

Town of Bridgewater ~ Vermont ~



2014 Annual Report
Town & School District

(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014)

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~Dedication~



Bridgewater Historical Society

A group of residents interested in preserving the history of Bridgewater began meeting in 2008 to discuss developing a local historical society. In 2010 the group signed a lease with the Town to use the red brick schoolhouse located at the bottom of the North Bridgewater Road.

The members and volunteers have worked very diligently to preserve Bridgewater's history and have a wide array of artifacts, maps and photographs on display. As mentioned in the Historical Society Report, their membership has increased over the past several years to 112 families. Many of these families do not currently reside in Bridgewater but have family connections throughout many generations.

The Historical Society provides a much needed and welcome service to our community and we thank them for their time and contributions. Please stop by or visit their website to view this wonderful resource.

Town Reminders:

Fast Trash at the Town Garage – Saturday mornings - 8:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Direct questions to: ABLE Waste Management 672-3569

- ❖ **March 3, 2015** Town Meeting Day 9:00 a.m. BVS Multi-purpose room

Town Office:

WUHS Budget Vote- Australian Ballot 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- ❖ **March 28, 2015 – Rabies Clinic-Bridgewater Mill Mall 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **April 1, 2015** Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
- ❖ **April 1, 2015** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as of this date.
- ❖ **April 15, 2015** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
- ❖ **May 1, 2015** Liquor License Renewal Date.
- ❖ **June 2015** Lister Grievances
- ❖ **August 5, 2015** Tax Bills mailed.
- ❖ **November 4, 2015** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after this date are considered late, and subject to interest & penalty charges.

Town Permits required:**PERMIT FEES:**

Permit and application fees shall be established by the Selectboard of the Town of Bridgewater, and shall be assessed by the Selectboard or their representative.

ACCESS / CURB CUT AND RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION

(Creating a driveway or road or altering existing driveway or road which accesses on to a town road)

A. Permit Application and Inspection Fee	\$105.00
B. Modification of existing driveway	20.00
C. Culvert replacement/addition	20.00
D. Installation of water/power lines	20.00

*** SEPTIC**

As of July 1, 2007 – State Permits required- Call 802-885-8855 with any questions.

GUVSWD LANDFILL STICKER / COUPON

A. Windshield Sticker	20.00
B. Coupon	42.00

PERMIT TO BURN BRUSH

Ken Tarleton, Warden 672-3061

*** FLOOD ZONE** - You must apply to build or alter an existing structure in a flood plain area. NO building in Flood Way Area. Contact Town Office for Application & Permit Fee information.

*** Reminder**-Please keep your E-911 signs clean and visible. If your sign is missing, contact Steve Hill, our 911 Coordinator.

Minutes of Town & School District Meeting
Bridgewater Annual Town & School Meeting
March 4, 2014

The 2014 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by William Berry, Moderator

Bill made the following announcements:

- * Location of exits and bathroom facilities
- * Town Meeting procedure and reminded the audience that in order to vote, they must be checked off the checklist and stamped at the entrance.
- * Australian Ballot vote at the Town Office for the Woodstock Union High School Budget and Bond Vote from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held.

At this time the meeting was suspended and Representative Anne Gallivan addressed the body. Briefly reviewed items that are being discussed this session: budget, economy, taxes, transportation and economic development. Took a few questions from the body. Left Doyle Poll, legislative update report and encouraged people to sign up for Front Porch Forum.

Business portion of meeting reconvened at 9:15 am.

Greg Jenne nominated William (Bill) Berry as moderator for the School and Town Meeting. Motion was seconded by Henry (Hank) Smith. No other nominations, clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bill. Berry.

Town portion of the meeting will immediately follow the school meeting.

Article 2: To elect a Town School Director for a three year term. Andy Bird nominated Chantal Deojay, seconded by Hank Smith. Motion carried and clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Chantal Deojay.

Article 3: To elect a Woodstock Union High School Director for a three year term. John Hiers nominated Brian Bontrager, motion was seconded by Hank Smith. Motion carried and clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Brian Bontrager.

Article 4: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Brian Bontrager to appropriate the sum of \$938,660. as the amount necessary for the support of the Bridgewater School for the year beginning July 1, 2014. Questions were asked of the board as to the explanation of excess costs of 42,796 in the Special Ed budget, copier lease cost of 3,000, number of students (38), contracted nurse cost of 42,686 in Special Ed budget, cost per student, and 15,000+. Board explained that the budget had already been prepared and was not aware that the contracted nurse would not be needed. Excess costs are the schools share of special ed. services billed from the Supervisory District. Brian Bontrager moved to amend the budget to \$895,914. Down \$42,686. Steve Tarleton, Sr. seconded the motion. Amendment passed by voice vote. Discussion then ensued of building needs, windows, roof, and insulation. These items are not budgeted. Hank Smith moved and Ellen Quinn seconded to amend the budget back to the original \$938,660. Voice vote to close to call, division of house; 22 yes, more people standing, to no, amendment did not pass. More discussion as to projected enrollment for next year (36-40), currently have 5 tuition students from Plymouth, tuition rate is approx.

\$11,000, board set tuition rate before knowing how many students would be enrolled.

Questions as to why tuition rate is not close to cost of per student education cost. Can't charge tuition for some fixed costs. Tuition revenue is not included on the receipt side since you don't know from year to year the number of students that may be tuitioned. Motion to set budget at \$895,914.00 was carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Other business: School board presented a one page handout explaining the status of the Elementary School Consolidation Study that is being conducted with a grant to look at future school options. The study is taking place between four of the district schools, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Woodstock. Committee consists of two board members from each town who have worked with a hired consultant for the past year to come up with the best options for the schools, children and towns. Committee started with 20 options which have now been narrowed down to 7. Hope to have study completed and ready for community input by end of this school year. Board took questions from the body and will be looking for community support for future path/direction of the school.

Discussion of Pre-K, which is the State is mandating by 2015. Chantal will be sitting on this committee.

Brief discussion of NECAP testing results.

Board was thanked for their commitment to the options study.

Being no further business, Hank Smith moved and Brian Bontrager seconded that the school meeting adjourn at 10:45 am. Motion carried.

The Town portion of the meeting convened at 10:50 am.

Article 2: Hank Smith moved and Bill Hoyt seconded to accept all reports as submitted. Treasurer, Vicky Young noted two corrections to pages 21 and 23. Both refer to Traffic/Sheriff lines in that the percentage of change should be .75 and -.60 instead of 4.0 and 4.15 respectively. Motion carried.

Article 3: Motion made by Phoebe Standish and seconded by Jodi Pindt to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900**. to support the home health maternal and child health and hospice care provided to patients in homes and community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT/NH. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Brian Bontrager to appropriate the sum of **\$300**. to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Motion made by Coleman Hoyt and seconded by Bill Wolff to appropriate the sum of **\$5,250**. to run the Edwin J. Thompson Senior Center. Patsy Matthews, Representative from the Senior Center gave a brief review of the Center's services. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 6: Motion made by John Hiers and seconded by Greg Jenne to appropriate the sum of **\$5,000**. to Woodstock Recreation Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: Motion was made by Greg Jenne and seconded by Brian Bontrager to appropriate the sum of **\$750**. to support the programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 8: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Heather Kennedy to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000**. to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 9: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Greg Jenne to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** to

support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program. Jackie Fischer of OCP spoke regarding the mentoring program involving Bridgewater children. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 10: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Phoebe Standish to appropriate the sum of \$900. to Pentangle Arts Council to help defray the expenses of operating the Town Hall Theatre for movies, live performances, school shows and meetings for the benefit of Bridgewater and the surrounding communities. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 11: Motion was made by John Hiers and seconded by Hank Smith to vote to grant tax exempt status to the Bridgewater Grange #284 for a period of five years as per 32 V.S.A. 3840. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 12: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Brian Bontrager to see if the Town will vote to raise \$730,538.46 pay its current expenses and pay any part of its debt. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 14: Motion made by Gerry Hawkes and seconded by Hank Smith to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 15: Motion made by Steve Tarleton Sr. and seconded by Brian Bontrager to see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Current Tax Collector for collection on August 6, 2014 and to be paid on or before Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 16: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) John Timken was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for John Timken. Motion carried
- b. Lister (3 yrs.) Thomas Standish Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried.
- c. Collector of Current Taxes (1 yr.) Victoria Young. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- d. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Paul Hutt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- e. Town Constable (1 yr.) Mike Sawyer. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- f. Town Agent (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- g. Grand Juror (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- h. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried

Article 17: Other business – Discussion of sound system and need for more microphones. Discussion of Community Picnic and the need for volunteers and funding. Costs are approx. \$6,000. Body showed support of future picnics. Members expressed importance of staying involved and supporting community organizations. Announcement of Bluegrass Festival to be held over Labor Day weekend. Discussion of Sheriff's Dept. and need for flashing light by school. Bridgewater Board members participated in a meeting held last spring by VTRANS after a series of accidents on RT 4. Bridgewater is being proactive with hiring of Sheriff's and controlling speed along RT 4. Also recently conducted traffic study showing that over 80% of travelers are going over the posted speed limits.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town portion of this meeting at 11:45 am. Motion carried.

Nancy Robinson
Town Clerk

William Berry
Moderator

Norman Martin II.
Selectboard Chair

Note: Meeting was attended by 84 legal voters

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:	
William Berry	2014-2015
Town Clerk:	
Nancy Robinson	2013-2016
Town-School Treasurer:	
Victoria Young	2013-2016
Selectboard:	
Norman Martin II	2012-2015
Mary Oldenburg	2013-2016
John Timken	2014-2017
Bridgewater School Director:	
Gregory Jenne	2012-2015
Seth Shaw	2013-2016
Chantal Deojay*	2014-2017
Justin Shipman **	2014-2015
WUHS Director:	
Gwen Groff *	2013-2016
Brian Bontrager	2014-2017
Sheryl Phelps **	2014-2015
Listers:	
William Young	2012-2015
Victoria Young	2013-2016
Tom Standish	2014-2017
Cemetery Commissions:	
Jim Bulmer	2012-2015
Coleman Hoyt	2013-2016
Paul Hutt	2014-2017
Current Tax Collector:	
Victoria Young	2014-2015
Delinquent Tax Collector:	
Joni Kennedy	2012-2015
Town Constable:	
Mike Sawyer	2014-2015
Grand Juror:	
Coleman Hoyt	2014-2015
Town Agent:	
Coleman Hoyt	2014-2015
Trustee of Public Funds:	
Henry Smith	2014-2015

* Resigned

**Appointed

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer:	
Kathleen Paglia	2015
Deputy Health Officer:	
Edwin Earle	2017
Town Service Officer:	
Victoria Young	2015
Road Commissioner:	2015
Norman Martin II	
Fence Viewers:	
Clifford Geno	2015
Andy Bird	2015
Owen Astbury	2015
Tree Warden:	
Gerry Hawkes	2015
Poundkeeper:	
Woodstock Animal Care	2015
Forest Fire Warden:	
Kenneth Tarleton	2015
Weigher of Coal:	
John Timken, Jr.	2015
Inspector of Lumber:	
Norman (Nope) Martin	2015
Planning Commission: (4 year terms)	
Lynne Bertram	2018
Bruce Maxham	2016
Gregory Soula	2015
Roy Wardwell	2018
E 9-1-1 Coordinator:	2015
Steve Hill	
Emergency Management Coordinator:	2015
Josh Maxham	

Board of Civil Authority/Justice of the Peace: (Terms Expire 2/01/17)

Jim Bulmer
 Gloria Martin
 Jerry Oppenheimer
 Nancy Robinson
 Donna Williamson

TOWN WARNING 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the basement of the Village School in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To accept all reports as submitted in the 2014 Annual Report
3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.** to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH. (see report page 48)
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$300.** to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a free, not for profit, job referral service that serves the greater Woodstock area and beyond. The mission is to connect individuals who are seeking work with area employers seeking workers. (see report page 50)
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$5,408.** as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. (see report page 49)
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to the Woodstock Recreation Center for waiver of non-resident charges for the Woodstock Recreation Activities for all residents of Bridgewater. (see report page 51)
7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$750.** to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program. (see report page 45)
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Bridgewater in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (see report page 52)
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.** to support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program (previously known as the Shining Light Mentoring Program, and now with a mentoring program in Bridgewater Village School) These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (see report page 44)

10. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax exemption available to include veterans of any war, his or her spouse, widow, widower or child, or jointly by any combination of them, if one or more of them are receiving disability compensation of at least 50% disability, death compensation, dependence and indemnity compensation, or pension for disability paid through any military department or the veterans administration from the current \$10,000 of appraised value to \$20,000. of appraised value in accordance with 32 V.S.A. 3802 (11)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$802,589.00** to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses.

13. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 5, 2015 and to be paid on or before November 4, 2015 (1st. Wednesday)

14. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- a. Selectperson – three years
- b. Lister – three years
- c. Collector of Current Taxes – one year
- d. Cemetery Commissioner - three years
- e. Collector of Delinquent Taxes – three years
- f. Town Constable – one year
- g. Town Agent – one year
- h. Grand Juror – one year
- i. Trustee of Public Funds – one year

15. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 29th. day of January, 2015

Bridgewater Selectboard:

Norman Martin II, Chairman

Mary Oldenburg

John Timken, Jr.

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Bridgewater Village School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bridgewater Village School on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

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

ARTICLE 2: To accept the reports of the Bridgewater Village School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Bridgewater School District, acting pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §571, authorize the Bridgewater Board of School Directors to contract with the Pomfret School District to operate a school for legal pupils of the Bridgewater and Pomfret districts for grades K through 6 (“Joint School”), subject to terms and conditions as substantially set forth in a proposed Joint Board Agreement Between the Town School Districts of Bridgewater and Pomfret Vermont dated January 14, 2015?

