

Town of Townshend

Fiscal Year 2015 (*July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015*)

157th Annual Report



“Many of the traditional values of that earlier Vermont—a respect for hard work, a love of independence and of doing for oneself, a closeness to nature, a care for one’s community—still exist today, even though the living culture that shaped those values is now all but gone.”

Tom Slayton

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TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD REPORT

With the passing of yet another year the Select Board finds itself laboring under an increased demand for its time and attention to multiple on-going issues. We continue to find ourselves unable to manage the multitude of meetings and tasks that come before the board on a daily basis. Dealing with the issues in Townshend is not as simple as attending a two-three hour meeting twice per month. The board is fortunate to have an Administrative Assistant, Craig Hunt, available at the town hall daily to receive, research, and distribute important information as it arrives. This keeps the board aware of current trouble spots that need attention and often results in specially warned meetings to address the situations. The amount of time spent doing town business outside of the two regular monthly meetings is increasing at an exponential rate. The world does not want to wait for us to have a regular meeting; it demands answers and decisions on a real time basis during regular business hours. For this reason it is imperative that the townspeople again consider hiring a Town Manager or Administrator to handle daily business in the Select Board's absence. The committee that was proposed last year has yet to coalesce into a functioning study committee. We feel this committee requires renewed consideration using volunteers from our community to help shape the role that a Town Manager or Administrator would play in Townshend's operation.

One of the most time consuming items that has been added to the list of responsibilities for town government is the new requirement that certain state funds that were automatically sent to towns in the past must now be applied for via a grant application process. Failure to submit these grants by deadline means the loss of state funds. Added to this is the "paperwork" necessary for closing out and recovering money spent as part of a state or federal grant project. All of this "paperwork" is actually done via the Internet with multiple restrictions, passwords, and user names necessary just to log into the site. With town government changing every March when a new Select Board is elected keeping track of all of this trivial information is difficult at best. The state does not seem to realize that the Select Board chairman from last year's filing may not be the same person with the same password the following year. This has led to much frustration and many hours on the telephone with different state individuals just to get personal information reset so the new user may gain the necessary access.

Townshend Dam has become a major factor in the excess time that is required of Select Board members. A joint letter by the Planning Commission and the Select Board was sent to our state and federal legislators last fall detailing the condition of the dam as a result of Hurricane Irene. A copy of a 2014 letter from the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission was included with the joint letter to the legislators because in it, the Commission pointed out that Townshend reaped the tax benefits of having a wonderful recreation area in the community thereby offsetting any tax losses due to the underpayment of PILOT funds. (PILOT stands for payment-in-lieu-of-taxes.) These PILOT payments were meant to compensate the host towns of these flood control dams for the loss of taxes from property seized or lost when the dams were built. Unfortunately the Commission that was established to oversee the compensation issue decided, in the 1980's, to freeze payment for these dams. Townshend's payment has been frozen at \$5,656 for over forty years or about \$5.65 per acre for the one-thousand acres that it encompasses. No one believes this is fair and Select Boards of host communities up and down the Connecticut River have fought for years to have the payments increased. Our Select Board felt that if a letter was going out detailing the silt build up at the dam then the opportunity should not be wasted to let the legislators know we were also unhappy with the inequity of the payments. Massachusetts and Connecticut are benefitting greatly by having these dams upstream but in return are not paying for the privilege.

We guess the old adage, be careful what you wish for, has an actual basis in fact. The joint letter prompted a response from Representative Welch's office and a meeting was set up to meet with staff members from all three of our federal legislators. The letter also grabbed the attention of our local House Representative, Emily Long, who then approached Senator Becca Balint and Representative Oliver Olsen of Jamaica who represents the district that hosts Ball Mountain Dam. All of these parties met with the Select Board first about the PILOT issue and then with the Army Corp of Engineers about the condition of Townshend Dam. As a result the Select Board found itself traveling to Greenfield, MA along with our local legislators, the Select Board Assistant, and a member of the Planning Commission to address the Connecticut River Flood Control Commission about both the PILOT payments and the dam's condition. Recently communication has been received from the Select Board in Weathersfield confirming they have the same issue with the tax loss payments. All in all the meetings and communication via telephone calls and email has taken many, many hours of time from the duties of those responsible for running the town. This issue is just an example of how complex governance has become within towns such as Townshend. Having a Town Manager/Administrator with the authority to manage all of this should at least reassure the voters that nothing important is slipping through the cracks.

Every year there seems to be new challenges thrown at Select Boards. This year the implementation of the new pay-as-you-throw garbage collection mandate caused some raised eyebrows in the beginning but, when everything is considered, the July 1st switchover went smoothly. There will most likely be some additional changes in the near future so look for any communication that maybe coming forth about this issue.

The Select Board would welcome discussing any of these issues with you at our bi-monthly meeting on the first and third Monday of the month. We would also like to remind everyone that there are multiple volunteer appointments open for those of you who wish to take an active role in our community. There will also be various elected positions open at Town Meeting for individuals who wish to become members of the governing body of the town. Just note, if you do seek a position please take your responsibilities seriously. Other members of your board are counting on you as is the town as a whole. Without each board adequately functioning to complete its statutory duties other boards are not able to fulfill their own. This causes the town to be unable to meet deadlines such as filing grand lists, setting tax rates, and mailing out Town Reports. Everyone must work in concert if the job is to be done.

Members of the Select Board:

Kathy Hege, Chairperson, Kyle Lapointe, Henry (Kit) Martin, Irvin Stowell, Rob Wright



**Town Hall Office open:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Saturday by Appointment
Closed Thursday**

**TOWN TREASURER'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 2015**

This year has flown by as usual. Taxes have been coming in at a fairly decent pace. I want to thank all the taxpayers who bring in their entire bill when making a payment as I've said before, it really speeds up the payment process. We then can tear off the payment stub and issue a hand written receipt if the computer is being used. This helps move things along much quicker especially during the last few days of the payment period.

I would like to thank the taxpayers who have been putting their parcel numbers on the check. It truly makes it much easier to process the payment.

The Treasurer's job is about the same. Managing the CD's, transferring money when the Select Board request me to, acquiring loans and/or lines of credit if needed, reviewing pay orders and paying bills .

Once again, as a reminder;

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.

**Joe Daigneault
Town Treasurer and
Tax Collector**



Harmonyville Store

Board of Listers 2014-2015 Annual Report

As usual, we have had a busy & productive year. We have found the board with 3 members is working very smoothly, as opposed to a 5 member board.

We have an on-going problem with the maps, which were done poorly by the last map-makers. We are hoping to soon be able to get GIS mapping so we can keep up-to-date as most Listers Offices around the State have already done.

We again thank the Town Clerk's office and both Camperama & Bald Mountain campgrounds for their continued support and assistance.

Taxpayers are reminded to file a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) annually.

Townshend Listers

Dick Lucier
Mike Bills
Gene Kuch

Board of Auditors 2014-2015 Annual Report

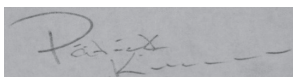
In accordance with Section, 681 of Title 24,V.S.A. we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Townshend to the best of our knowledge. The financial statements and reports show the financial activity and position of the Town for the calendar year ending June 30th, 2015. In preparing the 157th edition of the Town Report, we would like to thank all the individuals who provided various statements, applicable reports, and prompt communication as requested. The timely manner of working together was of great aide to the success of this year's Town Report.

In the last year the greatest obstacle to the Board of Auditors was establishing a streamline system for filing and archiving financial documents. Presently we have collected all financial statements from FY14/FY15 and filed them accordingly. Thus we have solidified a quick and accurate method for auditors to access the financial records with ease. Another difficulty we faced was the high turnover of the Financial Office employees. With a bookkeeper not always available, records accumulated in various locations, and establishing timely availability of needed documentation to be audited was affected. In recent months we have spent a number of hours in hopes to make a more efficient and clear process for future auditors.

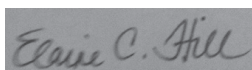
From reviewing systems currently in place we have made a number of recommendations to the Select Board for tracing responsibility, for added security, and streamlining employee policies. These recommendations include:

- universal time sheet for all town employees
- posted hours of all town employees
- streamline the purchase order system within each town department

We are dedicated to fulfill our duties, of office, by reconciling cash accounts and examining town records. Continuous financial over-site is an important function to the town, for the residents, and for various boards that appropriate funds for their day-to-day operations. We look forward to work with all the newly elected officials in the year ahead.



Patrick Kiernan,
Chairperson



Elaine Hill

Tricia Shine

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2015

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 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

The Assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance and David Liebow called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Several announcements were made and the location of numerous handouts and surveys was pointed out to the Assembly. The preamble was read and a brief explanation was given of the procedure that would be followed during Town Meeting.

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

David Liebow, 1 year term as Moderator

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

Article II passed

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Office of Lister to three elected officials.

Article III passed

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

Article IV passed

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

See officers on page 60

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 28, 2015; November 30, 2015; February 26, 2016; and May 27, 2016? 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, 2016.

Article VI passed

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$498,959.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$737,501.00, to be raised by taxation?

Article VII passed

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 690,242.00, for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 206,735.00, to be raised by taxation?

Article VIII passed

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to contract for law enforcement services, costs of which to be raised by taxation, and, if so, how much?

Total – 105 Yes – 66 No – 39

Article IX passed

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$43,588.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?

Article X passed

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00.00 by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve toward a future pumper?

Article XI passed

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

Article XII passed

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,375.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?

Article XIII passed

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Article XIV passed

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey properties received through gift or other means, including Parcel 08100-000 of 17.0 +/- acres in West Townshend 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 XV passed

ARTICLE XVI. 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 XVI passed

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2016, as the date for the 2016 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

Article XVII passed

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

There being no further discussion, Craig Hunt made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 P.M. Seconded and unanimously carried.

WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2016 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 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- ARTICLE I.** To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year:
- ARTICLE II.** To act upon the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Auditors' Report:
- ARTICLE III.** To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the Office of Auditor under 1 V.S.A. 2651b and replace it with a professionally qualified auditing service?
- ARTICLE IV.** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:
- | | |
|---|------------------|
| Town Clerk: | \$ 34,540.00/ yr |
| Town Treasurer: | \$ 2,282.00/ yr |
| Select Board: (1) Chair: | \$ 900.00/ yr |
| (4) Members: | \$ 775.00/ yr |
| Listers by stipend of: | \$ 6,000.00/ ea |
| Auditors by stipend of: | \$ 1,200.00/ ea |
| Town Clerk assistants and casual labor: | \$ 13.65/ hr |
- (All mileage reimbursed for training and conferences, only.)
- ARTICLE V.** To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):
- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Town Clerk: | (1) 1 yr term |
| Town Treasurer: | (1) 1 yr term |
| Select Board: | (1) 3 yr term |
| | (2) 1 yr term |
| Listers: | (1) 3 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 VI.** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 31, 2016; November 30, 2016; February 28, 2017; and May 31, 2017? 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, 2016.
- ARTICLE VII.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 524,989.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$ 436,893.00, to be raised by taxation?

- ARTICLE VIII.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 674,345.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 220,814.00, to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE IX.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 46,420.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?
- ARTICLE X.** 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 XI.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,500.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?
- ARTICLE XII.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,625.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?
- ARTICLE XIII.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE XIV.** 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 XV.** To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2017, as the date for the 2017 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?
- ARTICLE XVI.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 18th day of January 2016.

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD


Kathleen Hege


Henry Martin


Irvin Stowell


Robert Wright

Kyle LaPointe

**FY2015 TOWN GENERAL FUND
EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL**

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY 2017
SELECTBOARD				
Wages - Select Board	3,225.00	3,225.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Wages - Admin. Asst	32,500.00	32,500.00	33,475.00	33,475.00
Admin. Asst Retirement	0.00	1,786.61	1,799.00	1,800.00
Admin Asst Training	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	500.00	206.00	250.00	250.00
Tax Bill Expense	750.00	2,453.22	750.00	2,500.00
Web / Tech Support	1,150.00	93.00	100.00	100.00
Notices	2,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Soveren Solar	0.00	3,729.20	0.00	0.00
Windham Regional Assessment	2,500.00	2,240.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
VLCT Assessment	2,000.00	4,475.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
Insurance	5,082.00	3,552.84	5,523.00	3,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	2,298.32	5,000.00	5,000.00
Travel/meetings	200.00	1,106.83	200.00	200.00
Total	55,907.00	57,666.02	56,097.00	55,725.00
TAFT MEADOWS				
Maintenance Expense	500.00	0.00	300.00	500.00
Total	500.00	0.00	300.00	500.00
ELECTIONS				
Wages - Ballot Clerks	300.00	230.67	0.00	2,000.00
Supplies	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total	500.00	230.67	0.00	2,200.00
FINANCE OFFICE				
Salary - Treasurer	2,215.00	2,215.00	2,281.00	2,285.00
Bond - Treasurer	250.00	879.20	265.00	265.00
Wages - Current Tax Collector	4,845.00	5,213.88	4,990.00	5,000.00
Wages - Bookkeeper	0.00	20,991.50	17,200.00	17,200.00
Technical Support	1,000.00	937.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies	800.00	503.51	500.00	250.00
Computer	250.00	1,668.04	250.00	250.00
Employee Training	200.00	256.82	200.00	200.00
Tax Collector Exp.	0.00	322.84	0.00	0.00
New Equipment	0.00	18.37	0.00	0.00
Other Municipal Bookkeeping	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,300.00
Outside Audit	0.00	15,005.75	0.00	12,000.00
Bank Fees	2,100.00	1,925.34	2,100.00	0.00
Total	11,660.00	49,937.75	28,786.00	46,750.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Wages	0.00	11,422.67	0.00	0.00
Employee Expenses	0.00	695.50	1,905.00	1,900.00
Supplies	500.00	769.01	500.00	500.00
Computer	150.00	572.84	150.00	150.00
Delinquent Collector Legal	0.00	8,160.56	0.00	500.00
Bond	100.00	342.44	100.00	200.00
Total	750.00	21,963.02	2,655.00	3,250.00

