trends that will continue to put tremendous upward pressure on the local school tax and statewide property tax rates:

- 1) School enrollment is projected to decline or remain static at best, and
- 2) Further reductions in federal and state funding for education including Title I and after school programs are anticipated.

The answers to my question are not readily apparent or easily implemented, but they are within our reach if school districts continue to "collaborate, share and seek creative solutions" as directed by the *Core Values for the WCSU*. NewBrook Elementary School is a fine example of collaboration benefiting every student in Brookline and Newfane. The Jamaica and Townshend boards are jointly exploring the possibility of building a new elementary school to serve both communities. After more than two years of study, the formation of a Windham Central Education K-12 District (WCED) is proposed. If approved by the voters (tentatively June 3, 2014) the WCED would serve the five towns of Leland and Gray Union Middle/High School as a single K-12 school district. See web link <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/windhamcentral.org/windham-central-education-district/">https://sites.google.com/a/windhamcentral.org/windham-central-education-district/</a>.

Last August, the WCSU Board's Executive Committee approved a revised *WCSU Strategic Plan* to achieve common goals in two areas: Curriculum and Instruction and School and Community. The Curriculum and Instruction area includes our most important goal — student learning and achievement. In fact, all other goal and action steps are designed to support our students in this effort. See web link <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/windhamcentral.org/home/home/mission-core-values">https://sites.google.com/a/windhamcentral.org/home/home/mission-core-values</a>. Your school's staff and administration work hard to improve student learning and achievement following your school's building based Action Plan. The WCSU provides continuing professional training to improve instruction in all disciplines, with a particular focus on reading/writing across the curriculum and mathematics K-12. Implementation of the *Common Core State Standards* and recently adopted *Next Generation Science Standards* will be our major focus for FY15 and beyond.

A school budget provides the plan for investing in opportunities for student learning and growth. Your school directors carefully considered every detail of the FY15 Budget. Your School Directors welcome any suggestions, weigh them carefully, and make tough decisions while keeping the needs of *all* students their top priority. Whether you vote by Australian ballot or from the floor at your annual meeting, we urge you to support this work by approving your board's proposed budget.

Steven B. John, Ed.D. WCSU Superintendent of Schools

	FY 2015 BU			
AOE revenues updated 12/20/13				
		FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
	FY2013	Adopted	Adopted	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
-				
REVENUES				
ocal Revenue:				
nterest Income	118	300	300	300
Food Service revenue	13,907	25,000	25,000	25,000
Other Local revenue - Tuition/Rent	20,150		13,000	900
Subtotal Local Revenues	34,175	25,300	38,300	26,200
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State Aid:				
State Aid-Block/Education Spending Rev.	1,011,114	1,011,114	1,078,680	1,181,590
State Aid-Small Schools Grant	78,110	78,110	80,108	83,965
State Aid-Transportation	9,068	12,588	6,740	11,678
Sp EdState Block Grant	32,273	32,273	31,034	31,034
Sp EdState Intensive aid	69,552	62,751	93,908	93,502
Sp Ed ReimbEEE	10,018	10,018	11,643	11,643
Sutotal State Aid	1,210,135	1,206,855	1,302,112	1,413,412
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Federal Aid:				
NCSU Sub grants	35,044	7,230	4,860	21,860
Federal Food Reimbursements	31,095	30,000	30,000	35,000
Subtotal Federal Aid	66,139	37,230	34,860	56,860
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Fotal Revenue	1,310,449	1,269,385	1,375,272	1,496,472
EXPENDITURES				
100 REGULAR PROGRAMS				
Feacher Salaries-Instruction	417,986	421,862	375,778	332,407
Feacher Salary-Title I	0	0	0	17,000
_iteracy / Coach	-	-	10,000	10,000
Seneral Inst. Aides SalEarly Ed	14,115	14,040	14,433	20,012
Substitutes	5,271	4,000	4,000	4,000
Reserve Salaries & Benefits	2	12,227	9,742	-
-				
Total Salaries	437,372	452,128	413,952	383,419
CONTRACTED SERVICES				
Art Education	16,199	16,199	16,654	17,888
Physical Education	30,479	30,479	32,116	33,081
/lusic-General	13,453	-	18,482	18,804
Music-Instrumental	19,640	19,640	19,362	20,305
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nstruction Contracted Services	79,771	66,318	86,614	90,078
3ENEFITS				
lealth Insurance	80,866	62,347	70,524	64,853
Fica - Teachers/Aides	32,280	34,588	31,667	29,332
ife Insurance & Disability Ins	1,476	1,988	1,809	1,654

AOE revenues updated 12/20/13	

:	FY2013 Actual	FY 2013 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2015 PROPOSED Budget
Workers Comp & Unempl. Ins.	7,398	8,700	8,700	7,000
Tuition Reimbursement	16,876	7,000	7,000	7,000
Dental Insurance	5,316	3,849	5,279	4,233
Dental insurance	- 0,010	0,010	0,270	1,200
Total Benefits	144,212	118,471	124,980	114,071
Action Planning (Writing,reading comp., Health)	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Enrichment Programs/21 C	2,053	122	=	9,000
504 Services & Supplies	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Enrichment programs	2,053	3,000	3,000	12,000
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GENERAL INSTRUCTION SUPPLIES & M	ATERIALS			
Technology Support	13,327	13,327	14,208	5,707
Equipment Repair	<b>1</b> ,011	1,500	1,500	1,500
Class Room Supplies	11,307	11,000	11,000	9,000
Textbooks	1,860	3,000	3,000	2,000
Internet	3,590	2,000	4,000	4,000
Equipment	9,152	10,000	11,000	9,000
Total Supplies & Materials	40,247	40,827	44,708	31,207
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Aides	73,230	22,433	64,178	87,810
Fica	4,998	1,716	4,910	6,717
Health & Dental Insurance	16,272	12,144	13,766	14,028
Prof Services (WCSU Case mgt. OT, PT)	17,204	13,334	23,376	-
Testing	4,001	5,157	1,500	2,500
WCSU Admin & Teacher Assessment	113,751	113,751	114,181	102,130
School Tuition/Services			-	8,000
Supplies & Travel Reimb.	1,217	1,150	1,200	1,200
Total Special Education	230,673	169,686	223,110	222,385
Feestial Forty Ed Local Browns Supp	OE 162			
Essential Early Ed-Local Program Svcs. Essential Early Ed-WCSU INP Services	25,163 53,834	_	53,666	88,766
	20,220	20,220	22,027	28,823
Essential Early Ed-WCSU Asses.Serv. (ADM)				117,589
Total Essential Early Ed. Services	99,217	20,220	75,693	117,503
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	1,033,545	870,650	972,057	970,749
Guidance Contract Services	25,068	25,068	-	-
Total Health Services	9,999	9,180	8,334	10,212
LIDDADY				
LIBRARY	44 907	11 007	6 407	C EC^
Contracted Library Services	11,807	11,807 150	6,407	6,560
Equipment Maintenance	-	150		•

#### AOE revenues updated 12/20/13

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•		FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
	FY2013	Adopted	Adopted	PROPOSED
_	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Complian				
Supplies	-	450	-	-
Books & Periodicals	549	1,750	=	=
Equipment	-	250	-	-1
Total Library Services	12,356	14,407	6,407	6,560
SCHOOL BOARD OF FRUCATION				
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION	4.500	4 500		
School Directors	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Fica	115	115	115	115
Professional - Negotiations/Legal	595	1,500	1,500	1,500
Professional/Travel/Services	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bond, E&O, Liability Insurance	50	70	70	1,078
Advertising	388	200	200	200
Dues	927	100	100	100
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Total Board of Education	3,575	4,485	4,485	5,493
WCSU ADMIN. ASSESSMENT	57,137	57,137	55,988	59,935
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Salary	76,521	75,021	76,521	81,024
Administrative Assistant	38,049	36,764	37,499	39,705
Fica	7,683	8,552	8,723	100000000000 St. 400
Health Benefits-Professional				9,236
Health Benefits-Clerical	18,441	11,972	13,571	13,829
	4.047	6,072	18,250	18,597
Dental Benefits & Disability	1,347	841	967	896
Prof. Development/Travel	448	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment Repair/Software supt.	548	450	450	450
Office Supplies	1,120	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Principal's Office	144,157	142,172	158,480	166,238
ACCOUNTING				
Treasurer's Salary & Sup.	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790
Treasurer's Fica	137	137	137	137
Town Auditors/Profes. Audit	157	137		
Short Term Debt-Interest	4 000		10,000	10,000
The second secon	1,902	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Accounting Services	3,829	3,927	13,927	13,927
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Salaries	29,381	25,269	27,924	28,603
Fica	2,248	1,933	2,136	2,188
Workers Comp Insurance	260	260	260	260
Disposal/Snow Removal	2,505	3,000	3,000	3,000
Repairs, Maint., Security	11,835	13,000	13,000	13,000
Ins. Prop.& liab. & boiler	5,229	5,000	5,000	4,000
Telecommunications	3,915	4,000		
Supplies			4,000	4,000
Electricity	4,538	5,000	5,000	5,000
Licentify	12,491	11,000	11,000	11,000

## TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

FY 2015 BUDGET		SET	DG	BU	5	201	FY	
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AOE revenues updated 12/20/13				
:		FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
	FY2013	Adopted	Adopted	PROPOSED
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
E-100	47.0EC	16.000	16.000	16,000
Fuel Oil	17,956		2,000	
Capital Improvements/Equipment	5,120	12,000 96,462	89,320	2,000 89,051
Total Maintenance Services	95,478	90,402	69,320	69,051
Total Transport Services	26,924	26,784	27,572	28,503
FOOD SERVICE				
Salary	17,958	15,938	16,705	19,313
Health Benefits	6,282	6,072	6,883	7,014
Fica	807	1,219	1,278	1,477
Equip Repair & Maintenance	=	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food purchases	37,835	35,000	35,755	36,000
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	62,882	60,229	62,621	65,804
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	441,405	439,850	427,134	445,723
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1,474,950	1,310,501	1,399,191	1,416,472
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(164,501)	(41,116)	(23,919)	80,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) APPLIED	-	41,116	23,919	(80,000)
NET	-	-	-	
Ending Fund Balance	(107,044)			

#### AOE revenues updated 12/20/13

AOE revenues updated 12/20/13 .	FY2013 Actual	FY 2013 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2015 PROPOSED Budget	*42.
Preliminary Statistics				-	% Change
Total elementary cost per student		15,238	19,167	19,511	1.8%
Total elementary enrollment [PK-6]		86	73	73	-0.5%
Act 68 Revenues		299,386	320,512	314,882	-1.8%
Local Education Spending		1,011,114	1,078,680	1,181,590	9.5%
Equalized Pupils (k-6)		84.23	80.90	73.18	-9.5%
Excess Spending per Eq.Pupil Threshold-State		14,841	15,456	16,166	4.6%
Ed. Spending per Equal. Pupil (Act 68)-TES		12,004	13,333	16,146	21.1%
Exclusions to Spending Threshold				0	
Variance over / (under) Threshold		-2,837	-2,123	-20	-99.1%
Base Education Spending Index		8,723	9,151	9,382	2.5%
Statewide Education Tax Rate		\$0.89	\$0.94	\$1.01	7.4%
Tax Impact Estimates:*				No. 10 - 200 N	
Est. Equalized School Prop. Tax Rate PK-6		\$1.225	\$1.370	\$1.738	26.9%
Common Level of Appraisal		96.51%	91.26%	103.31%	13.2%
Estimated Actual School Tax Rate PK-6		\$1.269	\$1.501	\$1.683	12.1%
Income Sensitivity Index		1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	0.0%
Townshend School Tax Income Sensitivity % (P	K-12)	2.69%	2.82%	3.09%	9.5%

<sup>\*</sup> Above estimated school tax rates reflect K-6 budget per requirements of Act 130.

Effective FY09 LGUHS calculates a separate tax rate that is combined with the elementary school tax rate as noted below. The school tax rate is based on weighted average equalized student statistics provided by the Vermont Department of Education.

Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act  Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act  Sum of separately warmed articles passed at town meeting  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 68 tocally adopted or warmed budget  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending  Act 68 tocally adopted or warmed budget  Act 68 tocally adopted or eligible projects pre-existing Act 60  Act 68 tocal revenues  Copital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal revenues  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal reverses  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informational data  Act 68 tocal from Education (included in expenditure budget) - informationa
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# Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

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			Grades offered in School	Equalized Pupils	Spending per Equalized Pupil	Homestead Ed tax rate	Homestead Ed tax rate	Level of Appraisal	Homestead Ed tax rate	
	LEA ID	School District	District			Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.		₽Ţ	hese tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.	
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<-	T029	Bridport	PK-6	71.23	16,254.16	1.6696	1.6259	98.66%	1.6480	
19#e	T053	Cornwall	ж Ф	76.93	15,105.36	1.5516	1,5793	105.52%	1.4967	
:ws	T032	Brookfield	х-6 6	78.25	14,253.96	1.4642	1.4465	107.04%	1.3513	
: ·:.:	T208	Townshend	K-6	80.90	13,333.50	1.3696	1.4738	91.26%	1.6150	
196	T024	Braintree	გ-გ	80.93	13,500.27	1.3868	1.4102	100.46%	1.4037	
ļe7	T189	Shoreham	9-X	81.75	15,006.19	1.5414	1.5729	100.57%	1.5640	
っ	T206	Tinmouth	PK-6	83.67	15,055.69	1.5465	1.5465	110.62%	1.3980	

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

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-teacher ratio, and cost (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

#### \* Estimated FY15 combined Elementary School & LGUHS Equalized School Tax Rate per Act130:

Śchool District	FY15 Equalized Students	FY15 % of Total	Prior Year FY14 Equ. School Tax Rate	FY15 Equ. School Tax Rate	* % change
Townshend School District PreK-6	73.18	45.36%	\$1.370	\$1.738	26.9%
LGUHS School District 7-12	88.15		\$1.576	\$1.729	9.7%
Comb. PK-12 (wt. avg. Eq. Sch. Tax Rate)	161.33	3 100.00%	\$1.474	\$1.733	17.6%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)			91.26% Actual Tax	103.31% Actual Rate-Estimated	13.2%
Comb. Totals pK-12 (wt. avg. Actual. Sch. Tax R	ate)	-	\$1.615	\$1.678	3.9%
% Change in Equalized Student Enrollment-Townshend	-9.5%	=			
% Change in Equalized Student Enrollment-LGUHS	7.2%				
% Change in Equalized Student Enroll PreK-12 combined	-1.1%				
Weighted Income Sensitivity Index:		FY14 weighted IncomeCap	FY15 SpendingIndex Factor	FY15 weighted Index IncomeCap	% change
LEA local base ed spending index weight + LGUHS base ed spending index weight Totals		-	172.10% 171.19%	0.78 0.94 171.6%	70 Onlango
Income sensitivity base index [set by legisl	ature]			1.80%	
Income sensitivity - combined weighted av	erage Pk-12	2.82%		3.09%	9.4%
Budget Proposal: Estimated Tax Impact Analysis	1				
Hypothetical Resident profile	Assumptions	FY14	FY15	\$ variance	% chg
nypothetical resident profile		3,230	3,355	126	3.9%
Subject to property tax rate	tax due \$200k house	0,200			

# Townshend School District Balance Sheet

#### Fiscal Year Ending @ 6/30/13

	General Fund
Assets	
Cash	3,261
Receivable-Governmental	4,363
Total Assets	7,624
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accrued Expenses	25,092
Notes Payable	40000
Accrued Salary Expenses	64,608
Accrued Benefit Expenses Deferred Revenue	4,942 27,940
Total Liabilities	162,582
Total Liabilities	102,302
Fund Balance	
Beginning Fund Balance	57,455
Fund Balance YTD	-164,499
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Total Fund Balance	-107,044
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	55,538
Summary of Changes to Fund Balar	nce
Beginning Fund Balance	57,455
Add: Fiscal Year Revenues	1,310,449
Less: Fiscal Year Expenses	-1,474,950
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Change in Fund Balance	-164,501
Ending Fund Balance	-107,046