ARTICLE 4: If the voters authorize the Bridgewater Board of School Directors to contract with the Pomfret School District to operate a school for legal pupils of the Bridgewater and Pomfret districts for grades K through 6 (“Joint School”), shall the voters of the Bridgewater Village School District approve a budget of One Million, Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$1,516,348) as the amount necessary for the support of the Joint School for the year beginning July 1, 2015? (It is estimated on the basis of current information that the Bridgewater School District assessment will be Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred One Dollars [\$653,701] of the Joint School budget.)

ARTICLE 5: If the voters authorize the Bridgewater Board of School Directors to contract with the Pomfret School District to operate a school for legal pupils of the Bridgewater and Pomfret districts for grades K through 6 (“Joint School”), shall the voters of the Bridgewater Village School District appropriate Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) as the amount necessary for operation of the Bridgewater School District, as a legal entity with continuing responsibilities, for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 6: If the voters of either Bridgewater or Pomfret do not authorize the Bridgewater and Pomfret boards of school directors to contract to operate a school for legal pupils of the Bridgewater and Pomfret districts for grades K through 6 (“Joint School”), shall the voters of the Bridgewater Village School District appropriate Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$877,581) as the amount necessary for the support of the Bridgewater Village School for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 7: To elect one School Director to the Bridgewater Village School Board for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 8: To elect one School Director to the Bridgewater Village School Board for the remaining two years of a three year term.

ARTICLE 9: To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for the remaining one year of a three year term.

ARTICLE 10: To authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2015

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Greg Jenne, Chair Seth Shaw Justin Shipman

Selectboard's Report

2014 was a positive and quiet year for the Town of Bridgewater. There were no untoward events to interfere with the lifestyle we have come to embrace and enjoy. There were a number of ongoing initiatives that continued to be successfully addressed.

Included among them was the hazard mitigation federal buyout program. Using federal funds the town has purchased three of the four eligible homes. All of the purchased sites have been cleaned up.

The ongoing study of the RT 4 corridor between Killington and Hartford was finally completed by the Agency of Transportation. One of the findings was that a more consistent speed pattern was desirable. To that end Bridgewater saw a change along the stretch of road between the Corners and the Village modified from 35 mph and 40 mph to a constant 45 mph. While this increase seemed high, and was questioned by the Selectboard, VTRANS determined that this was a consistent speed for this area and implemented the change.

The Bridgewater Highway Department under the direction of Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman continues to keep our roads well maintained. The Selectboard and Road Foreman are developing and initiating a long range plan to replace/upgrade culverts, grade and cut ditches as well as do some tree cutting where necessary on roads that have required repeated maintenance over the years.

The town municipal website (www.bridgewater.vt.gov) continues to be maintained and updated at least weekly. As mandated by the open meeting and transparency laws, the town is required to put all meeting agenda's and minutes onto the site on a regular and timely basis. The Town Clerk does an excellent job at meeting that directive.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to operate under the competent management of Simon Operating Services. The board has strived to maintain the annual user fee while keeping the treatment plant functioning properly and state compliant.

The Historical Society continues to make improvements to The Brick Schoolhouse. The website, which can be found at www.bridgewaterhistory.org , provides interesting insights into Bridgewater's heritage.

ADA Traffic Control, which rented the office space above the Library did not renew their lease and has moved to another location. The Fast Squad has taken over this area and now has an office as well as training space. The area above the town office continues to be used for storage.

A local committee comprised of members from the Fire Department and Neighbors Helping Neighbors continue to plan and execute a very successful annual community chicken barbeque and fireworks display. They have been able to bring the community this event by getting donations from local businesses and generous supporters. We thank everyone for their support of this wonderful day!

Finally, The Selectboard owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, and you, the townspeople that make Bridgewater a great town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman (Nope) Martin, Chairman
Mary Oldenburg
John Timken Jr.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT 2014

Extreme weather, ranging from heavy wet snowstorms to torrential rainstorms, made 2014 a challenging year for us at times. Things seem to have gotten more severe in the weather department these days. Adapting our roads to this new reality seems to be the best proactive approach. We are a mountain town and storm water flows downhill. We can best handle this extra water and its erosion potential by upsizing culvert diameters where possible, diligently maintaining our drainage ditches, and adding more culverts where we can.

Spring roared in like a lion with one storm in particular that caused some pretty big damage to the Hale Hollow Road and the Blanchard Road. After all repair work was finished, the tar section of the Hale Hollow Road got a new tar overlay by Blacktop, Inc. Following that, we headed to the Barnard Chateauguay Road for a big repair job up there on the Class 3 section. We widened the muddiest section, replaced the old culverts, fixed the ditches, and hauled enough gravel in to stabilize the roadbed and raise it back up some. Class 4 roads that got significant attention in 2014 were Labor Road and Booth Road with some culvert work, graveling, and grading. Of course, all town roads were graded at least once in the springtime. Many were done twice due to all these hard rains. We try hard to keep ahead on this.

We had planned on replacing the little bridge at the bottom of the Bridgewater Hill Road with a multi-plate culvert this year. Unfortunately, the state hydraulic study required a larger culvert than what we had specified, jacking up the price. We've since amended our grant and are hoping we can get the project done this coming summer if all goes well.

Other larger projects we're planning to do next summer include erosion control projects on Goldcoast Road and Cox District Road. We'll continue upsizing culverts and improving our roads' storm water runoff capabilities throughout town, one road at a time, as we are able.

We've had some challenging days with chasing crazy weather patterns, storm damage, and of course, equipment failures from time to time... but, all in all, I'd say our roads are in good shape considering. I think the Highway Department is on a positive track forward for whatever future weather holds. I'd like to thank David Jenne, Pete Oldenburg, and the Selectboard for their help this year....and of course, you the Taxpayers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Kennedy
Bridgewater Road Foreman

REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN

The Board of Listers report to the Town that both the Municipal Grand List and the Education Grand List increased in the year 2013-2014 by \$1,276,952.00. This increase can be attributed principally to new construction and renovation of existing properties and its size indicates that the real estate market is returning to normal.

In June of 2014, there were four Grievances -- three of which were adjusted by the Listers and one was denied at the Lister level. No appeals were lodged from real estate determinations by your Lister board. Last year we reported that we were waiting for a Decision from the Superior Court concerning the lister value for a 4 acre parcel. This decision was made on January 23, 2014 and was disappointing because it did not in the opinion of Robert Fletcher Esq., the town's attorney, adequately address issues raised during the Hearings. The Lister Board has been frustrated in appeals in the past as we are in this instance because decisions of the State Appraiser and the Superior Court seem to "cut the baby in half" rather than to determine the outcome based upon facts and legal points brought forth by the Town.

Again this year, a comment is warranted concerning the expenditure of Town budget dollars on attorney fees to pursue defense of the Town in contested cases. For years, rarely has it been necessary to contract with an attorney to defend against a contest from a taxpayer who takes an appeal to the State. The reasons for this are twofold: first, is that, over the past 16 years, the Lister Board established a policy of transparency and support of taxpayers in their pursuit of being fairly taxed. The policy established by the current Lister Board has been to provide explanation of where the tax comes from for any grieving taxpayer. The second reason for the historical absence of attorney fees for appeals is that, until recently, the Lister Board has represented the Town in pursuing grievance appeals before the State Hearing Officer and before Vermont Superior Court. In more recent appeals, the Lister Board has elected to contract an attorney to defend the Town in appeals at the State level. This policy has maintained the expectation -- essential to credibility -- that the Town will pursue defense of its taxes whenever the Town determines that the particular tax has been established fairly.

From the perspective of the Listers -- we are pleased with the results of the Statistical Market Update of our Grand List done by Vision Government Solutions Inc. for the year 2013. To be specific, the State calculates the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) at **96.82%** of Fair Market Value, -- which indicates that sales of real estate are nearly perfectly reflected in the historic record of appraisals. The COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) was determined by the State to be **17.64%** for the year **2014**. This indicates continued volatility as the result of the aftermath of The Great Recession of 2008.

As always, the objective of your Board of Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable system of property valuation and we encourage everyone to come in and review your assessment at any time.

Thomas K. Standish
Listers

Victoria L. Young

William G. Young

DOG LICENSES
07/01/2013-06/30/2014

133 @ \$ 8.00 (Neutered)	\$ 1,064.00
96 @ 10.00 (Late Neutered)	960.00
14 @ 12.00 (Un-Neutered)	168.00
10 @ 16.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	160.00
 Totals:	
253	\$2,352.00
Sent to State:	1,012.00
Town Share	\$1,340.00

All dog and wolf-hybrids, six months of age or older, Must be licensed each year on or before April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination, (a current rabies certificate), is required for licensing.

Cats and Ferrets are also required to have a rabies vaccination. Even though we do not license them, we do request a copy of the rabies certificate to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSES

3 @ \$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
4 @ 115.00	460.00
 Totals:	
7	\$670.00

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/CREMATION
Carroll F. Earle	85	11/17/13	Cremation
Jason M. Walker	41	11/25/13	Cremation
Barry G. Brownell	67	02/04/14	Cremation
Paul V. Roberts	80	03/04/14	Cremation
Lawrence C. Allen	65	03/07/14	Cremation
Lloyd W. Severance	81	05/14/14	Cremation

BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

MARRIAGES

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	PLACE
William J. Olmstead	Alexandra H. Brown	08/01/13	Bridgewater
Matteo Bertoni	Elizabeth M. Tyler	08/22/13	Bridgewater
Nicholas B. Reynells	Lynn M. Hawley	09/19/13	Bridgewater

CIVIL UNIONS

None

BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET 2013/2014	ACTUAL 2013/2014	BUDGET 2014/2015	BUDGET 2015/2016	
General Fund Expenses:	549,950.00	577,029.92	558,341.00	562,531.00	
Warned Articles:	<u>19,350.00</u>	<u>19,350.00</u>	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>18,858.00</u>	
Sub-Total Expenses:	569,300.00	596,379.92	577,941.00	581,389.00	0.60%
BVS Expenses				60,000.00	*See Note
Total Town Expenses:				641,389.00	
Non-Tax Revenue:	-324,380.00	-354,057.91	-303,230.00	-310,830.00	
Sub-Total:	244,920.00	243,322.01	274,711.00	330,559.00	
Surplus/Deficit	<u>+30,339.63</u>	<u>+30,339.63</u>	<u>-3,731.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Amount to be raised in Taxes:	275,259.63	272,661.64	270,979.98	330,559.00	21.98%
Highway Expenses:	553,637.00	642,574.67	551,750.00	563,030.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-30,223.26	-30,223.26	-191.52	0.00	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>-90,000.00</u>	<u>-178,937.67</u>	<u>-92,000.00</u>	<u>-91,000.00</u>	
Amount to be raised in Taxes	433,413.74	433,413.74	459,558.48	472,030.00	2.71%
Total General & Highway Expenses:	1,122,937.00	1,238,954.59	1,129,691.00	1,204,419.00	
Non-Tax Revenue:	-414,380.00	-532,995.58	-395,230.00	-401,830.00	
Surplus / Deficit	<u>+116.37</u>	<u>-116.37</u>	<u>-3,922.54</u>	<u>-0.00</u>	
Town Taxes to be Raised	708,673.37	706,075.38	730,538.46	802,589.00	9.87 %
Schools:					
Payments to Schools	1,925,035.00	1,925,035.00	1,898,497.00		
Net to State	<u>707,834.89</u>	<u>695,657.40</u>	<u>827,973.38</u>		
Town Retains	<u>5,937.13</u>	<u>6,060.08</u>	<u>6,148.24</u>		
Total Schools:	2,638,807.02	2,626,752.48	2,732,618.62		

- BVS Expenses = Fuel, Electricity, Water/Sewer, Property & Liability Insurance, Summer/Winter Maintenance, & Limited Custodial Services

FY- 2015

FY-2016

		<u>Consolidated:</u>	<u>BVS</u>
School Tax Rate is: (Actual) Resident-\$ 1.8217	*Estimated - Resident	-\$1.58	\$1.77
Town Tax Rate to be: (Actual) - .4099	*Estimated -	.45	.45
*Combined estimated Tax Rate to be:(Actual) \$2.2334	* \$ 2.03		\$2.22
*(using current GL)			

(Please note-these are estimates only – These numbers could change based on the State set Education rates – Residential / Non-Residential- and property valuation changes to the Grand List for April 2015)

General Account	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
Current Taxes (Gen. Fund)	275,259.63	272,661.64	270,979.98	330,559.00	21.98
Current Use Reimb.	75,000.00	81,352.00	63,000.00	65,500.00	
Interest on Taxes	12,000.00	18,396.59	13,000.00	11,000.00	
Federal & State PILOT	7,500.00	8,438.16	8,000.00	8,500.00	
Clerk Fees	13,000.00	12,498.78	13,000.00	12,500.00	
Traffic Fines	200,000.00	217,100.11	198,500.00	205,000.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,340.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	
Liquor Licenses	700.00	670.00	750.00	700.00	
Rent	9,600.00	800.00	-	-	
Interest on Investments	200.00	343.77	200.00	250.00	
Box Rent	80.00	90.00	80.00	80.00	
Flood Permits	-	150.00	-	-	
Act 68 -Town Retains	5,000.00	6,060.08	5,500.00	6,000.00	
Prev. Year Surplus/(Deficit)	(30,339.63)	(30,339.63)	3,731.02	0.00	
Tax Collection costs	-	313.47	-	-	
Town Plan Grant	-	1,623.00	-	-	
Misc./Donation/Reimb.	-	4,883.95	-	-	
Total Revenues:	569,300.00	596,381.92	577,941.00	641,389.00	10.97%
General Account Expenses					
WAGES					
Clerk Wages	34,125.00	34,125.00	34,670.00	35,308.00	
Treasurer Wages	34,125.00	34,125.00	34,670.00	35,308.00	
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	4,000.00	3,203.45	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer School Stipend	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Health Officer Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Fire Warden Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Misc. Wages	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Travel Reimbursement	500.00	352.70	500.00	425.00	
Total Wages:	77,750.00	76,806.15	78,840.00	80,041.00	1.52%
BENEFITS					
FICA-Medicare Taxes	7,000.00	6,717.14	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Health Insurance	26,800.00	28,194.04	29,500.00	31,500.00	
VMERS - Retirement	1,870.00	1,838.42	1,950.00	2,000.00	
Training/Seminars	500.00	475.00	500.00	500.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	300.00	300.00	300.00	315.00	
Total Benefits:	36,470.00	37,524.60	39,250.00	41,315.00	5.26%
Total Wages & Benefits:	114,220.00	114,330.75	118,090.00	121,356.00	2.83%