AUDITORS

Wages	2,000.00	4,671.13	6,000.00	3,600.00
Supplies	200.00	0.00	25.00	250.00
Computer Training/Expenses	0.00	0.00	550.00	100.00
Town Report - Printing	2,000.00	1,750.69	2,000.00	1,900.00
Town Report - Preparation	0.00	52.14	400.00	0.00
Travel/Meetings	150.00	583.74	150.00	150.00
Total	4,350.00	7,057.70	9,125.00	6,000.00

LISTERS

Wages	20,000.00	23,677.89	18,000.00	18,000.00
Supplies	350.00	490.95	500.00	500.00
Map Expense	0.00	211.02	0.00	500.00
Computer	500.00	191.00	500.00	500.00
Contractual Service	0.00	614.93	1,750.00	1,000.00
Software Licenses	500.00	1,015.46	500.00	500.00
Technical Support	1,000.00	50.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Notices	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Travel/Meetings	500.00	1,725.49	750.00	750.00
Equipment	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total	23,600.00	27,976.74	23,750.00	23,500.00

TOWN CLERK

Salary	33,535.00	33,540.00	34,541.00	34,550.00
Wages - Clerk's Assistant	4,000.00	3,047.51	4,120.00	4,120.00
Health Insurance & Retirement	15,932.00	13,668.23	13,988.00	13,407.00
Supplies	1,200.00	917.39	1,200.00	1,200.00
Computer	500.00	132.25	500.00	500.00
Copier exp.	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond	30.00	95.88	30.00	30.00
Repair/Maintenance	250.00	0.00	250.00	500.00
Training/Professional Development	500.00	63.82	500.00	300.00
Record Maintenance	0.00	1,764.18	0.00	0.00
Total	56,947.00	53,229.26	55,129.00	54,607.00

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY 2017
PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD				
Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Map Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Printing	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Town Plan	5,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
PB Tech SPT BAL to res	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Notices	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Travel/Meetings	300.00	127.06	0.00	0.00
Clerical/Technical Asst.	1,500.00	857.94	773.00	800.00
Total	7,900.00	5,985.00	3,873.00	4,400.00
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				
Wages - Janitorial	2,000.00	2,676.53	2,060.00	2,100.00
Supplies	1,500.00	876.90	2,000.00	2,000.00
Copier/Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,843.07	2,500.00	2,500.00
Computer Expense	400.00	377.85	400.00	500.00
Insurance	7,000.00	6,888.50	7,400.00	7,000.00
Lawn Care	100.00	168.94	200.00	200.00
Repair/Maintenance	5,000.00	1,231.49	15,000.00	20,000.00
Clock Contract	125.00	100.00	125.00	125.00
Utilities: Electric/Fuel/Phone	12,800.00	8,078.07	12,500.00	8,000.00
Alarm	300.00	295.00	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Renovations	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	36,225.00	22,536.35	42,485.00	42,725.00
Total Town Government	198,414.00	246,582.51	222,275.00	239,732.00

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY 2017
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Law Enforcement	20,000.00	55,243.13	0.00	20,000.00
Rescue Inc	33,000.00	32,919.04	33,250.00	34,250.00
Constable	800.00	679.56	800.00	900.00
Emergency Management	10,000.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Forest Fire	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Pound keeper	500.00	175.00	500.00	500.00
Total	67,800.00	89,016.73	39,550.00	60,150.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION				
Supplies	500.00	577.55	500.00	500.00
Dues	15,000.00	17,477.00	17,800.00	18,600.00
Insurance	2,000.00	1,831.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,500.00	1,321.00	500.00	500.00
Required Medical Expense	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repair/Maintenance	4,000.00	320.80	4,000.00	4,000.00
Communication	5,000.00	273.75	5,000.00	5,000.00
Utilities: Electric/Fuel/Phone	6,425.00	4,928.17	6,325.00	6,325.00
New Equipment	10,000.00	915.32	8,800.00	10,000.00
Total	44,925.00	27,645.09	44,925.00	46,925.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - VEHICLES				
Supplies	1,000.00	1,188.32	1,400.00	1,400.00
Insurance	4,500.00	4,106.50	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repair	3,000.00	10,154.48	3,000.00	3,000.00
New Equipment	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	11,500.00	15,449.30	11,900.00	11,900.00
PUBLIC WORKS				
Wages	500.00	689.00	515.00	500.00
Street Lights	6,500.00	4,412.35	4,050.00	4,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE				
Supplies	1,200.00	361.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
Custodial	800.00	225.25	1,200.00	0.00
Insurance	4,300.00	4,070.00	4,500.00	4,000.00
Repair/Maintenance	6,000.00	452.22	9,000.00	5,000.00
Utilities: Electric/Fuel/Phone	10,200.00	5,653.44	12,100.00	5,100.00
Computer	200.00	716.34	200.00	200.00

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY 2017
WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPACTOR				
WSWMD Assessment	14,800.00	16,179.64	17,024.00	16,000.00
Wages	11,000.00	10,365.77	12,000.00	12,000.00
Supplies	100.00	4,027.22	0.00	250.00
Insurance	120.00	166.50	175.00	175.00
Tipping Fees	22,000.00	16,832.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Repair/Maintenance	0.00	4,300.27	1,000.00	1,000.00
Compactor Purchase	0.00	29,850.00	0.00	0.00
COMMON				
Supplies	100.00	10.56	100.00	100.00
Lawn Care	1,000.00	513.44	1,030.00	1,000.00
Tree Care	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fountain Care	400.00	228.96	400.00	400.00
Gazebo Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Electricity	400.00	248.02	400.00	400.00
RECREATION				
Ballfield	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
General Recreation	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Public Works	81,920.00	99,302.95	87,994.00	74,925.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE - TOWN				
FICA Town	11,000.00	11,203.40	11,918.00	12,000.00
Unemployment	500.00	724.60	358.00	400.00
Miscellaneous Employer Expense	0.00	953.35	0.00	0.00
WC Town	1,000.00	0.00	1,989.00	2,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES				
Principal - Long Term	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Interest Paid	25,500.00	24,610.00	26,750.00	25,000.00
Windham County Tax	11,000.00	10,777.00	11,000.00	11,250.00
Memorial Day Expense	250.00	282.25	300.00	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	53,589.65	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses	89,250.00	142,140.25	92,315.00	90,950.00
TOTAL	493,809.00	620,136.83	498,959.00	524,582.00

FY2015 RESERVE FUNDS

Common Fund

Balance 06/30/14	5,721.58
Interest	4.23
Balance 06/30/15	5,725.81

Sidewalk Funds

Balance 6/30/14	6,733.09
Interest	13.47
Balance 6/30/15	6,746.56

Firetruck Reserve Fund

Balance 6/30/14	181,518.86
FY12 Appropriation	20,000.00
Interest	571.12
Balance 6/30/15	202,089.98

Sewer Fund

Balance 06/30/14	40,351.63
Interest	144.20
Balance 06/30/15	40,495.83

FY2015 SPECIAL TOWN FUNDS

Moseley Fund

Balance 06/30/14	61,393.64
Interest	122.91
Balance 06/30/15	61,516.55

Pilot/RDAG Funds

Balance 06/30/14	76,838.58
Interest	219.41
Balance 06/30/15	77,057.99



West Townshend Country Store

**FY2015 TOWNSHEND PUBLIC LIBRARY
EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL**

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY2017
Appropriation	44,832.00	44,832.00	43,588.00	46,420.00
Library Expenses				
Salary - Librarian	20,670.00	20,670.24	21,290.00	21,928.00
Wages - Asst/Subs	5,512.00	5,334.45	7,098.00	7,592.00
Wages - Custodian	900.00	875.70	1,040.00	1,400.00
Employer Payroll Expense	2,000.00	1,950.66	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurances	2,000.00	1,313.94	2,000.00	2,000.00
Utilities (Elec./Oil/Phone)	5,150.00	5,928.53	4,150.00	5,100.00
Postage	850.00	786.72	850.00	800.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,691.76	1,500.00	1,500.00
Snow Removal	600.00	525.00	600.00	600.00
Travel/Meetings	650.00	527.38	500.00	500.00
Maintenance/Repair	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	949.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
Library Website	0.00	166.70	0.00	0
Total	44,832.00	44,720.26	45,028.00	46,420.00

FY2015 TOWNSHEND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RECEIPTS

Fund Drive	9,610.00
Donations	1,725.00
Friends of the Library	1,200.00
Reimbursements	1,026.83
Book Club	1,966.99
State Library Grant	200.00
Memorials	1,370.00
Book Sale	166.00
Interest	28.86
Total	17,293.68
 Total Expenditures	 60,752.87
Total Revenue	62,125.68
Library Surplus	1,372.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies	336.55
Audio Visual	620.60
Subscriptions	656.30
Programs	1,356.62
Fundraisers	146.09
Prof Expenses	189.50
Books	6,236.47
Performers	0.00
Misc.	2,603.00
Newsletter	203.55
Technology	885.00
Book Club	1,221.19
Friends	1,577.74
 Total	 16,032.61

TOWNSHEND CEMETERY COMMISSION FUND

FY2015

	Oakwood	Oakwood Wtr	Round Hill	Maple Gr/Old	Total
Balances 6/30/15	3,137.67	70.42	260.00	0.00	3,468.09
Perpetual Care					0.00
Stone Fund					0.00
General Fund					0.00
FY 15 Revenue	2,705.00	0.00	75.00	506.81	3,893.16
FY 15 Expense	5,956.46	0.00	335.00	712.10	7,003.56

Bank Balances:

RVCU MM	8,170.77
Chittenden CD #1	111,487.13
Chittenden CD #2	65,231.92

Perpetual Care:

Maple Grove	250.00
Wiswall	617.50
Twitchell	50.00
Sanderson	500.00
Taft	700.00
Action	50.00

FY2015 Revenue Receipts					
	Oakwood	Oakwood Wtr	Round Hill	Maple Gr/Old	Total
Town Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00	491.81	491.81
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	606.35
Annual Care	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Perpetual Care	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Sale of Lots	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees: Deed & Burial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General	2,005.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	2,020.00
Misc - GC Field Use	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
Total Revenue	2,705.00	0.00	75.00	506.81	3,893.16

FY2015 Expenses/Warrants Paid					
Wages	785.07	0.00	301.45	490.26	1,576.78
FICA	73.24	0.00	23.05	24.34	120.63
Insurance	123.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.90
Postage	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.80
Deed Fees	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Maint/Repair	3,171.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,171.00
Elec/Water Elec	140.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.82
Use of Equipment	37.63	0.00	10.50	38.50	86.63
Contract	1,525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,525.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	143.00	143.00
Supplies	10.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	26.00
Total Expenses	5,956.46	0.00	335.00	712.10	7,003.56

**FY2015 HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL**

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY2017
GENERAL MAINTENANCE				
Wages	146,000.00	143,210.69	150,380.00	140,000.00
Materials & Supplies	110,000.00	147,279.81	140,000.00	120,000.00
Road Signs	30,000.00	6,508.32	0.00	0.00
Gravel Crushing	50,000.00	35,999.19	25,000.00	25,000.00
Apply Crushed Gravel to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Apply Fogline to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,775.00
Crack Sealant	0.00	439.19	0.00	0.00
All Special Projects	75,000.00	20,894.00	55,000.00	70,000.00
Balance Special Projects to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,000.00
Retreatment	130,000.00	11,315.00	65,000.00	80,000.00
Contracted/Hired Services	157,000.00	17,979.95	90,500.00	8,000.00
ANCILLARY EXPENSES				
Liability Insurance	3,000.00	3,265.00	3,200.00	3,500.00
Uniforms	6,000.00	3,823.85	3,000.00	3,000.00
Computer	0.00	223.75	0.00	0.00
Training	200.00	0.00	500.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	750.00	220.90	200.00	250.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE				
FICA Taxes	12,000.00	10,529.87	11,505.00	11,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,500.00	586.40	1,260.00	1,250.00
Health Insurance	14,246.00	13,037.58	13,395.00	11,750.00
Retirement	9,000.00	7,468.22	8,083.00	8,000.00
Misc. Employer Expense	0.00	200.00	0.00	2,150.00
Workers' Compensation	8,500.00	10,225.00	9,449.00	10,000.00
TOTAL INDIRECT HIGHWAY	55,196.00	49,580.57	50,592.00	51,600.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSE	575,500.00	372,311.15	460,880.00	503,775.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	630,696.00	421,891.72	511,472.00	555,375.00
REVENUE				
State of Vermont Annual Program	109,000.00	111,953.23	109,000.00	109,000.00
Hwy. Revenue-Plow other Towns	4,000.00	7,350.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Taxes Raised: Highway	549,455.00	549,455.15	398,472.00	134,734.00
Total Highway Revenue	662,455.00	668,758.38	511,472.00	247,734.00
Total Highway Expenses	630,696.00	421,891.72	511,472.00	555,375.00
NET HIGHWAY	31,759.00	246,866.66	0.00	-307,641.00