#### Townshend School District Personnel Overview

FY2013		FY2013		
FTE	Employees	Gross Wages		
	D D 1 G			
1.0	Barton, Bethany G	57,777		
	Bean, Anita C	1,790		
1.0	Bean, Randall R	19,832		
0.3	Beattie, Beth L	5,873		
1.0	Bedortha, Barbara A	59,424		
1.0	Berry, Joyce K	59,424		
0.1	Bumbala, Nancy A	2,742		
1.0	Dolan, Julie	66,388		
0.3	Gervais, Annie Mae	4,631		
1.0	Gould, Judy N	59,424		
1.0	Holden, Maureen	17,053		
1.0	Jerz, Kristina M	62,727		
1.0	Leggott, Deborah M	64,749		
1.0	Nystrom, Heidi D	19,264		
1.0	Richardson, Megan G	52,822		
1.0	Russ, Heidi	31,730		
0.5	Sanderson, Carley R	7,489		
1.0	Sperry, Sandra A	20,975		
0.0	Sperry, Timothy J	783		
1.0	Staib, Lori	23,464		
0.7	White, Melissa J	14,335		
14.8	Subtotal	652,695		
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Contracted Services - WCSU  [figures include salary, benefits & some program expenses]				
	10Physical Education 20Instrumental Music	30,479		
		19,640		
	20General Music	18,482		
	20Art	16,199		
	7Nurse	9,030		
	30Counseling	25,068		
	20Library	11,807		
	20Tech Asst.	13,327		
	8SLP, Instruction & Admin	113,751		
0.0	04Physical Therapy	3,148		

0.26Occupational Therapy

3.35subtotal

7,186 268,117

## WCSU PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET Proposal Superintendent's Office Administration and Support of Instruction

		FY 2014	FY 2015
	FY13	Adopted	Proposed
_	Actual	Budget	Budget
REVENUES			
Erate Grant & Interest Income	5,589	6,200	6,200
Assessments:	12	,	***
Dover Assessment	50,389	57,137	62,576
Jamaica Assessment	39,502	51,449	51,762
Marlboro Assessment	51,646	56,473	69,796
NewBrook Assessment	89,584	107,437	115,330
Stratton Assessment	8,465	8,323	10,897
Townshend Assessment	57,137	55,988	59,935
Wardsboro Assessment	40,207	43,126	47,222
Windham Assessment	9,170	10,592	13,622
Winhall Assessment	39,502	100	=
Leland & Gray UHS Assessment	249.002	252,705	320,562
Total General Fund Revenues	640,193	649,430	757,902
EXPENDITURES	*		
Professional Salaries	208,104	213,294	219,692
Professional Salaries-Tech & PD	10,725	=	76,853
Clerical Salaries	34,220	31,868	35,020
Health & Dental Benefits	66,669	77,026	97,686
Audit Services	11,148	10,000	10,000
Legal & Professional Services	7,920	6,000	6,000
Information System Services	16,088	22,441	22,441
Professional Development	3,726	7,000	7,000
Bond Insurance & Prof. Liability	5,380	9,000	8,000
Telephone	5,275	6,270	6,270
Postage & Advertising	3,730	6,500	6,500
Travel & Conferences	10,081	9,000	9,000
Supplies	686	3,600	3,600
Equipment	5,120	2,000	2,000
Dues	6,440	4,400	4,400
Business Salaries (A/P, Payroll, Accountant, HR)	132,461	133,088	139,015
Benefits-Business Services	70,663	72,193	66,475
Bank Fees	1,789	-	1,800
Supplies & Repair	3,551	3,800	3,800
Equipment-Business Services	1,372	3,000	3,000
Property Services & Equipment	3,203	7,150	6,750
Rent	14,800	14,800	14,800
Electric & Fuel	7.800	7,000	7,800
Total SU Office/Support of Instruction Expense	630,951	649,430	757,902
GENERAL FUND - SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	9,242	<del>-</del>	-

#### Results of Townshend School District - Annual Meeting March 5, 2013

**Article 1.** The district elected David Liebow as Moderator for a term of one year.

**Article 2.** The district voted to pass over article 2 which was to accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Auditors' Report.

**Article 3.** The district elected School Directors for Townshend School Board and the Leland and Gray Board of Directors. (See page 76)

**Article 4.** The district elected Anita Bean as School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

**Article 5.** The district voted salaries for Town School District Officers. Treasurer \$1,790.00 School Director chair \$500 (4) members \$250 ea.

**Article 6.** The district approved \$1,399,191 for the running expenses and liabilities of the School.

**Article 7.** The district authorized the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.

**Article 8.** The district authorized the School Directors to spend "unanticipated" funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes.

**Article 9.** The district voted to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Townshend School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year of 2014 at 9:05am.

**Article 10.** Other non-binding business including combining of elementary schools (RED Committee) was discussed.

#### **Youth Services**

Since Youth Services was established in 1972, we have assisted over 1,000 children, youth and families throughout Windham County annually. We help youth and families thrive. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Home-based counseling to keep families together, thereby avoiding the placement of children outside their home
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of those who violated the law.
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults.

This year, we respectfully request \$1,540 from the Town of Townshend to help fund our agency's services. We served 22 residents from Townshend during Fiscal Year 2013. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at <a href="www.youthservicesinc.org">www.youthservicesinc.org</a>, call 802-257-0361 or email <a href="mailto:info@youthservicesinc.org">info@youthservicesinc.org</a>. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Julie Davenson, Executive Director, Youth and Families: Healthy, Empowered, Valued

The **West River Community Project** is a non-profit looking to support the arts and agriculture in the West River Valley. We are located at the old West Townshend Country Store. We have been working hard on renovating the old building, supporting the Post Office, opening a new Cafe and continuing to improve our Thrift Shop. This past season, we hosted the Townshend Farmers Market, Friday's 4-7pm. This lively market featured local foods and crafts, music and our weekly wood fired pizzas.

Our cafe is open Tues.-Sat. and hopes to open 7 days soon. It has coffee, fresh baked goods, soup, sandwiches, prepared foods and Vermont products. It is managed by West Townshend resident, Aubrey Mullen. Local artists are featured monthly.

Our thrift shop is located on the second floor. It is managed by Townshend's Hedy Harris. It has lots of great bargains and "finds". Please consider volunteering or donating your gently used clothing or housewares.

We have also been busy planning for a



commercial kitchen for our basement. WRCP would like to provide an inspected facility for farmers and local food producers to process and preserve their product. This facility could be rented as needed. We are excited about this new venture.

Thanks to all who have donated time and effort and have supported this project. If you haven't yet, please stop by and consider becoming a member.

Clare Adams, WRCP President



Margaret Chase Woodruff: A Life Well-Lived

As a farm child, Margaret learned many useful things that she never forgot and which she then passed along to her children and neighbors. "She never stopped teaching us," as her son Walter says. Born nine years before her brother, Margaret thus became the boy of the family out of necessity; and while this was a lot of work, it was also a source of great delight to her.

Marrying young, Margaret and her husband raised five children and built their own home on family land. Margaret knew how to cook a coon, milk a cow, ride a horse, tap a tree, make soap, and build a barn. She would annually put up 500 cans of food including fruit, vegetables, meats and sometimes even fish. She could bake 8 loaves of bread a day in a wood stove oven, and didn't have electricity until 1946. In addition, she raised chickens, pigs, sheep, and Angora rabbits for the fur which she spun and wove. She was an excellent seamstress, did tapestry work, could grow just about anything in a garden, and eventually became a Master Gardner. The family apple orchard across the road was also a great joy for Margaret as she continued to walk the land and sample the fruit where she and her father had grafted trees.

Grammar School stopped at the age of 14 for Margaret because she was needed on the farm; however she later made up for this loss by obtaining her GED. She continued her self-education through prodigious reading throughout her life. On the school board for 12 years, Margaret was also a proponent of early childhood education. Cynthia Nau of Head Start says, "Margaret's very being propelled the importance of education." Seeing a local church falling into disuse, Margaret, then in her seventies, took seminary courses and was certified as a lay minister, and served for a number of years during which time the church was greatly rejuvenated.

Her life was diverse to the extent that Margaret and her husband even ran an antique and craft shop for a while. She also founded a local newspaper, and wrote at least twenty history articles for *Windham News and Notes*. As a committed historian she co-authored two books on local history. Her insights into the past included a special knowledge of antiques and early farm equipment, and her outgoing nature resulted in interviews from both adults and schoolchildren.

Margaret's outreach to the community was also evident during her many years of service at the Valley Health Council, where she encouraged and placed people with social service needs. As a friend remarked, "Margaret's love for people escaped from her warm smile." Margaret will be long-remembered by her community for her persistence, hard work, generosity, and her sense of humor.

#### **Townshend Historical Society**

Our mission as a historical society is to help to preserve documents, artifacts, and places of historical interest. Our work includes documenting local history in order to communicate the historical and cultural story of this area for the purposes of education, entertainment and community spirit.

Activities this year included a History Hike in May to search out the lost houses and sites taken for the dam in 1960. In addition we participated in the fund-raising efforts of the Townshend Church through an exhibit at the Windham County History Fair in August. Our booth included a model depicting structural damage in the roof rafters, as well as a hands-on jigsaw puzzle of the church which attracted lots of helpers to "put the church back together." In addition, we are making good progress in researching our new book about West Townshend which is being written up by Castle Freeman.

Now located upstairs at *The Glass Gallery* on Route 30, the historical society is grateful for the many donations over the past year including many historic photos. We love photos and can scan them at our office if you don't wish to donate them. Please contact us at <a href="https://dwgrenier.com">THS@dugrenier.com</a> for an appointment.

Our website at <u>townshendvt.org</u> is here to serve the community by sharing historic photos from our collection. Please help us identify these photos on-line.

Trustees: Heidi Clawson, Walter Corcoran, Robert DuGrenier, Marge Holt, Charles Marchant, Rob Thomson





#### **GREEN UP VERMONT**

P.O. Box 1191, Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191 (802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259 greenup@greenupvermont.org, www.greenupvermont.org

## Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 4, 2013 (This is available as a downloadable word document on the "About Us" page of our website).

The weather warmed up just in time for Green Up Day 2013! Many towns reported an increase in volunteers, with some towns setting all-time records. Coordinators overall reported seeing and collecting less trash. We are beginning to track illegal dumpsites by town as well, with the help of our coordinators.

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. 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. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

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 **most of their volunteer force is 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 <a href="https://www.greenupvermont.org">www.greenupvermont.org</a> to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

#### Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance (SeVWA)

In many cases, our rivers and streams still show the visible scars from Hurricane Irene. Banks are eroded, beaches gone or moved, streams nearly filled with soil and rocks that rushed downstream. Many trees that shaded the rivers are gone so in most circumstances, river water is warmer than in the past.

What does all of this mean? Nobody is really certain. Only time and monitoring will tell the full story.

This is one reason why the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance and the Water Quality Monitoring Program are so important.

The Board of Directors of SeVWA and the many volunteers who trek to the river in the early morning hours to gather samples are dedicated to continuing to monitor the water quality, to recording signs of usage (both human and animal), and to noting the presence of invasive species of plants.

As the rivers flow through our communities, they are one of the few things that are available to all at no charge. Every resident and visitor to the region benefits from the investment in the testing program.

Not only is the health of the river and quality of the water determined, but potential problems can be identified and addressed.

This year, the Board focused on community education. SeVWA volunteers posted results in their communities, local papers and radio provided information and results are now available on <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/vtsevwa">www.CTRiver.us</a> as well as on our website at <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/vtsevwa">https://sites.google.com/site/vtsevwa</a>. The Board was involved in several events throughout the region: the Strolling of the Heifers, the Wildlife Festival on Hogback, the Rock River Revival Parade and the Source to Sea river clean-up. We hope to build on that community awareness as we go forward.

We would also like to work with other agencies to consider ways to address the spreading Knotweed invasion. There are many problems caused by the proliferation of this plant, including streambank erosion.

Again this year, the Water Quality Monitoring Program was organized by Laurie Callahan, assisted by

Jeremy Schrauf and Ryan O'Donnell. Sampling was done by some 25 dedicated volunteers.

We continue to share information and to partner with the Agency of Natural Resources, the Windham Regional Commission, and the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

The Water Quality Testing Program can only continue with the support of the communities that make up the Basin 11 Watershed. We appreciate the support of the Town of Townshend, and we look forward to serving you in 2014.

Connecticut River Transit Inc. (CRT) is a private, non-profit public transit provider serving 30 towns in the Windham and Southern Windsor County areas, including Townshend. CRT currently provides over 270,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network. FY 13 saw an increase in Vermonters using public transit due to rising gas prices and environmental awareness. CRT provided 271,957 rides, totaling 2,531,113 miles and 68,871 hours of service. Last year, CRT provided the Town of Townshend with the following: Ridership in FY13 CRT services to Townshend:

- Dial-A-Ride service to Townshend Residents: 3,306 rides, totaling 36,480 miles and 1,526 hours of service.
- Includes medical rides for Townshend's elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid

Ridership in FY 13 services to the region:

- Commuter Bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 84,194. Increase of 5%
- Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 90,816. Increase of 3.5 % FY 13
- Human Services Transportation including the Volunteer and Taxi Network: 125,511 Increase of 24% in FY 13

FY 13 was a year in which CRT provided more service to both the general public and to those needing Human Services transportation.

FY 13 also saw CRT continue to lay the foundation for a solid and sustainable infrastructure which will benefit riders:

- •CRT are looking to start a Route 30 service through Dummerston, Newfane and Townshend and will be working toward this with the Windham Regional Planning Commission.
- •CRT continues to be partnered with the Town of Rockingham for the construction of a Park and Ride facility on CRT's property at exit 6 off I-91.

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to serve the Townshend community.

CRT 706 Rockingham Rd., Rockingham VT 05101 tel. 802-460-ride 1-888-869-6287 www.crtransit.org

#### **Southeastern Vermont Community Action**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel/utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts, Tax Preparation, Resource Coordination, Disaster Recovery, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Townshend we have provided the following services during FY2013:

Weatherization: 3 homes (14 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$20,523

Emergency Heating Repairs: 1 home (1 person) received a furnace repair at a cost of \$338

Micro-Business Development: 1 household (1 person) received counseling, technical

assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$2,503

**Individual Development Accounts:** 1 household (3 people) earned & received \$2,000 in matched savings, and received financial literacy training and services valued at \$417

**Tax Preparation:** 4 households (9 people) received refunds and tax credits totaling \$2,017

Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (1 person) received goods and services valued at \$44

**Emergency Services:** 17 households (29 people) received 149 services (including crisis

intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$1,120

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 4 households (10 people) received services valued at \$2,283

**Disaster Recovery:** 5 households (9 people) received disaster recovery assistance and case management, valued at \$10,337

Working Bridges (Resource Coordination): 1 employee (5 in family) in a local business received help with employee retention, advancement, and financial stability, valued at \$437 Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Townshend for their continued support.