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
OFFICE EXPENSE:					
Gen. Office Supplies	3,200.00	3,107.84	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Clerk Supplies	3,000.00	3,048.30	3,500.00	3,300.00	
Treasurer Supplies	1,400.00	2,532.86	1,400.00	1,500.00	
Lister Supplies	200.00	91.92	300.00	250.00	
Election Expense	200.00	119.50	300.00	200.00	
Computer/Copier Contracts	4,000.00	3,643.20	4,400.00	4,500.00	
Telephone	1,500.00	1,651.09	1,500.00	1,600.00	
Electricity	10,000.00	9,272.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	
Heat	4,000.00	4,865.95	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Sewer Fee	1,380.00	1,380.00	1,485.00	1,485.00	
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Total Office Expense:	28,880.00	29,712.66	28,085.00	28,535.00	1.60%
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Advertising	-	-	200.00	150.00	
Printing/Town Report Exp.	2,400.00	2,394.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	1,800.00	1,810.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Legal Services	5,000.00	29,751.64	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Legal Fees-Tax Collection	500.00	-	-	-	
Flood Admin. Expense	-	64.75	-	-	
Audit Services	12,300.00	9,300.00	12,800.00	10,000.00	
Dog Pound	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
BVS Water Testing	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	-	
Southgate House Prop. & Liab. Ins.	8,200.00	8,550.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	
Southgate House Maintenance	5,000.00	4,625.69	6,200.00	6,000.00	
Southgate House Repairs	5,000.00	1,840.45	5,000.00	2,500.00	
Sewer Upgrade Bond Payment	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
County Taxes	11,700.00	11,686.49	17,020.00	14,570.00	
GUVSWD Assessment	11,845.00	11,840.00	11,840.00	11,840.00	
Recycling Program	5,500.00	5,406.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	
Southgate Reserved Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	13,000.00	10,000.00	
Memorial Day Flags	225.00	218.00	225.00	225.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plan.	1,170.00	1,170.00	1,207.00	1,245.00	
Cemetery Appropriation	8,700.00	8,700.00	11,800.00	13,400.00	
Office Capitol Appropriation	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	3,800.00	5,471.00	4,000.00	4,500.00	
Website Hosting	400.00	425.00	-	-	
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	-	205.99	-	400.00	
Reappraisal Sinking Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
E-911 - Signs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	
Southgate Project	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
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Total Operating Expense:	117,640.00	137,559.01	128,992.00	119,230.00	-7.56%
Town Plan Grant		1,508.00	-	-	

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
Emergency Services					
SHERIFF & CONSTABLE					
Constable Exp./Travel	200.00	-	150.00	150.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	199,710.00	202,844.50	198,500.00	205,000.00	
Police Liab.& Work. Comp.	360.00	359.00	360.00	400.00	
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Total Sheriff & Constable:	200,270.00	203,203.50	199,010.00	205,550.00	3.29%
FAST SQUAD					
Fast Squad Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fast Squad Liab.&Work Comp.	1,600.00	1,467.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	
Woodstock Ambulance Asses	26,210.00	26,208.00	27,144.00	28,100.00	
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
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Total Fast Squad:	31,810.00	31,675.00	32,644.00	33,700.00	3.23%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	12,250.00	
Fire Dept. Ins.	8,500.00	10,049.00	8,500.00	10,000.00	
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,020.00	1,386.00	1,020.00	1,500.00	
Fire Truck Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Fire Truck Bond Expenses	21,610.00	21,606.00	16,000.00	15,310.00	
Dry Hydrant Program	-	-	-	100.00	
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Total Fire Dept.	57,130.00	59,041.00	51,520.00	54,160.00	5.12%
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Total Emergency Services:	289,210.00	293,919.50	283,174.00	293,410.00	3.61%
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Total General Fund Exp.	549,950.00	577,029.92	558,341.00	562,531.00	0.75%
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WARNED APPROPRIATIONS					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,408.00	
Woodstock Recreation Dept.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Pentangle	900.00	900.00	900.00	0.00	
Spectrum Teen Center	500.00	500.00	750.00	750.00	
Ottauquechee Comm. Partners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
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Total Warned Appropriations:	19,350.00	19,350.00	19,600.00	18,858.00	-3.78%
BVS OPERATING EXPENSE					
BVS Operating Exp.	-	-	-	60,000.00	100
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Total BVS Operating Expenses:	-	-	-	60,000.00	100.00%
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Total General Fund Expenses:	569,300.00	596,379.92	577,941.00	641,389.00	10.97%
General Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	-	0.00	-	-	

Highway Fund	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
HIGHWAY REVENUE					
Current Taxes (Highway)	433,413.74	433,413.74	459,558.48	472,030.00	2.71
St. of VT -Highways	90,000.00	91,320.08	92,000.00	91,000.00	
Grants-Paving	-	78,305.36	-	-	
Permit Fees	-	375.00	-	-	
VLCT-Reimb.	-	8,450.30	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	30,223.26	30,223.26	191.52	0.00	
Misc.	-	100.00	-	-	
Total Highway Revenue:	553,637.00	642,187.74	551,750.00	563,030.00	2.04%
Payroll & Benefits					
Highway Salaries	125,000.00	124,813.70	125,000.00	126,000.00	
FICA /Medicare Taxes	10,000.00	9,473.43	9,500.00	9,650.00	
Benefits	47,400.00	41,461.13	43,800.00	48,000.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	8,000.00	9,000.00	9,500.00	11,000.00	
Unemployment	262.00	253.00	250.00	280.00	
VMERS-Retirement	6,575.00	6,404.66	6,700.00	6,800.00	
Total Payroll & Benefits:	197,237.00	191,405.92	194,750.00	201,730.00	3.58%
GARAGE					
Phone	2,400.00	2,263.72	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Electricity	1,000.00	1,002.04	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Heat	4,000.00	5,734.26	4,000.00	4,500.00	
Bldg. & Liability Insurance	6,800.00	7,858.00	7,200.00	8,000.00	
Equipment Insurance	7,000.00	6,834.00	7,200.00	7,000.00	
Prof. Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,950.00	2,000.00	2,200.00	
Mileage / Other Reimbursement	200.00	208.39	200.00	200.00	
Total Garage Expenses:	23,400.00	25,850.41	24,000.00	25,300.00	5.42%
MAINTENANCE					
Equipment Hired	15,000.00	14,377.50	15,000.00	16,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	35,000.00	44,651.77	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	12,000.00	20,273.70	12,000.00	14,000.00	
Materials	100,000.00	91,314.54	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	15,000.00	20,203.94	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Class 4 Road Maintenance	5,000.00	4,106.45	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Total Maintenance Expenses:	182,000.00	194,927.90	182,000.00	185,000.00	1.65%
SPECIAL PROJECTS					
Yearly Projects	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00	
Paving	65,000.00	144,390.44	75,000.00	25,000.00	
Total Special Projects Expenses:	75,000.00	154,390.44	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00%

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
CAPITOL SINKING					
Building Improvements	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Sinking Fund	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	
Bridge Sinking Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
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Total Special Projects Expenses:	76,000.00	76,000.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00%
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	553,637.00	642,574.67	551,750.00	563,030.00	2.04%
Highway Surplus/(Deficit)	-	0.00	-	-	
Sewer Fund					
SEWER DEPT. REVENUE					
Quarterly Fees	71,323.00	71,323.00	76,749.75	76,500.00	-0.33
Delinquent Interest	300.00	1,647.19	501.60	545.00	
Sewer Permits	-	-	-	-	
Previous Year Surplus	13.66	-	(401.35)	765.00	
Misc.	-	0.77	-	-	
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	71,636.66	72,970.96	76,850.00	77,810.00	1.25%
SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES					
Plant Labor	48,700.00	50,160.00	50,200.00	51,710.00	
Supplies	1,500.00	882.85	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Electricity	3,300.00	3,541.26	3,300.00	3,500.00	
Heat	1,000.00	1,454.73	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Phone	250.00	283.44	250.00	300.00	
Administrative Fees	200.00	270.00	200.00	300.00	
Outside Testing	3,000.00	3,600.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Outside Labor	500.00	-	500.00	-	
Chemicals	500.00	337.98	500.00	500.00	
Maintenance	4,500.00	3,418.64	4,500.00	4,000.00	
Sludge Disposal	6,000.00	6,335.00	6,000.00	6,500.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,922.00	1,900.00	2,000.00	
Sinking Fund Appropriation	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Misc.	186.66	-	-	-	
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	71,636.66	72,205.90	76,850.00	77,810.00	1.25%
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	765.06	-	-	

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
Recreation Committee Fund					
Donations	3,000.00	2,750.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Interest on Investments	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	
Reimb. from Fidelity Acct	-	5,323.54	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	5,700.00	10,773.54	5,700.00	5,700.00	
Recreation Committee Exp.					
Rec. Field Electricity	200.00	242.45	250.00	250.00	
Insurance	-	82.00	-	-	
Grounds Maintenance	5,500.00	5,882.49	5,450.00	5,450.00	
Reserve for Field Equipment	-	4,500.00	-	-	
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Total Expenses:	5,700.00	10,706.94	5,700.00	5,700.00	
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	66.60	-	-	
Cemetery Fund					
Cemetery Fund Revenues					
Appropriations	8,700.00	8,700.00	11,800.00	13,400.00	
Sale of Lots	-	1,060.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Donations	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
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Total Revenues:	9,700.00	9,760.00	13,800.00	15,400.00	11.59 %
Cemetery Fund Expenses					
Mowing	8,700.00	12,600.00	11,800.00	13,400.00	
Ground Maintenance	1,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
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Total Expenses:	9,700.00	12,600.00	13,800.00	15,400.00	11.59%
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	(2,840.00)	-	-	
Hazard Mitigation Fund					
Hazard Mitigation Grants					
	-	499,774.76	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	-	499,774.76	-	-	0.00%
Hazard Mitigation Expenses					
Hazard Mitigation/Buyout	-	499,774.76	-	-	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Surplus /(Deficit)	-	499,774.76	-	-	0.00%

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015	Budget FY - 2016	FY - 15/16 Change
School Fund					
School Revenue					
Homestead Education Tax	721,985.89	887,217.40	901,187.38		-
Non-Residential Education	1,203,049.11	1,037,817.60	997,309.62		-
Non Resident Ed Liab. to State	707,834.89	695,657.40	827,973.38		-
Retained by Municipality	5,937.13	6,060.08	6,148.24		-
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Total Revenues:	2,638,807.02	2,626,752.48	2,732,618.62		-
School Expenses					
Payments to Schools	1,925,035.00	1,925,035.00	1,898,497.00		-
ACT 68 - Net Payment to State	707,834.89	695,657.40	827,973.38		-
ACT 68 - Town Retains	5,937.13	6,060.08	6,148.24		-
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Total Expenses:	2,638,807.02	2,626,752.48	2,732,618.62		-
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Designated Fund Balances:

Current Year	Balance	7/1/13	Appropriations	Income	Exp.	6/30/14
General Fund:						
Town Reappraisal	44,652.00		5,000.00	7,554.00	18,220.00	38,986.00
Fire Truck Improvements	83,143.00		15,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	73,143.00
Southgate House	10,187.00		3,000.00	0.00	13,003.00	184.00
Planning Comm.	4,638.00		0.00	0.00	186.00	4,453.00
Office Capitol	1,140.00		500.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.00
Veteran's Monument	1,681.88		0.00	0.00	250.00	1,431.88
Landfill	0.00		3,800.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00
E-911 Road Signs	875.00		1,000.00	0.00	402.50	1,472.50
Clerk Book Encumbrance	1,900.00		0.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00
Tax Mapping	2,634.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,634.00
Totals:	150,850.88		28,300.00	7,554.00	62,761.50	123,944.38
Highway Restricted Funds:						
Excess Flood Money	120,141.00		0.00	86,351.00	2,656.00	203,836.00
Bridge	111,036.11		15,000.00	58,118.40	52,776.75	131,377.76
Highway Equip.	303.44		60,000.00	0.00	59,543.15	760.29
Salt Shed & Bldgs.	23,477.14		1,000.00	0.00	4,489.87	19,987.27
Encumbered Project Funds	48,000.00		0.00	48,806.00	48,000.00	48,806.00
Totals:	302,957.69		76,000.00	193,275.40	167,465.77	404,767.32

Town Indebtedness:

Compensated Absences	10,233.00
Freightliner '14	90,176.72
Sewer Upgrade Loan Payable	43,750.00
Fire Truck Bond	30,000.00
<u>Freightliner '12</u>	<u>72,077.00</u>
Total Indebtedness:	246,236.72

Matures:

Annual accounting
November 2018
April 2019
December 2015
July 2016

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2014
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	223,957.98
Due to other funds:	-123,150.99
HRA-Health Equity	1,500.00
Landfill Coupons	360.00
Landfill Stickers	40.00
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>72,066.93</u>
Total Assets	174,873.92