**FY2015 EQUIPMENT FUND
EXPENSES - VOTED & ACTUAL**

	VOTED FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	VOTED FY2016	PROPOSED FY2017
MAINTENANCE EXPENSES				
Truck #8 2007 Sterling	15,000.00	26,308.65	0.00	7,000.00
Truck #9 2011 International	8,000.00	6,031.27	9,000.00	7,000.00
Truck #1 2012 Freightliner	6,000.00	14,760.27	8,000.00	6,000.00
Truck #2 2012 Ford	1,000.00	5,048.54	3,000.00	4,000.00
Truck #3 2015 International	1,000.00	655.07	7,000.00	4,000.00
Loader 2001 John Deere	12,500.00	1,521.58	30,000.00	12,500.00
Grader 2002 John Deere	20,000.00	4,753.42	10,000.00	10,000.00
Tractor John Deere	1,500.00	1,784.25	2,200.00	1,500.00
Back Hoe 2008 John Deere	4,000.00	3,419.87	4,200.00	4,200.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00	788.46	2,000.00	1,500.00
ALL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Equipment Purchases	0.00	159,596.99	5,000.00	0.00
Rented Equipment	2,500.00	7,875.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Shop Supplies	8,000.00	8,358.94	8,000.00	2,000.00
Diesel	60,000.00	36,166.01	55,000.00	35,000.00
Unleaded Gas	1,000.00	144.95	250.00	250.00
Tank Expenses-Diesel & Gas	0.00	2,313.76	0.00	800.00
Liquid Chlorine Machine	500.00	23.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	7,000.00	7,347.22	7,000.00	7,500.00
Interest Paid on EQ Financing	3,500.00	2,296.00	1,120.00	720.00
Total	154,500.00	289,193.71	152,770.00	104,970.00
EQUIPMENT EARNINGS				
Town Meeting Appropriations	154,500.00	305,000.00	151,650.00	86,080.00
Misc. Equipment Fund Income	0.00	16,917.09	0.00	0.00
Equip. Fund Int. Earned	0.00	167.25	0.00	0.00
Total	154,500.00	322,084.34	151,650.00	86,080.00
Net Equipment Fund	0.00	32,890.63	0.00	0.00
Equipment Purchases				
Debt Service- Principal on EQ Finance	60,500.00	0.00	27,120.00	0.00
2015 Int'l (FY12 cancelled)	155,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Purchases	215,500.00	0.00	27,120.00	0.00
Proposed Appropriation				
Total Highway Expenses	630,696.00	421,891.72	511,472.00	555,375.00
Total Equipment Expenses	154,500.00	289,193.71	152,770.00	104,970.00
Total Equipment Purchases	215,500.00	0.00	27,120.00	0.00
Total Expenses	1,000,696.00	711,085.43	691,362.00	660,345.00

EQUIPMENT LOAN SCHEDULE

EQUIPMENT	Balance 6/30/2014	Paid FY15	Balance 6/30/2015
Truck#1 2012 Freightliner	24,000.00	12,480.00	12,240.00
Truck #2 2013 F550	24,000.00	8,160.00	0.00
Truck #9 - 2011 International	14,800.00	13,936.00	13,668.00
Compactor		14,300.00	14,040.00
2014 DT		14,040.00	13,780.00
Total	62,800.00	62,916.00	41,488.00

FY2015 HIGHWAY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	6/30/2014	6/30/2015
ASSETS		
Due from General Fund	897,363.30	1,128,637.28
Prior Year Exp Reimbursement	7,560.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	904,923.30	1,128,637.28
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES		
Due to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Gravel Crushing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Fogline Painting Reserve	2,775.12	2,775.12
Retreatment Reserve	6,221.00	6,221.00
Special Project Reserves	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance - Prior Year	707,035.78	872,774.50
Fund Balance - Current Year	188,891.40	246,866.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES	904,923.30	1,128,637.28



Lawrence Smoke Shop and Country Store

FY2015 SALARIES & WAGES

Auditors

Barbara Bedortha	1,404.51
Margaret Bills	599.57
Adriane Esquivo	165.63
Alice Gausch	1,994.14
Eric Scott	26.50
Tricia Shine	125.88
Pätrick Kiernan	354.90*

*Wages outstanding claims/dues.

Cemetery

Russell Petronic	692.32
Charles Marchant	884.46

Compactor Attendant

Arnold Cole	9,645.08
Cory Sleeper	318.00

Delinquent Tax Collector

Becky Nystrom	11,422.67
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Elections

Kathleen Hege	331.25
Anita Bean	103.64
Kurt Tietz	291.51
Joseph Daigneault	125.88

Town Hall Maintenance

Annie Mae Gervais	814.89
Shawn Gervais	1,914.64

Highway Department

Kurt Bostrom	52,295.15
Joseph Daigneault	185.50
Robert Lecours	37,929.38
Jeffrey Russ	341.70
Edward Smith	46,933.52
Brian Schmidt	60.00
Michael Cutts	528.75
Shawn Gervais	159.00

Finance Office

Joseph Daigneault	2,215.00
Joseph Daigneault	5,213.88
Craig Hunt	278.25
Kristine Grotz-Kuch	20,251.94

Lister

Mike Bills	11,202.92
Steve Lott	2,053.77
Richard Lucier	4,379.16
Robin O'Neill	2,189.57
Gene Kuch	3,633.84

Mowing & Snowblowing

Dale Davis	513.44
Bryan White	689.00
Michael Cutts	67.50
Mike Finegan	168.94

Selectboard

Kathy Hege	725.00
Kyle LaPointe	625.00
Carol Melis	625.00
Dale West	625.00
Bob LeCours	625.00
Craig Hunt	32,500.00

Town Clerk

Anita Bean	33,540.00
Kathleen Hege	725.44
Richard Jackson	397.50
Kurt Tietz	1,924.57

Library

Karen LaRue	19,875.23
Beth Etman	1,905.35
Donna Trumbull	1,012.30
Zoe Millette	839.10
Louise Sirois	2,247.20

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 2014-2015 REPORT

After receiving the warrant in June of 2015 for \$140,796.75, the total in delinquent taxes owed to the Town of Townshend was \$175,363.31. Prior to receiving the warrant, the total due for delinquent taxes was about \$40,118.40. I held a tax sale in March 2015 in which four properties were auctioned off, of which three have since 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 five properties and about \$25,000 in delinquent taxes. I am in hopes this tax sale will be completed by Town Meeting. There is a continuous struggle with deceased property owners with delinquent taxes where there is no estate or death certificate on file which are needed to enter the properties into probate court. One parcel that has continuously been in bankruptcy court has finally been dismissed once again and will be included in the tax sale proceedings. 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. I would be happy to serve the Town in this position for another year.

*Note - All of the figures mentioned above are principal only and do not include interest and penalty.

BECKY NYSTROM

2014-2015 Delinquent Tax Statement

	<u>7/1/2014</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>6/30/2015</u>
2004	382.19	0		382.19
2005	2,578.92	0		2,578.92
2006I	352.65	0		352.65
2006-2007	2,785.44	0		2,785.44
2007-2008	939.13	0		939.13
2008-2009	821.10	0		821.10
2009-2010	355.68	0		355.68
2010-2011	4,121.26	186.54	<u>913.26</u>	3,021.46
2011-2012	7,048.90	1566.76		5482.14
2012-2013	13,283.33	10,265.56		3,017.77
2013-2014	132,524.33	114,849.60	1,641.14	16,033.59
2014-2015*	140,796.75		1,203.51	<u>139,593.24</u>
	344,753.04			175,363.31

*Warrant:	6/23/2015	<u>140,796.75</u>
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Cemetery Report

The Commission wishes to thank Wayne Beattie and crew and Russell Petronic for their good mowing for the 2015 season. All the cemeteries that they don't take care of received their annual care. The Commission has continued to work on written rights of way to several of the land locked cemeteries in town. The kiosk at Maple Grove Cemetery has now been used through all the seasons. A number of people have signed the book there and asked questions about Townshend's cemeteries. School groups from Ms. Dixon's classes at Leland and Gray put out the flags at Memorial Day and took them in at Veteran's Day. Many thanks to her and the class for their excellent help.

As time goes on finances for the upkeep of the cemeteries will become an issue. The townspeople have regularly supported the separate article for the care of the so called "back" cemeteries. The Commission thanks you for your support. The financial issue relates to the care of Oakwood Cemetery. We are currently using funds from a so called "retained interest" fund. This is money that the Cemetery Commission has made over the years with CD investments. Those types of investments simply are not generating much income. Eventually that fund will run out, be forewarned. The Commission will keep you updated. For the time being refer to the listing of cemetery accounts maintained by the Town Treasurer.



Scott Covered Bridge

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 2015**

I am always unsure what to say when I write my report. I try and come up with something new hoping to avoid being repetitive or boring.

I can say that this year was definite proof that in order to survive in this world you have to be able to accept change. We certainly have had a lot of it in the Town. I've learned to take everything with a grain of salt and to do the best I can to make things run smoothly. That said, I decided we all should take care of ourselves, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

A few of the biggest changes I have seen is that more and more people are purchasing their Hunting and Fishing Licenses on line which has substantially decreased the amount of money that is generated through my office.

Also, I attended a 3 1/2 day seminar in Manchester, VT in June for training with the new voter system. It will simplify matters in the end but initially will be a little overwhelming; a lot to absorb in a small amount of time. On the positive side, individuals can now register to vote on line. They can create their own voter page and fill in all the necessary information which will then be forwarded to me via the new voter system and I will be able to add and/or make changes to the voter checklist.

Due to an amount increase required to submit to the State, dog licenses will be going up starting in January 1, 2016. The price will increase as follows:

If registered on or before April 1, 2016 the fee for spayed and neutered dogs will increase to \$9.00. Unspayed and unneutered dogs will increase to \$13.00.

After April 1, 2016, the fee for spayed and neutered dogs will increase to \$11.00. Unspayed and unneutered dogs will increase to \$17.00.

Of course, as usual, I have to say thanks to my assistants Kathy Hege, Dick Jackson and Kurt Tietz for all they do to make my job a little easier and less stressful.

As always, I want to say thank you to all the residents of the town for giving me the opportunity to serve as Town Clerk.

**"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD,
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE".**

**Anita Bean
Town Clerk**

Town Clerk Fees

processed as of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

		Fiscal 2013/2014	Fiscal 2014/2015
Recording/Filing		\$ 12,750.00	\$ 9,185.00
Title Searching w/copies		\$ 2,716.45	\$ 2,295.85
Certified Copies (vital records)		\$ 2,980.00	\$ 3,790.00
Burial Transits		\$ 155.00	\$ 175.00
DMV		\$ 228.00	\$ 291.00
Vermont Fish & Wildlife	Town	\$ 200.50	\$ 222.50
	State	\$ 3,178.00	\$ 4,710.50
Posting Land		\$ 25.00	\$ 60.00
Marriage/Civil Unions	Town	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	State	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00
Animal Licenses	Town	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 1,208.00
	State	\$ 920.00	\$ 896.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 138.00	\$ 169.00
Green Mountain Passes		\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00
Town Hall Rental		\$ 935.00	\$ 1,721.00
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses		\$ 555.00	\$ 440.00
Total:		\$ 26,495.95	\$ 25,482.85

THE HOWARD LEGACY FUND

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

Aurelius Chapin Howard, born in 1812 in Townshend, died in 1881. Through his Will, he left to the Town the sum of \$10,000.00, directing 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 - 7/01/2014	\$10,000.00
Total Interest Earned through 6/30/15	\$24.61
Balance of Money Market - 7/01/2014	\$12,292.44
Total Interest Earned through 6/30/15	\$35.06
Disbursements	None
Ending Balance as of 6/30/15	\$12,352.11

Townshend Library Trustees Report

You might notice a few changes in the Townshend Library made this past year. The main room has been brightened up by a fresh coat of paint, and some areas are rearranged to make access to the collection easier. On the wall in the main room, two non-functioning windows have been replaced by bright shelving to showcase books of interest and those by local authors as well as current magazines. In order to find books, CDs and DVDs in the library collection, patrons can now use a new 'card catalog' computer thanks to the generosity of a longtime supporter of the library. The bank of public access computers is very popular, and the library is fortunate to have librarian Karen LaRue available to share her computer skills when needed. Future plans for the interior include creating more shelving for the growing library collection. The new granite curbing installed by the town is a great outdoor addition.

Library Trustees:

**Marjorie Holt, Margaret Bills, Ann Allbee,
Ann Danforth, Marilee Attley**

Townshend Pubic Library

Proposed Town Expenses FY 2017		Trustees proposed budget 2017	
Salary- Librarian	22,000.00	Supplies	1,000.00
Wages-Asst/Subs	7,800.00	Audio Visual	800.00
Wages- Custodian	1,400.00	Subscriptions	650.00
Emp. Payroll Expense	2,000.00	Programs	2,000.00
Insurance	2,000.00	Fundraisers	300.00
Electricity	3,000.00	Prof.expenses	500.00
Oil	2,500.00	Books	8,000.00
Postage	800.00	Performers	500.00
Supplies	1,700.00	EE Gifts	300.00
Snow removal	600.00	Technology	1,000.00
Travel/meetings	500.00	Newsletter	200.00
Telephone	650.00	Book Club	0
Library website	100.00	Friends	0
Maintenance/Repair	3,000.00	Misc	200.00
Library equipment	1,000.00		
Total Library Expenses	49,050.00	Total Trustee expenses	- 15,450

2015 Librarian's Town Report

2015 has been a good year for the Library and I have gotten a great deal of positive feedback from our patrons and the community. Our 5824 visitors checked out nearly 8000 items and made use of library services. We held nearly 80 programs that were attended by approximately 700 people. We borrowed 232 items from other Vermont libraries to fill our patrons' requests and helped out other Vermont libraries by loaning 85 of our items to them. We also tended to technology issues and answered reference questions too numerous to count. Thanks to a great staff and wonderful volunteers we were able to make all that and more happen with a smile on our faces most of the time!

Some of our wonderful volunteers had busier lives this year and so it was nice to have Judy Bright and Pam Russo lend a hand. I am grateful to Brian and Domenick Schmidt and the Townshend Fire Dept., and Rebecca Houle and Rescue Inc. for sharing their time and expertise during our summer reading program.

Our in-house book group is going strong, another just formed, and I have heard inquiries from the Valley Cares residents looking to start their own. Clearly, people have been enjoying reading in various formats as well as borrowing from our collection of over 800+ dvds. I am hoping to find time to explore how to add ebooks outside of our agreement with Green Mtn. Library Consortium.