SEVCA Main Office in Westminster Stephen Geller executive director Phone No.: 800-464-9951

#### Morningside Shelter Report 2013

Founded in 1979, our mission is to work together with those in need of housing support services to create individualized solutions to homelessness. We do this through the provision of shelter and comprehensive support services. For nearly 35 years, Morningside has developed the knowledge, systems, and institutional capacity to effectively assist homeless families and individuals in securing and successfully maintaining stable housing. As the only year-round homeless shelter in southeastern Vermont, our services are in high demand:

**SHELTER** (29 beds) and intensive case management for individuals and families – The Shelter offers an extended stay and works collaboratively with area non-profit and public agencies to help people connect to a wide range of services including: job training and placement, medical and mental health treatment, family and substance abuse counseling, budget management, nutrition, health education, parenting and child care services, and assistance in identifying and applying for subsidized housing opportunities.

**HOUSING SUPPORT CASE MANAGEMENT** provides housing retention support services to individuals and families as they transition back into housing as tenants; preventing future housing crises.**THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE PROGRAM** provides an intermediary between Social Security recipients and their benefits; ensuring that rent and basic living expenses are paid, to keep participants in good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

**THE YOUTH SHELTER COLLABORATIVE** is an innovative response to youth homelessness; providing a cost-effective, supervised, three-bedroom shelter space for which Morningside holds the lease and case management is provided by Youth Services, Inc.

81 Royal Road | PO Box 370 | Brattleboro, VT 05302 | T: 802-257-0066 | F: 802-257-0286 www.MorningsideShelter.org

## Women's Freedom Center's Statement of Services and Report to the Town of Townshend

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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, the Women's Freedom Center provided shelter to 43 women and their 49 children, responded to 1,204 calls, and provided assistance to 591 women and their 482 children through individual and group support, advocacy, referrals, emergency financial aid, housing assistance, transportation, and access to legal representation and childcare. This year the Freedom Center provided emergency support, shelter nights and transitional housing to 11 women and 8 children from Townshend. In addition, several hundred of the calls received were from callers who did not specify a location meaning some may well have been from your town.

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

Vickie Sterling, Director, Women's Freedom Center 802-257-7364 24hr. Hotline: 802-254-6954

Email: advocates@womensfreedomcenter.net Website: www.womensfreedomcenter.net

#### **The Townshend Community Food Shelf**

Townshend Community Food shelf is located in the Townshend Church. It provides free food to low income families and individuals who need additional food they cannot afford to buy.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of visits to the food shelf by both individuals and families. The number of visits has climbed from 393 in 2006 to over 4200 last year. This growing use of the food shelf has required a significant increase in the amount of food which we purchase. Currently we purchase an average of \$2,000 food each month to keep our shelves stocked.

We are staffed entirely by volunteers. Some volunteers directly assist our customers while others help with food ordering, food pickup and various administrative tasks. The sixth grade class from Townshend Elementary has for several years been stocking our shelves weekly as well as moving the monthly deliveries from the Vermont FoodBank. We also continue to benefit from a core group of long term volunteers who have been with us for years and, in some cases, since the beginning. Without these dedicated volunteers we could not function. Thank you!

An exciting annual event was born this year. We hosted the first ever Turkey Drop to raise money for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. A paper mache turkey was "dropped" from the steeple of the Townshend Church. The donor owning the square where the turkey landed won a donated gallon of local maple syrup. Prior to the release of the turkey there was a flock of warm up chickens with prizes donated by local businesses. No animals or food was used during the drops.

Food shelf donors of time, food and funds continue to be generous and we thank each of them on behalf of our neighbors who need us. Food Shelf is open Mondays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. You can drop off food donations Monday and Thursdays at the church from 9-4. To reach us call 365-4321.

## VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Townshend, VT

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

VNAVNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNAVNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home. Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, VNAVNH made 682 homecare visits to 28 Townshend residents. This is a 16.5% increase in residents served and includes approximately \$22,609 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Townshend residents.

Home Health Care: 353 home visits to 19 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

<u>Long-Term Care:</u> 241 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 72 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

<u>Maternal and Child Health Services:</u> 16 home visits to 2 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

Townshend's annual appropriation to the VNAVNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support. Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)



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

#### We Go Beyond Patient Care

For more than 64 years, Grace Cottage Hospital has provided personal and professional healthcare to the people of Windham County and well beyond. 19,489 visits were made to Grace Cottage Family Health doctors' offices last year, and total patient days for the hospital's 19 beds (including hospice care) numbered 3,784. There were 2,911 visits made to Grace Cottage's Emergency Department during 2013; 4,827 diagnostic imaging tests performed (X-ray, CT scanner, ultrasound and bone density) and 56,311 prescriptions were filled at the newly-expanded (and open to the public) Messenger Valley Pharmacy. 3,884 visits were made to Grace Cottage's Community Wellness Center for Strong Bones, Yoga, and other classes for the public.

A very exciting new development for patients of Grace Cottage Family Health during 2013 included the implementation of Vermont's Blueprint for Health, a state-led initiative that transforms the way that health care and health services are delivered. The Community Health Team at Grace Cottage, composed of skilled health care professionals, has already started working with over 100 patients to help them develop plans to meet their personal healthcare goals. Services offered, free of charge to Vermont residents through the Community Health Team (following a referral by a medical provider), include:

- chronic disease management
- nutrition and exercise education
- mental health/substance abuse assessment
- connections to community & financial resources
- diabetes education

- health education
- medication management
- weight management
- home visits
- a wide variety of educational programs

Up-to-date technology is being used by Grace Cottage's medical professionals (five family practice physicians, a pediatrician, a full-time psychiatrist, two physician assistants, two family nurse practitioners, nine physical therapists, five occupational therapists, a speech therapist, and five pharmacists) to care for patients of all ages, from newborn to hospice. Thank you for your support of this small community hospital with the big heart!

#### **Brattleboro Area Hospice**

191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301(802) 257-0775/(800) 579-7300 www.brattleborohospice.org

Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We develop, train, place and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. We are one of fewer than 200 volunteer hospices left in the United States. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long term care facility or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round the clock vigils when the time is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. Your financial support helps to make this possible. We are grateful to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 5 Townshend residents. One Townshend resident served as a volunteer. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at <a href="https://www.brattleborohospice.org">www.brattleborohospice.org</a>

#### 2013 – Vermont Department of Health

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

In Windham County, the Brattleboro District Office moved into renovated quarters in the State Office Building at 232 Main Street in Brattleboro, 257-2880. The new space features upgraded clinic space for WIC clients. WIC Clinics are also offered in Townshend. Please visit us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro">https://www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro</a>

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** Statewide we served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Townshend, 44 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. **Supported healthy communities:** 

Five Prevention Coalitions in Windham County, several community organizations and law enforcement in Windham County together received a \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant to reduce underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse through a targeted regional approach.

Published a new resource guide for communities: *Healthy Community Design – Active Living & Healthy Eating*. <u>www.healthvermont.gov</u>

We and our community partners are working to reduce exposure to second hand smoke and reduce the incidence of obesity.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** During the statewide outbreak of whooping cough in 2012 (645 cases total), we alerted health care providers and the public, promoted Tdap vaccine, and vaccinated 6,269 people on 12/19/12 at free district office vaccine clinics – 226 people were vaccinated at the Brattleboro district office.

We created a new online Tick Tracker tool at www.healthvermont.gov/ticktracker where anyone can report tick sightings anywhere in the state. This year (through October), we responded to 198 cases of infectious disease in Windham County.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit the Vermont Department of Health on the web at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro">www.healthvermont.gov</a>. Join us on <a href="https://www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro">https://www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro</a> and follow us on <a href="https://www.twitter.com/healthvermont">www.twitter.com/healthvermont</a>.



#### The Windham Regional Commission

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

The Commission is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Townshend is currently represented by Clay Turnbull and Bradley Horn. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. The 12 professional staff of the WRC provides support to the Committees, as well as to our member towns.

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

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

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. Recovery from Irene continues, and we are assisting towns with village and downtown revitalization, applications for funding for lingering municipal infrastructure repairs and improvements, and planning for the reuse of properties towns will own as a result of buyouts. We successfully competed for additional Brownfield funding from the U.S. EPA for site testing. We are leading the region's response to the announced closure and forthcoming decommissioning of Vermont Yankee. We are transitioning the Long-Term Recovery Committee, which provided assistance to individuals in the wake of Irene, into a Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster collaborative that can be activated in the event of another disaster. We were active in the discussions of the Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission, assisted with the installation of new sidewalks in Jamaica and Putney, produced bicycle suitability maps for the region as well as maps of undeveloped stream and river segments, and organized a well-attended solar workshop for town officials.

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 5 percent of a \$1.6 million budget for FY 2014 – it is virtually the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We have based our budget on a modest increase in the per resident assessment rate from \$1.78 to \$1.83. The \$1.83 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$2239.92 from **Townshend** for the new fiscal year. Townshend may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2014, visit our website (<a href="https://www.windhamregional.org">www.windhamregional.org</a>) and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. The organization was founded in 1987. WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income citizens; to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods; to foster diversity; and to improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

#### **Homeownership Center**

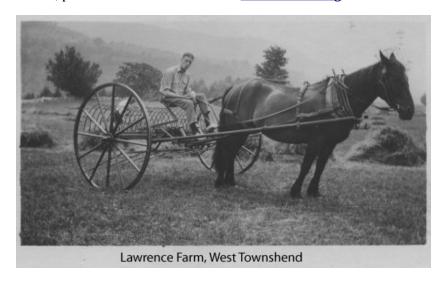
The **Revolving Loan Fund** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. This includes repairs necessary to bring homes up to code and make them a safe place to live. A staff rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project.

Housing Counseling Services are available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, delinquency counseling, and foreclosure prevention counseling. The Homeland Program provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used towards the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions.

**H.E.A.T. Squad** provides services to any home owner to assist with energy efficiency upgrades. **Rental Housing Development Program-**In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This might take the form of housing rehabilitation or the construction of new apartments. WWHT can work with towns to plan for meeting affordable housing or community development needs.

**Rental Housing Management Program-**WWHT manages many of their rental properties and uses Stewart Property Management Services to manage the remaining properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of its multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for its residents.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org or call 802.254.4604



#### **Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2013 Overview**

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 145 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

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

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

**Legal, consulting and education services**. In the past year, VLCT answered nearly 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops that attracted more than 1,500 attendees. Our new Municipal Dog Control Workshop, for example, drew an audience of more than 100. Additionally, MAC conducted 14 "on-site" workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics. Handbooks produced by MAC—including our new best-seller, "The Big Book of Woof," which explains municipal officials' responsibilities to dog issues—may be purchased or accessed free of charge on the Resource Library page of our website. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.

Advocacy. VLCT's Advocacy Department lobbies the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions such as lakeshore zoning and renewable energy generator siting, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2014 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.

Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust continues to assist towns with Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damage resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and the storms of the summer of 2013 makes the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, as they benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. In 2010, our three Trusts were responsible for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at <a href="https://www.vlct.org">www.vlct.org</a>.



www.seniorsolutionsvt.org



We have offered the following services to residents of the Town of Townshend this past year:

<u>97</u> callers requested assistance from our Senior HelpLine about fuel assistance, food stamps, problems with prescriptions, etc.

35 residents requested help applying for a prescription drug plan or signing up for Medicare for first time 14 residents received in home case management to assist with various problems

**2599** Home Delivered Meals are prepared by Valley Cares and congregate meals are served twice per month at the Congregational Church serving <u>774</u> nutritious meals

Transportation is arranged for medical and non medical trips.

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

Submitted by Joyce A. Lemire,



The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight
- •access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- •daily exercise program
- recreation and social activities
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- outreach services
- •companionship
- •special events
- •access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

Tel: 802 885-2655 or Toll Free: 1-866 673-8376



Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), part of the Corporation for National and Community Service – Senior Corps, is a nation-wide program for people age 55 and older who wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they offer their volunteer service to non-profit and community organizations.

Bone Builders (osteoporosis prevention exercise classes), Seniors for Schools (helping young students read), and TeleCare (calling homebound elders) are three of the important programs RSVP sponsors in Windham County. Our volunteers address community concerns such as health and independent living for elders, literacy, emergency preparedness and the needs of lower-income citizens.

In Townshend, RSVP volunteers served at Townshend Elementary School, Grace Cottage Hospital, Meals on Wheels, they knitted for the Reformer Christmas Stocking and made blankets for hospitalized children through the Linus Project. Throughout Windham County 236 volunteers gave 36,196 hours of service last year to 160 different organizations. If you are interested in becoming an RSVP volunteer, Peter Seares can be reached at the Brattleboro office at 254-7515.

Patricia Palencsar, Executive Director, Southern Vermont Headquarters 215 Pleasant Street, Bennington, VT 05201,802 447-1545

#### THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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.

Preliminary numbers for our FY'13 (10/2012-9/2013) show VCIL responded to over **1,400** 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 **258** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **10** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **11** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **156** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 47 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **155** individuals with information on assistive technology; 40 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **396** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '13, 1 resident of **Townshend** received services from Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) and Meals on Wheels (MOW) (over \$1,300.00 spent on meals). To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at <a href="https://www.vcil.org">www.vcil.org</a>.

#### THE HOWARD LEGACY FUND

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013

Aurelius Chapin Howard, born in 1812 in Townshend, died in 1881 and through his Will, he left to the Town the sum of \$10,000.00. He directed that the interest earned on this sum be used to assist the poor of the Town. The Fund is still being administered as directed.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Principal Balance of CD - 6/30/2012	\$10,000.00
Total Interest Earned through 6/30/13	\$149.09
Balance of Money Market - 6/30/2012	\$12,939.69
Total Interest Earned through 6/30/13	\$27.99
Disbursements -	\$189.78
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2013	\$12,926.99

Trustees: Ellen Stratton Fuller, Ernest A. (Ted) Redfield and Carole J. Melis

#### **Fire Department Annual Report**

The department is ahead of past recent years in terms of total number of calls. Part of the reason is an increase in automobile, alarms, and DHART (air rescue) calls over the past few years. There has been some talk of changing the DHART landing area at Onyon's field to an automated system, but no plans have been finalized. Thanks to the work of Dave and Janice Onyon we have a nice place to do emergency pickups. The DHART pilots frequently comment on the great reception they receive at that site

We have been fortunate so far this year (as of 10/13/13) to not have a major structure fire in Townshend. However, that is not the case for our neighbors. With the Mutual Aid system, we have been called to several serious fires nearby.

Due to wet weather and not much ice, there have been few brush and wires down and related incidents in 2013. We have been fortunate to have several new members, and we have an active training committee planning activities for our work meetings. Most recently several members completed a VLCT truck driving course.

Please put your 911 # in a place where it can be seen, especially at night. Besides our own members, this will help any Mutual Aid departments should that be necessary. Check your batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Chief Doug Winot.

Earlier this year a committee was created to identify options to ensure the Townshend Fire Station meets the town's needs for the next fifty years. Two members of the Townshend Fire Department, one member of the Selectboard, one member of the Planning Commission, and one member at large have met four times during the summer and fall. While much work is yet to be accomplished, the Fire Station Committee is planning to have options ready for consideration by the town during the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

Dale Davis, Mike Cutts, Townshend Volunteer Fire Department; John Evans, Townshend Planning Commission; Cynthia Davis, Member at Large; David Dezendorf, Townshend Select Board

FY2013 Salaries and Wages

Auditors		Lister	
Ryan Hockertlotz	0.00	Mike Bills	7,319.88
Ernest Ellingson	0.00	Paula Newton	269.54
Kristine Grotz-Kuch	1,253.54	Robin O'Neill	5,712.36
		Steve Lott	850.85
		Howard Lott	3,046.19
Cemetery		Richard Lucier	4,085.42
Russell Petronic	958.02		
Charles Marchant	756.67		
		Mowing & Snowblowin	g
		Dale Davis	912.56
Compactor Attendant		Bryan White	506.62
Arnold Cole	10,872.63		
		Selectboard	
		Henry Martin	618.00
Delinquent Tax Collec	tor	Chad Greenwood	618.00
Becky Nystrom	13,074.70	David Dezendorf	618.00
		Hedy Harris	695.25
		Jeff Russ	600.00
Elections		Craig Hunt	15,950.84
Ellie LeMire	51.96		
Kathleen Hege	405.90	Town Clerk	
Kurt Tietz	405.90	Anita Bean	34,358.54
		Kathleen Hege	188.39
		Richard Jackson	630.02
Finance Office		Kurt Tietz	2,140.16
Kim Ellison	17,927.00		
Joseph Daigneault	7,301.06	Town Hall Maintenanc	e
		Nancy Bumbala	630.03
		Annie Mae Gervais	1,571.80
Highway Department			
Joseph Daigneault	3,135.60	Library	
Walter Royce	18,155.33	Carly LeBlanc	1,082.98
Jeffrey Russ	909.45	Donna Trumbull	3,920.96
Edward Smith	50,204.81	Karen LaRue	19,824.61
Robert LeCours	22,860.00	Peg Lopata	157.50
Kurt Bostrom	57,220.77	Victoria Tomkinson	653.63

Names in italics performed clerical/assistant duties

#### Results of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Moderator David Liebow.

Article I. David Liebow was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article II. The Auditor's report was approved.