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	43,039.65
Federal Withholdings	424.89
FICA/Medi Taxes	656.02
Other Deductions -AFLAC	359.10
Delinquent Tax Collector	919.63
Insurance	4,246.00
State of VT- Marriage License	70.00
St. of VT- Dog Licenses	30.00
Planning Comm. Fund	4,453.43
Road Sign / 911 Admin.	1,472.51
Landfill Testing	0.00
Listers / Reappraisal Fund	38,985.96
Office Capital	1,639.60
Encumbered Projects	947.13
Southgate House Reserved Fund	184.17
Fire Truck Improvement Fund	73,143.42
<u>Veterans Monument Reserve</u>	<u>1,431.88</u>
Total Liability	172,003.84

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance Prior Year	2,870.08
Total Fund Balance Current Year	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund Balance	2,870.08

Total Liability, Fund Balance 174,873.92

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT**Assets:**

Due from General Account	117,155.01
Due to/From Tropical Storm	0.00
<u>Flood-FEMA Reimb.</u>	<u>181,674.84</u>
Total Assets	298,829.85

Liabilities:

Equipment Reserve Fund	760.29
Building Improvements & Salt Shed	19,987.27
Bridge Reserve Fund	131,377.76
Flood Reimbursement Restricted	203,836.00
<u>Encumbered Project Funds</u>	<u>48,806.01</u>
Total Liabilities	404,767.33

Fund Balance Prior Year:	-105,937.48
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund Balance	298,829.85

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **298,829.85**

SEWER ACCOUNT**Assets:**

Due from General Account	15,417.00
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	<u>11,165.33</u>
Total Assets	26,582.33

Liabilities:

Pre-paid taxes	123.75
Total Liabilities	123.75

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	-533.43
Fund Balance Restricted	26,226.95
<u>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</u>	<u>25,693.52</u>
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>765.06</u>
Total Fund Balance	26,458.58

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance **26,582.33**

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	15,058.70
Robert Thomas Sec. Investment	39,724.20
Fidelity Invest.	<u>35,478.54</u>
Total Assets	90,261.44

Liabilities:

Encumbered Project Funds	6,291.13
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Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	83,903.71
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>66.60</u>
Total Fund Balance	83,970.31
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	90,261.44

CEMETERY FUND

Assets:		
Due from General Fund		40,153.31
	Total Assets	40,153.31
Liabilities:		
CD Rollover Transfer		0.00
Fund Balance:		
Fund Balance Prior Year		42,993.31
Current Year Fund Balance		<u>-2,840.00</u>
Total Fund Balance		40,153.31
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		40,153.31

TROPICAL STORM IRENE/ HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUND

Due From/To General Fund		-64,632.66
Due From/To Highway Fund		0.00
FEMA Receivables		0.00
Hazard Mitigation Receivable		31,686.66
	Total Assets	-32,946.00
Liabilities:		
None		0.00
Total Liabilities:		0.00
Fund Balance:		
Fund Balance prior year		-32,946.00
Fund Balance Current Year		0.00
Total Fund Balance		-32,946.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		-32,946.00

*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2013-2014 have been audited by Schiffman, Dattilio & Liepmann, P.C., the Town's contracted audit firm. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

**Explanation of 2013 Grand List
Town Fiscal Year 2013/2014**

Fair market and Listed Value of
Real Estate and Personal Property **Municipal Grand List: 1,777,734.51**
Taxable Parcels: 780 **Education Grand List: 1,749,425.31**
Acres: 29,049.38

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Resident
Real Property	191,488,600.00	69,347,721.00	122,341,367.00
(+)Non-Approved Contracts			195,900.00
PP & Cable	3,114,208.00		200,488.00
(-)Vet Exempt.	30,000.00	30,000.00	
(-) Land Use Exempt.	16,603,457.00	3,784,070.00	12,819,387.00
(-) Contracts	195,900.00		195,900.00
(-) Special Exemptions			113,100.00
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Grand List:	1,777,734.51	655,336.51	1,094,088.80

STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2014

Taxes Billed:

<u>R.E. & P.P.</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>		<u>Grand list</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Local Agreement	.0018	+ / -	1,777,734.51	3,199.95
<u>Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:</u>				
Municipal	.3976	+ / -	1,777,734.51	706,827.17
Homestead Ed.	1.7990	+ / -	660,266.51	1,187,819.53
Non-Residential	<u>1.5866</u>	+ / -	1,087,199.80	<u>1,724,951.28</u>
				3,622,797.93
Adjustments & Penalty's from Late Filed HS-122's				<u>0.00</u>

Late-Late Filers				1,880.74
Total Taxes Raised:				3,624,678.67
Resident Tax Rate:	\$2.1984			
Non-Resident Tax Rate:	\$1.986			

Receipts:

School Taxes Received:	2,620,692.40		
Highway Taxes:	433,413.74		
Town Taxes:	275,259.63		
State Tax Credits (net)	300,169.04		
Town Retains:	6,060.08		
Net Tax Receipts:			3,635,594.89
Tax Appeal Refund (2013)	+2,510.13		
(Adjustments)	-13,426.35		
Net Taxes after adjustments:			3,624,678.67

* Note: Due to ACT 68 - Amounts Billed and Amounts received change over the course of the year – Late filed HS 122's change the totals of the Grand List – thus changing the amounts due causing either a shortfall or collecting more than anticipated.

Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

January, 2015

Dear Bridgewater Residents,

I always like to take a moment to say thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as the Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. I thoroughly enjoy working with the taxpayers and community members and always enjoy meeting new people.

I'd like to share with you the progress that has been made in the collection of delinquent taxes. In November of 2013 **\$191,804.08** in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and as of January 1, 2015 all but **\$16,343.55** has been collected for that tax year. The balance on the remaining delinquent property taxes which are listed in this year's town report (totals were as of June 30, 2014) is currently at **\$20,293.29** as of January 1, 2015. It has been a very busy year. This balance will go down as I work to resolve these accounts.

This past November 2014, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2014-2015 became due. An amount of **\$194,186.61** in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is up **\$2,382.53** from last year's delinquent property taxes 2013-2014 which is listed above. As of January 1, 2015 more than half of the amount due (**\$107,258.18**) has been collected in a little over a month and a half bringing the balance down to **\$86,927.43** for this current tax year 2014-2015. Many of the taxpayers have payment arrangements or installment agreements to resolve these delinquent accounts.

I hope to continue to lower the amount of delinquent taxes in our town and continue to serve as the towns Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Joni Kennedy
Delinquent Tax Collector

Joni Kennedy
P.O. Box 372
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
672-3402

Delinquent Sewer Report

Delinquent Sewer Taxes	FY '13 & '14 totals:
Bellimer, Lyle	*
Blanchard, Warren Sr. & Brian	pp
Bontrager, Jean	*
Caizzi, Lawrence	*
Carr, Samuel	*
Doyle, Vernon	*
Federal National	pp
Greaves, Kedra	*
Herdegen, Gillian	pp
Mattsson, Claus	*
Old Mill Marketplace	*
Testa, Glen	pp
Waters, Nicholas	pp
Wheeler, Angela	*
White, John	*
Total: as of 06/30/14	\$11,165.32
Total includes Principal Only	
* = Paid in full after June 30, 2014	pp=partial payment

FY 2013 Total: \$460.00

FY 2014 Total: \$10,705.32

Delinquent Tax Report – FY’s ’09-‘13

Delinquent Tax List	Totals:	*
Andrews, J.F.		*
AT & T		*
Bellimer, Lyle		*
Bivens, Carrie		
Bixler, Parker & McGonagle		*
Blanchard, Warren Sr. & Brian		pp
Chow, Michael		*
Dayton, Douglas		*
Floyd, Robert. Est.		pp
Hoisington, Anthony		pp
Horsa, Val		*
Hoyt, Eric (04-017.)		*
Keim, Kenneth		*
Kristoff, Ronald		*
Lombard, Alexander (06-090.001)		
Lombard, Alexander (06-090.)		
Makkonen, Sylvia		pp
Manning, Michael		*
Mattsson, Claus (02-037)		pp
McLeod, Andrew		*
Mingarelli, Ronald (04-011-006)		pp
Morse, Ronald		pp
Nott, Donna		pp
O’Reilly, Thomas		*
Page, Edward		*
Prior, David		
Scholfield, Edward		*
Sturgeon, Timothy		*
Szoke, David		*
Tanguay, Paul		
Testa, Glenn (01-049)		*
Webb, Joyce Estate (02-086)		*
Webb, Joyce Estate (07-003)		
Worth, David		pp

Totals: **\$72,600.39**

Balance As of June 30, 2014 (Principal Only)

*** = Paid in full after June 30, 2014 pp= partial payment.**

Totals by Year:	2009- \$66.20	2010- \$5,541.53	2011- \$5,389.20
	2012- \$14,260.91	2013 - \$47,342.55	

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2014

The BVFD responded to a total of 44 calls in 2014. Thirty one of those calls were in town and the remaining thirteen were mutual aid calls to our surrounding communities. The in-town calls consisted of six motor vehicle accidents, one chimney fire, one electrical odor, one gasoline spill, four structure fires, one Carbon Monoxide detector activation, five smoke detector activations, two trash fires, two propane leaks, five assisting the Bridgewater F.A.S.T. Squad, one unknown container of liquid, one animal rescue, and one Teepee fire, with a total time of 351 hours spent on these scenes. The BVFD also logged 495 training hours and 76 hours doing maintenance on the station, equipment, and dry hydrants.

The thirteen mutual aid calls that we responded to consisted of one call to Pomfret for a chimney fire. Two calls to Plymouth, one for station coverage and one fire alarm. Five calls to Killington, two structure fires and three smoke alarm activations. Five calls to Woodstock consisting of three grass fires, one structure fire, and one Carbon Monoxide detector activation. The BVFD spent a total of 35 hours at these scenes.

The BVFD was very fortunate to receive the donation of a 2001 6- Wheeled Polaris Ranger. We believe that this will be a huge asset, allowing us to easier get our equipment/personnel into hard to reach areas. Through donations and fundraising we were able to purchase a trailer to move the Ranger with and a skid unit that mounts in the back of the Ranger that has a removable pump and hose reel, can hold 70 gallons of water and 3 gallons of foam, has some storage space for tools, as well as a proper place to secure a stokes basket, which is used to carry injured people out of rough terrain.

As the Department strives to meet the ever increasing demands and versatility required of modern day Fire Departments we find ourselves outgrowing our current Station. We have begun the long process of assessing our options, including renovating the building we house at this time or building an entirely new structure, either in the same location or possibly finding a new one. There is still much to consider and discuss at this time but we intend to keep our community informed as we move ahead with this project.

We would like to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors as well as their Carbon Monoxide detectors, a good way to remember to do this is to change your batteries when you change your clocks twice a year. We also urge everyone to make sure that their 9-1-1 signs, your physical address signs, are visible from the road year round, this means clearing snow banks or tall grass and brush depending on the time of year.

As always we would like to thank our community for their continued support and donations over the years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zach Bowley, President

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department 2014

RECEIPTS:

General Donations/Memorial	\$ 6,614.50
Fund Drives	\$ 14,235.00
Coin Drops	\$ 4,616.55
Chix BBQ/ Raffle	\$ 3,340.00
Ham Supper	\$ 2,929.00
Grants	\$ 3,910.21
Town Appropriation	\$ 11,000.00
Fire Extinguishers sales/service	\$ 2,405.78
Interest earned	\$ 24.74
Sale of Forestry truck	\$ 2,500.00
Dry hydrant reimbursement	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 163.15
Total receipts:	\$ 51,988.93

DISBURSEMENTS:

Auxiliary	\$ 141.51
Bank Fees	\$ 37.00
Building repairs	\$ 356.68
Communications	\$ 1,716.06
Dry hydrant supplies	\$ 60.00
Misc fire equipment	\$ 738.29
Fire ext-sales/service expenses	\$ 2,101.53
Fishing derby expenses	\$ 116.09
Fund drive expenses	\$ 686.40
Fundraiser expenses	\$ 3,511.91
Grant equipment purchases	\$ 2,914.78
Insurance	\$ 300.00
Memberships/ dues	\$ 522.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 475.81
Office expenses/postage	\$ 2,397.20
Equipment repairs	\$ 962.59
SCBA	\$ 194.35
Supplies	\$ 1,642.25
Cell phone	\$ 107.00
Telephone	\$ 934.62
Voice notification/paging	\$ 1,154.83
Fire prevention materials	\$ 132.25

Training	\$	1,308.70	
Trucks- Gas & Oil	\$	164.29	
Trucks- Parts	\$	106.89	
Trucks- Repairs	\$	5,171.39	
Electric	\$	1,453.75	
Fuel Oil	\$	4,325.13	
Propane	\$	441.56	
Sewer	\$	477.50	
Trash pick up	\$	134.00	
Skid Unit & trailer	\$	7,041.98	
Transfer to bunker gear acct	\$	16,000.00	Bldg fund
Total Disbursements:	\$	57,828.34	

BANK ACCOUNTS:

TD Bank	\$	1,424.80
Lake Sunapee Bank	\$	40,787.70
Balance	\$	42,212.50

Bunker Gear Acct/Bldg fund \$ - \$ **32,191.49**

Jan 1, 2014 Beg Balance	\$	48,051.91
Receipts	\$	51,988.93
Expenses	\$	57,828.34
Dec 31, 2014 End Balance	\$	42,212.50



Report of the Bridgewater Cemetery Commissioners For the year 2014

For years we have been reporting on the condition of Bridgewater's twelve cemeteries.