As I've said before, I'm always trying to improve our services so please keep your comments coming; it really helps us know where we need to focus our attention.

Karen LaRue

Townshend Planning Commission Annual Report

The Townshend Planning Commission has had another active year reviewing Act 250 applications and permits, planning municipal infrastructure development and revising the Townshend Town Plan for 2016. The Commission continues to assess ways to improve our community and preserve its character while encouraging smart growth and limiting restrictions.

We have worked closely with the Windham Regional Commission to help Townshend comply with State and Federal mandates. We have completed the drafts of Townshend's flood hazard and hazard mitigation plans to complement existing ordinances and maintain our compliance with FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program regulations. We have reviewed changes in neighboring town plans, studied alternative energy production proposals and monitored threats to our forests from non-native invasive insects.

Members of the Planning Commission are honored to serve our community and, as always, welcome public input and participation.

Art Monette, chairman

John Evans, vice-chairman

Susan LeCours, clerk

Stanley Holt

Robert DeSiervo

Townshend Historical Society

Our mission as a historical society is to help preserve documents, artifacts, and places of historic 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 very successful spring Cellar Hole Tour where we added greatly to our knowledge of “lost places” in Townshend.

We also shared a wonderful Barn Exhibit at both the County History Fair in August, and the Pumpkin Festival in October. The purpose of these exhibits was to bring out the importance of preserving our barns and their individual histories, and to celebrate the lives of the individuals who built them.

Our final tour of the season was the exciting Inside-Out Barn Tour with Pete Newton, a noted local authority on barns, and barn construction. Included on the tour were barns owned by the Holt Family, Dick Jackson, and the Faulkners. In addition, we’ve developed a Self-Guided Barn Tour brochure that’s available on our display case in the Town Hall foyer.

Our new web site will be up and running soon so that you can check out our enhanced barn tour, complete with photos, maps, and descriptions of 18 local barns. In addition we have a Town Hall Curtains exhibit, latest news items, newsletter archives, and a large photo collection. Check out our web site at www.townshendvt.org to explore all of this.

Reminder: *A Stitch in Time*, the story of Townshend, is available for only \$25 on Town Meeting Day, or for \$30 by mail. **Become a member to help preserve and share our town’s history.** Contact: info@townshendvt.org

Townshend Historical Society Trustees:

Heidi Clawson, Walter Corcoran, Robert DuGrenier, Marge Holt, Priscilla Lyman, Charles Marchant, Lee Petty



Gathering foundation stones onto “stone boats” –possibly for the new Lawrence barn



Lawrence barn frame is finished. Note the gambrel roof style.



The barn frame is closed in and the top portion is clapboarded. Note the pent roof over the main door.



The Lawrence barn is finished, c 1890's.



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff
PO Box 266, Newfane VT 05345
Tel: (802) 365-4942
Fax: (802) 365-4945



Townshend Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided a full time deputy sheriff to the people of Townshend FY2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) in the amount of \$55000. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 174 calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY15, we issued a total of 547 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$46436 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 295 warnings were issued and 174 calls for service were answered.

Our Electronic Monitoring Program pilot project has been going along strongly. The program allowed for the supervision of low-risk individuals who had been charged with, but not yet convicted of a crime. In the first year of operation, we estimate the program has saved the State of Vermont over \$180,000 in expenses. We've also begun researching our newest idea: the Liberty Mill Justice Center. In 2014, the cost to house a single offender in Vermont was approximately \$60,000 (male) and \$81,102 (female). This program seeks to reduce the burden on taxpayers by providing education services, social services, veteran support, mental health and substance abuse counselling, regional training and a variety of other services.

Since our last report, we've installed our new state-of-the-art radio communications system that we purchased through grant funding. The new system has extended our coverage through prior coverage gaps. It also ensures interoperability and communication amongst partner agencies and organizations. We've also added four mobile data terminals (in-car computers) to our fleet to help keep deputies in the community more, even while preparing court filings.

Call Type	Count	Call Type	Count
911 Hangup	3	Illegal Dumping	1
Accident - Injury	1	Information	3
Accident - LSA	1	Juvenile Problem	3
Accident - Property	9	Larceny - Other	1
Alarm	2	Mental Health Issue	2
Animal Problem	5	Message	1
Arrest on Warrant	1	MV Complaint	7
Assault - Aggravated	1	Negligent Operation	2
Assist - Agency	22	Parking	9
Assist - Citizen	5	Patient Watch	1
Assist - Motorist	5	Property Watch	4
Burglary	2	Recovered Property	1
Citizen Dispute	2	SMART Cart	1
Directed Patrol	4	Suspicious Event	12
Disorderly Conduct	2	Theft	9
DLS	2	Traffic Hazard	4
Domestic Disturbance	2	Trespass	8
Drugs - Possession	2	TRO/FRO Violation	1
Drugs - Sale	1	Vandalism	1
DUI	2	VIN verification	22
Foot Patrol	1	Welfare Check	1
Found/Lost Property	4	Grand Total	174
Fraud	1		

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. 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 was pleased to serve the people of Townshend during FY15. As the town chose to not renew a contract for FY16, we won't be providing patrol services this year. We wish everyone the best in your future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith D. Clark
Sheriff Keith D. Clark

SOCIAL SERVICES – 2016-17 REPORT

American Red Cross of Vermont and NH Upper Valley Region provides planning preparedness and emergency disaster relief.

2016 appropriation: \$500 2017 request: \$500 **2017 recommendation: \$500**

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc. provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. One hundred percent locally-funded, Hospice provides assistance to increase understanding and cope with death and dying.

2016 appropriation: \$300 2017 request: \$300 **2017 recommendation: \$300**

The Current (operated by the Connecticut River Transit, Inc.) provides transportation for the elderly, the disabled and children and families who receive Medicaid.

2016 appropriation: \$500 2017 request: \$ 750 **2017 recommendation: \$500**

Gathering Place provides a safe, supportive environment, a full array of services and activities for elders and adults with disabilities.

2016 appropriation: \$400 2017 request: \$ 400 **2017 recommendation: \$400**

Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) supports and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer within the community.

2016 appropriation: \$275 2017 request: \$275 **2017 recommendation: \$275**

Groundworks Collaborative is a merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter, providing emergency food, housing and case management services.

2016 appropriation \$1,200 2017 Request \$1,200 **2017 Recommendation \$1,200**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services provides a range of community-based services, including client advocacy and public education.

2016 appropriation: \$1,100 2017 request: \$ 1,100 **2017 recommendation: \$1,100**

Newbrook Fire and Rescue provides fire protection and rescue service to Townshend residents.

2016 appropriation: \$1,500 2017 request: \$1,500 **2017 recommendation: \$1,500**

Senior Solutions Southeastern VT supports aging seniors in Townshend with information and assistance, senior nutrition programs, transportation, case management and care-giver respite.

2016 appropriation: \$750 2017 request: \$750 **2017 recommendation: \$ 750**

Southern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) is a community based, non-profit organization providing weatherization, emergency heating repair, tax preparation services, thrift store vouchers and fuel assistance.

2016 appropriation: \$1,500 2017 request: \$1,500 **2017 recommendation: \$1,500**

Townshend Community Food Shelf, housed in the Townshend Community Church, provides food to those in need.

2016 appropriation: \$700 2017 request: \$700 **2017 recommendation: \$700**

Vermont Center For Independent Living is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

2016 appropriation: \$250 2017 request: \$255 **2017 recommendation: \$250**

Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH makes homecare visits to Townshend residents.

2016 appropriation: \$2,700 2017 request: \$2,790 **2017 recommendation: \$2,700**

Windham Child Care Association provides child care referral, financial assistance, child and adult food programs and educator professional development services.

2016 appropriation: \$0.00 2017 request: \$250 **2017 recommendation: \$250**

Women's Freedom Center works to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County.

2016 appropriation: \$1,200 2017 request: \$1,200 **2017 recommendation: \$1,200**

Youth Services coordinates the Big Brother/Big Sister program, provides in-home parent education and support and a 24/7 crisis hot-line.

2016 appropriation: \$1,500 2017 request: \$1,500 **2017 recommendation: \$1,500**

2016 appropriations	2017 requests	2017 recommendations
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Totals: \$14,375	\$14,970	\$14,625
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Complete requests from each of these social service agencies are available for review at the Town Clerk's office.



Robert Du Grenier Associates Inc



Grace Cottage Hospital

Youth Services Inc.

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. 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. Our broad array of 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
- 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 the people 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
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services.

This year, we respectfully request \$1,540 from the Town of Townshend to help fund our agency's services. We served 8 residents from Townshend during Fiscal Year 2015. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our new website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

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. Our center 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 attendance every day. TGP is an affordable, cost-effective community-based service option for individuals and their families. Our 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, podiatry and hairdresser.
- daily exercise
- recreation and social activities including expressive arts, poetry, baking and crafts
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care
- referral services
- companionship
- special events
- transportation to and from the center and medical appointments

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, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 479 women and their 438 children; providing emergency supports to 10 women and their 14 children from Townshend. We also responded to 1,491 crisis telephone calls and provided shelter to 37 women and their 49 children. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

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

Regards, Vickie Sterling
Executive Director *Women's Freedom Center*



THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TOWN OF TOWNSHEND SUMMARY REPORT



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

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

adaptive equipment. **500** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '15, **4** residents of **Townshend** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(\$760.50.00 spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)

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



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, which just celebrated its 50th year, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Townshend is currently represented by Bradley Horn and the second position remains vacant. 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. All committee meetings are open to the public and subject to state open meeting law.

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

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

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 25 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 35 Act 250 (land use) applications and 19 Section 248 (energy generation/transmission) applications. We've convened towns to explore opportunities for shared services to reduce costs or make the most of taxpayer dollars spent. We assisted all of our towns with the development and submittal of Local Emergency Operations and have assisted 17 of our 27 towns with the development of local hazard mitigation plans. We continue to lead the region's response to the closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. We completed a comprehensive Forest Stewardship Report and helped organize the Shedding Light on the Working Forest exhibit at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center to highlight the ecological, cultural and economic importance of forestry to the region and its households.

An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." You can also view a video about the WRC and its work at <https://vimeo.com/131311272>.

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 6 percent of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2016 – it is ostensibly 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 are not asking for an increase in funding from towns this year. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$2,303 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 2016, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



"Grace Cottage saved my life after I had a massive heart attack, and then they taught me how to walk again after I lost a leg to deep vein thrombosis. Their professionalism and friendliness is outstanding." -- John Allen, Wardsboro

Since 1949, Grace Cottage has existed for one purpose: to serve the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion. At Grace Cottage, our mission is to relieve suffering, restore health, and promote wellness.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour emergency department, a palliative care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2015, through donations, we constructed a new hospital entrance and a new reception area to improve accessibility and comfort.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, urology, and mental health services, along with general family medicine. In 2015, we welcomed five new providers including a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. We also expanded our hours for the convenience of our patients.

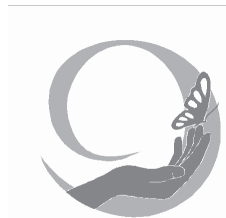
Two years ago, through the Vermont Blueprint for Health Initiative, we created a **Community Health Team** at Grace Cottage Family Health. In 2015, we secured private funding to greatly expand this department which offers valuable, free services to area residents such as nutrition and lifestyle education, short-term mental health/substance abuse assessment, assistance with applying for health insurance, help in connecting to community resources, and more. Our **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care to both hospital patients and outpatients with sixteen physical, occupational and speech therapists.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness in the region and encourages residents to take advantage of our subsidized classes and events. Weekly classes such as yoga and Strong Bones are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Programs such as Driver Safety and Smoking Cessation are held on a regular basis. A schedule can be found on our new and improved website.

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment with expert advice. Many over-the-counter items, gifts and cards are also available.

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of the 168 full and part-time employees that make Grace Cottage what it is, **thank you for your support.**

*Grace Cottage is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization.
185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353. 802-365-7357
www.gracecottage.org*



Brattleboro Area Hospice

191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301 |

802-257-0775 |

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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.

This year we are excited to initiate an Advance Directive Planning project, Taking Steps Brattleboro, a collaborative, community-based initiative intended to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people in the Brattleboro area who have completed the Advance Directive planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice will offer trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance directives.

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. 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. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 10 Townshend residents. Two Townshend residents served as volunteers. We hosted a Death Café at the Dam Diner with 10 people in attendance and we held a Hospice care volunteer training at Grace Cottage Hospital. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

A United Way Agency



VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Townshend, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 422 homecare visits to 17 Townshend residents. We provided approximately \$14,195 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Townshend residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 249 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 162 home visits to 3 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 11 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

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

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

Sincerely,



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

The American Red Cross



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

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

·Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **354** local disasters, helping over **1,000** people.

·We installed **over 500** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.

·**283** Nurse Assistants and **26** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.

·We held **510** blood drives and collected **120,000** units of blood.

·We connected **317** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

·We currently have over **1,330** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

Windham County:

-We responded to 11 fires and supported 37 individuals in recovering from those disasters.

-1750 pints of life-saving blood were collected at 40 blood drives throughout Windham County.

-566 Windham County residents took part in one of our many health and safety programs.

The American Red Cross provides all its emergency relief services **free** with no support from federal or state governments.

Claire Giroux-Williams | Development Specialist
American Red Cross New Hampshire & Vermont Region

Vermont Department of Health Report for Townshend

Your local health district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: West River Thrives was one of five Windham County prevention coalitions participating in a \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant to reduce underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse. They also received a \$125,000/year Drug Free Communities grant from SAMHSA for 5 years.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) served half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support and healthy foods. In Townshend, 31 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 223 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$802,526 of which was in our district.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Windham County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, funding of \$158,724 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Grace Cottage, and Brattleboro Retreat.

Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Project: Breastfeeding, a key to good health of mothers & babies, also significantly benefits families, employers, and society. With close to 70 % of new mothers returning to work after the birth of babies, the Project helps Vermont employers adopt breastfeeding friendly policies in the workplace. The Brattleboro District Office has 45 local employers who are part of the Project. See the VDH website for more info or call our local office for assistance.

Fit & Healthy Kids Coalition: The District Office coordinates the coalition, bringing professionals from diverse organizations together to support the community in increasing physical activity and healthy food opportunities for kids and families. A Toolkit was developed offering teachers ideas and resources for physical activity breaks and healthy food education for K-8.

Townshend Volunteer Fire Dept

At the time of this report we have responded to nearly 100 calls. This is above the last few years average. Many of these calls are not serious, but many of them take a lot of time for volunteers. Examples are road closures for wires down or accidents. This year we did have some significant loss fires. These loss events also include Mutual Aid calls to support other towns. The Mutual Aid system also benefits our department. We have had several members complete some classes. This training will benefit the town. We are asking residents who own bridges to post the weight limit for the bridge. As time goes on, trucks weigh more and carry more water. Some neighboring departments have questioned bridges in town. Since they are not public it should be the responsibility of the owner to post it. This weight limit would also be helpful for fuel companies and other private contractors who have heavy trucks.

We must deal the issue of illegal burns. These are incidents involving burning trash or having a fire without a permit. When we receive a number of these calls each year. When we receive a call from Keene Dispatch, we must send a response and file a report. In some instances we have been confronted with unhappy land owners. Our only option in these cases is to call the police for support.

Finally we have to bring up the annual issue of alarms. They are the largest group in the total call list. Once a system is activated we must respond to check things out. When we send out our annual appeal, we hope those that have had systems that we responded to for no reason will think generously.

We are always looking for new members.

If interested, contact the Chief Doug Winot or Secretary Charlie Marchant



Townshend Volunteer Fire Department



RESCUE INC REPORT

Rescue Inc is pleased to announce that we have purchased the Prouty field in West Townshend for the site of our new Division II station. Changes within the hospital created a situation whereby Rescue needed to reconsider its housing arrangements for our providers in the West River Valley. After careful consideration the Board of Trustees voted to build a facility that is uniquely suited to Rescue's needs. At present the Agency is awaiting the completion of the Act 250 process and the ultimate issuance of the permit that will allow construction to begin. Barring unforeseen circumstances construction will begin in the spring with completion occurring during the summer months.

We are excited about this new facility since it will allow us to consolidate much of our non-emergency equipment under one roof. The location of this building in the geographic center of our Division II territory will allow for more efficient use of both our equipment and our medical providers. Completion of the project will allow us to continue to provide the same high quality emergency services that you have come to rely upon for the last ten years. It has been our pleasure to serve the citizens of Townshend and we look forward to becoming neighbors in the truest sense of the word.

Windham County Humane Society

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

Animal Intake and Outcomes from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015

881 animals came into WCHS	897 animals left WCHS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 147 were seized by ACO's/law enforcement• 255 animals were surrendered by their owners• 204 were strays brought in by the public or abandoned at the shelter• 195 were transported to WCHS from high kill shelters and successfully adopted out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 654 or 73% were adopted out to new homes• 110 or 12% were reunited with their owner• 23 or 3% were euthanized per request of the owner (low income residents on Pet Care Assistance)• 71 or 8% were euthanized for health or behavior reasons (<i>WCHS does not euthanize for time or space. Average euthanasia rate in the US is 50%</i>)• 10 or 1% died• 29 or 3% were transferred out to another shelter or rescue

Spay/Neuter

- 551 public animals
- 110 Feral cats
- \$12,194 in financial aid for spay/neuter to low-income pet owners

Pet Care Assistance

Our Pet Care Assistance Program is designed to help Windham County residents who are struggling to provide adequate care for their companion animals. It is our goal to keep pets in their homes whenever possible. This program provides food assistance, basic preventative medicines (flea/tick or heartworm preventative, etc.), and low cost vaccines for participants.

Cruelty/Neglect

WCHS coordinated the investigation of 27 reports of cruelty and neglect in Windham County.

Volunteers 2014-15

64 Volunteers worked a total of 5,201 hours. These numbers do not include time donated by the Board of Directors, or by the two event committees.

WCHS served Townshend residents as follows:

- 10 residents adopted animals from WCHS
- 2 stray animals were reunited with their owners.
- 13 residents' animals were fixed using the low cost spay/neuter program
- 2 animals were surrendered to WCHS by Townshend residents.
- 9 animals were found as strays and brought to WCHS by the Townshend ACO.
- 0 animals found as strays were brought to WCHS by Townshend residents
- 9 residents of Townshend requested Pet Care Assistance in the past year.

WCHS is pleased to have a signed contract with the town of Townshend. While town contracts cover the first 5 days of boarding, the average length of stay for an animal in the prior year was 18 days. I respectfully request the town consider an appropriation of \$500 to WCHS for the next fiscal year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carolyn Conrad
Director of Operations, Windham County Humane Society

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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 comprising 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 136 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 to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information, and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. In 2015, attorneys and staff responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries from municipal officials about their statutory duties and about best practices in municipal governance. More than 1,300 people attended 16 workshops on topics ranging from municipal budgeting to solid waste management, and training for selectboard members, auditors, and land use officials. Additionally, MAC conducted 10 on-site workshops at municipal offices covering Open Meeting Law compliance, financial fraud prevention, effective property tax appeal hearings, as well as other topics. Attorneys provided 28 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. Many municipalities have received technical assistance on water quality and stormwater management related to the recent passage of Vermont's Clean Water Act. All handbooks, technical papers, model documents, and past newsletter articles – more than 1,000 documents – are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2016 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also publishes a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free of charge on the VLCT website.
- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, and casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continued to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and, where appropriate, to secure health insurance through the marketplace. When substantial municipal damages occur as a result of weather events, the value to our members of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The two Trusts are responsible for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2015.

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



We live in a closed-loop environment. Everything is connected. An innovative approach to managing today's waste includes the realization that renewing the life-cycle of the products we consume is a critical step in reducing waste. The concept of managing solid waste means giving trash new purpose and a new life. It's about turning waste into a resource.

From our first recycling center in Vermont in 1977, to our current platform of recycling facilities serving 7 states, Casella has pioneered the recycling processing field. Today, Casella is leading the industry with investments in recycling infrastructure, research and development driving the next generation of recycling technologies, and innovative recycling programs that are making recycling easier for our customers.

Zero-Sort® Recycling

Zero-Sort is the single bin recycling services that puts more of your discarded materials back into the world and less of it into the landfill. No sorting of recyclable material on your end makes recycling quick and easy. Just focus on filling the bin and we take care of the rest.

Our Zero-Sort facilities handle many types of recyclables including cardboard, paper, plastic, metal and glass that is baled, re-marketed and transformed into new products.

In 2015- One dumpster was provided to a resident within Townshend.

We provide recycling of your old electronics (e-waste) at a drop-off location near you.

Casella Waste Systems Inc.

25 Greens Hill Lane
Rutland, VT 05701
Telephone: (802) 775-0325



GREEN UP VERMONT

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

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015

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

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

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

Mark your calendar -- May 7, 2016 Green Up Day, 46 years of tradition!
Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

2015 Townshend Elementary School Principal's Report

Celebrating individuality, creativity and the concept of excellence!

As a small school (71 students) we continue to experience a declining enrollment, which impacts our budget. We have full day, five day a week Pre-K (4 year olds) and Kindergarten programs. We have enrolled up to 10 Pre-K students and combine them with Kindergarten. Act 166 requires each school district to subsidize ten hours of Pre-K for all three and four year olds. We receive state revenue for these students.

Assessments: The data below tell us how we compare with the state of Vermont in reading, math and science on state of VT testing:

% of students who Achieved the Standard in Spring 2015

SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium – new this spring)

	English Language Arts	Math	Science NECAP Gr 4
TES Students	69%	58%	62%
State of VT	53%	44%	46%

Technology: You can check on school activities, calendar and our food menu by visiting our website www.townshendschool.org and our TES Facebook page.

After School Programs: We are in the fifth year of 21st Century Grant for After School Programs. Kiley Boyd is our current site coordinator and continues to bring many wonderfully innovative programs to our students.

Food Program: Due to the over 50% poverty rate of families in Townsend, we qualify for federal reimbursement for after-school supper which is served during after school programming. This is free to every child who stays after school.

School Club: Our School Club is comprised of a group of vibrant, committed parents whose generosity is unending. School Club officers are: Jesse Thomas, President, Michelle Goulet, Vice-presidents, Carley Sanderson & Caroline Belcher Co-Treasurers, and Deidre Beattie, Secretary. Besides conducting productive monthly meetings, the School Club members vote to spend much of their fund-raised budget on enrichment activities for the students: Camp Keewaydin for grade 5, Winter Sports scholarships, 6th grade graduation, Teacher Appreciation luncheon, scholarships to Leland & Gray students from Townshend, field trips and arts residencies (especially our Circus Residency). 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 twenty years, I always feel privileged and excited to meet each new day. I wish to thank all teachers, support staff and our dedicated School Board members for hours of work on our behalf and to everyone who volunteers to spend their time with us. The Townshend community has always been generous and supportive. These are the ingredients that create our wonderful learning environment.



With sincere gratitude,
Deborah M. Leggott, Principal

Mary Meyer Stuffed Toys Factory

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

This question continues to press our state representatives and local boards for action. The latest development is the passage of Act 46: Unification to Achieve Sustainable Governance. Although under review by the Legislature in 2016, at this time Act 46 includes "allowable spending growth" recommendations for each school district. Your school budget that can exceed this recommendation with voter approval, but approval would result in a two for one penalty on any "excess spending". The goal of these allowable growth recommendations is to limit increased education spending statewide at 2%. See <http://education.vermont.gov/laws/2015/act-46> for more information on Act 46.

The WCSU Board has received a \$5000 Act 46 Exploratory Study Grant from the AOE to assist our ten school districts in considering what options should be explored to meet the requirements of Act 46. Any changes in school governance must be duly warned and approved by the town's voters.

The ten School Districts of the Windham Central Supervisory Union operate eight schools:

School District	School (grade levels)	# of Students (12/15/15)	Pays tuition for Grades
Brookline	NewBrook Elementary (K-6)	129	Pre-K only
Dover	Dover School (PK - 6)	103	7-12
Jamaica	Jamaica Village School	63	None
Marlboro	Marlboro School (K-8)	81	Pre-K & 9-12
Newfane	NewBrook Elementary (K-6)	129	Pre-K only
Stratton	No school - All grades by tuition	(32)	Pre-K through 12
Townshend	Townshend Elementary (PK-6)	73	None
Wardsboro	Wardsboro Central School (PK-6)	57	7-12
Windham	Windham Elementary (K-6)	18	Pre-K only
LGUM/HSD #34	Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School (7-12)	318	Windham Regional Career Center

A few notable developments across the WCSU include:

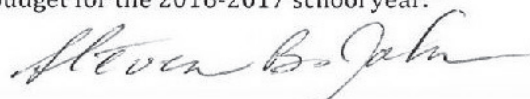
- Implementation of the *Common Core State Standards* and reporting on student progress using a standards-based report card for K-6.
- Beginning last Fall all WCSU member districts either provide or pay tuition for 10 hours/week of Pre-K education for any child 3 and 4 years of age at parent request.
- All schools (Windham excepted) provide a healthy breakfast and lunch supported locally and by the National School Lunch Program.
- Schools provide after-school programs supported by a 21st Century Grant and partially matching funds from local school budgets.
- Led by Dover and NewBrook with solar panels on campus, all WCSU schools have net metering agreements for solar energy to reduce power costs beginning late 2016.
- The 2016-2017 Superintendent's Budget is up 4.78% reflecting a 7.9% increase in health insurance premiums and 11.1 % in Special Education.

Vermonters are proud of our students and our schools as we continue to lead the nation in high-school graduation rates. Highly qualified teachers provide effective instruction for our students in every school in the WCSU. The standards based SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) tests were administered for the first time last spring. Next year, educators and parents will be able to gauge a student's individual achievement and growth by these tests in mathematic and English.

Your school's staff and administration work together following your school's Action Plan to improve student learning and achievement. The WCSU provides continuing professional training to improve instruction in all disciplines, with particular attention to reading/writing across the curriculum and mathematics PK-12. The State Board of Education's recently adopted *Next Generation Science Standards* will be an increasing focus for FY17 and beyond.

A school budget provides the plan for investing in opportunities for student learning and growth. The members of your school board carefully considered every detail of their proposed FY17 Budget. Your school board welcomes your opinions and suggestions to find the means to meet the needs of *all* students. I urge you to approve your board's proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

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



TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS – March 2016

Welcome to Townshend Town Meeting 2016,

Deficit Reduction Plan News

Early in 2016 I am happy to report that we have made significant progress on our three year, (\$215k) deficit reduction plan. In the first year of the plan, FY15, we eliminated \$100k from the deficit, ahead of our scheduled \$80k reduction, and paving the way to be back on track during the FY17 budget cycle.

Act 46

As we are getting Townshend Elementary Schools financial house in order there are other challenges we and every other school in VT face, Act 46. Recently we focused our January Board Meeting on relaying information on Act 46 to all community members in attendance. Our legislator, Emily Long, provided a robust overview of Act 46, followed by a lengthy Q & A round. It was a healthy discussion which gave our board a better sense of the direction you would like us to take.

The Year Ahead

Throughout 2016 we will continue to have open dialogs with the Townshend community and engage in study committees. Subsequently, we will hone in on an optimal governance structure that continues to provide our children with an excellent education and puts us in a position to capitalize on state tax relief.