Article III. Salaries were approved for Town officers for the ensuing year.

Town Clerk: \$33,535.00/yr
Town Treasurer: 2,215.00/yr
Select Board: (1) chair 725.25/yr
(4)members 625.00/yr

Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: 13.25/hr

Article IV. The town elected Town Officials for the ensuing year(s) see page 76

Article V. The Town authorized its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (½%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on June,1, 2014

Article VI. The Town voted to appropriate \$494,520.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$184,114.00 would be raised by taxation.

Article VII. The Town voted to appropriate \$837,651.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which 779,651.00 would be raised by taxation.

Article VIII. The Town voted to raise \$85,000.00 by taxation to purchase a new Highway Department truck.

Article IX. The Town voted to raise \$5,000.00 by taxation to be placed in a reserve fund for maintenance of the Town's historic stone arch bridges.

Article X. The Town voted to raise \$5,000.00 by taxation to be placed in a reserve fund for maintenance of municipal fire ponds.

Article XI. The Town did not vote to raise \$5,000.00 by taxation for the study of a new transfer station and recycling facility.

Article XII. The Town voted to raise \$43,257.00 by taxation for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library.

Article XIII. The Town voted to raise \$10,000.00 by taxation to be placed in a reserve fund for the future purchase of a Fire Department Pumper.

Article XIV. The Town voted to raise \$1,500.00 by taxation for the Old Cemetery fund.

Article XV. The Town voted to raise \$14,510.00 by taxation for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee.

Article XVI. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article XVII. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell or convey properties acquired by the Town through tax sales and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deed and other transfer documents upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the interest of the Town.

Article XVIII. The town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

Article XIX. Non-binding discussion included the Scott Bridge, contracting services for the highway dept, the hydro project & sign up sheet for town report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p. m.

#### Windham Solid Waste Management Division ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

In calendar year 2013 WSWMD continued to process recyclable materials collected from our 19 member towns. The District has over 100 roll-off containers that are utilized at town transfer stations and recycling drop-off centers, and District trucks haul the boxes to the material recycling facility in Brattleboro.

The District conducted 8 Household Hazard Waste Collections (HHW) this year. The events were held in the towns of Brattleboro, Dover, Jamaica, Marlboro, Putney, Townshend, Vernon and Whitingham. A total of 587 households participated in the collections. It's significant that this year the District had residents from every town participate in the events.

In May 2013 the District started a food waste composting program at our property on Old Ferry Road in Brattleboro. Starting July 1, 2014, recycling becomes mandatory in Vermont under Act 148, including recycling of food waste from larger quantity generators such as super markets. For information on Act 148 go to the Vermont ANR's website:

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/act148.htm Sincerely,

Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

#### Windham County Sheriff's Office Townshend Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Townshend FY2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) in the amount of \$20000, or approximately 476 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 1047 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to minor calls for service, or calls where the town's primary law enforcement agency was unable to respond. During FY13, we issued a total of 472 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$80840 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 114 warnings were issued and 175 calls for service were answered.

The beginning of 2013 had a bit of a scare for some people, with concerns rising amongst the community regarding the safety of their children in school. We are proud to announce that we maintained a proactive stance to school safety before, during and after the peak of concerns. We've also sent several deputies to specialized training to ensure the safety of our local schools, without creating a "bunker" or "prison" mentality for the children. We've expanded our dispatch hours to twenty-four hour operation. This enables us to have our deputies out earlier in the day and later in the night, helping keep your town safe.

Along with years past, we've provided the National Drug Take Back Initiative, Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, the Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge at no cost to the contract rate or the community. It is the continued support of Townshend and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has again been pleased to serve the people of Townshend and look forward to the upcoming year. Come check us out on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, to stay up to date with our current happenings. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted, Sheriff Keith D. Clark

## WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year:

RECESS: Townshend Elementary School District 2014 Annual Meeting:

**ARTICLE II.** To approve the July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 Auditors' Report:

**ARTICLE III.** To see if the Town will vote to take advantage of the provisions of V.S.A. Title 24,

Chapter 37, and authorize the Select Board to employ a Town Manager?

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the office of Lister and replace it

with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Select Board, who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the

board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the office of Auditor and replace it

with professionally qualified auditors appointed by the Select Board, who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for auditors or

the board of auditors?

**ARTICLE VI.** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk: \$ 33,535.00 / yr
Town Treasurer: \$ 2,215.00 / yr
Select Board: (1) Chair: \$ 725.00 / yr
(4) Members: \$ 625.00 / yr

Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: \$ 13.25 / hr

**ARTICLE VII.** To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):

Town Clerk:

Town Treasurer:

Select Board:

(1) 1 yr term

(1) 3 yr term

(2) 1 yr term

Listers:

(1) 3 yr term
(2) 1 yr term
(2) 1 yr term

Auditors: (1) 3 yr term
Property Tax Collector: (1) 1 yr term
Delinquent Tax Collector: (1) 1 yr term
First Constable: (1) 1 yr term
Second Constable: (1) 1 yr term
Town Grand Juror: (1) 1 yr term

Town Agent: (1) 1 yr term
Library Trustees: (1) 5 yr term
Cemetery Commissioner: (1) 5 yr term

ARTICLE VIII.

To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 29, 2014; December 1, 2014; February 27, 2015; and May 29, 2015? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on June 1, 2015.

**ARTICLE IX.** 

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 428,309.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$ 191,649.00 to be raised by taxation?

ARTICLE X.

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 95,000.00, by taxation, to be used toward the purchase of a new Highway Department truck?

ARTICLE XI.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 1,007,455.15 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 759,455.15 to be raised by taxation?

ARTICLE XII.

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$125,000.00 for the modernization, expansion and/or relocation of Townshend's Transfer Station and recycling facility?

ARTICLE XIII.

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 44,832.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?

**ARTICLE XIV.** 

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve toward a future pumper?

ARTICLE XV.

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,500.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XVI.

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,410.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?

ARTICLE XVII.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE XVIII.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey properties acquired by the Town through tax sales and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deed and other transfer documents upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the interest of the Town?

**ARTICLE XIX.** 

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?

**ARTICLE XX.** 

To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2015, as the date for the 2015 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

**ARTICLE XXI.** 

To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this  $\frac{3 \text{ Mol}}{2 \text{ Mol}}$  day of February 2014.

**TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD** 

**Scott Chase** 

#### Town Auditors' Report FY 2012-2013

We have examined the financial statements of the Town for the fiscal year 2012-2013. We hold these financial statements to be presented fairly. To the best of our knowledge, the contents of the Town Report accurately reflect the financial position of each of the fund types and account groups as well as the result of operations of said fund types as of June 30, 2013.

We began the process of compiling Town Report in October. This is the second year of our multi-year initiative to reduce both financial impact and organizational stress associated with the production and distribution of the annual Town Report. Last year the Town Report was only mailed to registered voters, not to all town property owners. This year we have continued to reduce expenses by making the report available in PDF on the Townshend website prior to town meeting and only mailing a single copy to confirmed multi-voter households with their approval. Next year we hope to email the PDF file instead of mailing a physical copy to those who request it. As always, our goal to reduce unnecessary expense where possible.

We have prepared this report based on the information provided to us by a wide range of local citizens. We wish to thank each of them for their help, their punctuality, and their willing support. We would especially like to thank Heidi Clawson, Anita Bean, Craig Hunt, Carole Melis, Charles E. Marchant, Deborah Leggott, Becky Nystrom, Karen LaRue, Susan Armstrong, Melanie Phelps, Joyce A. Lemire, Gloria Cristelli, Linda Brooks, Asley Collins, Andrea Seaton, Margaret Bills, Karen Sinclair & Andrea Livermore for their patience and diligence in assisting us.

The Townshend Auditors now have an official email address: <a href="mailto:TNAUD@SVCABLE.NET">TNAUD@SVCABLE.NET</a>. Please direct all digital correspondence to our organizational account. Your input is valued and encouraged. Kristine A Grotz-Kuch Ernest Ellingson Ryan Hockertlotz

## TOWN TREASURER'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Tax Collection this year has been a lot different than previous years. The reappraisal put everything behind schedule.

The tax bills were sent out late through no fault of my own. We received many calls from property owners wondering when they could expect to receive their bill. It was all a bit confusing and somewhat stressful but once the process got under way it was pretty smooth sailing. Many of the tax payers either paid the first two quarters or their whole bill.

It is a big help if people bring in their whole bill when making a payment which makes it possible for us to tear off the payment stub and issue a hand written receipt if the computer is being used. This makes the whole process move along faster.

Tax payers have been putting their parcel numbers on the check making which makes it much easier to process the payment. Many times there are multiple owners but only a couple of the names appear on the bill. Putting the parcel number on the check avoids any confusion as to the parcel the payment is being made for.

AS A SIDE NOTE I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE THEIR PROPERTY TAXES ESCROWED TO CHECK WITH THEIR MORTGAGE COMPANIES OR BANKS TO BE SURE THEY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE TAX BILL. WE ONLY SEND THEM TO THE COMPANIES THAT REQUEST THEM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS AN ERROR ON THE 2013/2014 PROPERTY TAX BILLS. THE THIRD QUARTER PAYMENT IS DUE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2014 AND NOT MARCH 28, 2014.

As far as the Treasurer's job goes it doesn't change much from year to year. With interest rates the way they are, there is not a lot of money to be made by investing in short term CD's or money Markets.

Joe Daigneault Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

#### SELECT BOARD REPORT

This past year has proven to be an extremely busy one for the select board, certainly not without its challenges and frustrations.

We are finally almost finished with FEMA work following countless hours of diligent work. East Hill is open, and the dam culvert and other FEMA payment issues have been resolved.

Reappraisal has finally been complete and there are only a handful of challenges pending as of this writing. It wasn't possible to set a tax rate in a timely fashion as we awaited the Grand List. We reluctantly put off buying the new truck as planned and delayed several other projects that had been approved by the voters, in order to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

The fire doors are installed in Town Hall and fit nicely. We continue to update and attend to the structural integrity of our Town Hall.

Ancient roads still need resolution although about half of the needed work is complete.

The 30 year old trash compactor is in extremely fragile condition and is still being used (as of this writing) thanks to Kurt's expertise in "patching up" the old patches. The town will be asked for direction at town meeting concerning the future of trash disposal in Townshend as all alternatives seem to be very expensive.

The select board has been working with Sovern Solar on the installation of solar panels at the former dump site. This should prove to be a considerable savings to the town.

We are working on access to the rear of the Town Hall, and this should be completed in early spring.

There are a host of other day-to-day issues that the select board must deal with on a daily basis. As the world becomes more complicated it becomes more and more difficult for the layman to keep up with all the mandates, regulations, and processes involved in governing a municipality. It seems prudent for the town to consider hiring a town manager, professional Lister and Auditor.

We have worked tirelessly to keep the tax rate in perspective, especially with the rapid intense increase in the education tax rates (most of which are state imposed).

So as fiscal year 2013-14 draws to a close there are many important issues to discuss at this year's Town Meeting. Please plan to attend and voice your opinion. If you have any interest in serving the town in any capacity please, please step forward. We (the Town of Townshend) need your help.

Henry K Martain, Chair

Hedy Harris, Vice-Chair

David Dezendorf, Clerk, Road Commissioner

Chad Greenwood, Road Commissioner

Scott Chase, Member

## FY2013 TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED FY2013	ACTUAL FY2013	VOTED FY2014	PROPOSED FY2015
SELECTBOARD	112013	112013	112014	112013
Wages - Select Board	3,167.25	3,167.25	3,350.00	3,225.00
Wages – Administrative Assistant	13,765.00	13,770.00	14,040.00	32,500.00
Training - Administrative Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Supplies	500.00	435.79	500.00	500.00
Tax Bill Expense	750.00	655.74	700.00	750.00
WEB Expense	250.00	96.50	250.00	150.00
Technical Support-SB	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Notices	500.00	1,827.39	1,700.00	2,000.00
Windham Regional Assessment	1,900.00	2,193.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
VLCT Assessment	1,889.00	1,984.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	3,500.00	4,386.20	5,000.00	5,082.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00	1,183.69	2,500.00	5,000.00
Travel/meetings	200.00	113.89	200.00	200.00
Board of Health	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total	27,521.25	29,813.45	32,840.00	56,007.00
TAFT MEADOWS				
Maintenance Expense	500.00	198.00	500.00	500.00
Improvements	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total	1,500.00	198.00	1,500.00	500.00
ELECTIONS				
Wages - Ballot Clerks	1,000.00	863.76	300.00	300.00
Supplies	350.00	326.38	200.00	200.00
Total	1,350.00	1,190.14	500.00	500.00
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR				
Wages		13,074.70		
Paid by Fees		-13,074.70		
Supplies	500.00	826.69	500.00	500.00
Computer	150.00		150.00	150.00
Bond	50.00	81.44	105.00	100.00
Total	700.00	908.13	755.00	750.00
AUDITORS				
Wages	3,000.00	1,253.54	3,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Computer	0.00	429.99	0.00	0.00
Town Report – Printing & mailing	4,000.00	2,404.24	4,000.00	2,000.00
Travel/Meetings				
Travel/Meetings	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Total	7,350.00	4,087.77	7,350.00	4,350.00

	VOTED	ACTUAL EV2012	VOTED	PROPOSED
LISTERS	FY 2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Wages	25000.00	21284.24	25000.00	20000.00
Supplies	350.00	327.27	750.00	350.00
Map Expense	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	0.00
Computer	0.00	445.25	500.00	500.00
Contractual Service	0.00	8,606.00	0.00	0.00
Software Licenses	500.00	426.85	500.00	500.00
Technical Support	750.00	1,575.29	1,000.00	1,000.00
Notices	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Legal Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel/Meetings	625.00	170.50	500.00	500.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Total	36,225.00	41,335.40	28,750.00	23,600.00
FINANCE OFFICE				
Salary - Treasurer	2,170.00	2,170.00	2,215.00	2,215.00
Bond - Treasurer	120.00	202.04	265	250.00
Wages - Current Tax Collector	4,750.00	5,001.16	4,845.00	4,845.00
Wages - Bookkeeper	17,210.00	19,727.88	17,555.00	0.00
Technical Support	1,000.00	1,033.37	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies	500.00	868.33	800.00	800.00
Computer	250.00	457.00	250.00	250.00
Training/Professional Development	200.00	918.47	200.00	200.00
Payroll Services	1,800.00	1,977.31	2,100.00	2,100.00
Total	28,000.00	32,355.56	29,230.00	11,660.00
TOWN CLERK				
Salary	32,875.00	34,139.34	33,535.00	33,535.00
Wages - Clerk's Assistant	5,000.00	3,130.60	5,100.00	4,000.00
Health Insurance	18,000.00	17,443.00	18,000.00	14,000.00
State Retirement	1,645.00	1,717.90	1,850.00	1,850.00
Supplies	1,500.00	978.02	1,500.00	1,200.00
Computer/copier	500.00	142.85	500.00	1,500.00
Bond	10.00	22.80	30.00	30.00
Repair/Maintenance	500.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Training/Professional Development	500.00	938.08	500.00	500.00
Record Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	60,530.00	58,512.59	61,015.00	56,865.00