During 2014 we are pleased to announce that we learned, thanks to Bud Jenne, that a *thirteenth* cemetery exists within our Town borders. It is a private, beautifully cared for cemetery containing three graves, on land owned by Sheldon and Jane Martin. This means that Bridgewater now has five private cemeteries (Pratt, White, Woodward, Josselyn and Martin. Care of those five is not the responsibility of the Town, but we keep a friendly eye on them. Of the eight cemeteries which are owned by the Town, six are mowed at Town expense (Mt. Pleasant, Baker Hill, Topliff, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell and North Bridge-water). The two remaining Town cemeteries (Kellogg and Angell) are in remote, off-road locations, but we inspect them regularly. We encourage visitors to hike into these two beautiful, historic burial grounds, which are looked after by Boy Scouts and other volunteers. Every one of Bridgewater's thirteen cemeteries contain one or more veterans, and more than 10 % of all Bridgewater's graves contain a veteran of one of the wars of the United States. Each Bridgewater veteran gets a fresh American Flag each year, honoring their service, placed on his resting place by Bridgewater's Geno-Robinson American Legion Post.

Unlike the expense of mowing Town cemeteries which is borne by the Town Appropriation, the costs of repairing damaged or fallen gravestones and general grounds maintenance are paid for by voluntary donations, requests for grants from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, and as a last resort from the Cemetery Commission's asset funds. During the six years from 2007 to 2013, we had to spend \$ 23,867 to repair damage to gravestones from frost, storms, vandalism and fallen trees, but we did not need to add to that repair expense in 2014. We were, however, required to spend \$ 2,287 in 2014 for repairs to major storm damage to the road within the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Despite all of those expenses in recent years, our asset funds today remain \$ 2,585 greater than they were in 1997.

Our six Town-mowed cemeteries have never looked better, and we are pleased to hear from you about how well cared for they are. The price of a single burial plot in any Town owned cemetery remains competitive with other neighboring Towns. It is still \$ 350, plus a nominal amount for corner stones to mark the plot's location. We urge your family to acquire a plot if you have not already done so. Two cremated remains may be placed in one Bridgewater plot.

If you need a copy of the book we published in 2005, "*The History of Bridgewater 1779-1976*" by Gladys and Tom Adams, a supply is always available at the Bridgewater Historical Society for \$ 20, with whom we share the receipts 50-50. These books make wonderful gifts, and have produced a profit of over \$1,500 for the Cemetery Commission.

James Bulmer
Coleman Hoyt
Paul Hutt

Bridgewater Cemetery Commissioners

Geno-Robinson American Legion Post # 11 – Bridgewater, Vermont

<u>Purpose</u>	Provide patriotic services to the Town
<u>History</u>	Chartered August 1, 1919
<u>Named for</u>	William Geno of WWI and Clyde Robinson of WW II

Your Post # 11 donates a Flag for the Bridgewater School flagpole; lends our Parade Flag for the pledge of allegiance at Town meetings; places Flags on the graves of over 200 Veterans of U.S. wars in all thirteen Bridgewater cemeteries; performs annual Memorial Day services in Bridgewater, honoring all veterans who have departed from this Town before us; marches in the Memorial Day parade in Woodstock, including the firing of our 1846 brass Spanish naval cannon (captured by Admiral Dewey in the 1898 Battle of Manila Bay) on the bridge over the Ottauquechee River to honor naval and marine veterans of U.S. wars; passes out to the children and viewers of the parade the Bridgewater veterans' cemetery Flags, carefully saved from the previous year.

During 2014 the Post sadly suffered the loss of two of our loyal members, Barry Brownell and Donald Sawyer. We had the honor of providing Military Remembrance Services for both of them, with prayers by our Chaplain, a rifle salute when appropriate, and the presentation of a United States Flag from the President of the United States to their next of kin. This service is provided to all veterans, whether or not members of our Post.

Having received renewed permission in 2014 to place decorative United States Flags on utility poles in spring, summer and fall along Route 4 as it passes through Bridgewater village, your Post # 11 hopes to accomplish this plan in the spring of 2015. We welcome voluntary donations to help us with this patriotic project, and are most grateful to have already received a generous check from the members of the Bridgewater Congregational Church to get this effort under way.

Since our ranks are regrettably thinning, we encourage all veterans to join us in Post #11, enjoy our fellowship and make use of our free lending library of books and films on military, naval and patriotic subjects.

Richard Brackett, Commander
Coleman Hoyt, Chaplain and Past Commander
John Griggs, Past Commander

The Bridgewater Historical Society Inc.

The Bridgewater Historical Society had a very successful year. The exhibits at the old brick schoolhouse as well as on the web site have been well received. Interest and pride in our town's history has been growing.

Below is a brief summary of the activities of 2014.

- The Society raised over \$3000 from more than 40 donors during our first annual fund. Our membership stands at 112 families.
- The Town agreed to a long -term loan of many of the historical artifacts that had been stored in the town office and Southgate house. As a result, the size of our collection has tripled with such items as maps, books, a Tyson parlor stove and a top hat!
- The Woodstock History Center has donated items that have Bridgewater connections: ledgers from the Bridgewater Hotel, a wood lathe from the box shop at the Mill, and a cheese press patented by Sullivan White of Bridgewater.
- April brought Judy Edwards with a talk on the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Plymouth.
- John Atwood, a board member, volunteered an evening of Victorian parlor music played on his Esty reed organ at the Grange.
- The Village School visited twice this year. In May the 4th and 5th Grades came and got a look at the Civil War display. In October the 3rd and 4th Grades visited, enjoying a presentation by Ernest Kendall about the Mill and seeing the early telephone switchboard.
- The BHS participated at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge with a very successful exhibit on the Woolen Mill.
- The Thompson Senior Center hosted a question/answer session with Ernest Kendall and our traveling exhibit on the mill. This generated conversations amongst those who had worked at the mill or had relatives who did.
- The North Branch Bluegrass Festival provided an additional venue for outreach.
- In September, we co-hosted a talk at the Grange by Christine Hadsel from "Curtains Without Borders". She gave a talk on the origin of these curtains that are found in town halls and granges throughout Vermont and New England.
- Gerry Hawkes spoke at the annual meeting in December on some of his inventions for land management.
- Some of the gifts we received this year include military uniforms, a display case, a box from Col. Whelan's estate and a piece of shrapnel from the cannon explosion at the 4th of July festival in 1896.
- Along with two newsletters, BHS published its annual calendar of old photographs. These are still available for purchase.

This year we look forward to working with the town and the school. Without the interest from people such as yourselves, and the work of our tireless volunteers, we wouldn't be able to pass our history down to the next generations. I would like to thank everyone in Bridgewater for your enthusiasm and support.

Polly Timken, President

**GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (District) is composed of 10 Upper Valley towns. The GUVSWD was established in 1992 for the purpose of providing an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through the establishment of recycling and reuse programs, composting and food diversion, and special collections for bulky wastes. In addition to these programs, the District provides outreach and education program to area businesses and schools. In our 22 year history, thousands of tons of recyclables and hazardous waste have been removed from the waste stream through these education and diversion programs.

The programs and services the District provides include special collection events for household hazardous waste, electronics, tires, fluorescent bulbs, and other hard to dispose of items. The District also provides outreach and education for students, residents, businesses and technical assistance to member towns.

During the 2014 fiscal year the GUVSWD provided direct services to Bridgewater and its residents including the following:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at regional events including: fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, and tires.
- 439 GUV residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and Norwich in September, in which nearly 20,000 lbs. and 3,500 gallons were disposed of.
- District residents also recycled 1,372 tires and over 20,000 lbs. of electronics at our collection events. Many residents also utilized our bulky trash, fluorescent bulb, book, and scrap metal collections.
- The next household hazardous waste day will be held on the first Saturday in June at the Hartford Recycling Center.
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In FY 14, John Timken and Norman Martin were Bridgewater's representatives to the GUVSWD Board of Supervisors. We thank them for their service.

The District's Green Guide will be available at Town Meeting. After Town Meeting, the Green Guides can be picked up at your Town Clerk's office, District office or on the District's website. Contact the GUVSWD by email at guvswd@valley.net; call us at 296-3688 or visit us on the web at www.guvswd.org.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT FOR BRIDGEWATER



GREEN UP VERMONT

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

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

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

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

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2014 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vermont Department of Health Report for Bridgewater

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

Supported healthy communities: Windsor County was awarded Partnership for Success funding to address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse. In its second year of funding, Windsor County Prevention Partners have been increasing law enforcement response to underage drinking and successfully working with pharmacists, law enforcement, councils on aging and others to collect unused prescription medications so they are no longer in medicine cabinets where they could be misused.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Bridgewater, 28 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014 we responded to 345 cases of infectious disease in Windsor County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$955,732 of which was in the area served by this district.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state including 529 in-person participants. The Hartford Region (which includes northern Windsor County and southern Orange County) included 35 people at a District Leadership Team meeting and continues to meet to plan next steps to address the opiate issue in our area. For more information, contact Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant Claudia Marieb at claudia.marieb@state.vt.us.

Health Department staff have been active participants in advising the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission's work on incorporating health into the Regional Plan, individual town plans, and into the long-term sustainability planning for the region (<http://ecvermont.org/>). This advice has focused on Health Impact Assessments and citizen engagement for local policies to make healthy choices the easy choices in communities. Health Department staff have also been active in ReThink Health of the Upper Connecticut River Valley to find ways to promote healthy changes in our health systems (for more information, contact Alice Stewart at alice.f.stewart@dartmouth.edu).

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.
Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhwj> and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.



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Ottauquechee Community Partnership Town Report
Healthy Youth, Healthy Community

OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program: CALLING ALL MENTors!

OCP partners closely with schools to match and support positive caring adults with young people at Woodstock Union Middle/High School and with children in three area elementary schools.

This year, we are focusing on reaching out to MEN who want to have a positive connection with a boy. Many boys in our community need another man in their lives.

One MENTor said recently "Mentoring is one of the most rewarding things I do all week." Please consider becoming a friend to a young person, by calling OCP at 457-2679.

Substance Abuse Prevention:

- OCP works closely with schools, law enforcement and young people on:

Community Dialogues, Take Back Day, Red Ribbon Week, and on-going initiatives in around school to prevent substance abuse, underage drinking and tobacco prevention.

- Vermont Youth Action Network (VYAN)

A youth and adult team that provides training for youth health advocates and support for prevention efforts in the schools (including VTLSP, OVX, VKAT) and community to encourage youth, and adults to make healthy choices. For example, in 2012, OCP and youth health advocates worked to create smoke free zones in all our communities, including working with local governments to establish smoke-free parks in all parks in Woodstock.

VYAN makes a difference in our schools and community!

As of September, 2012, OCP's offices were re-located in Woodstock Union Middle and High School and in Woodstock Elementary School to increase partnership with schools, to reduce overhead and to better serve children, the schools and community.

Our welcoming communities thrive through strong community partnerships and positive intergenerational relationships. OCP's mission is to engage individuals and organizations in developing healthy environments and positive intergenerational relationships in the Vermont towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, Reading and Woodstock.

OCP is a 501 c-3 organization. Thank you for your support!!



January 13, 2015

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to thank you for your continued support of our program by approving our request for town appropriations last year. Your support has been incredibly valuable to our program. For 18 years Spectrum has been serving teens in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union on Friday and Saturday nights, 7-11 pm, September - June.

Our program still resides in the Woodstock Recreation Center where we rent space in the downstairs of their facility. Every weekend there are movies, board games, computers, video games, billiards, foosball, air hockey, basketball, and dodge ball. We throw Halloween, Super Bowl, and Holiday parties. Our teens enjoy our other activities like pizza night, build your own ice cream sundaes, board games, bowling, swimming, rock climbing, barbecues, Yankee gift swaps, and roller skating. **Our program is FREE to all teens.**

The Spectrum Teen Center serves an important population of teenagers in our community. We offer a safe and healthy environment where teens feel included and valued. It offers new experiences and gives the teens in our community a sense of belonging. We strive to create an environment where teens are able to be responsible and respected. Our program provides a safe social outlet and allows teens to come and spend time with their friends, meet new friends, and engage in healthy activities. Teens are involved in decision making, program and event planning, fundraising, and community service projects.

Your support is so important to our program and the teens in our community. The Spectrum Teen Center would greatly appreciate if your town would once again approve our request for town appropriations. Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope you will look favorably upon our request.

Sincerely,

Heather Rubenstein & Joni Kennedy, Co-Directors
hruenstein@wcsu.net & jkennedy@wcsu.net

Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, VT 05091

PENTANGLE ARTS COUNCIL

Pentangle Arts 2014 Town Report

In 2014, Pentangle Arts marked its 40th year of providing arts and cultural experiences for the greater Woodstock region. We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their continued support of Pentangle's efforts to make our community a more vibrant, creative, and stimulating place to live.

- **Stewardship of the Town Hall Theatre:** Over 15,000 patrons enjoy weekly movies in one of the largest, most enjoyable movie theaters in the Upper Valley.
- **Dana Emmons Arts in Education Program:** Bridgewater's annual contribution directly enables Pentangle to integrate the arts affordably into our children's curricula and daily lives via performances, workshops, and residencies. This year's programming will reach 2,000 students. Bridgewater students can enjoy Arts in Education performances such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, which draws from local and regional talent, *Rainbow Fish*, a live performance based on the classic children's book about the value of being an individual, and West African drummer *Sayon Camara and Lendaya*, just to name a few.
- **Mainstage Events:** Pentangle continues to bring exhilarating performance experiences to the Upper Valley, including current season highlights like *Fiddler on the Roof*, the *Hot Club of San Francisco*, and the *Sierra Leone Refugee AllStars*, who through an amazing performance will raise awareness about the Ebola crisis in West Africa. Our abundant local talent take center stage with community theatre productions like *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and in the fall of 2015 *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.
- **Concerts at Suicide Six:** Pentangle is proud to partner with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to bring over 1000 patrons to South Pomfret's iconic ski area for a night of music under the stars.
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborations with other regional organizations extend our outreach and generate tourism and economic activity for the region. Examples include 4th of July Celebration at the Woodstock Union High School, Brown Bag Concerts in the Green – each week in the summer – and The Vermont Flurry, a larger-than-life snow sculpting festival, and collaborative productions with Artistree, such as *Fiddler on the Roof*.
(Find more information at www.pentanglearts.org or 802-457-3981.)