It Takes a Village

Our board will continue to work closely with the administration and Superintendent's office on providing the best possible budgets and making Act 46 work for us. Given the scope of the situation, we will be looking at some novel ideas that seek to maintain our high standards of education as well as control the tax burden placed on the people of Townshend. This will involve transformational change as we implement Act 46 in the near future.

With this in mind, we need the help of our community members to help in the decision-making and determining what our level of tolerance is for change in Townshend, VT. Our meetings are on the second Monday of every month in the Art room. Please be involved to the extent that you can. This is an important time in the long history of Townshend Elementary School. With everyone working toward a common solution, we are confident that our school will not only survive, but thrive!

Thank you for your continued support of Townshend Elementary School!

Al Claussen, Townshend School Board Chair



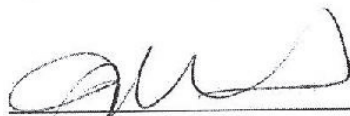
Townshend Dam Diner

WARNING
LELAND AND GRAY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of Leland & Gray Union High School District #34, comprising the towns of Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend and Windham, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Leland and Gray High School Gymnasium in Townshend, Vermont on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for the 2016 Annual Meeting and for a Public Informational Hearing on questions to be decided by Australian ballot, to act upon the following articles:

- Article I: To elect a Moderator to serve from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
- Article II: To elect a Clerk to serve from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
- Article III: To elect a Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
- Article IV: To compensate the Directors \$400, the Chair \$500, and the Treasurer \$500.
- Article V: To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the District for the first Tuesday of February in the year of 2017.
- Article VI: To conduct a Public Informational Hearing on the 2016 – 2017 Leland & Gray Union High School District #34 budget, which is to be established on February 3, 2016 by Australian ballot on the following ballot question: "Shall the voters of the Leland and Gray Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,120,218 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?" It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,384 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.2 % lower than spending for the current year.
- Article VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Townshend, Vermont this 28th day of December in the year 2015.


Joe Winch, Chairperson


Gloria Cristelli, Clerk

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Leland And Gray UHS #34
S.U.: Windham Central S.U.

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

2015 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Junior/Senior high school
(23 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
11 out of 23

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tch	Stu / Admin	Tchr / Admin
						Ratio	Ratio	Ratio
Smaller ->	Northfield Middle/High School	6 - 12	295	32.50	1.40	9.08	210.71	23.21
	Williamstown Middle/High School	6 - 12	327	20.50	2.00	15.95	163.50	10.25
	Green Mountain UHS #35	7 - 12	337	33.00	2.00	10.21	168.50	16.50
	Leland And Gray UHS #34	7 - 12	349	30.93	1.00	11.28	349.00	30.93
< Larger	Hazen UHS #26	7 - 12	349	29.70	2.00	11.75	174.50	14.85
	Oxbow UHS #30	7 - 12	369	37.00	2.00	9.97	184.50	18.50
	Stowe Middle/High School	6 - 12	408	35.95	2.00	11.35	204.00	17.98
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			379.17	35.32	1.99	10.73	190.83	17.78

School District: Leland & Gray UHSD #34
LEA ID: U034

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

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

FY2014 School District Data

Cohort Description: Senior high school district
(25 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 19 out of 25
Smaller ->	Hazen UHSD #26	7-12	324.03	\$15,616	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Green Mountain UHSD #35	7-12	326.14	\$14,745	
	Oxbow UHSD #30	7-12	343.98	\$15,548	
	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	7-12	347.38	\$15,896	
< Larger	Fair Haven UHSD #16	9-12	394.68	\$15,164	
	Randolph UHSD #2	7-12	398.32	\$14,939	
	Vergennes UHSD #5	7-12	473.85	\$15,215	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			595.45	\$15,080	

FY2016 School District Data

LEA ID School District		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
					Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.
Smaller ->	U039	Black River USD #39	7-12	195.62	16,649.24	1.7425	-	-
	U034	Leland & Gray UHSD #3	7-12	309.37	16,416.97	1.7182	-	-
	U035	Green Mountain UHSD #	7-12	342.54	13,896.43	1.4544	-	-
	U030	Oxbow UHSD #30	7-12	344.74	15,089.89	1.5793	-	-
< Larger	U026	Hazen UHSD #26	7-12	356.49	16,008.16	1.6754	-	-

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

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

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

Townshend Proposed Budget FY 2017

Description	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2015 Adopted Budget	FY2016 Adopted Budget	FY 2017 Proposed Budget
Revenues - To be updated by AOE				
Tuition/Misc.	\$ 900	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 2,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Food Service - Local Sales	\$ 14,144	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
Total Local Revenue	\$ 17,889	\$ 26,200	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,750
State Aid - Education Spending Grant	\$ 1,175,110	\$ 1,181,590	\$ 1,275,773	\$ 1,218,599
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	\$ 85,586	\$ 83,965	\$ 82,907	\$ 82,907
State Aid - Transportation	\$ 11,658	\$ 11,678	\$ 12,022	\$ 12,022
State Aid - Special Ed Block Grant	\$ 28,432	\$ 31,034	\$ 26,013	\$ 28,444
State Aid - Intensive Needs	\$ 117,009	\$ 93,502	\$ 109,959	\$ 106,106
State Aid - Extraordinary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Aid - Special Ed - State placed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Aid - Special Ed - EEE	\$ 10,258	\$ 11,643	\$ 8,249	\$ 9,712
WCSU Sub Grant Medicaid	\$ 25,833	\$ 21,860	\$ 12,736	\$ 22,991
WCSU Sub Grant Title I	\$ 19,228	\$ -	\$ 19,805	\$ 20,201
State Aid - Food Program	\$ 45,357	\$ 35,000	\$ 41,268	\$ 42,093
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant	\$ 4,519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VEHI Wellness Sub Grant WCSU	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,523,490	\$ 1,470,272	\$ 1,588,732	\$ 1,543,075
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,541,379	\$ 1,496,472	\$ 1,602,232	\$ 1,556,825
Expenditures				
Direct Inst Teacher Salary	\$ 342,591	\$ 332,407	\$ 347,906	\$ 354,864
Federal Jobs Salary	\$ 16,146	\$ 17,000	\$ 16,829	\$ 18,115
Literacy Coach Salary	\$ 10,305	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,317	\$ 10,656
Early Ed Para Support Salary	\$ 21,867	\$ 20,012	\$ 20,787	\$ 23,205
Direct Inst Substitutes	\$ 4,613	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Direct Instructional Services-Health Ins	\$ 7,013	\$ -	\$ 7,329	\$ 7,908
Direct Inst Health	\$ 61,850	\$ 64,853	\$ 67,771	\$ 67,756
Direct Inst Dental	\$ 3,934	\$ 4,233	\$ 4,111	\$ 3,509
Early Ed Para Fica	\$ 1,597	\$ -	\$ 1,610	\$ 1,775
Direct Inst FICA	\$ 27,676	\$ 29,332	\$ 29,066	\$ 29,348
Direct Inst Life/Disab Ins	\$ 1,126	\$ 1,654	\$ 1,654	\$ 1,654
Direct Inst Workers Comp	\$ 3,548	\$ 3,855	\$ 3,855	\$ 3,855
Direct Instructional Contracted Services	\$ 972	\$ 3,145	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Enrichment Programs	\$ 10,365	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,500
21-C Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500
Direct Inst Equip Repairs/Maint	\$ 354	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Direct Inst Supplies	\$ 8,975	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Direct Inst Text Books	\$ 2,478	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Direct Inst Software/Internet	\$ 2,798	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Direct Inst Equipment	\$ 8,786	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Subtotal Direct Instruction	\$ 536,994	\$ 527,991	\$ 556,735	\$ 568,145
Art Svcs WCSU	\$ 17,888	\$ 17,888	\$ 18,267	\$ 19,520
Subtotal Art	\$ 17,888	\$ 17,888	\$ 18,267	\$ 19,520
PE Svcs WCSU	\$ 26,455	\$ 33,081	\$ 26,132	\$ 27,422
Subtotal PE	\$ 26,455	\$ 33,081	\$ 26,132	\$ 27,422
Music Instrumental Svcs WCSU	\$ 20,305	\$ 20,305	\$ 20,099	\$ 20,684
Subtotal Instrumental Music	\$ 20,305	\$ 20,305	\$ 20,099	\$ 20,684
Music Education Svcs WCSU	\$ 18,804	\$ 18,804	\$ 18,979	\$ 19,881
Subtotal Music Education	\$ 18,804	\$ 18,804	\$ 18,979	\$ 19,881
Spec Ed Support Staff Salary	\$ 95,199	\$ 87,810	\$ -	\$ -
Special Ed Substitutes	\$ 1,593	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spec Ed Health	\$ 14,027	\$ 14,028	\$ -	\$ -

Townshend Proposed Budget FY 2017

Description	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2015 Adopted Budget	FY2016 Adopted Budget	FY 2017 Proposed Budget
Special Ed FICA	\$ 7,173	\$ 6,717		
Spec Ed Contracted Svcs	\$ 4,143	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Special Ed-Service WCSU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,889	\$ 241,167
Spec Ed Supplies	\$ 1,174	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -
EEE Purchased Services	\$ 1,685	\$ -		
EEE Assessmnt WCSU	\$ 28,823	\$ 28,823	\$ 19,984	\$ 7,762
Special Ed Assessment WCSU	\$ 102,130	\$ 102,130	\$ 89,084	\$ 128,062
EEE Svcs-WCSU	\$ 88,766	\$ 88,766	\$ 84,201	\$ -
EEE Tuition Private	\$ 1,802	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -
Subtotal Special Education	\$ 346,515	\$ 339,974	\$ 359,858	\$ 376,991
Guidance Svcs WCSU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,419	\$ 8,349
Subtotal Guidance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,419	\$ 8,349
Nurse Svcs WCSU	\$ 10,062	\$ 10,062	\$ 11,094	\$ 11,149
Nurse Supplies	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Nurse	\$ 10,062	\$ 10,212	\$ 11,094	\$ 11,149
Prof. Dev. Teacher Directed		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,474	\$ -
Prof. Dev. Admin Directed	\$ 3,372	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Professional Development - WCSU Assessment	\$ 4,547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,634
Subtotal Professional Development	\$ 7,919	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,974	\$ 7,134
Tech Svcs WCSU	\$ 5,707	\$ 5,707	\$ 5,803	\$ 5,717
Subtotal Technology Services	\$ 5,707	\$ 5,707	\$ 5,803	\$ 5,717
Library Svcs WCSU	\$ 6,560	\$ 6,560	\$ 5,296	\$ 5,155
Subtotal Library	\$ 6,560	\$ 6,560	\$ 5,296	\$ 5,155
School Board Salary	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
School Board FICA	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 115
School Board Contracted Svcs	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
School Board Legal Svcs	\$ 132	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
School Board Auditing Fees	\$ 9,900	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000
School Board Liab & Bond Ins	\$ 1,044	\$ 1,182	\$ 1,182	\$ 1,182
School Board Post/Advertising	\$ 272	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
School Board Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
School Board Dues	\$ 861	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 800
Subtotal School Board	\$ 14,224	\$ 15,597	\$ 15,698	\$ 13,397
Admin Assessment WCSU	\$ 59,935	\$ 59,935	\$ 66,978	\$ 75,550
Subtotal WCSU Assessment	\$ 59,935	\$ 59,935	\$ 66,978	\$ 75,550
Principal Salary	\$ 81,024	\$ 81,024	\$ 81,024	\$ 84,297
Principal Admin Assist Salary	\$ 40,692	\$ 39,705	\$ 39,705	\$ 41,309
Principal Health	\$ 32,781	\$ 32,426	\$ 34,256	\$ 36,963
Principal Dental	\$ 1,041	\$ 896	\$ 1,087	\$ 1,041
Principal FICA	\$ 8,920	\$ 9,236	\$ 9,356	\$ 9,609
Principal Life/Disability Ins	\$ 388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280
Principal Retirement 403b	\$ 1,281	\$ -	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,000
Principal Tuition & Prof. Dev.	\$ 1,063	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Principal Repairs/Maint		\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
Principal Supplies	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Support Services- School Adm-Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 565	\$ 565
Subtotal Principal's Office	\$ 168,258	\$ 166,237	\$ 170,224	\$ 178,014
Treasurer Salary	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,790
Treasurer FICA	\$ 138	\$ 137	\$ 138	\$ 137

Townshend Proposed Budget FY 2017

Description	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2015 Adopted Budget	FY2016 Adopted Budget	FY 2017 Proposed Budget
Subtotal Treasurer	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,927	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,927
Custodian Salary	\$ 31,057	\$ 28,603	\$ 32,534	\$ 32,760
Custodian FICA	\$ 2,376	\$ 2,188	\$ 2,521	\$ 2,506
Custodian Workers Comp	\$ 260	\$ 260	\$ 260	\$ 260
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Serv-Service WCSU	\$ 523	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ 525
Building Lawn/Snow/Mowing/Disposal Services	\$ 3,081	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Building Repairs/Maint	\$ 25,744	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 26,000
Building Construction Services Cap Plan	\$ 1,491	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Building Property Ins	\$ 4,079	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Building Telephone	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Building Supplies	\$ 4,976	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Building Electricity	\$ 13,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 13,000
Fuel Oil	\$ 18,278	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,500
Subtotal Facilities	\$ 104,865	\$ 89,051	\$ 93,840	\$ 111,551
Student Trans Svcs WCSU	\$ 28,399	\$ 28,399	\$ 28,123	\$ 28,995
Subtotal Transportation	\$ 28,399	\$ 28,399	\$ 28,123	\$ 28,995
Food Salary	\$ 23,328	\$ 19,313	\$ 20,688	\$ 21,102
Food Health	\$ 7,014	\$ 7,014	\$ 7,014	\$ 7,908
Food FICA	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,477	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,614
Food Service - WCSU	\$ 765	\$ 755	\$ 3,474	\$ 4,520
Food Equip Repairs/Maint	\$ 136	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Food Program Supplies	\$ 193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Food Purchases	\$ 34,721	\$ 35,245	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000
FFVP	\$ 3,105	\$ -		
Subtotal Food Services	\$ 70,970	\$ 65,804	\$ 72,779	\$ 75,244
Debt Service Interest	\$ 5,362	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Subtotal Debt Service	\$ 5,362	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,451,685	\$ 1,416,472	\$ 1,487,233	\$ 1,556,825