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY 2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Map Expense	300.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Printing	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Town Plan	500.00	0.00	100.00	5,000.00
Notices	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Travel/Meetings	100.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Clerical	0.00	379.96	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	1,500.00	379.96	3,000.00	7,900.00
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
Supplies	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
Appeals	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
TOWN HALL	2 000 00	2 204 02	2 000 00	2 000 00
Wages - Janitorial	2,000.00	2,201.83	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies	1,600.00	1,086.66	1,500.00	1,500.00
Copier/Office Supplies	700.00	2,556.95	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer Expense	240.00	415.08	400.00	400.00
Insurance	5,500.00	6,534.64	7,000.00	7,000.00
Lawn Care	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Repair/Maintenance	4,500.00	20,930.84	5,000.00	5,000.00
Clock Contract	100.00	110.00	100.00	125.00
Electricity	1,800.00	2,137.65	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fuel	10,000.00	8,630.68	9,000.00	9,000.00
Telephone	1,700.00	1,818.87	1,700.00	1,800.00
New Equipment	500.00	224.25	500.00	500.00
Town Hall Renovations	5,000.00	2,609.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer from RDAG/Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	33,740.00	49,256.45	35,800.00	35,925.00
Total Town Government	198,491.25	218,037.45	200,815.00	198,132.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Rescue Inc	32,500.00	35,021.69	33,000.00	33,000.00
Constable	1,000.00	549.08	1,000.00	800.00
Law Enforcement	15,750.00	10,428.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Transfer from Reserve	-9,250.00		-5,900.00	
Emergency Management	11,000.00	2,784.29	10,000.00	10,000.00
Forest Fire	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00
Pound keeper	1,500.00	8.98	1,500.00	500.00
Total	56,000.00	48,792.04	68,100.00	67,800.00

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY 2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION				
Supplies	500.00	1,222.40	500.00	500.00
Dues	14,300.00	14,966.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Insurance	2,000.00	1,997.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,500.00	1,115.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Required Medical Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Repair/Maintenance	4,000.00	2,810.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communication	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Pond**	1,000.00	5,422.49	5,000.00	0.00
Electricity	900.00	908.86	900.00	900.00
Fuel	5,000.00	4,719.37	5,000.00	5,000.00
Telephone	525.00	513.15	525.00	525.00
New Equipment	11,500.00	11,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total	46,725.00	50,174.27	49,925.00	44,925.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - VEHICLES				
Supplies	1,000.00	139.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance/Registration	3,500.00	3,938.30	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repair	3,000.00	686.41	3,000.00	3,000.00
New Equipment	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	11,055.00	8,319.14	11,500.00	11,500.00
Total Public Safety	113,780.00	107,285.45	129,525.00	124,225.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
SIDEWALKS/STREET LIGHTS				
Wages - snow blowing	900.00	506.62	500.00	500.00
Street Lights	6,000.00	6,044.23	6,000.00	6,500.00
Sidewalk Study/Repairs**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	6,900.00	6,550.85	6,500.00	7,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE				
Custodial wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Supplies	700.00	334.77	1,000.00	1,200.00
Insurance	3,200.00	3,972.50	4,300.00	4,300.00
Repair/Maintenance	1,000.00	4,499.37	1,500.00	6,000.00
Electricity	3,500.00	4,630.49	4,500.00	4,000.00
Fuel	6,500.00	5,307.55	5,500.00	5,500.00
Telephone	700.00	570.22	700.00	700.00
Computer	150.00	756.81	200.00	200.00
Total	15,750.00	20,071.71	17,700.00	22,700.00

	VOTED FY 2013	ACTUAL FY2013	VOTED FY2014	PROPOSED FY2015
WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPACTOR	112013	112013	112014	112013
WSWMD Assessment	14,000.00	14,317.30	14,800.00	14,800.00
Wages	10,500.00	10,872.63	10,710.00	11,000.00
Supplies	0.00	391.99	100.00	100.00
Insurance	100.00	113.50	120.00	120.00
Tipping Fees	22,000.00	18,851.95	25,000.00	22,000.00
Repair/Maintenance	1,500.00	1,772.31	1,500.00	,000.00
Total	48,100.00	46,319.68	52,230.00	48,020.00
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COMMON				
Gazebo Maintenance				1,000.00
Supplies	100.00	45.19	500.00	100.00
Lawn Care	600.00	912.56	600.00	1,000.00
Tree Care	2,000.00	610.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Fountain Care	200.00	359.29	200.00	400.00
Electricity	400.00	429.83	400.00	400.00
Total	3,300.00	2,356.87	3,700.00	3,900.00
RECREATION				
Ball field	100.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
General Recreation	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total	200.00	200.00	0.00	300.00
Total Public Works	74,250.00	75,499.11	80,130.00	81,920.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE - TOWN				
Payroll Taxes	10,250.00	9,842.30	11,000.00	11,000.00
Workers' Compensation	1,500.00	589.60	1,000.00	500.00
Unemployment Insurance	500.00	1,033.00	300.00	1,000.00
Total	12,250.00	11,464.90	12,300.00	12,500.00
OTHER EXPENSES				
Debt Service - Garage Bond Principal	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Debt Service - Garage Bond Interest	26,246.00	27,177.04	25,500.00	25,500.00
Windham County Tax	11,000.00	14,933.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Memorial Day Expense	250.00	256.97	250.00	250.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	123.47	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses	77,496.00	82,490.48	76,750.00	76,750.00
Total Employer & Other	89,746.00	93,955.38	89,050.00	89,250.00
Total Expenditure General Fund	476,267.25	494,777.39	499,520.00	493,527.00
**Indicates items moved to separate article	for reserve			

#### FY2013 TOWN GENERAL FUND REVENUE - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
TAX REVENUE	410 271 00	222 242 22	420.020.00	406 201 00
Property Tax -General Fund Expenses	419,271.00	223,242.32	429,020.00	406,301.00
Property Tax - Garage Bond Principal	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Property Tax - Garage Bond Interest	26,246.00	26,246.00	25,500.00	26,246.00
Deduct Surplus/Add Deficit Total Non-Tax Revenue	70,500.00 114,306.00	-105,426.15	-176,500.00	-105,426.00 108,406.00
Total Non-Tax Revenue	114,300.00	155,055.67	115,906.00	108,400.00
OTHER TAX REVENUE				
Interest - Late Tax Payments	800.00	1,761.06	1,000.00	1,000.00
Abated taxes	-2,000.00	-4,647.88	-3,000.00	-3,000.00
Adjusted Taxes - E & O				
Del. Tax Penalty revenue		12,535.49		
Interest - Delinquent Taxes	15,000.00	18,512.28	20,000.00	20,000.00
ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIVED		367,278.79		
TOTAL TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	684,123.00		451,926.00	493,527.00
NON-TAX REVENUE				
LICENSES & PERMITS				
Liquor Licenses	250.00	250.00	250	250.00
Dog Licenses	1,100.00	1,236.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Marriage Licenses	0.00	60.00	100.00	100.00
Fish & Game Licenses	0.00	328.00	250.00	250.00
Tibil & Guille Electises	0.00	320.00	250.00	230.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Dam Tax-Loss Payment	5,656.00	5,656.00	5,656.00	5,656.00
PILOT - Pmt in Lieu of Taxes on				
State Owned Land	4,000.00	4515.49	5,000.00	5,000.00
Current Use "Hold Harmless" Pmt	40,000.00	43,654.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Civil/Local Fines	25,000.00	50,352.55	25,000.00	25,000.00
Public Safety Grant	0.00	2,110.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER REVENUE				
Interest	800.00	573.67	700.00	700.00
Rent - Town Hall	500.00	955.00	750.00	750.00
Town Office Fees	15,000.00	6,919.15	15,000.00	7,500.00
Recording Fees	12,000.00	13,282.00	12,000.00	0.00
Compactor Fees	22,000.00	23,282.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,881.81	0.00	,
Total Non-Tax Revenue	114,306.00	155,055.67	115,906.00	108,406.00

#### FY2013 GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	6/30/2012	6/30/2013
ASSETS		
Cash Accounts & Petty Cash	354,420.01	141,407.41
Tax Sale Excess	8,610.25	16,866.18
Receivables		
Delinquent Taxes	197,568.15	43,175.63
Current Taxes		148,843.24
Due from Other Funds	187,076.99	36,372.35
Due to Other Funds	0.00	
Advances from GF		-30,496.24
Prepaid Utilities & Expenses	0.00	0
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0
TOTAL ASSETS	747,675.40	356,168.57
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BAI	LANCES	
Accounts Payable	-8,162.60	-10,306.50
Holding accounts	,	6,877.93
Line of Credit Payable	250,785.28	,
Tax Sales Payable	8,602.64	16,866.18
License Fees Due-State of Vermont	123.00	,
Delinquent Tax Collector	948.32	
Health Insurance Withholding	3,544.90	
Prepaid Property Tax	496.65	
Deferred Taxes	142,844.80	136,742.80
TOTAL PAYABLES	399,182.99	150,180.41
Special Articles	•	•
Social Services	100.00	-1,100.00
Law Enforcement	15,159.33	5909.33
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	15,159.33	4,809.33
Due Other Funds		
Gazebo	500.00	500.00
TOTAL DUE OTHER FUNDS	500.00	500.00
Reserves		
Restore Records	9,890.07	13213.07
Reappraisal	104,337.12	75185.62
Infrastructure	15,846.35	15846.35
Planning Commission	4,220.58	4220.58
TOTAL RESERVES	134,294.12	108,465.62
Fund Balance - Prior Year	21,896.80	197,639.36
Fund Balance - Current Year	176,542.16	-105,426.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES &		
FUND BALANCES	747,575.40	356,168.57

## FY2013 EQUIPMENT FUND EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES				
Truck #7 - 2006 Ford 1-ton	3,000.00	2,151.26	0.00	0.00
Truck #8 - 2007 Sterling	10,000.00	15,385.54	15,000.00	15,000.00
Truck #9 – 2011 international	5,000.00	8,550.29	5,000.00	8,000.00
Truck #1 - 2012 Freightliner	5,000.00	5,809.15	5,000.00	6,000.00
Truck #2 – 2012 Ford F550	1,000.00	587.31	3,000.00	1,000.00
Truck #3 Replacement, Purchase Canceled			1,000.00	1,000.00
Loader - 2001 John Deere 554	10,000.00	9,658.34	7,500.00	12,500.00
Grader - 2002 John Deere 772	8,000.00	42,365.51	22,000.00	20,000.00
Tractor – John Deere 755	1,500.00	1,344.33	1,500.00	1,500.00
Backhoe - 2008 John Deere	4,000.00	1,480.94	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	4,000.00	448.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
ALL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Miscellaneous Shop Supplies	5,000.00	7,049.39	6,000.00	8,000.00
Diesel	45,000.00	58,039.67	50,000.00	60,000.00
Unleaded Gas	1,500.00	790.71	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	0.00	6,774.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Equipment Purchases	4,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	0.00
Tank Expenses-Diesel & Gas	4,000.00	6,553.07	500.00	0.00
Rented Equipment		2,227.20	7,000.00	2,500.00
Liquid Chlorine Machine	1,000.00	905.84	500.00	500.00
2012 Ford F550 1-ton (new truck #2)	85,000.00	85,373.53		
2014 Dumptruck* (FY13 purchase canceled)			150,000.00	155,000.00
Town Meeting Appropriation (EQ Fund)*	-60,000.00	-60,000.00	-85,000.00	-95,000.00
State Equipment Loan Fund	-30,000.00	-30,000.00	-65,000.00	-65,000.00
Equipment Purchases				
Debt Service – Principal on EQ Financin	58,340.00	58,340.00	60,770.00	60,500.00
Debt Service – Interest on EQ Financing	3,270.00	2,978.20	3,431.00	3,500.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT/	168,610.00	226,812.78	213,201.00	210,000.00
SHOP EXPENSES				
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## FY2013 HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
GENERAL MAINTENANCE				
Wages	146,000.00	151,867.96	146,000.00	146,000.00
Materials & Supplies	130,000.00	91,765.41	130,000.00	110,000.00
Road Signs	3,500.00	1,004.92	15,000.00	30,000.00
Contracted Services	18,000.00	20,891.50	18,000.00	20,000.00
RETREATMENT	110,000.00	110,000.00	130,000.00	137,000.00
GRAVEL CRUSHING	22,500.00	23,498.64	50,000.00	50,000.00
FOG LINE PAINTING			5,000.00	7,500.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS - (TOWN M	ATCH)			
Ellen Ware Road	i City		6,000.00	
Route 35 Guardrails			35,000.00	
East Hill Road Culvert			6,000.00	
Grafton Road Culvert #16 - Enginee	ering only		1,600.00	
West Hill Bridge #42 - Engineering			6,400.00	
Total	•	34,680.00	55,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL DIRECT HIGHWAY	430,000.00	433,708.43	549,000.00	575,500.00
ANCILLARY EXPENSES				
Liability Insurance	2,200.00	2,684.70	3,000.00	3,000.00
Uniforms	4,000.00	6,547.40	6,000.00	6,000.00
Training	200.00	120.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	750.00	688.53	1,000.00	750.00
Total	7,150.00	10,040.63	10,200.00	9,950.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE				
Payroll Taxes	15,300.00	11,313.79	11,500.00	12,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	2,000.00	1,384.40	1,000.00	1,500.00
Eye Ins Coverage				246.00
Health Insurance	30,000.00	14,951.15	36,000.00	14,000.00
Retirement	10,000.00	7,344.64	8,250.00	9,000.00
Workers' Compensation	9,000.00	7,544.50	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total	66,300.00	42,538.48	65,250.00	45,246.00
TOTAL INDIRECT HIGHWAY	73,450.00	52,579.11	75,450.00	55,196.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	503,450.00	486,287.54	624,450.00	630,696.00

#### FY2013 HIGHWAY REVENUE - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED FY2013	ACTUAL FY2013	VOTED FY2014	PROPOSED FY2015
NON-TAX REVENUE				
State of Vermont Annual Program	109,000.00	112,408.78	109,000.00	109,000.00
State of Vermont Grant Program				
Highway Revenue-Plow other Towns	4,000.00	5,700.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Irene Reimbursements		0.00		135,000.00
Federal Grants (USDA-NRC)		16,771.50		
Miscellaneous/Interest Income		200.00		
Total Non-Tax Highway Revenue	113,000.00	135,080.28	113,000.00	248,000.00
TAX REVENUE				
Property Tax		564,060.00		
Highway Fund Expenses	503,450.00		624,450.00	630,696.00
Highway Equipment Expenses	173,610.00		213,201.00	210,000.00
Remaining Irene Deficit			162,000.00	162,000.00
Deduct Highway Surplus/ Add Deficit			-107,000.00	4,759.15
Total TAX REVENUE Needed	677,060.00		892,651.00	1,007,455.15
Total Non-Tax Highway Revenue	-113,000.00	135,080.28	-113,000.00	-248,000.00
TAX REVENUE	677,060.00		892,651.00	1,007,455.15
ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIVED		699,140.28		
TOTAL TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	564,060.00		779,651.00	759,455.15