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC) 2014 YEAR-END REPORT

TRORC is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each member town. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2014:

Technical Assistance

In 2014, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns were among the first in Vermont to satisfy new flood resiliency requirements ahead of the July 2014 statutory deadline. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency response and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, and we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP), often in tandem with the remaining TS Irene property buy-outs in the region. In Bridgewater, we have begun work with town members to draft a new HMP and have provided buy-out grant assistance, removed an abandoned bridge abutment on the Ottauquechee River, provided floodplain permitting assistance, and assisted with brownfield testing and clean-up.

Working Landscapes & Economic Development

TRORC is committed to projects that preserve and protect our region's natural, scenic, and economic heritage. We continually seek to find a healthy, equitable balance between development and conservation that will both secure the region's future vitality and prosperity while ensuring effective stewardship of our landscape. To this end, we continue to refine the goals and actions that will guide our focus on working landscapes and the region's economy from our East Central Vermont Sustainability Plan, pursue brownfield assessment work, and begin an update to our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Transportation

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

*We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.
Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret*

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

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

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

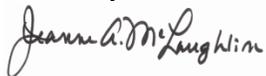
Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 830 homecare visits to 36 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$29,068 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 577 home visits to 27 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 39 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 201 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 13 home visits to 3 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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.

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

Sincerely,



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

The Woodstock Area Council on Aging (The Thompson Center)

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

The Thompson Center continues to serve a **wide variety** of people from those thinking ahead to retirement to those who are struggling with remaining independent at home in their advanced years. From meals, to transportation, programs, and referrals, The Thompson continues to be a recognized leader in community based aging services.

Basic Services:

- Home delivered meals (“Meals on Wheels”) & nutritious, delicious noon meals in our dining room (16, 234 meals served last year, including 7,121 home delivered meals)
- Transportation services for senior and disabled community members for local errands and medical appointments throughout the Upper Valley (3,452 rides provided last year)
- Medical equipment, exercise and health related programs, tax and Medicare assistance, caregiver support, financial assistance referrals
- Wellness clinics, flu shots, foot care clinics, hearing and vision screenings (3,706 check-ins for health & wellness programs and 3,605 check-ins for Social events last year).

Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction. As the needs in our region are increasing, we have increased our outreach and have taken significant steps at becoming more efficient and sustainable. We are proud to be in the role as a critical community based support, but most importantly we truly care for those we serve.

Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. If you would like more details about the services we provide, please contact us at info@thompsonscenter.org or 457-3277. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonscenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director



The Woodstock Area Job Bank

Board of Directors

Brooke Beaird, President
Sara Norcross, VP
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Susanne Lodge, Treasurer
Ann Marie Boyd

Staff

Elizabeth Craib, Director

Location:

Woodstock Town Hall
2nd Floor
31 The Green
Woodstock, VT 05091

802-457-3835

Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 –
4:00pm
Wed. 9:00 – 2:45pm

The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*“Bringing together people who need work
with people who need workers.”*

What do we do?

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

What’s new at the Job Bank?

- Volunteers! We’ve expanded our services to accommodate organizations and individuals in need of volunteers.
- An interactive website that allows those offering work opportunities the ability to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online
- Continued involvement with the Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network – collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community, ease donor fatigue and share common resources.

How are we doing?

- In 2014 there were over 600 work opportunities listed through the Job Bank.
- There are over 600 active job-seekers registered with the Job Bank – and this number is growing!
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

How are we funded?

This year our funding request to the Town of Bridgewater remains level with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

*The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization
We thank the voters of Bridgewater for supporting
this worthy organization!*

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 67 years old in 2014. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.

The WRC is home of the Spectrum teen center, and the Options program. Both of these valuable entities rent from the Woodstock Rec Center. The teen center has a teen lounge with games and electronics. The teen center has had many special events at the WRC and utilizes the little theater for its dances. The options program is an alternative education program for Woodstock high school students where 12 to 15 students are taught daily. This gives students who have a difficult time learning in the school environment an incredible opportunity to learn in an environment that will enable them to do well and earn their diploma.

The Bridgewater community is a vital part of what we offer here at the Woodstock Rec Center, With a total of 16 Bridgewater resident children signed up for our summer camp program over 8 weeks, 6 in basketball, 10 in soccer, 11 in baseball, 4 in lacrosse, and numerous families in our swim lesson, swim team, and pool membership program. For adults and teens we have 40 Bridgewater residents using our fitness center and 15 who regularly take fitness classes.

Your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Current WRC Staff:

Gail Devine – Executive Director
 Joel Carey – Assistant Director
 Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator
 Bruce Oldenburg – Maintenance

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,
 Gail Devine
 Executive Director

Current Board members:

Chair,– Emma Schmell Vice,– Kent McFarland, Secretary, Marybeth Defalco – Treasurer, Eric Goldberg – Select board Rep. Preston Bristow – board members at large: - Tom Emery - Jin Giller- Dave Doubleday

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

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

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

In the community of Bridgewater we have provided the following services during FY2014:

Weatherization: 11 homes (15 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$17,065

Emergency Heating Systems: 1 home (1 person) received a furnace repair or replacement at a cost of \$2,588

Emergency Services: 16 households (34 people) received 97 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition information, referral to & assistance with accessing needed services) valued at \$826

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 19 households (41 people) received services valued at \$9,021

Housing & Other Support Services: 3 households (11 people) received services valued at \$3,834

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$9,425

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2013		\$2,527.86
Interest Earned	\$ 5.73	
CD Interest	\$ 304.50	
Withdrawal from CD	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$1,310.23
Total Receipts:		\$3,838.09
Disbursements:		
13/14 Scholarships	\$ 1,800.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2014		\$2,038.09
Assets:		
Certificate of Deposit	\$29,000.00	
	1.05%	
Committee Members		
David Jenne Henry Smith		
Nancy Robinson		

Report of the Principal

Town Report of the Principal
Bridgewater Village School
January 2015

The 2014-2015 school year began with 36 students, in Grades K-6. Our teaching staff showed no changes from last year, and we were happy to welcome back Mrs. Bender to our music program. Over the summer we were able to have all of the hallway corridors painted, and the lighting was replaced outside the primary classrooms, making this building much more cheerful and bright. This is the 100th year of operation at this site for the Bridgewater Village School, and we will be sponsoring a celebration of a sort in the spring to commemorate this milestone.

Continuing to work on strengthening our Math program, the teachers are diligently working alongside the District Math Coach, planning lessons together and observing other same grade level teachers teach a lesson that they collectively plan and then critique together. These “lesson studies” have proven to be very valuable and insightful for all of the teachers. Additionally, to better enhance our English and Language Arts program, the district has contracted with an outside reading consultant to help us strengthen and improve our literacy program. All of our teachers have been attending after school professional development activities that are built around this skill acquisition.

After struggling with outdated and malfunctioning student computers, we were fortunate to be in a position where we had budgeted and purchased 12 student Chrome books, along with two desk top units for student video projects and graphic arts presentations. We will also be moving to a new form of state mandated testing this year, which replaces the NECAP form of assessment, and these computers are essential for our students to be able to access these tests.

A major issue of discussion this year was connected to the steadily declining student population and the steadily increasing amount of educational spending and community taxation. Serious consideration is being given to the idea that perhaps a merger of some sort, with another school within the WCSU, should be considered. Keeping in the forefront of these discussions and any forthcoming decision is the guiding directive of doing what is cost feasible, but also would be in the best interests of the academic and social needs of the children.

We will continue to work toward aligning our curriculum and practices with those mandates that we are directed to support. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children.

Yours in Learning,
Theodore Brown, BVS Principal

Bridgewater Village School
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Bridgewater Village School Board of Directors

Greg Jenne.....Chair
Seth Shaw.....Clerk
Justin Shipman

Principal

Theodore T Brown

Staff 2014-2015

Administrative Assist. Lori Robinson	Food Service Director Louise Rameau
Special Education Lori Elliott	Foreign Language Elaine Leibly
Instructional Aides. Lori Flynn	Guidance Jillian Stevens
Instructional Aides Codie Palmer	Librarian Eileen Vaughn
Kindergarten Deanne Fitzpatrick	Music Marcia Bender
Grades 1 & 2 Katrina Gedney	Physical Education Ted Panasci
Grades 3 & 4 Mercy Grinold	School Nurse Betty Berry
Grades 5 & 6 Corinna Dooley	Title 1/Reading Nancy LaBella
Art Bess Klassen Landis	

Email addresses for all staff at Bridgewater are constructed by using the first letter of the person's first name, the full last name with no spaces, followed by @wcsu.net

Current and Projected Enrollment By Grade-Level

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Kindergarten	5	4	2
Grade 1	5	5	4
Grade 2	4	5	5
Grade 3	5	4	5
Grade 4	6	5	4
Grade 5	4	6	4
Grade 6	7	4	6
Total	36	33	30

Current and Projected Enrollment By Class

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Kindergarten	5	4	2
Grade 1/2	9	10	9
Grade 3/4	11	9	9
Grade 5/6	11	10	10
Total	36	33	30

**Bridgewater School District
Revenue Report and Proposed Budget
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Regular Instruction				
Tuition From Other VT LEA's	-	33,000.00	-	-
Interest Earned	-	131.82	-	-
Prior Year Surplus Applied	14,739.00	14,738.60	37,533.00	82,918.03
EPSDT Subgrant	4,579.00	-	-	-
Education Spending Grant	704,681.00	704,681.00	688,661.00	637,011.07
Small Schools Grant	61,893.00	63,529.00	60,983.00	62,160.00
State Transportation Reimb	11,075.00	11,060.00	11,583.00	12,077.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	(30.30)	-	-
Bank Cashing Errors	-	15.00	-	-
Total Regular Education	796,967.00	827,125.12	798,760.00	794,166.10
Special Education				
Special Ed Block Grant	15,422.00	15,422.00	17,367.00	13,994.00
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	144,456.00	95,912.00	99,678.00	47,322.00
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb.	16,093.00	7,117.18	-	-
Early Essential Education Grant	5,845.00	5,845.00	6,155.00	5,499.00
Total Special Education	181,816.00	124,296.18	123,200.00	66,815.00
Food Service				
Food Service Revenue	6,500.00	7,033.85	6,500.00	6,500.00
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	-	203.08	450.00	250.00
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	-	81.13	100.00	100.00
Subgrant-State Add'l Breakfast	50.00	52.10	50.00	50.00
VT Lunch Match	200.00	-	-	-
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	6,500.00	6,330.33	6,600.00	6,700.00
Subgrant-Federal School Breakfast/Start Up	3,000.00	2,832.37	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Food Service	16,250.00	16,532.86	16,700.00	16,600.00
GRANT TOTAL	995,033.00	967,954.16	938,660.00	877,581.10

**Bridgewater School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2015-2016 Budget Year**

Regular Instruction	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Teachers' Salaries	196,259.00	193,668.05	198,705.00	202,887.00
Art/Music Salaries	18,100.00	18,740.40	19,209.00	22,809.00
Aides' Salaries	17,344.00	16,258.73	14,142.00	21,852.00
Substitute Salaries	5,000.00	5,105.50	5,125.00	5,125.00
Health Insurance	60,447.00	65,647.64	72,260.00	82,057.00
FICA Expense	18,108.00	17,387.21	18,144.00	19,330.00
Life Insurance	92.00	106.70	115.00	115.00
Municipal Retirement	694.00	650.34	566.00	874.00
Workers' Comp	1,184.00	1,606.00	1,186.00	1,263.00
Dental Insurance	2,309.00	2,296.37	2,455.00	2,152.00
Eyes on Nature	1,000.00	-	-	-
Nature's Classroom	2,100.00	1,084.20	4,000.00	2,000.00
Regular Ed Excess Costs	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	-
General Supplies	3,500.00	3,351.15	3,500.00	3,500.00
Photocopier Supplies	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
Supplies Kindergarten	500.00	534.73	500.00	250.00
Supplies Grades 1-2	500.00	439.85	500.00	250.00
Supplies Grades 3-4	500.00	539.21	500.00	250.00
Supplies Grades 5-6	500.00	304.21	500.00	250.00
Field Trips	200.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
Art Supplies	500.00	78.18	500.00	500.00
English Supplies	700.00	708.69	700.00	500.00
Foreign Language Materials	250.00	15.69	250.00	250.00
Physical Ed Supplies	500.00	492.99	500.00	250.00