Preliminary Statistics

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
Budgeted Grants and Local Revenue	\$ 321,362	\$ 326,459	\$ 338,226	
Local Education Spending	\$ 1,175,110	\$ 1,275,773	\$ 1,218,599	
Equalized Students AOE	73.18	75.89	74.12	
State Excess Spending Threshold	\$ 16,166	\$ 17,103	\$ 16,942	
Spending per equalized pupil	\$ 16,058	\$ 16,811	\$ 16,441	
Base Education Spending Index	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	\$ 9,870	For FY 17 this figure is the Tax Yield per \$1.00 of Tax Rate

Act 68 Statistics & Tax Impact Estimates

Est Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	1.6948	1.7772	1.6657
Percent of District pupils at PK-6	45.36%	46.35%	46.91%
Portion of Equalized Homestead Rate Assessed	0.7688	0.8237	0.7814
Common Level or Appraisal	103.31%	105.03%	106.90%
Estimated Actual Tax Rate (PK-6)	0.7442	0.7843	0.7310

Estimated Combined School Tax Including Leland & Gray

1.678	1.6811	1.5553
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Estimated Income Sensitivity Percent

3.36%	3.45%	2.96%
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District: **Townshend**
County: **Windham**

LEA: **T208**
S.U.: **Windham Central**

1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		1,556,825	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures	-		2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any	-		3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)	-		4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition	-		5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	(lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2	1,556,825	6.
7.	Offsetting revenues (do NOT include revcode 3114, the on-behalf payment)		338,226	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	-		8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	line 2 - line 8		9.
10.	Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues	line 7 - (lines 8 + 9)	338,226	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	line 6 - line 10	1,218,599	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	line 16, "CDaid" page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	line 11 - line 12	1,218,599	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		74.12	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	line 13 / line 14	16,440.89	15.

Excess Spending Calculation - secs. 37 & 38 of Act 46, 2015

16.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	line 15	16,440.89	16.
17.	Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2017		16,941.90	17.
18.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	line 16 - line 17	NA	18.

19.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District equalized tax rate	line 15 + line 17	16,440.89	19.
20.	Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate		9,870.00	20.
21.	Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	16,440.89 / 9,870 (lines 19 & 20)	1.6657	21.
22.	Percent of Townshend equalized pupils not in a union school district		46.91%	22.
23.	Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town	lines 21 x line 22	0.7814	23.
24.	Common level of appraisal		106.90%	24.
25.	Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed	lines 23 / line 24	0.7310	25.
26.	Equalized homestead rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34	MANUAL	1.6599	26.
27.	Percent of Townshend equalized pupils at Leland and Gray UHSD #34		53.09%	27.
28.	Prorated equalized rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34		0.8812	28.
29.	Estimated actual rate from Leland and Gray UHSD #34 to be assessed	lines 28 / line 24	0.8243	29.
30.				30.
31.				31.
32.				32.
33.				33.
34.	Total equalized homestead rate for Townshend	lines 34 + 39 + 43	1.6626	34.
35.	Total estimated actual homestead rate for Townshend	lines 36 + 40 + 44	1.5553	35.
36.	Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.538	36.
37.	Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	lines 36 / line 24	1.4387	37.

38.	Education spending	line 13	1,218,599	38.
39.	Tech FTE's		-	39.
40.	Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district (This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.)	line 39 x 9,870 x 87%	-	40.
41.	Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	lines 38 - 40	1,218,599	41.

42.	Amount to raise locally for Act 144	line 9	-	42.
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43.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage	line 19	16,440.89	43.
44.	Income Yield per 2.0% of household income		11,065	44.
45.	Townshend household income percentage to be prorated	16,440.89 / 11,065 x 2.00% (lines 43 & 44)	2.97%	45.
46.	Prorated income cap percentage for Townshend education property tax if eligible	46.91% x 2.97% (lines 22 & 45)	1.39%	46.
47.	Income percentage from Leland and Gray UHSD #34	"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)	2.96%	47.
48.	Prorated income cap percentage from Leland and Gray UHSD #34	53.09% x 2.96% (lines 27 & 47)	1.57%	48.
49.		"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)	2.96%	49.
50.			-	50.
51.	Estimated income cap percentage for Townshend education property tax		2.96%	51.

District: Townshend County: Windham		T208 Windham Central		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil	
				9,870	1.00	
				11,065	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,399,191	\$1,496,472	\$1,602,232	\$1,556,825	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,399,191	\$1,496,472	\$1,602,232	\$1,556,825	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,399,191	\$1,496,472	\$1,602,232	\$1,556,825	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$320,511	\$321,362	\$326,462	\$338,226	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$320,511	\$321,362	\$326,462	\$338,226	13.
Education Spending		\$1,078,680	\$1,175,110	\$1,275,770	\$1,218,599	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	80.90	73.18	75.89	74.12	15.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$13,333.50	\$16,057.80	\$16,810.78	\$16,440.89	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	NA	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	NA	NA	-	NA	24.
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,456 NA	threshold = \$16,166 NA	threshold = \$17,103 NA	District Threshold \$16,941.90	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,334	\$16,058	\$16,811	\$16,440.89	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	145.705% based on \$9,151	172.943% based on \$9,285	177.723% based on \$9,459	NA	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,440.89 ÷ (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.3696 based on \$0.94	\$1.6948 based on \$0.98	\$1.7595 based on \$0.99	\$1.6657 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Townshend equalized pupils not in a union school district	49.60%	45.36%	46.35%	46.91%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (46.91% x \$1.67)	\$0.6793	\$0.7688	\$0.8155	\$0.7814	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	91.26%	103.31%	105.03%	106.90%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7814 / 106.90%)	\$0.7444 based on \$0.94	\$0.7442 based on \$0.98	\$0.7764 based on \$0.99	\$0.7310 based on \$1.00	33.
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,440.89 ÷ \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.62% based on 1.30%	3.11% based on 1.30%	3.20% based on 1.30%	2.97% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (46.91% x 2.97%)	1.30% based on 1.30%	1.41% based on 1.34%	1.48% based on 1.34%	1.39% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Leland & Gray UHSD	50.40%	54.64%	53.65%	53.09%	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.



Windham Hill Inn

School Nutrition Programs

There are two programs available to support meals and snacks in public as well as private non-profit schools:

The National School Lunch Program

This program, which has been in existence since 1946, provides reimbursement for lunches served to students enrolled in twelfth grade and under in public and private, non-profit schools. Reimbursement is provided at three levels: free, reduced price, and full price (or paid). Families may submit applications to receive free or reduced price meal benefits.

Because the program is a federal entitlement program, meaning that the government guarantees that all program meals properly claimed for reimbursement each month will be reimbursed, there are extensive regulations governing most aspects of program operations in order to assure that meals claimed for reimbursement are truly eligible for payment. At the federal level the program is administered by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In addition to federal reimbursement schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program also receive a State Match payment once a year and receive federally-provided commodity foods as well. In general, these commodities represent 10-12% of foods used in school meals programs. The remainder are purchased through regular supply channels.

In Vermont, the state legislature passed Act 22 in 2003 which requires that public schools participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program unless the school board, at an annual or regularly warned meeting, holds a public discussion of the program and subsequently votes to exempt the district from the requirement.

The School Breakfast Program

This program, which has been in existence since the mid-1960's, provides reimbursement for breakfasts served to students in twelfth grade or under in public and private, non-profit schools. Reimbursement is provided at three levels: free, reduced price, and full price (or paid). Families may submit applications to receive free or reduced price meal benefits. Families do not have to submit separate applications for free school lunch and breakfast.

In addition to federal reimbursements, schools that participate in the School Breakfast Program receive a State Match payment once a year.

**LAND TRANSACTIONS
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**Total Transfer
Returns Filed**

Primary Residents

2014 - 32

9

2015 - 53

13

WELCOME TO TOWNSHEND (NEW PROPERTY OWNERS)

Mark & Lisa McAvoy

Adam Hart

Timothy Paradee & Amber Russ

Paul & James Malonson

Brian & Kimberly Peters

Robert LeCours, Jr. & Michelle

Andrew & Joanna Snelling

Ryan & Michelle Goulet

Richard Schuldenfrei & Helen Plotkin

Frederick Dyer

Robert Corbo & Alicia Dest

ORDINANCES

Health Ordinance

Human Bit by Animal

Solid Waste Disposal

No overnight parking

Wireless Telecommunication

Facilities (Cell Towers)

Parking

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCES

Grafton Road (Revised)

Unpaved Town Roads

Local Enforcement on State

Highway Speed Limit

Riverdale Road (Revised)

LIQUOR/TOBACCO LICENSES

Harmonyville Store

Windham Hill Inn

West Townshend Country Store

River Bend Farm Market

Lawrence's Smoke Shop & 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: \$9.00 spayed/neutered \$13.00 not spayed/neutered.

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

The annual **PET VACCINATION CLINIC** will be held March 19, 2016 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:	civil marriage, 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



Riverbend Farm Supplies

Town Meeting

Town Meeting, as many commentators have said, is "democracy being practiced in its purest form." It is the day when all the legal voters of a town have an opportunity to air their grievances; a day when true town business is addressed; and the source of a much-needed social respite towards the end of a long Vermont winter.

Vermont law stipulates that Town Meeting must be held on the first Tuesday in March (the meeting may actually start on any of the three preceding days if voters so decide). 17 V.S.A. § 2640. However, it is important to note that all nine cities in Vermont, as well as 16 of the towns, have special charters or charter amendments which may allow them to set different dates for Town Meeting. There are a number of statutorily required items that a municipality must vote on at Town Meeting. They include:

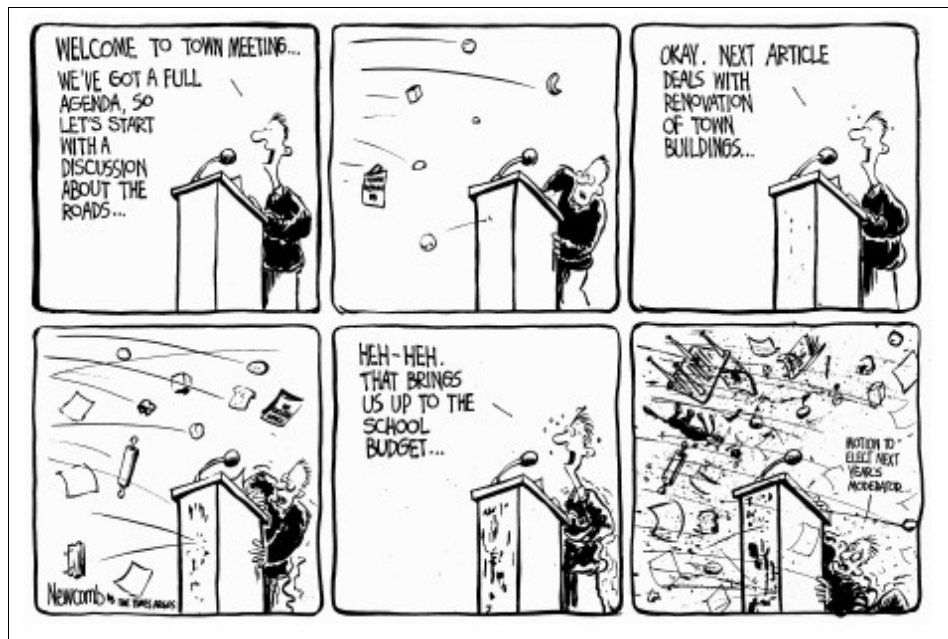
- electing municipal officers (17 V.S.A. § 2646)
- approving the budget (17 V.S.A. § 2664)
- approval of zoning bylaws (24 V.S.A. § 4404)
- authorization of long-term capital borrowing (24 V.S.A. §§ 1751 et seq.) and
- deciding whether or not the town will operate on a fiscal or a calendar year (24 V.S.A. 1683).

A town can choose in many cases, but not all, to vote on issues by Australian ballot (pre-printed, paper ballots), rather than from the floor of Town Meeting. 24 V.S.A. §2680.

In order to vote on an issue at Town Meeting, the articles must be properly "warned" prior to the meeting. This means that the town must place the voters on alert "by posting a warning and notice in at least two public places in the town, and in or near the town clerk's office, not less than 30 nor more than 40 days before the meeting." 17 V.S.A. § 2641(a). There are also publishing requirements that require five to ten days' notice, depending on the method selected. Id at (b). There are other limitations on what can be done at Town Meeting: the voters cannot take action on an improperly warned article, they cannot do things which are the responsibility of town officers, nor can town officers be removed from their jobs or told how to do them. Each year, the town shall elect a moderator, whose job it is to ". . . decide questions of order and shall make public declaration of votes taken, except in elections using the Australian ballot system." In addition, the moderator shall "preserve order," and may cause to be removed "persistently disorderly" persons. 17 V.S.A. §§ 2657-59.

Town Meeting has evolved over the years from a freewheeling sort of get-together into an important meeting where town government, the lives of real people, and the transfer of a great deal of money all intersect. Vermonters should treasure Town Meeting as an opportunity to add their two cents to democracy – a chance that shouldn't be taken for granted.*

(*supplied from <http://www.vlct.org/vermont-local-government/town-meeting/>)



(Image supplied from: www.sec.state.vt.us)

Townshend

The Town of Townshend was chartered in 1753 as one of the New Hampshire Land Grants. It was named for Charles Townshend of England who was most notable for his fondness for taxing the colonies. His most famous tax was the tax on tea that helped to push the colonies into declaring independence. Now you understand why being named after Pete Townshend would be preferable.