#### FY2013 RESERVE FUNDS & SPECIAL TOWN FUNDS

<b>Common Fund</b>		Sewer Fund			ds
Balance 06/30/12	5,710.87	Bal 06/30/12	40,083.55	Bal 6/30/12	6,706.23
Interest	5.73	Interest	268.08	Interest	13.41
Balance 06/30/13	5716.60	Bal 06/30/13	40,351.63	Bal 6/30/13	6,719.64
			loseley Fund Pilot/RD		
Firetruck Reserve F	und	Moseley Fund	d	Pilot/RDAG F	unds
Firetruck Reserve F Balance 6/30/12	und 170,196.16	Moseley Fund Bal 06/30/12		Pilot/RDAG F Bal 06/30/12	
	170,196.16	•		•	
Balance 6/30/12	170,196.16	Bal 06/30/12	61,143.36 127.61	Bal 06/30/12	107,807.51 520.97

#### **FY2013 HIGHWAY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

	6/30/2012	6/30/2013	
TOTAL ASSETS (Due from other Funds)	584,002.64	718,800.50	
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES			
Gravel Crushing Reserve	22,500.00	0.00	
Fogline Painting Reserve	10,000.00	2,775.12	
Retreatment Reserve	23,700.00	6,221.00	
Fund Balance - Prior Year	257,706.65	496,951.64	
Fund Balance - Current Year	270,095.99	212,852.74	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND			
BALANCES	584,002.64	718,800.50	
FY2013 HIGHWAY EQUIPMEN	T FUND COMPARATIAN	E BALANCE SHEET	
	6/30/2012	6/30/2013	
ASSETS			
Cash Account - Other	61,712.16	61,934.22	
Cash Account - Compactor	22,493.93	22,412.00	
Due to/from Other Accounts	-298,822.42	-558,404.03	
TOTAL ASSETS	-214,616.33	-474,057.81	
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES			
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 2		30,000.00	
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 8	18,570.00	0.00	
Municipal Equipment Note - Backhoe	28,740.00	14,370.00	
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 9	53,600.00	28,200.00	
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 1	48,000.00	48,000.00	
Compactor Reserve	22,493.93	22,493.93	
Fund Balance - Prior Year	-223,171.70	-422,949.09	
Fund Balance - Current Year	-162,848.56	-194,172.65	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND			
BALANCES	-214,616.33	-474,057.81	
EQUIPMI	ENT LOAN SCHEDULE		
	Balance	Paid	Balance
	6/30/2012		6/30/2013
Truck #1 2012 Freightliner	48,000.00	0.00	48,000.00
Truck #2 2012 F550	,	0.00	30,000.00
Truck #8 2007 Sterling	18,570.00	18,570.00	0.00
Backhoe - 2008 John Deere	28,740.00	14,370.00	14,370.00
	-,	25 400 00	

Truck #9 - 2011 International

53,600.00

25,400.00

28,200.00

#### Notes & Calculations

#### Rescue Inc. Past, Present and Future

Rescue Inc. was incorporated in 1966 to provide emergency medical services to the greater Brattleboro area. This cooperative arrangement between the eleven original towns has expanded to include fifteen towns and nearly 500 square miles. Our time tested model has consistently provided high level emergency medical care, community training and specialized rescue services at a reasonable cost.

Rescue operates a fleet of six equipped ambulances that carry advanced cardiac monitoring equipment and medications, along with a host of advanced airway management equipment. We also operate a transport capable vehicle extrication truck for response to vehicle and machinery accidents. Our two staff vehicles allow us to provide paramedic intercept services to our communities and neighboring areas. These vehicles also serve as tow vehicles for our regional mass casualty incident support trailer and our technical rescue equipment trailer. We also operate two swift water rescue boats for response to water related incidents and flooding. Our staff consists of a combination of fifty six dedicated and highly trained career and volunteer providers, most of which live in the community. Annually our staff responds to nearly five thousand emergency medical, specialty care intrafacility transfers, support and technical rescue calls and conducts dozens of community education programs. Throughout the past forty seven years Rescue Inc. has grown to become an essential regional asset and a leader in the field of emergency medicine and all hazard preparation and response.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to remind all our friends, families and local residents that our subscription program is a good, low cost way to protect your entire family from the expense of ambulance transport and that we also offer a charitable care program to assist patients that may have difficulty paying for service. As an area not for profit we are always looking for volunteers, donations and bequests to help us guarantee continued service at a low cost. Details can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.rescueinc.org">www.rescueinc.org</a> or by contacting our administrative office at 802-257-7679.

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Drew Hazelton
Interm-Chief

Rescue Inc.

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES SCREENING COMMITTEE - 2013 REPORT**

American Red Cross of Vermont and NH Upper Valley Region provides planning preparedness and relief from disasters.

2014 appropriation: \$500 2015 request: \$500 **2015 recommendation: \$500** 

**Brattleboro Area Drop in Center, Inc.** provides emergency food assistance, outreach, and case management services. They continue to serve a significant number of Townshend residents.

2014 appropriation: \$200 2015 request: \$200 **2015 recommendation: \$200** 

**Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.** provides services to the terminally ill and their loved ones along with bereavement services to families and the community. They offer community education programs on the issues of death and dying for individuals, healthcare workers and organizations.

2014 appropriation: \$300 2015 request: \$300 **2015 recommendation: \$300** 

The Current (operated by the Connecticut River Transit, Inc.) provides transportation between Townshend and Brattleboro in regular, handicap and wheelchair accessible buses to work, shopping, medical appointments and human services programs. They transport Townshend residents, which included medical rides for Townsend's elderly, disabled and/or children and families Medicaid.

2014 appropriation: \$500 2015 request: \$750 **2015 recommendation: \$500** 

Gathering Place provides adult day services to help elders and adults with disabilities maintain their independence by offering health monitoring, education, exercise, stimulating activities and meals.

2014 appropriation: \$400 2015 request: \$400 **2015 recommendation: \$400** 

Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches volunteers age 55 and over with community services and nonprofit organizations including Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend Elementary School and Vermont Association for the Blind. RSVP volunteers impact your community and all of Windham County in substantive ways, making life better for those in need.

2014 appropriation: \$275 2015 request: \$275 **2015 recommendation: \$275** 

Green Up Vermont sponsors Green Up Day

2014 appropriation \$100 2015 request: 0 **2015 recommendation:** \$ **0** 

**Health Care and Rehabilitation Services** provides professional provides a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,738 residents of Windham and Windsor counties.

2014 appropriation: \$1,100 2015 request: \$1,100 **2015 recommendation: \$1,100** 

**Morningside** is the only year-round overnight homeless shelter in southeastern Vermont for nearly 35 years. The need for shelter and supportive services continues to grow in our area.

2014 appropriation: \$1,000 2015 request: \$1,000 **2015 recommendation: \$1,000** 

**Newbrook Fire and Rescue** provides fire protection and rescue service to Townshend residents. Last year the dollar amount requested was left up to the town's discretion and they are happy to do the same this year.

2014 appropriation: \$1,500 2015 request: \$1,500 **2014 recommendation: \$1,500** 

#### SOCIAL SERVICES SCREENING COMMITTEE - continued

Senior Solutions Southeastern VT provides information and assistance to the elderly in applying for benefits; help with health insurance problems, housing needs and fuel assistance and Medicare prescription assistance. They provided 2,599 home delivered meals prepared by Valley Cares, 97 callers requested assistance from the senior Help Line, 14 residents received in-home case management and transportation is arranged for non-medical trips. Townshend's contribution generates federal matching funds to support these activities.

2015 recommendation: \$750 2015 request: \$750 2014 appropriation: \$750

Southern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) is an anti-poverty, community based, non-profit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. In Townshend, the following services were provided: weatherization, emergency heating repair, individual development accounts, tax preparation, thrift store vouchurs, emergency services, fuel/utility assistance and disaster recovery.

2014 appropriation: \$1,500 2015 request: \$1,500 **2015 recommendation: \$1,500** Townshend Community Food Shelf, housed in the Townshend Community Church, provides food and other staples, information, and contacts to people in need.

2014 appropriation: \$700 2015 request: \$ 700 2015 recommendation: \$700 Vermont Center For Independent Living is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated

to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. 2014 appropriation: \$255

2015 request: \$255 2015 recommendation: \$255

Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH made 682 homecare visits to 28 Townshend residents, and absorbed approximately \$22,609 in non-reimbursed charges.

2014 request: \$2,690 **2014 recommendation: \$2,690** 2014 appropriation: \$2,690

Women's Freedom Center's mission is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. They provided emergency support to 11 women and 8 children in Townshend.

2014 appropriation: \$1,200 2015 request: \$1,200 **2015 recommendation: \$1,200** Youth Services coordinates the Big Brother/Big Sister program, provides in-home parent education and support, a 24/7 crisis line. They help youth and families thrive. They served 22 residents this past year.

2014 appropriation: \$1,540 2015 request: \$1,540 **2015 recommendation: \$1,540** 

2014 appropriations recommendations requests

**Totals: \$14,510** \$14,660 \$14,410

Complete requests from each of these social service agencies are available for review at the Towns Clerk's office.

#### **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 2012-2013 REPORT**

After receiving the warrant in June of 2013 for \$150,804.75, the total in delinquent taxes owed to the Town of Townshend was \$228,690.07 I have brought the total due down to around \$110,000. I held a tax sale in April 2013 in which four properties were auctioned off. To date, two of the properties have been redeemed by their original owner. I am currently in the process of another tax sale.

The tax sale that I am working on right now consists of 11 properties and about \$35,000 in delinquent taxes. I am in hopes this tax sale will be completed by Town Meeting. I have one property in bankruptcy court which owes the Town about \$23,000. The remaining dollars on my list are under monthly payment arrangements with me to pay their balances off within 12 months.

I do my best to work with everyone as best as I can and stick to my policy that I implemented when I began collecting delinquent taxes in 2010. I would be happy to serve the Town in this position for another year.

2012-2013 Delinquent Tax Statement

	7/1/2012	Collected	<u>Adjusted</u>	6/30/2013
2004	2,429.67	2.047.48		382.19
2005	2,578.92	0		2,578.92
2006	352.65	0		352.65
2006-2007	2785.44	0		2,785.44
2007-2008	939.13	0		939.13
2008-2009	1015.03	193.93		821.10
2009-2010	1892.80	1441.12	(96.00)	355.68
2010-2011	25,253.12	22,077.66	1753.50	4,928.96
2011-2012	160,321.29	122,923.02	(2,403.17)	34,995.10
2012-				
2013*	150,804.75	4,163.24	1,961.51 _	144,680.00
	393,862.42			192,819.17

\*Warrant: 6/11/2013 <u>150,804.75</u>

Amounts from 2011-2012 Annual Report

2012-2013 Delinquent Tax Report (Tax Only)

<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	2012-2013	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>
753.41	\$384.46		21.3		
\$1,783.21			117.36		
\$1,270.20			3,146.44		
\$1,269.54	1,118.07	\$98.26	4363.95		
755.31			882.13		
696.62	710.98	337.40	2843.09	1,583.23	
4,105.91	1,886.40		77.62	46.53	
126.83			700.41		
4,130.39			628		
397.99			17.04		
505.43	515.84		589.81		
51.11			1152.31	274.20	
48.51	214.45	202.44			1,099.80
5,855.38			607.33	2,443.06	
439.06					436.46
2,786.49			136.29	150.70	
90.87	52.16	49.24	1,559.83	858.96	
45.98					
1934.63					
143.87	146.83				
	3,155.07	8,998.11			
594.4	268.51				
1,355.39	400.61				
3,979.09	581.85				
149.06			\$64,791.04	\$6,042.10	\$169.60
1819.17	1,856.65	1,752.76 *	548.09	0.00	0.00
19125.96	11,799.59				
229.15	144.76 181.38		145,243.17	34,431.93	\$13,144.07
2290.92	101.50			TOTAL	= \$192,819.17
1,260.74				TOTAL	- \$1,72,017.17
62.47				= Collected in fi	full hefore
402.60				report printe	•
734.48			* =	= Abated after (	
3785.56					
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Main District: Listed in Parcel Order

The real property parcels listed below are exempt from the property tax under Vermont law. These parcels are included in the grand list book in accord with 32 VSA section 41.52 and subject to parcel payments under 32 VSA section 4041a.

Payment can only be issues if complete and accurate information is provided. Do not include parcels subject to local agreements.

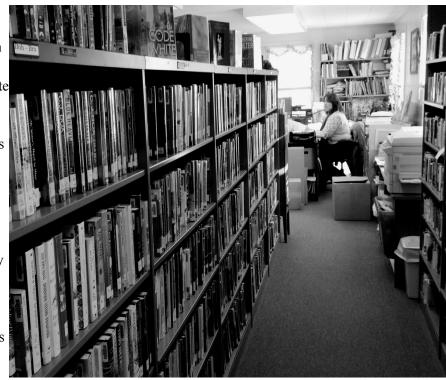
OWNER NAME	PARCEL ID	CATEGORY	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	VALUE ESTIMATE
CARLOS G OTIS HEALTH CARE CENTER IN	N 09072-100	С			22,000
CARLOS OTIS HEALTH CARE CENTER	09072-200	С			23,700
GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL	09068-000	С			4,723,600
GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL	09118-000	С			700,500
GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL	09118-100	С			189,300
GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL OF BOY SCOU	r 02012-000	R1			20,000
KINDLE FARM CHILDREN'S SERVICE, INC	12081-000	R2			369,100
LADY OF THE VALLEY	09129-000	С			479,900
LELAND & GRAY UNION HS	09134-000	С			9,088,300
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	04042-100	C			221,600
STATE OF VERMONT	08034-100	С			443,200
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	02032-000	м			15,800
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	02033-000	M			16,400
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	04062-000	м			9,500
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	04070-000	M			19,100
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	04078-000	M			9,500
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	04079-000	R1			16,700
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	05082-000	м			14,500
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	05083-000	M			14,500
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	06020-000	M			30,300
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	06057-000	M			18,500
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	08010-000	м			32,000
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09026-000	С			676,000
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09089-000	M			20,000
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09089-100	м			17,000
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09097-000	M			55,400
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09109-000	C			169,400
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09135-000	С			677,800
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09141-000	M			29,300
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09143-100	M			95,300
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09151-000	M			51,400
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09151-100	M			0
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09151-200	M			31,000
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	09159-000	С			163,900
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	12083-000	M			10,200
TOWN OF TOWNSHEND	13069-000	м			22,000
TOWNSHEND CHURCH	09113-200	С			133,700
TOWNSHEND CHURCH	09113-300	С			625,400
TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DISTRICT	09113-100	С			1,660,500
USA	08003-000	м			1,101,000

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS: 40

#### Librarian's Report

This past year has been a challenging year with a great number of successes. Here are a few statistics from the past year. We circulated 8565 items, provided 57 items to other Vermont libraries through the Inter-Library Loan program, and borrowed 193 items for our patrons. We had a lot of fun over the summer with 57 children register for the annual reading program. 132 people attended the summer program events and the children read well over 4700 minutes this summer. Other popular programs that took place at the Library included a weekly story hour held during the school year, knit/crochet classes, book group, and a playgroup run by Early Education Services.

When Donna Trumbull cut her hours to only help on Saturdays as needed, Beth Etman joined the staff and is doing a great job. The Library is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and Trustees. This year the Library benefited from the thoughtfulness and generosity of several residents. Ken Denzel donated the beautiful geraniums for the window boxes again this year. Ken Hoffmann planted the petunias and zinnias that so many people inquired about. The Library is also very fortunate to have received a donation from Park Chamberlain that allowed us to replace one of our older computers.