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Physical Ed Equipment	2,000.00	1,932.53	-	500.00
Math Supplies	2,000.00	1,782.62	2,000.00	500.00
Math- Textbooks	-	1,157.46	-	500.00
Music Supplies	600.00	555.18	600.00	600.00
Science Supplies	500.00	497.02	500.00	600.00
Social Studies Supplies	500.00	38.11	500.00	250.00
Reading Supplies	1,000.00	1,329.23	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total Regular Instruction	340,487.00	339,407.99	352,757.00	372,214.00
Guidance				
Counselor Salary	15,821.00	11,074.70	16,217.00	16,545.00
Health Insurance	3,177.00	2,121.51	2,564.00	2,820.00
Fica Account	1,210.00	866.30	1,241.00	1,266.00
Workers' Comp	79.00	79.00	81.00	83.00
Dental Insurance	181.00	172.02	188.00	154.00
VCAT Program Expenses	300.00	258.00	300.00	300.00
Supplies	100.00	89.99	150.00	200.00
Dues and Memberships	-	-	150.00	-
Total Guidance	20,868.00	14,661.52	20,891.00	21,368.00
Health Services				
Nurse Salary	6,315.00	6,315.00	6,473.00	6,635.00
FICA Expense	483.00	483.00	495.00	508.00
Workers' Comp	32.00	32.00	32.00	33.00
Supplies	500.00	320.82	500.00	500.00
AV Materials	-	-	-	500.00
Equipment	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Contracted Nurse Services	-	3,140.00	-	-
Total Health Services	7,830.00	10,290.82	8,000.00	8,676.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
Instructional Staff Training	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Staff Development Stipends	-	900.00	-	-
Prof Dev FICA	-	68.88	-	-
Course Reimbursement - Teachers	9,000.00	908.30	9,000.00	9,000.00
Professional Development - General	500.00	1,055.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Staff Travel	-	-	-	300.00
Inservice Expense	-	40.86	-	-
Total Instructional Staff Training	9,500.00	2,973.04	10,000.00	10,300.00
Educational Media Services				
Specialist Salary	10,070.00	10,070.00	10,322.00	10,322.00
Health Insurance	3,349.00	3,210.32	3,377.00	3,715.00
FICA Expense	770.00	770.38	790.00	790.00
Workers' Comp	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00
Dental Insurance	91.00	136.61	94.00	154.00
Supplies	100.00	81.49	100.00	-
Library Books	300.00	379.22	500.00	500.00
Total Educational Media Services	14,730.00	14,698.02	15,235.00	15,533.00
Audio-Visual Services				
AV/Computer Supplies	1,500.00	680.99	1,500.00	6,000.00
Ed Media - Software	-	82.50	-	-
Total Audio Visual Services	1,500.00	763.49	1,500.00	6,000.00
Technology				
Contracted Services Web/Tech	2,500.00	591.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Computer Asstd. - Computer Hardware	6,000.00	1,208.77	6,000.00	-
Total Technology	8,500.00	1,799.77	8,500.00	2,500.00
Board of Education				
Legal Liability Insurance	2,500.00	2,313.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Postage	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Advertising	900.00	271.14	900.00	500.00
Stipends	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Expenses	800.00	-	800.00	250.00
Dues and Fees	800.00	630.36	800.00	800.00
Bank Cashing Errors	-	0.35	-	-
Board Clerk Expenses	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Legal Services	200.00	-	200.00	500.00
Audit Services	3,500.00	4,675.00	-	-
Negotiations Expense	-	485.86	-	-
Total Board of Education	10,100.00	9,475.71	6,600.00	5,950.00
Office of the Principal				
Principal's Salary	46,185.00	46,185.00	47,340.00	48,524.00
Secretary Salary	12,187.00	11,805.55	12,673.00	12,982.00
Health Insurance	11,552.00	11,146.80	11,649.00	12,813.00
Fica Expense	4,465.00	2,948.52	4,591.00	4,705.00
Life Insurance	12.00	-	12.00	-
Municipal Retirement	487.00	472.20	507.00	519.00
Workers' Comp	292.00	292.00	300.00	308.00
Professional Development	-	533.33	-	20,000.00
Dental Insurance	226.00	224.64	235.00	192.00
Unemployment	-	67.41	-	-
Repair of Equipment	500.00	-	-	-
Copier Lease	3,220.00	3,219.96	3,220.00	3,220.00
Postage	400.00	349.19	500.00	500.00
Travel	-	100.80	-	300.00
Supplies	400.00	457.07	500.00	500.00
Professional Dues	200.00	-	-	-
Total Office of the Principal	80,126.00	77,802.47	81,527.00	104,563.00

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Operation/Maintenance of Plant				
Custodial Salaries	12,600.00	12,240.00	12,915.00	-
Fica Expense	964.00	991.44	988.00	-
Workers' Comp	539.00	525.00	553.00	-
Dental Insurance	-	-	215.00	-
Water Testing	2,000.00	1,950.72	3,000.00	3,000.00
Disposal Services	2,000.00	1,586.43	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contracted Maintenance	3,000.00	2,300.05	6,000.00	20,880.00
Building Repairs	10,000.00	10,951.94	5,000.00	5,000.00
Service Contracts	-	1,840.00	-	-
Equipment Repairs	2,000.00	2,765.77	2,000.00	2,000.00
Summer Maintenance	900.00	-	1,200.00	1,000.00
Fire Alarm System Maintenance	450.00	-	500.00	500.00
Property Insurance	4,025.00	3,447.00	4,025.00	4,025.00
Telephone Services	3,500.00	4,640.42	3,500.00	3,500.00
Custodial Supplies	3,500.00	3,778.31	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance Materials	2,000.00	2,490.95	2,000.00	2,000.00
Electricity	8,000.00	5,323.73	8,325.00	6,500.00
Propane Gas	725.00	520.86	850.00	850.00
Heating Oil	18,000.00	16,805.05	19,350.00	19,290.00
Furniture/Equipment Replacement	1,000.00	912.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	75,203.00	73,070.13	77,421.00	75,545.00
Care and Upkeep of Grounds				
Sewage Services	5,000.00	4,600.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repairs	500.00	150.00	500.00	400.00
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	5,500.00	4,750.00	5,500.00	5,400.00

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Student Transportation				
Contracted Services	28,523.00	30,083.82	29,151.00	29,750.00
Field Trips	1,600.00	880.34	1,600.00	1,635.00
Pentangle	375.00	-	375.00	385.00
Total Student Transportation	30,498.00	30,964.16	31,126.00	31,770.00
Fund Transfers				
Health Reimbursement Account	21,600.00	21,600.00	24,480.00	26,280.00
Total Fund Transfers	21,600.00	21,600.00	24,480.00	26,280.00
Total Elementary	626,442.00	602,257.12	643,537.00	686,099.00
Special Education				
Teachers' Salaries	46,312.00	45,842.00	46,988.00	-
ESY Salary	2,950.00	480.00	3,024.00	3,024.00
Program Aides' Salary	21,921.00	4,884.65	21,107.00	24,804.00
Individual Aides' Salary	-	12,687.12	-	-
Substitutes' Salary	-	179.50	-	-
Health Insurance	10,448.00	3,695.85	5,937.00	10,577.00
FICA	5,445.00	4,943.22	5,441.00	2,129.00
Life Insurance	-	14.52	23.00	-
Municipal Retirement	877.00	388.00	521.00	992.00
Workers' Comp	359.00	338.00	358.00	142.00
Dental Insurance	272.00	68.32	408.00	576.00
Consultations	1,900.00	5,345.42	1,900.00	1,900.00
Evaluations	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,000.00
ESY Assessments	-	4,576.67	-	-
Tuition	50,000.00	81,483.12	5,000.00	-
Mileage Reimbursement	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Excess Costs	37,036.00	-	41,796.00	-
General Supplies	200.00	-	300.00	300.00

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Instructional Materials	800.00	1,024.92	500.00	1,000.00
Equipment	500.00	47.82	700.00	500.00
Total Special Education	184,020.00	165,999.13	139,003.00	48,944.00
Health Services				
Contracted Nurse Services	41,443.00	12,630.00	42,686.00	-
Total Health Services	41,443.00	12,630.00	42,686.00	-
Special Education Transportation				
Transportation	29,925.00	3,788.64	-	-
ESY Transportation	4,275.00	602.18	4,275.00	1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500.00	1,151.43	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Special Education Transportation	35,700.00	5,542.25	6,275.00	3,000.00
EEE				
EEE Evaluations	500.00	-	882.00	-
EEE Purchased Services	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	-
EEE - Preschool Tuition	-	2,366.00	-	-
EEE-ESY Preschool Tuition	-	1,348.00	-	-
Total EEE	1,000.00	4,714.00	1,382.00	-
WCSU Assessments				
Technology Integration	3,970.00	3,969.00	3,661.00	3,872.03
Executive Admin.	28,807.00	28,807.00	28,732.00	28,238.07
WCSU Assessments - Special Ed	5,190.00	5,190.00	4,229.00	58,977.00
PT	64.00	208.00	407.00	-
OT	431.00	288.00	1,158.00	-
ESY Services Assessment	680.00	-	700.00	-
EEE	5,289.00	5,289.00	5,273.00	-
Psych Evals	1,564.00	1,563.00	2,664.00	-
SLP ESY Services	245.00	3,015.00	252.00	-

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
SLP Services	9,044.00	6,030.00	7,836.00	-
Total WCSU Assessments	55,284.00	54,359.00	54,912.00	91,087.10
Food Service				
Salaries	18,676.00	18,998.00	19,473.00	19,962.00
Substitutes	200.00	432.50	500.00	500.00
Health Insurance	6,357.00	6,133.92	6,410.00	7,051.00
Social Security	1,429.00	1,486.49	1,528.00	1,565.00
Municipal Retirement	747.00	759.98	779.00	798.00
Workers' Comp	357.00	357.00	381.00	391.00
Staff Training	200.00	90.00	200.00	200.00
Dental Insurance	453.00	449.16	469.00	384.00
Equipment Maintenance	500.00	112.17	500.00	500.00
Mileage	600.00	102.91	500.00	500.00
Supplies	1,000.00	140.68	500.00	500.00
Food Purchases	18,500.00	10,744.47	17,000.00	15,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00	-	2,500.00	1,000.00
Dues & Fees	125.00	38.00	125.00	100.00
Total Food Service	51,144.00	39,845.28	50,865.00	48,451.00
GRAND TOTAL	995,033.00	885,346.78	938,660.00	877,581.10

Bridgewater School District
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014 (unaudited)

Assets			
Checking and Investment Accounts		\$208,079.83	
Investment Account		\$16,478.54	
Petty Cash		\$215.12	
Accounts Receivable		<u>\$11,756.15</u>	
Total Assets			<u><u>\$236,529.64</u></u>
 Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$17,640.22	
Accrued Payroll		\$2,511.60	
			\$20,151.82
 Reserves			
Reserve for Specific Purpose		\$58,884.36	
			\$58,884.36
 Fund Balance			
Designated for F15 Budget		74,839.76	
			74,839.76
Undesignated Fund Balance			
Revenue 2013-2014		\$972,224.07	
Expenses 2013-2014		<u>\$889,570.37</u>	
		\$82,653.70	
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2014			<u>\$82,653.70</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance			<u><u>\$236,529.64</u></u>

Bridgewater School District
Report of Grants and Reserved Funds
Year Ending June 30, 2014

	Balance 6/30/2013	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 6/30/2014
After School Program	\$ 1,406.71	\$ 15,729.00	\$ (12,854.50)	\$ 4,281.21
Building Maintenance	\$ 8,588.35	\$ -	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 2,588.35
Bottles & Cans Redemption	\$ 2,505.44	\$ 3,056.17	\$ (4,590.09)	\$ 971.52
Box Tops for Education	\$ 494.42	\$ 299.50	\$ (6.45)	\$ 787.47
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$ 4,444.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,444.77
EPSDT Sub Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,030.24	\$ (5,030.24)	\$ -
Fancher Trust	\$ 16,470.24	\$ 8.30	\$ -	\$ 16,478.54
HRA Medical Reimbursements	\$ 22,195.39	\$ 23,287.37	\$ (19,642.26)	\$ 25,840.50
Reserve For Technology	\$ 3,492.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,492.00
Totals:	<u>\$ 59,597.32</u>	<u>\$ 47,410.58</u>	<u>\$ (48,123.54)</u>	<u>\$ 58,884.36</u>

**Three Prior Years Comparisons
Tax Rate Calculations**

LEA: T009

District: Bridgewater

County: Windsor

SU: Windsor Central

Expenditures

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
Local Budget	908,998	995,033	895,914	877,581	1.
Gross Act 68 Budget	908,998	995,033	895,914	877,581	2.
Revenues:					
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus	311,732	290,352	225,800	240,570	3.
Capital debt aid for eligible projects	-	-	-	-	4.
Education Spending	597,266	704,681	670,114	637,011	5.
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	49.51	46.23	43.09	41.61	6.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil Less net eligible construction costs per EP	12,064	15,243	15,552	15,309	7.
	-	-	-	-	8.
Excess Spending Threshold	14,841	15,456	16,166	17,103	
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	-	-	-	9.
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.	12,064	15,243	15,552	15,309	10.
District spending adjustment	138.296% <i>based on \$8,723</i>	166.571% <i>based on \$9,151</i>	167.491% <i>based on \$9,285</i>	161.847% <i>based on \$9,459</i>	11.
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.2308 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$1.5658 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$1.6414 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$1.6185 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	12.
Percent of equalized Students in Elementary	40.39%	39.08%	37.75%	37.78%	13.
Equalized Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.4971	\$0.6119	\$0.6196	\$0.6115	14.
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Elementary	94.05%	90.76%	92.94%	96.82%	15.
	\$0.5285 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$0.6742 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$0.6667 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$0.6316 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	16.
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated	2.49% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	3.00% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	3.25% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	3.14% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	17.
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity	FY2013 1.01%	FY2014 1.17%	FY2015 1.23%	FY2016 1.19%	18.

	<i>based on 1.80%</i>	<i>based on 1.80%</i>	<i>based on 1.94%</i>	<i>based on 1.94%</i>	
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD	59.61%	60.92%	62.25%	62.22%	19

ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Elementary Equalized Rate	\$0.4971	\$0.6119	\$0.6196	\$0.6115
High School Equalized Rate	\$0.9223	\$1.0209	\$1.0735	\$1.0975
Total Equalized Rate	\$1.4194	\$1.6328	\$1.6931	\$1.7090
Common Level of Appraisal	94.05%	90.76%	92.94%	96.82%
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates	\$1.5092	\$1.7990	\$1.8217	\$1.7651

Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.