Like all New England communities the early settlers spent their time and lives farming less than ideal soils and terrain. In the late 1700's manufacturing, retail, and hospitality related concerns began to appear and flourish. The village of West Townshend was by far the center of economic and agricultural activity in the earlier years. Many original farmsteads and other buildings remain scattered around the Townshend countryside today.

Major fires in 1886, 1894, 1896, and 1918 destroyed much of the center of Townshend so many of those buildings, which include the current Town Hall (built 1921), are relatively recent in relation to the age of the settlement.

Another major change from Townshend's past appearance is the Townshend Dam that was constructed on the West River between 1959 and 1961 for flood control purposes. The resulting lake flooded much of West Townshend and eliminated many of the prime properties that were important to the earlier economic development of the area.

There is a book about the history of Townshend called "A Stitch in Time". It is available for purchase at the Town Clerk's office or may be checked out at the Townshend Library. The information above, for the most part, is attributable to that book. It is a really wonderful look into the past.*

(*supplied from <http://www.unofficialtownshendvt.net/ABOUT/THEN/then.html>)

West Townshend

West Townshend is an unincorporated village in Townshend, Vermont, United States. It is located on the north side of a bend in the West River, upriver of the Townshend Dam. The entire village is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the West Townshend Village Historic District.

Townshend was chartered in 1753, but was not settled until the 1760s, after the French and Indian War. Samuel Fletcher, a Massachusetts native, came to the area that is West Townshend, and built the first frame house in Townshend in about 1785, which survives in part in the southeastern part of the village. The village grew around sawmills and gristmills built along Tannery Brook, and reached its height of population and industry in the mid-19th century. The village suffered significant damage in the New England Hurricane of 1938, and was further reduced with the construction of Townshend Dam in the 1950s, which forced a realignment of VT 30.

The village was designated a historic district and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. It includes, on one of the town roads off VT 30, the West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge, built by Townshend native James Otis Follett in the early 20th century.*

(*supplied from NHRP West Townshend Historic District.)

Harmonyville

One of the most cherished pieces of local folklore is how the village of Harmonyville was named. In the 1830's people in Townshend village were apparently jealous of how busy a place the hamlet was, and dubbed it "Tin Pot". Not to be outdone, residents of the hamlet started calling Townshend village "Fly Pot". In an effort to put a stop to the Tin Pot name, a resident painted two bright signs proclaiming it as "Harmonyville" and nailed them above the entrances to the covered bridge. The name stuck: it can be found on most Vermont maps.*

(*supplied from <http://www.virtualvermont.com/towns/townshend>)

VITAL STATISTICS DEATHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
FRERES, BETTY G.	96	01/05/15	TOWNSHEND
FLETCHER, VICTORIA L.	93	01/29/15	BELLOWS FALLS
SEELY, MILLICENT B.	89	02/03/15	TOWNSHEND, VT
CARLISLE, THEDA A.	75	02/07/15	CHARLESTOWN, N.H.
CARROLL, NOEL	90	02/20/15	TOWNSHEND, VT
MARTIN, JAMES PAUL	74	02/07/15	TOWNSHEND, VT
COLEMAN, ELIZABETH ADELE	92	02/10/15	SOUTH LONDONDERRY
FOURNIER, LUCINDA DORCAS	100	03/10/15	TOWNSHEND
PALMER, SUSANNA	76	03/28/15	TOWNSHEND
REICHARDT, KYLE WALTER	5 MONTHS	03/29/15	JAMAICA
BROWN, KEVIN ROBERT	61	04/19/15	BRATTLEBORO
BERRY, HARVEY BRIAN	70	04/24/15	TOWNSHEND
DEXTER, MARY W.	86	05/15/15	TOWNSHEND
BERGETHON, PRISCILLA ERVAL	92	05/29/15	FARMINGTON, CT
LUSSARDI, SEVERINO	96	06/02/15	GLENDALE, NY
HALLOCK, MABEL B.	87	06/03/15	BELLOWS FALLS
HOLVEY, JR., RICHARD J.	83	07/25/15	EAST DOVER
ARUNDELL, III, EDMOND ROSS	48	08/31/15	TOWNSHEND
CARPENTER, KENNETH DONALD	90	09/03/15	TOWNSHEND
CONNOLLY, MARGARET CAROL	67	10/03/15	RAWSONVILLE
RUTH, BRADLEY WILLIAM	67	10/06/15	TOWNSHEND
WEST, CELIA M.	69	10/08/15	SAXTONS RIVER
BALLANTINE, SYLVIA	87	10/30/15	WARDSBORO
MCCORMICK, DAWN	52	11/01/15	TOWNSHEND
CAMOLLI, DONALD	73	11/17/15	WILLIAMSVILLE
ABARE, JEANNINE	76	11/25/15	SAXTONS RIVER
SMITH, ERIS	91	11/26/15	LONDONDERRY
FLOOD, HELEN	95	11/27/15	TOWNSHEND
WASUNG, MICHALINA	70	12/07/15	TOWNSHEND
CHABOT, DOROTHY	79	12/08/15	BROOKLINE
VICTORIA, IRENE	93	12/11/15	WEST TOWNSHEND
BUSWELL, BARBARA	89	12/14/15	CHESTER
BURBANK, JOHN	79	12/21/15	TOWNSHEND
TESTA, EVELYN	84	12/22/15	WEST TOWNSHEND

BIRTHS

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
KNAPP, JAMES K.	M	02/15/15	KNAPP, JAMES	KANESHIRO, AMY	TOWNSHEND
BERNARD, RIPKIN	M	01/20/15	BERNARD, JAMIE	BERNARD, TERESA	TOWNSHEND
LAUGHMAN, LEVI	M	04/28/15	LAUGHMAN, JOSHUA	LAUGHMAN, JESSICA	TOWNSHEND
SMITH, MARLIE	F	06/02/15	SMITH, TREVOR	PECK, SARAH	TOWNSHEND
REYNOLDS, OLIVER	M	06/18/15	REYNOLDS, JASON	TRAAS, CHARLOTTE	TOWNSHEND
VANGEL, AVA	F	07/02/15	VANGEL, DARREN	VANGEL, SARAH	TOWNSHEND
THOMAS, HAZEL	F	08/21/15	THOMAS, JR., DONALD	WHEELER, JESSICA	TOWNSHEND
CLEVELAND, EMMETT	M	09/13/15	CLEVELAND, JOHN	CLEVELAND, LINDSEY	TOWNSHEND
GOWEY, CYRUS	M	10/19/15	GOWEY, ERIC	FRENCH, LYNDSEY	TOWNSHEND
RUTH, MACKENZIE	F	10/31/15		RUTH, ERIN	TOWNSHEND

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
LOOMIS, SR., PETER	PUTNEY, VT	RAMDIN, CATHERINE	TOWNSHEND	04/25/15	DUMMERSTON
GRISWOLD, DOROTHY	TOWNSHEND, VT	WOLF, JOHN	HAMPDEN, CT	07/03/15	TOWNSHEND
OGANDO, KELUDYS	NEW YORK	FITZPATRICK, MARTIN	TOWNSHEND	08/25/15	TOWNSHEND
HOITT, JENNIFER	TOWNSHEND	GOULET, PAMELA	TOWNSHEND	09/12/15	TOWNSHEND
GAGNON, LAURIE	SOMERVILLE, MA	MALERI, SETH	SOMMERVILLE, MA	10/03/15	TOWNSHEND
REDFORD, MICHAEL	TOWNSHEND, VT	DRWAL, SHIRLEY	GRANVILLE, NY	10/08/15	TOWNSHEND
FONTAINE, DANIEL	TOWNSHEND, VT	LEMNAH, MARGARET	BRATTLEBORO, VT	10/28/15	STRATTON



Townshend Post Office

2015-16 Town of Townshend Officer Appointments

Position:	Term:	2014-15	2015-16
911 Coordinator	2015	Carole Melis	Carole Melis
		Charmayne Shirks	Charmayne Shirks
911 Fire Dept. Liaison	2015	Phillip Trevorrow	Brian Schmidt
Cell Tower	2015	Craig Hunt	Craig Hunt
Senior Solutions	2015	Janet Stowell	
Emer. Mgmt Coordinator	2015	David Dezendorf	Kyle LaPointe
Energy Coordinator	2015	Craig Hunt	Craig Hunt
FEMA Administrator (Flood)	2015	Select Board	Select Board
Fence Viewer	2015	Douglas Ballantine	
	2015	Amon DeWitt	
	2015	Craig Hunt	Craig Hunt
Health Officer	2015	Tim Shafer	Tim Shafer
Deputy Health Officer	2015	Holly Hockertlotz	
Howard Legacy	2015	Carole Melis	Carole Melis
	2015		
	2015		
Inspector of Shingles	2015	David Fontaine	Robert Wright
Inspector of Wood & Timber	2015	Otto Tarbell	Robert Wright
Planning Commission	2019	Stanley Holt	Stanley Holt
	2019	Robert DeSiervo	Robert DeSiervo
	2015	John Evans	John Evans
	2017	Sue LeCours	Sue LeCours
	2017	Art Monette	Art Monette
Animal Control Officer(s)	2015	Constables	Constables
Pound Keeper	2015	Select Board	Select Board
Recreation Committee	2013	Chad Greenwood	
	2013		
Rescue Inc.	2015	Kathy Hege	Kathy Hege
Social Services Screening	2015	Margaret Bills	
	2015	Ellie Lemire	
	2015	Barbara Bedortha	
Business Loan Committee	2015	Business Association	
Town Service Officer	2015	Cynthia Davis	Cynthia Davis
Tree Warden	2015	Bob DeSiervo	Bob DeSiervo
Valley Cares Board	2015	Margaret Bills	
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2015		
Weigher of Coal	2015	Joseph Daigneault	Joseph Daigneault
	2015	Margaret Bills	Margaret Bills
	2015	Susan Hunt	Susan Hunt
Windham County Sheriff Liaison	2015	Constables	Constables
Windham Regional Com.	2015	Brad Horn	
	2015	Craig Hunt	
Windham Regional - Traffic	2015	John Evans	John Evans
Windham Solid Waste Mgmt.	2015	Irvin Stowell	Irv Stowell
	2015	Dale West	Dale West

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2015

TOWN CLERK

Anita Bean (1 year term) to March 2016

TOWN TREASURER

Joseph Daigneault (1 year term) to March 2016

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Anita Bean (1 year term) to March 2016

TOWN MODERATOR

David Liebow to March 2016

SELECT BOARD

Irvin Stowell (1 year term) to March 2016

Kyle Lapointe (1 year term) to March 2016

Henry Martin (1 year term) to March 2016

Kathy Hege (3 year term) to March 2017

Robert Wright (3 year term) to March 2018

SCHOOL BOARD

April Chase (3 year term) to March 2016

Brud Sanderson (1 year term) to March 2016

Deidre Beattie (1 year term) to March 2016

(Resigned – Eric Scott Appointed)

Cliff Passino (3 year term) to March 2017

Alfred Claussen (3 year term) to March 2018

LELAND & GRAY

Joseph Winrich (3 year term) to March 2017

Twillia Holden (3 year term) to March 2017

Michael Dolan (3 year term) to March 2018

LISTERS

Richard Lucier (3 year term) to March 2016

Eugene Kuch (3 year term) to March 2017

Mike Bills (3 year term) to March 2018

AUDITORS

Eric Scott (1 year term) to March 2016

(Resigned - Elaine Hill Appointed)

Tricia Shine (2 year term) to March 2017

Pätrick Kiernan (3 year term) to March 2018

DEL TAX COLLECTOR Becky Nystrom to March 2016

FIRST CONSTABLE Warren Beattie to March 2016

SECOND CONSTABLE Michael Cutts to March 2016

TOWN GRAND JUROR Margaret Bills to March 2016

TOWN AGENT Carole Melis to March 2016

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Marilee Attley (5 year term) to March 2016

Marjorie Holt (5 year term) to March 2017

Nan Danforth (2 year term) to March 2017

Ann Allbee (5 year term) to March 2019

Margaret Bills (5 year term) to March 2020

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Scott Nystrom (5 year term) to March 2016

Charles Marchant (5 year term) to March 2017

Howard Graff (5 year term) to March 2018

Bruce Bills (5 year term) to March 2019

Rickey Snow (5 year term) to March 2020

TOWN OF TOWNSHEND			
P.O. BOX 223 - 2006 VT ROUTE 30 - TOWNSHEND, VT 05353			
WWW.TOWNSHENDVT.NET			
911 FOR EMERGENCIES			
Population: 1,232		Registered Voters 911	
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
Townshend Dam Picnic/Swimming For Reservations	365-7703 877-444-6777	L&G Union HS	365-7355
Elementary School	365-7506	Town Hall	365-7300
TOWN CLERK HOURS		COMPACTOR	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Saturday by Appointment, Closed Thursday		Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	
MEETINGS			
CEMETERY COMMISSION		ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
3rd Monday - 5:00 P.M. at Town Hall		2nd Monday of each month 7:00 P.M. at the Elementary School	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		SELECT BOARD	
4th Monday - 7:00 P.M. Work Detail		TBD following Town Meeting Day 2016	
2nd Thursday - 7:00 P.M. Business Meeting at Fire Station			
PLANNING COMMISSION		LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:15 P.M. at Town Hall		2nd Wednesday - 6:00 P.M. at the Library	
AUDITORS		LIBRARY HOURS	
Tentatively Meet Fridays beginning at 10A.M.		Monday - 1:00 P.M. 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.M. in the Leland & Gray Library		Wednesday - 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	
LISTER HOURS		Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	
Tuesday & Friday - 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.		Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	
TOWN Informational Meeting Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.			
Please bring this Report to Town Meeting, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.			

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