While we still have an indoor book sale running continuously in the meeting room, the annual Memorial Day book sale put on by the Friends group is in question. After many years of heading the event Heidi Russ and Marge Holt are stepping back. Although the Library Friends group is small they are important to the Library. Every year their donation helps to supplement our book budget.

The Library has more than 13,000 items on its shelves. Among them are many new DVDs. As the DVD collection has increased so has their usage. As demand for eBooks increases I will also be looking at how we can meet those needs. Also coming soon is the ability of patrons to print over the WiFi. Looking forward to next summer, our children's reading program is science themed, Fizz, Boom, Read! It will be lots of fun!

Respectfully submitted, Karen LaRue

#### FY2013 TOWNSHEND PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL

	VOTED	ACTUAL	VOTED	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	FY2013	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Salary - Librarian	19,865.00	20,433.98	20,265.00	20,670.00
Wages - Asst/Subs	5,512.00	5,512.00	5,512.00	5,512.00
Wages - Custodian	880.00	1,008.60	880.00	900.00
Emp. Payroll Expense	2,000.00	1949.46	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurances	2,100.00	1,410.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Utilities	4,500.00	4,137.63	4,500.00	4,500.00
Postage	1,000.00	847.40	800.00	850.00
Supplies	1,750.00	2,203.16	1,500.00	1,500.00
Snow Removal	600.00	435.00	600.00	600.00
Travel/Meetings	500.00	574.80	650.00	650.00
Telephone	550.00	686.01	550.00	650.00
Maintenance/Repair	3,500.00	3,514.77	3,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	1,249.23	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	43,757.00	43,962.54	43,257.00	44,832.00

#### **FY2013 TOWNSHEND LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

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	VOTED	ACTUAL		
DISBURSEMENTS	FY2013	FY2013	RECEIPTS	
Supplies	1200	1,234.20	Fund Drive 10,798.4	15
Audio Visual	800	874.78	Donations 555.0	)()
Subscriptions	650.00	774.25	Friends Library 2,800.0	)()
Programs	2,000.00	1,512.87	Reimburse 827.4	19
Fundraisers	400.00	270.08	Book Club 2,361.0	)()
Prof Expenses	500.00	245.00	State Grant 150.0	)()
Books	12,000.00	6,601.70	Memorials .0	00
Performers	675.00	829.00	Book Sale 136.0	0(
EE Gifts	300.00	206.46	Interest 21.4	13
Technology	1,000.00	723.79		
Newsletter	0.00	380.15		
Book Club	0.00	2,361.02		
Friends	0.00	1,757.97		
Misc	200	0.00		
Total	19,725.00	17,771.27	Total 17,649.3	\$7
Trustees' Money market	as of 6-30-13	32,491.00		

#### **TOWNSHEND LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT**

It's been a busy year at the library. It continues to be a warm welcoming place, largely due to our hard working, dedicated librarian and faithful volunteers. In addition to purchasing books, dvds, and audio books for the collection, librarian Karen LaRue is continuously working to the keep the wireless internet, computers, and printers working at maximum efficiency. On any given day you'll find patrons on all three of the public-access computers while others are on their laptops in the reading room. On a beautiful fall day, you'll even see patrons on the bench out front, enjoying both the sun and the wifi.

We are looking forward to the paving which the town will be doing around the library and the granite curbing, which will protect our beautiful landscaping.

We would really like to encourage community members to consider joining the Friends of the Library. This group has done a Memorial Day book sale for years, which directly benefits the library with book donations. It's a valuable addition to our book budget. Please remember that while the town pays for salaries and running expenses of the library, all book purchases are done through donations. Your generous support of this valuable community resource is much appreciated.

The library was pleased to be the recipient of memorial gifts in memory of Carol Kent.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and ideas for how to continue to meet the needs of Townshend and to serve as a resource for our town.

Trustees: Ann Allbee, Marilee Attley, Margaret Bills, Marjorie Holt, and Robin O'Neill



#### **Cemetery Commission Annual Report**

For 2013, the major issue for the Cemetery Commission is sustaining enough funds to properly care for all the cemeteries in town. Most people don't know there are 13 cemeteries that the town manages. We also check on 5 private cemeteries to ensure they are maintained.

Of the 13 town managed cemeteries, only two have their own funds. The other 11 are covered by the \$1500 that we ask for in a separate article. Since those cemeteries are not mowed very often the \$1500 is adequate for now, and we thank the citizens of town for their past support on this article.

The problem is our invested funds do not generate enough annual interest to pay for regular mowing. To pay these expenses, we are using what is called "retained interest". If this runs out, we will have to increase the amount asked for in the special article. It is hard to say when that would be. Interest rates change and sometimes the Commission receives donations to help with care.

If anyone cares to donate to any of the cemetery funds, the Commission would be appreciate it. Such a donation would be tax deductible.

As this situation develops, the Commission is considering some options. One is a direct fund raising appeal. Raising rates, is another option, but as burial practices change, we are not selling as many lots as we have in the past. If anyone has an idea on how to improve the financial condition of the town's cemeteries please contact the Commission Chairman, Howard Graff.

The Commission thanks Russell Petronic for his great work mowing several of the town's "back" cemeteries. If anyone would like a tour of any of the cemeteries, contact any member of the Commission

#### **Townshend Planning Commission Annual Report**

The Planning Commission has had an active year reviewing Act 250 and other applications and permits, monitoring progress in municipal infrastructure development and preparing to revise the Townshend Town Plan by 2016. The Commission continues to assess ways to improve our community, preserve its character while encouraging smart growth, and limit restrictions while striving to help Townshend comply with State and Federal mandates.

We have been working closely with the Windham Regional Commission on drafting a flood hazard plan that will complement our existing ordinance and, with Townshend's tree warden, have been monitoring the threat from non-native invasive insects. The new fire wall and fire doors that are installed in the Town Hall add safety and efficiency to this historic building and further the renovation plans charted years ago.

There is always much work to be done. Members of the Planning Commission are honored to serve and welcome public input and attendance at our meetings.

Art Monette, chairman John Evans, vice-chairman Susan LeCours, clerk Stanley Holt Bob DeSiervo

#### **TOWNSHEND CEMETERY COMMISSION FUND FY2013**

	Oakwood	Oakwood Wtr	Round Hill	Maple Gr/Old	Total
<b>Balances 6/30/12</b>	157,619.72	6,273.79	7,778.93	9,022.73	180,695.17
Perpetual Care	95,065.03		8,597.12	3,638.29	107,300.44
Stone Fund				75.00	75.00
General Fund	61,515.49	7,312.99	-818.19	5,309.44	73,319.73
FY 13 Revenue	4,448.88	0.00	110.00	1,500.00	6,058.88
FY 13 Expense	-2,978.01	-79.91	-358.22	-848.32	-4,264.46
Balances 6/30/13	159,090.59	6,193.88	7,530.71	9,674.41	182,489.59
Perpetual Care	87,294.57		8,386.31	2,267.28	97,948.16
Stone Fund				75.00	75.00
General Fund	70,220.77	7,234.69	1,544.83	5,055.16	84,055.45

RVCU MM \$8,001.95; Peoples CD #1 \$108,937,13; Peoples CD #2 \$67,566.66

Perpetual Care: Taft \$150.00

#### **FY2013 Receipts**

	Oakwood	Oakwood Wtr	Round Hill	Maple Gr/Old	Total
Interest	1,073.88				1,073.88
Annual Care	1,275.00		60.00		1,335.00
Perpetual Care	2,100.00				2,100.00
Sale of Lots					0.00
Fees: Deed & Burial					0.00
Taxes Voted				1,500.00	1,500.00
Misc - GC Field Use			50.00		50.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	4,448.88	0.00	110.00	1,500.00	6,058.88
		FY2013 Warran	nts Paid		
Wages	594.29		311.76	552.09	1,458.14
FICA	45.46		23.84	42.25	111.55
Insurance	205.80				205.80
Postage	14.05				14.05
Deed Fees	40.00		0.00		40.00
Maint/Repair	1,975.00		0.00	0.00	1,975.00
Electricity	45.03	79.91			124.94
Use of Equipment	46.38		9.63	41.13	97.14
Mileage				212.85	212.85
Supplies	12.00		12.99	0.00	24.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	2,978.01	79.91	358.22	848.32	4,264.46

NON-TAX

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below) Municipal Homestead Ed Non-Resi Ed. Total Education Parcel Category/Code Count Listed Value Listed Value Listed Value Listed Value -----\_\_\_\_\_\_ Residential I R1 340 57,532,700 36,015,900 21,516,800 57,532,700 Residential II R2 296 77,101,700 40,735,200 36,366,500 77,101,700 Mobile Homes-U MHU 121,200 27,900 93,300 121,200 15 1,258,800 Mobile Homes-L MHL 20 2,288,000 1,029,200 2,288,000 Seasonal I S1 8 1,538,900 251,200 1,287,700 1,538,900 Seasonal II S2 3 663,000 0 663,000 663,000 14,036,400 Commercial С 959,700 13,076,700 14,036,400 Commercial Apts CA 0 403,000 0 0 403,000 403,000 Industrial Í 0 1 17,728,900 Utilities-E LIE. 3 0 17,728,900 17,728,900 Utilities-O UO 0 844,500 0 0 0 Farm F 2 489,700 354,800 844,500 Other 3,247,200 3,247,200 3,247,200 0 143 0 9,117,600 10.598.900 10.598,900 Woodland 1.481.300 91 Miscellaneous M 61 3,354,600 915,900 2,438,700 3,354,600 TOTAL LISTED REAL 1,014 189,459,000 81,906,000 107,553,000 189,459,000 P.P. Cable 1 152.321 152,321 152,321 P.P. Equipment ٥ 0 P.P. Inventory 0 0 TOTAL LISTED P.P. 152,321 152,321 152,321 TOTAL LISTED VALUE 189,611,321 81,906,000 107,705,321 189,611,321 EXEMPTIONS Veterans 10K 50,000 40.000 10,000 50,000 Veterans >10K 150,000 \_\_\_\_\_ 200,000 Total Veterans 40,000 10,000 50,000 P.P. Contracts 152.321 1 Contracts Apprv VEPC 0 0 0 Ω 0 Grandfathered 0 0 Non-Apprv (voted) Owner Pays Ed Tax 0 Total Contracts 152,321 0 0 Farm Stab Apprv VEPC 0 0 Farm Grandfathered 0 Non-Apprv (voted) ٥ 0 Owner Pays Ed Tax 0 n Total FarmStab Contr 87 8,937,400 11,703,000 Current Use 11.703.000 2.765,600 Special Exemptions 0 0 0 Partial Statutory 0 Q Sub-total Exemptions 12,055,321 2,805,600 8,947,400 11,753,000 12,055,321 11,753,000 Total Exemptions 2,805,600 8,947,400 1,775,560.00 TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST 791,004.00 987,579.21 1,778,583.21

40 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

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#### Townshend 2013 As Billed Grand List Form 411 - (Town code: 651)

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

REAL ESTATE Parcel Municipal Homestead Ed Non-Resi Ed. Total Education

Category/Code Count Listed Value Listed Value Listed Value Listed Value

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Status on Personal Property i | 1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city? Yes\_XX\_ No\_ | 2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city? Yes\_XX\_ No\_\_\_\_ | 3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage) 100.00 | 4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used) a) at fair market value \_\_\_\_\_ b) at depreciated value \_\_\_\_ Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.) | Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions | Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions 01 | Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions 0.1 | Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions 01 | Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions 01 | Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax) 01 | Special Exemptions 01 | Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program) 11,703,000| | Veteran Exemptions 50,0001 | Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K 120,000| | Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K 30,000| | Partial Statutory Exemptions

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CONTRACTS - (Town code: 651)
Main District: Listed By Type and Date Voted

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DAT	E V	OTED PARCE	L ID NA	AME	CAT.	BEC	INNING DATE	-	DING ATE	STATUTE TITLE	CODE VALUE BEFOR	E CONTRACT AMOUNT	ASSMT LESS CONTRACT
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		Mu	nicipal Contracts (	Owner Pays Ed Tax	)							152,321	

#### BOARD OF LISTERS 2013-2014 REPORT

As a board we have again had a busy & productive year. We would like to thank Anita, Joe, & Kurt in the Town Clerk Office for their assistance & cooperation.

The Vermont Property Valuation & Review Division approved out 2013 reappraisal on all criteria. The board would like to thank the residents for their cooperation & patience during the process.

We also would like to thank Bald Mountain & Camperama campgrounds for all of their help in keeping us up-to-date with the campers.

The State has requested the town to be in compliance by having property owners fill out a form declaring any changes or improvements to their property. This is a no-fee form and is available at the Town Clerk and Lister's offices or we can send it to you be request.

Mike Bills, Robin O'Neill, Steve Lott, Dick Lucier, Paula Newton: Townshend Listers

#### **List of Town Properties**

#### **Buildings:**

Town Hall, town garage, sand/salt shed, library, elementary school, fire station, compactor office, cemetery tool house, commons gazebo.

#### Lands:

Town athletic field, gravel pit, old dumpsite, Taft meadows, 15 cemeteries, several tax sale lots.

#### Fire Department:

1951 4WD Dodge truck & trailer, 1976 Chevy pumper, 1987 GMC pumper-tanker, 1991 Ford utility truck, 2000 pumper-tanker, radio system, pressure washer, safety equipment.

#### Town Hall:

York fire safe, plat cabinet, map cabinet, office furniture, computers, printers & peripherals, fax machine, copiers, phone system, pa system, pianos, stage curtains & lighting, chairlift, voting booths, kitchen appliances & equipment, storage & filing cabinets, Tower clock.

#### Elementary School:

tables, desks & chairs, office furniture, computers, printers & peripherals, phone system, pa system, kitchen appliances & equipment, audio/visual equipment, scholastic supplies & sporting goods.

#### Miscellaneous:

mowers, park benches, fountain, flags, gates.

#### Town Garage:

1992 International compactor,

2012 Freightliner- truck #1,

2012 F550- truck #2,

2007 Sterling- truck #8,

2011 International- truck #9.

2001 John Deere loader,

2002 John Deere grader,

2008 John Deere backhoe,

John Deere mower/snowblower, Utility trailer, 1993 Bandit chipper, York rake, snow torches, battery charger, Electric grinders, chainsaws, hand & power tools, culverts, signage, video surveillance system, office furniture, kitchen equipment, chairs & table, lockers, 300 gallon gasoline tank & 2000 gallon diesel tank with pumps.

#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### For Your information:

- The main event for the town in 2013 was the re-appraisal of all property. The process was tedious and as with any governmental process, we encountered some problems which were extremely time consuming.
- There was yet another change in the finance office with the resignation of Kim Ellison. Craig Hunt took the position and is working diligently in an attempt to learn all that the job involves in order to keep the town on an even keel.
- The POS system initiated by Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in 2013 is up and running and is definitely a big improvement over the previous licensing procedures.
- After a few weeks of sawing, drilling, cutting, painting and sanding the town hall now has fire doors. Although a somewhat noisy and dusty project, I have to admit they have added a nice touch to the entrance.

I felt with all that we have going on in the world today and the current state of our country, it would be nice to keep the content of my report on the lighter side with a little background about myself because, we can all use a little more humor in our lives. That being said;

I decided this year to do something a little different. Instead of the usual rundown of the previous year I am going to tell you about me.