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

The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

**Consolidated School District
Revenue Report and Proposed Budget
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	Combined Budget 2013-2014	Reduction From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Local Revenues			
Tuition From Pupils/parents	18,000.00		18,000.00
Prior Year Surplus Applied	110,754.98		110,754.98
Total Local Revenues	<u>128,754.98</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,754.98</u>
State Revenues			
Education Spending Grant	1,506,797.95	(469,829.00)	1,036,968.95
Small Schools Grant	147,686.00		147,686.00
State Transportation Reimb	24,155.00		24,155.00
Total State Revenues	<u>1,678,638.95</u>	<u>(469,829.00)</u>	<u>1,208,809.95</u>
	-		-
Sub-Total	<u>1,807,393.93</u>	<u>(469,829.00)</u>	<u>1,337,564.93</u>
Special Education			
Special Ed Block Grant	37,003.00		37,003.00
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	111,351.00		111,351.00
Early Essential Education Grant	12,029.00		12,029.00
Total Special Education	<u>160,383.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,383.00</u>
Milk Program			
Food Service Revenue	7,300.00		7,300.00
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	250.00		250.00
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	100.00		100.00
Subgrant-State Add'l Breakfast	50.00		50.00
VT Lunch Match	-		-
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	6,700.00		6,700.00
Subgrant-Federal School Breakfast/Start Up	3,000.00		3,000.00
Subgrant - Federal Special Milk	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total Food Service	<u>18,400.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,400.00</u>
	-		-
GRAND TOTAL	<u>1,986,176.93</u>	<u>(469,829.00)</u>	<u>1,516,347.93</u>

**Consolidated School
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Regular Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	531,861.00	144,872.00	386,989.00
Art/Music Salaries	22,809.00	(19,340.00)	42,149.00
Aides' Salaries	50,416.00	50,416.00	-
Substitute Salaries	8,825.00	3,700.00	5,125.00
Health Insurance	164,356.00	51,681.00	112,675.00
In Lieu of Health Insurance	2,100.00	2,100.00	-
FICA Expense	46,965.00	13,745.00	33,220.00
Life Insurance	115.00	23.00	92.00
Municipal Retirement	1,612.00	1,612.00	-
Workers' Comp	3,131.00	1,200.00	1,931.00
Dental Insurance	4,300.00	1,153.00	3,147.00
Pentangle	200.00		200.00
Nature's Classroom	5,378.60		5,378.60
Regular Ed Excess Costs	4,000.00		4,000.00
General Supplies	6,500.00		6,500.00
General Texts	1,825.00		1,825.00
Photocopier Supplies	600.00		600.00
Supplies Kindergarten	250.00		250.00
Supplies Grades 1-2	250.00		250.00
Supplies Grades 3-4	250.00		250.00
Supplies Grades 5-6	250.00		250.00
Field Trips	200.00	200.00	-
Art Supplies	1,000.00		1,000.00
English Supplies	500.00		500.00
Foreign Language Materials	550.00		550.00
Physical Ed Supplies	550.00		550.00
Physical Ed Equipment	500.00		500.00
Math Supplies	1,698.00		1,698.00
Math- Textbooks	500.00		500.00
Music Supplies	950.00		950.00
Music Dues & Fees	400.00		400.00
Science Consulting	250.00		250.00

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Science Supplies	1,700.00		1,700.00
Social Studies Supplies	950.00		950.00
Reading Supplies	4,000.00		4,000.00
Lang Arts - Textbooks	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total Regular Instruction	870,741.60	251,362.00	619,380.00
			-
Guidance			-
Counselor Salary	23,913.00	7,368.00	16,545.00
Health Insurance	3,825.00	(2,873.00)	6,698.00
Fica Account	1,830.00	564.00	1,266.00
Workers' Comp	119.00	36.00	83.00
Dental Insurance	212.00	(172.00)	384.00
VCAT Program Expenses	300.00		300.00
Supplies	500.00		500.00
Standardized Testing	1,200.00		1,200.00
Total Guidance	31,899.00	4,923.00	26,976.00
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Health Services			-
Nurse Salary	13,221.00	4,440.00	8,781.00
FICA Expense	1,012.00	340.00	672.00
Workers' Comp	81.00	33.00	48.00
Supplies	850.00		850.00
AV Materials	500.00		500.00
Equipment	500.00		500.00
Periodicals	75.00		75.00
Total Health Services	16,239.00	4,813.00	11,426.00
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Instructional Staff Training			-
Course Reimbursement - Teachers	15,000.00		15,000.00
Professional Development - General	1,500.00		1,500.00
Staff Travel	300.00		300.00
Total Instructional Staff Training	16,800.00		16,800.00
Educational Media Services			-
Specialist Salary	18,646.00	(1,998.00)	20,644.00
Health Insurance	6,114.00	(11,533.00)	17,647.00
FICA Expense	1,427.00	(152.00)	1,579.00
Workers' Comp	95.00	43.00	52.00
Dental Insurance	248.00	(136.00)	384.00
Supplies	800.00		800.00

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Library Books	2,000.00		2,000.00
Newspapers & Periodicals	200.00		200.00
Total Educational Media Services	29,530.00	(13,776.00)	43,306.00
Audio-Visual Services			
AV/Computer Supplies	6,400.00		6,400.00
Ed Media - Software	1,500.00		1,500.00
Total Audio Visual Services	7,900.00		7,900.00
Technology			
Contracted Services Web/Tech	5,000.00		5,000.00
Equipment Repairs	400.00		400.00
Internet Fees	3,700.00		3,700.00
Computer Supplies	700.00		700.00
Software	800.00		800.00
Computer Asstd. - Computer Hardware	9,900.00		9,900.00
Total Technology	20,500.00		20,500.00
Board of Education			
Legal Liability Insurance	5,125.00	1,125.00	4,000.00
Postage	600.00		600.00
Advertising	1,500.00		1,500.00
Stipends	750.00		750.00
Supplies	300.00		300.00
Expenses	350.00		350.00
Dues and Fees	1,650.00	800.00	850.00
Board Clerk Expenses	600.00		600.00
Legal Services	750.00		750.00
Total Board of Education	11,625.00	1,925.00	9,700.00
Office of the Principal			
Principal's Salary	96,424.00	21,424.00	75,000.00
Secretary Salary	32,219.00	7,349.00	24,870.00
Health Insurance	36,765.00	12,420.00	24,345.00
Fica Expense	9,841.00	2,200.00	7,641.00
Municipal Retirement	1,288.00	791.00	497.00
Workers' Comp	750.00	445.00	305.00
Professional Development	41,500.00	40,000.00	1,500.00
Dental Insurance	1,132.00	748.00	384.00

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Copier Lease	5,220.00		5,220.00
Postage	750.00		750.00
Travel	600.00		600.00
Supplies	1,500.00		1,500.00
Administration Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00
Professional Dues	800.00		800.00
Total Office of the Principal	230,789.00	85,377.00	145,412.00
Operation/Maintenance of Plant			
Custodial Salaries	42,555.00	14,617.00	27,938.00
Health Insurance	12,504.00	-	12,504.00
Fica Expense	3,255.00	1,118.00	2,137.00
Municipal Retire.	1,702.00	-	1,702.00
Workers' Comp	1,736.00	-	1,736.00
Dental Insurance	363.00	(21.00)	384.00
Water Testing	3,600.00	3,000.00	600.00
Disposal Services	4,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Contracted Maintenance	53,560.00	20,880.00	32,680.00
Building Repairs	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Equipment Repairs	2,800.00	2,000.00	800.00
Summer Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Fire Alarm System Maintenance	500.00	500.00	-
Property Insurance	8,750.00	4,025.00	4,725.00
Telephone Services	8,300.00	1,800.00	6,500.00
Custodial Supplies	4,000.00		4,000.00
Maintenance Materials	9,000.00		9,000.00
Lamp Replacement	700.00		700.00
Electricity	22,980.00	6,500.00	16,480.00
Propane Gas	1,750.00	850.00	900.00
Heating Oil	43,290.00	19,290.00	24,000.00
Furniture/Equipment Replacement	2,000.00		2,000.00
Furniture	600.00		600.00
Dues and Fees	400.00		400.00
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	234,845.00	82,559.00	152,286.00
Care and Upkeep of Grounds			
Sewage Services	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Repairs	400.00	400.00	-
Contracted Services	5,500.00		5,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00		1,000.00

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	11,900.00	5,400.00	6,500.00
Student Transportation			
Contracted Services	59,484.00		59,484.00
Field Trips	4,185.00		4,185.00
Pentangle	385.00		385.00
Total Student Transportation	<u>64,054.00</u>		<u>64,054.00</u>
Fund Transfers			
Health Reimbursement Account	36,280.00	1,868.00	34,412.00
Transfer to Health Reimbursement Account	<u>25,376.00</u>	<u>25,376.00</u>	-
Total Fund Transfers	61,656.00		61,656.00
Total Elementary	<u>1,608,478.60</u>	<u>449,827.00</u>	<u>1,158,652.00</u>
Special Education			
Teachers' Salaries	-		-
ESY Salary	6,524.00	3,500.00	3,024.00
Program Aides' Salary	26,004.00	8,218.00	17,786.00
Substitutes' Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Health Insurance	10,577.00	3,879.00	6,698.00
FICA	2,604.00	1,012.00	1,592.00
Municipal Retirement	992.00	594.00	398.00
Workers' Comp	204.00	154.00	50.00
Dental Insurance	576.00	192.00	384.00
ESY Purchased Services	2,850.00		2,850.00
Consultations	6,200.00		6,200.00
Evaluations	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	2,000.00		2,000.00
Excess Costs	34,410.00		34,410.00
General Supplies	1,300.00		1,300.00
Instructional Materials	1,000.00		1,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00
Evaluations	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total Special Education	<u>99,741.00</u>	<u>19,049.00</u>	<u>80,692.00</u>
Special Education Transportation			
ESY Transportation	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>2,000.00</u>		<u>2,000.00</u>

	Combined Proposed Budgets FY16	Reductions Resulting From Consolidation	Proposed Consolidated Budget
Total Special Education Transportation	3,000.00		3,000.00
EEE			
EEE Evaluations	500.00		500.00
Total EEE	500.00		500.00
WCSU Assessments			
Executive Admin.	70,213.58		70,213.58
WCSU Assessments - Special Ed	144,915.00		144,915.00
Technology Integration	9,627.75		9,627.75
Total WCSU Assessments	224,756.33		224,756.33
Food Service			
Salaries	19,962.00	-	19,962.00
Substitutes	500.00	-	500.00
Health Insurance	7,051.00	353.00	6,698.00
Social Security	1,565.00	-	1,565.00
Municipal Retirement	798.00	-	798.00
Workers' Comp	391.00	-	391.00
Staff Training	200.00		200.00
Dental Insurance	384.00	-	384.00
Equipment Maintenance	500.00	500.00	-
Mileage	500.00		500.00
Supplies	500.00		500.00
Food Purchases	15,000.00		15,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00
Dues & Fees	100.00	100.00	-
Milk Purchase	1,000.00		1,000.00
Food Purchases	250.00		250.00
Total Food Service	49,701.00	953.00	48,748.00
GRAND TOTAL	1,986,176.93	469,829.00	1,516,347.93

**New School - BVS/Pomfret
Assessment Analysis based on Eq. Pupil
FY16 Proposed Budget**

	Total	BVS	Pomfret
FY16 Equalized Pupil	96.52	41.61	54.91
Percent of Total Eq. Pupil		43.1%	56.9%
Local Revenue	479,379	206,661	272,718
Education Spending	1,036,969	447,040	589,929
Total Expenses	1,516,348	653,701	862,647
For Town Report - For Consolidation Amount to be Appropriated		653,701	862,647

Three Prior Years Comparisons
Tax Rate Calculations
LEA: T009

District: Bridgewater County: Windsor SU: Windsor Central	FY2016	Consolidated FY2016	
Expenditures			
Local Budget	877,581	653,701	1.
Gross Act 68 Budget	877,581	653,701	2.
Revenues:			
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus	240,570	206,661	3.
Capital debt aid for eligible projects	-	-	4.
Education Spending	637,011	447,040	5.
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	41.61	41.61	6.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	15,309	10,744	7.
Less net eligible construction costs per EP	-	-	8.
Excess Spending Threshold	17,103	17,103	
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	-	9.
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.	15,309	10,744	10.
District spending adjustment	161.847% <i>based on \$9,459</i>	113.580% <i>based on \$9,459</i>	11.
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.6185 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	\$1.1358 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	12.
Percent of equalized Students in Elementary	37.78%	37.78%	13.
Equalized Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6115	\$0.4291	14.
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.82%	96.82%	15.
Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6316	\$0.4432	16.
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated	3.14% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	3.14% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	17.
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity	1.19% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	1.19% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	18.
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD	62.22%	62.22%	19.

Consolidated

ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY	FY2016	FY2016
	FY2016	FY2016
Elementary Equalized Rate	\$0.6115	\$0.4291
High School Equalized Rate	\$1.0975	\$1.0975
Total Equalized Rate	<u>\$1.7090</u>	<u>\$1.5266</u>
Common Level of Appraisal	96.82%	96.82%
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates	\$1.7651	\$1.5767

Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.

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

**FYI
- Phone Numbers -**

Town Office	672-3334
Town Office Fax	672-5395
Town Highway Garage	672-5379
Health Officer – Kathleen Paglia	672-1067
Town Constable – Mike Sawyer	369-0099
Bridgewater Village School	672-3464
Bridgewater Corners Post Office	672-5345
Bridgewater Village Post Office	672-5166
Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton	672-3061
Town Fire Chief –Edwin Earle	672-5032
Emergency Phone Numbers:	
Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
State Police (Bethel Barracks)	234-9933

**Town Meeting March 3, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Bridgewater Village School
Multi-Purpose Room**

**Town of Bridgewater
7335 US RT 4
Bridgewater, VT 05034**

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