- \* I am originally from Massachusetts;
- \* I have been married for 25 years to my husband;
- \* Together we have 4 children and 10 grandchildren;
- \* We have lived in Townshend for 16 1/2 years and have owned property for 26 years;
- \* Before becoming Town Clerk I worked in an attorney's office for 18 years, 10 in Massachusetts and 8 in Vermont;
- \* I hate barley because it reminds me of maggots; Go Ask Jean;
- \* Otherwise, I am not fussy and will eat pretty much anything; especially if I don't have to prepare it; Go Ask Jean;
- \* I love wine. It is my favorite beverage; Go Ask Anybody Who Knows Me;
- \* I've been known to be somewhat anal, okay a lot anal; Go Ask Randy;
- \* I take being the brunt of a practical joke pretty well; Go Ask Joe and Kurt;
- \* I have been known to embarrass people; Go Ask My Family ie. My Sisters and My Children;
- \* I'm a hard worker. I do my best to get the job done and am willing to help out in any way I can; Go Ask My Co-Workers;
- \* My favorite cartoon character is Betty Boop; Go Ask Sam

As always, thank you to my assistants Kathy Hege, Dick Jackson and Kurt Tietz for all their help and hard work and for always having my back.

Again it truly is an honor and privilege to serve the town as Town Clerk.

Anita Bean, Town Clerk

#### LAND TRANSACTIONS - JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31 2013

Total Transfer Primary Residents

Returns Filed

2012 - 32 9 2013 - 44 20

#### **WELCOME TO TOWNSHEND (NEW PROPERTY OWNERS)**

Theodore and Margaret Danforth Cara Cain and Aubrey Mullen

Caroline Belcher and Michael Keegan Tara Torcoletti

Daniel Rogenstein

Christopher and Margie Toles

Nelson and Linda King

Dale & Darcy West

Robert and Linda Sperry Elizabeth Brown and Seth McCoard

Lindsay Parker John Lurvey

#### ORDINANCES SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCES

Health Ordinance Grafton Road (Revised)
Human Bit by Animal Unpaved Town Roads
Solid Waste Disposal Local Enforcement on State
No overnight parking Highway Speed Limit
Wireless Telecommunication Riverdale Road (Revised)

Facilities (Cell Towers)

#### LIQUOR/TOBACCO LICENSES

Harmonyville Store Riverbend Farm Market

Windham Hill Inn Lawrence's Smoke Shop & Country Store

West Townshend Country Store

#### SEPTIC APPLICATIONS

Septic Applications must be obtained by the property owner from the State of Vermont when installing or replacing a septic system and/or replacing a tank.

#### **ANIMAL LICENSING**

All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 1st. An up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies is required for licensing. If you are moving or your dog has died, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

**Licensing Fees:** \$8.00 spayed/neutered \$12.00 not spayed/neutered.

Late Fees: \$2.00 spayed/neutered - \$4.00 not spayed/neutered

The annual **PET VACCINATION CLINIC** will be held March 8, 2014 at the Newbrook Fire House from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

#### PERMIT TO KINDLE: BURN BRUSH ONLY

Fire Permits for burning must be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. Individuals must notify Keene Mutual Aid prior to burning at 603-352-1291. This Permit does not relieve you from any liability related to damage caused by the fire. Permits can also be obtained from Roger Brown, Fire Warden.

**REMINDER:** Burning household trash, treated/painted wood and construction materials is against the law.

#### Townshend Residents - RESOURCE CENTER - TOWN OFFICE

Information: past & present for public review
Certified copies: birth, marriage, death - \$10.00
Meetings: times, minutes, posted and warned
Compactor: rules & regulations, tokens and sticker

Licenses: marriage, civil marriages, animal, VT Fish & Game

Auto: renewals and State forms

Permits: driveway access & outside burning

Property: location, taxes, appraisal, owners name, 911, etc.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CLOSED – Thursdays and Saturdays

NOTE: IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE SO THAT NOTICES/PUBLICATIONS/TAX BILLS CAN GET TO YOU IN

**A TIMELY MANNER** 

#### Town Clerk Fees processed as of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

	Fiscal 201		al 2011/2012	F	Fiscal 2012/2013		
Recording/Filing Title Searching w/copies Certified Copies (vital record Burial Transits DMV	ds)		14,070.00 2,725.80 2,720.00 100.00 326.00	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	16,550.00 2,585.15 3,760.00 175.00 333.00		
Vermont Fish & Wildlife	Town	\$	326.00	\$	294.50		
Posting Land	State	\$ \$	4,785.50 30.00	\$ \$	4,661.00 35.00		
Marriage/Civil Unions	Town State	\$ \$	110.00 385.00	\$ \$	60.00 210.00		
Animal Licenses	Town State	\$ \$	1,510.00 1,088.00	\$ \$	1,236.00 920.00		
Miscellaneous Green Mountain Passes Town Hall Rental Liquor/Tobacco Licenses		\$ \$ \$ \$	157.44 2.00 850.00 350.00	\$ \$ \$	218.50 10.00 945.00 250.00		
Total:		\$	29,535.74	\$	32,243.15		

# VITAL STATISTICS

## DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	RESIDENCE
THOMAS, FLORENCE H.	95	01/21/13	TOWNSHEND
WOOTEN, RICHARD L. VARGAS, SONYA	75 37	01/28/13 02/01/13	BRATTLEBORO BRATTLEBORO
SCHAEFER, RUSSELL C.	93	02/08/13	DOVER
WINSTON, JEAN B.	66	02/16/13	GRAFTON
ZAYTI, MARIAN F.	95	02/17/13	TOWNSHEND
ALEXANDER, BARBARA G.	49	02/20/13	LONDONDERRY
CLAWSON, TAD R.	92	03/02/13	
NEATHAWK, JUANITA K.	88	03/10/13	BELLOWS FALLS
STEWART, ELLEN	73	03/12/13	POUND RIDGE, NY
GODFREY, CHESTER G.	89	03/17/13	BRATTLEBORO
MACIE, STEVEN A.	28	04/24/13	GUILFORD
ALFARO, NANCY E.	20	04/26/13	BRATTLEBORO
BARRETT, VIRGINIA M.	06	05/01/13	TOWNSHEND
22 RUSSELL, JANE	88	05/11/13	DANA POINT, CA
MCNAMEE, MOLLIE	91	05/16/13	WARDSBORO
DOUGLAS, EDNA	94	05/16/13	TOWNSHEND
BUCHMAN, JOHN D.	29	05/29/13	BROOKLINE
GAUSCH, JOHN P.	98	06/03/13	WEST TOWNSHEND
DEXTER, RICHARD	82	06/05/13	WEST TOWNSHEND
TRIEBERT, KATHLEEN	95	07/02/13	TOWNSHEND
WOODRUFF, MARGARET C.	88	07/14/13	WEST TOWNSHEND
JACOBS, RUTH S.	75	07/09/13	TOWNSHEND
TETREAULT, TIFFANY A.	30	07/25/13	DUMMERSTON
HEDGES, ELSIE R.	94	08/09/13	TOWNSHEND
KENT, CATHERINE C.	69	09/06/13	TOWNSHEND
ELLIS, JENNIFER L.	48	09/06/13	DOVER
ALLBEE, LESTER V.	93	09/20/13	BROOKLINE
BARLOW, HOWARD W.	98	09/22/13	TOWNSHEND
HOLMES, HELEN	59	09/2013	TOWNSHEND
COUGHLIN, EDWARD	82	10/06/13	WEST TOWNSHEND
PETRIE, VIOLA	86	10/28/13	TOWNSHEND
POWLING, THERESA	56	11/18/13	MARLBORO
SCHERER, FRED	86	11/25/13	TOWNSHEND
CROWLEY, RUTH	87	12/02/13	TOWNSHEND

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NAME OF MOTHER	THOMAS, VANESSA COBB, KATIE WILLIAMS, TRISHA FORBES, SARAH SCHUBERT, BRITTAN WRIGHT, LYLAH LAPOINTE, REBECCA LAUGHMAN, JESSICA JOYCE, KAYLA DAIGLE, CHELSEA	·		ID SHIRE
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#### **Townshend Tree Warden Report**

The Townshend Tree Warden is appointed annually by the Selectboard. Their duties are only on Town land, such as the Town Common, and on the Town's Road Right-of-Ways. The vegetation in the Right-of-Way along Town roads is under the control of the Town. The ROW varies in width from roughly 25 to 33 feet from road centerline, depending on which road it is. Most are 25 feet.

Vermont is one of the most forested states in the country and Townshend is no exception. 100 years ago much more of our land was open and used for grazing and farming then today. Within Townshend, any number of our residents produces delicious maple syrup and our beautiful fall foliage brings many visitors into and through Town. Unfortunately, there are 3 invasive insects that can radically alter our current forest makeup.

The Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB) feeds almost exclusively on maple trees. All the maple trees in Worcester Massachusetts are now gone, can you imagine what Townshend and Vermont would look like without our maple trees? The Emerald Ash Borer (ELB) feeds exclusively on ash trees (all species in our region) This insect has been spotted in all the states and provinces surrounding Vermont but not yet in our state. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is already here (Townsend State Forest) Where it has infested trees in the southern part of the country, the trees don't last very long (3 – 4 years) luckily, temperatures below -22°F kill this invasive and our cold winters help to control its spread and lethal characteristics.

In areas where the Emerald Ash Borer is present, virtually 100% of the ash trees have been or will be killed. This tree lines many of our roadways and is present in significant numbers in our forest, etc. The Town held a meeting informing residents and requesting volunteers to help survey our roads to identify/inventory the number of trees that will be affected. Preparation, including an inventory will help Townshend prepare for and hopefully remove problem trees before they fall on our roads and cause traffic delays and possibly injuries. As this is being written, volunteers are mustering to participate in a "windshield survey" to identify these trees and help with this preparation.

In the early summer I visited the local campgrounds as well as some of the places in Town with public notices and posted state provided posters asking people to refrain from moving firewood. Moving firewood is one of the primary ways these invasive insects move from place to place. (Originally all 3 were from Asia and probably got here in packing materials. The Asian Longhorn Beetle is not a strong flyer and almost certainly moving firewood or other wood products, is how it moves from place to place. The Emerald Ash Borer is a strong flyer and will probably get here but if we can delay this day, we may have discovered some method for controlling its damage. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is here.)

To help me prepare for this assignment, I completed the Vermont Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (S0UL) Program in early 2012 and later in 2012 became a State 1<sup>st</sup> Detector. Both programs are helpful in understanding tree health and the insects that affect them. (<a href="http://www.vtinvasives.org/">http://www.vtinvasives.org/</a>)

I appreciate the calls I receive from residents about trees and I will make time available for anyone who needs assistance or if you just have a question. I think everyone would agree that healthy trees and forest are important to all of us.

Respectfully, Bob DeSiervo Tree Warden

### **2013-14 Town of Townshend Officer Appointments**

Position:	Term Exp:	2012-13:	2013-14:
911 Coordinator	2014	Carole Melis	Carole Melis
		Charmayne Shirks	Charmayne Shirks
911 Fire Dept. Liaison	2014	Phillip Trevorrow	Phillip Trevorrow
Cell Tower	2014	Craig Hunt	Craig Hunt
Senior Solutions	2014	Janet Stowell	Janet Stowell
Emer. Mgmt Coordinator	2014	David Dezendorf	David Dezendorf
Energy Coordinator	2014	Clay Turnbull	Clay Turnbull
FEMA Administrator (Flood)		Select Board	Select Board
Fence Viewer	2014	Douglas Ballantine	Douglas Ballantine
		Amon DeWitt	Amon DeWitt
Health Officer	2017	Craig Hunt Tim Shafer	Craig Hunt Tim Shafer
	2017 2017		
Deputy Health Officer	2017	Holly Hockertlotz Carole Melis	Holly Hockertlotz Carole Melis
Howard Legacy	2014	Ellen Fuller	Carole Melis
		Ernest Redfield	
Inspector of Shingles	2014	David Fontaine	David Fontaine
Inspector of Wood & Timber		Otto Tarbell	Otto Tarbell
Planning Commission	2014	Stanley Holt	Stanley Holt
Training Commission	2014	Robert DeSiervo	Robert DeSiervo
	2015	John Evans	John Evans
	2017	Sue LeCours	Sue LeCours
	2017	Art Monette	Art Monette
Animal Control Officer(s)	2014	Constables	Constables
Pound Keeper	2014	Select Board	Select Board
Recreation Committee	2013	Deidra Beattie	~
		Carley Sanderson	
		Paula Newton	
Rescue Inc.	2014	Ryan Hockertlotz	Kathy Hege
Social Services Screening	2014	Margaret Bills	Margaret Bills
_		Ellie Lemire	Ellie Lemire
		Barbara Bedortha	Barbara Bedortha
Business Loan Committee	2013	Carole Melis	
		Sally Winchester	
Town Service Officer	2014	Heidi Russ	Cynthia Davis
Tree Warden	2014	Carl Steiner	Bob DeSiervo
Valley Cares Board	2014	Margaret Bills	Margaret Bills
Vermont State Police Liaison			
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2014	Mary Morgan	Mary Morgan
Weigher of Coal	2014	Joseph Daigneault	Joseph Daigneault
		Margaret Bills	Margaret Bills
Mr. 11	2014	James Newton	James Newton
Windham County Sheriff Lia		D 111	Constables
Windham Regional Com.	2014	Brad Horn	Brad Horn
Windless David To 60	2014	Clay Turnbull	Clay Turnbull
Windham Regional - Traffic	2014	John Evans	John Evans
Windham Solid Waste Mgmt	2014	Irvin Stowell	Irvin Stowell
		Bruce Bills	Scott Chase

#### **TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2013**

TOWN CLERK		
Anita Bean	(1 year term)	to March 2014
TOWN TREASURER		
	(1 year term)	to March 2014
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREA		to Mariah 2011
Anita Bean TOWN MODERATOR	(1 year term)	to March 2014
David Liebow		to March 2014
SELECT BOARD		to March 2014
Hedy Harris	(3 year term)	to March 2016
Scott Chase	(1 year term)	to March 2014
Chad Greenwood	(1 year term)	to March 2014
Henry Martin	(2 year term)	to March 2014
David Dezendorf	(3 year term)	to March 2015
SCHOOL BOARD	,	
Kimberly Liebow	(1 year term)	to March 2014
Brian Schmidt	(1 year term)	to March 2014
April Chase	(3 year term)	to March 2016
Elizabeth Cutts	(3 year term)	to March 2014
Alfred Claussen	(3 year term)	to March 2015
LELAND & GRAY	<b>10</b>	
Joseph Winrich	(3 year term)	to March 2014
Paul Jerz	(3 year term)	to March 2014
Michael Dolan LISTERS	(3 year term)	to March 2015
Steve Lott	(1 year term)	to March 2014
Richard Lucier	(3 year term)	to March 2016
Paula Newton	(1 year term)	to March 2014
Robin O'Neil	(3 year term)	to March 2014
Mike Bills	(3 year term)	to March 2015
AUDITORS	(6 ) 66)	
Kristine Grotz-Kuch	(3 year term)	to March 2016
Ryan Hockertlotz	(2 year term)	to March 2014
Ernest Ellingson	(3 year term)	to March 2015
DEL TAX COLLECTOR	Becky Nystrom	to March 2014
FIRST CONSTABLE	Warren Beattie	to March 2014
SECOND CONSTABLE	Michael Cutts	to March 2014
TOWN GRAND JUROR	Margaret Bills	to March 2014
TOWN AGENT	Carole Melis	to March 2014
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	( <b>F</b>	4- M
Margaret Bills	(5 year term)	to March 2018
Ann Allbee Robin O'Neill	(5 year term)	to March 2014 to March 2015
	(5 year term) (5 year term)	to March 2016
Marilee Attley Marjorie Holt	(5 year term)	to March 2017
CEMETERY COMMISSION		to March 2017
Howard Graff	(5 year term)	to March 2018
David Liebow	(5 year term)	to March 2014
Rickey Snow	(5 year term)	to March 2015
Scott Nystrom	(5 year term)	to March 2016
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