

Town of Starksboro

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013



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SUGARING IN STARKSBORO: A SWEET HISTORY

Native Americans taught early white settlers in the northeast to make syrup and sugar from maple tree sap in early spring. This skill was passed on. In 1791 when Thomas Jefferson and James Madison visited Vermont, Madison noted the “useful growth of sugar maple,” “that [m]aple sugar is made for domestic use,” its production was increasing rapidly, and was sold for “1/12” of a dollar per pound.¹

The first white settlers came to Starksboro in the late 1780s. Maple sugar-making would have begun soon after. Settlers slashed the bark, collected sap in wooden troughs made from tree trunks, and boiled it in iron cooking kettles over outdoor fires, making about 40 to 60 pounds of sugar a year. There were few storage vessels, so sugar was more useful than syrup. By the early 1800s larger iron pots made by Vermont iron works for making potash (wood ash for fertilizer), were used. About 1830 Wainwright iron works in Middlebury made a “smoother” iron cauldron, which Starksboro farmers would have bought directly or likely from local merchants.²

Syrup and sugar often was black-looking, due to lack of cleanliness, wood collecting troughs and storage tubs leaking their own sap, and maple sap acid reacting with the iron kettles. The 1830 U.S. manufacturing census reported Vermont made 1,200,000 lbs of maple sugar, the most (201,958 lbs) from Addison County. By mid decade, farmers were advised they could earn more from sugar than butter or cheese if they took more care in production.³

Starksboro sugar makers would have read an April 8, 1836, *Burlington Free Press* article with such sugaring advice as using lime (white-wash) to wash and coat iron kettle insides to prevent sugar from turning black, keeping the fire 8” to 10” from the kettle tops to avoid burning the sugar along the kettle sides, and boiling nonstop until syrup turned to sugar. The writer reported one kettle took about two hours to “sugar off,” making 20-30 pounds. Sap gathering got easier. In 1836 Daniels & Bell of

Rutland offered for sale “new Iron bound SAP BUCKETS,”⁴ soon made in other towns.

About 1840 the first large tin sap pans were made in Barre and production soared. Pans were set on brick arches for better burning. By 1846 Starksboro farmers could purchase pans for \$3.50 from A. Wilcox in Middlebury. About 4’8” long, 26” wide, and 5” deep, they held 40 gallons of sap. Wilcox advertised: “These are found to be the best article for boiling Maple Sap which have ever been used.” It was best to use three pans, at staggered heights with connecting spouts to drip into the next pan.⁵

In 1844, the Addison County Agricultural Society, authorized by the State legislature, was organized. Starksboro farmer S. D. Holcomb was on the committee for many years. The society began the Addison County Agricultural Fair to advance all aspects of farming. In 1844 and 1845 Holcomb won the \$4.00 prize for “Best Maple Sugar” and for “Best linen Thread.” His farm was at the corner of Big Hollow and Brown Hill Roads. In 1847 the \$3.00 premium for “Best specimen of sugar” was won by Leonard Bushnell (farm possibly in Starksboro village/current Rublee farm).⁶ Their sugar was seen by many fair-goers and would have set a quality standard for the county.

In the 1850s sap buckets, pine or cedar, were improved with loops to hook onto the new metal spouts, and sometimes were painted. Soon there were tin buckets, and pine or tin covers. By 1858 sugar makers were urged to make use of gravity and inclines. One Vermont farmer had a ¼ mile-long line of long wooden spouts and troughs with a collecting tub at the end and boiling pans below.⁷ About this time sugar makers built the first sugar houses.

In 1876 Vermont newspapers noted Albert Orvis (farm on Quaker Street) produced 6,000 pounds of maple sugar. The *Vermont Phoenix* reported in 1879 an owner of a “sugar orchard in Starksboro” discovered one morning that a “lusty bear guarded the door of his sugar

house.” He and neighbors gave chase and killed the 400 lb. bear. The April 2, 1886, Vergennes news, *Middlebury Register*, related: “The very best of maple sugar, fresh from the maple orchards of Starksboro and other mountain towns, may be had at very reasonable prices... Sugar retails at from 12 to 15 cents per lb.”⁸

In 1890 Vermont produced 44% of the nation’s maple sugar and also syrup. By the late 1800s evaporators were used. The Vermont building at Chicago’s 1893 Columbian World Exposition had a maple sugar pavilion, creating a national demand. In 1894 the Vermont Sugar Makers Association was formed. Members urged quality standards and better transportation. Sugar makers could now get tins to store syrup, selling it later without glutting the spring market, or put syrup in barrels (for wholesale). The A.L. Cain Company, in Jerusalem, made over one million barrel staves a year, and other town shops made wooden tubs and boxes.⁹

Area residents looked forward to new maple sugar. The Vergennes news, April 6, 1899, *Burlington Weekly Free Press*, noted: “W. N. Hill of Starksboro brought 350 pounds of maple sugar, which sold to the dealers for 11 cents per pound. The retailers are getting 13c.” Wallace N. Hill’s farm was on Route 116 (current Clifford farm). In 1903 Daniel Hallock of South Starksboro “received fourteen cents per pound for maple sugar...in Bristol.” In Middlebury in 1904 a “Starksboro producer of maple products brought into town 500 pounds of sugar Saturday and put a price of 10 cents a pound on it. He didn’t have to wait long for customers.”¹⁰

In 1907 it was reported John Crowley was building a sugar house, Robert Young (Robert Young Road) was sugaring, E. H. Young was not, and “Lyman Hill’s sugar house and some of the intensils (sic) were destroyed by fire..., together with about \$25 worth of syrup.”¹¹

The Bristol branch of the railroad opened in 1892, encouraging brokers to buy sugar and syrup from local farmers to ship to distant markets. In 1907 South Starksboro “farmers

carried their barrels of syrup to Bristol Friday receiving 80 cts per gallon for it, some receiving two or three hundred dollars apiece.” In 1912 three days at the end of April were “sugar days at the railroad station [in Bristol].” On the first day Hathorne & Boynton of Bristol paid farmers nearly \$3,600, for 102 barrels of syrup, “paying 70, 75 and 80 cents per gallon, according to quality.” The third day buyers for Welch Brothers Maple in Burlington, exhibitors at the 1893 Chicago exhibition and a major processor and distributor of maple nationwide, received their already contracted for maple products: “194 barrels of syrup and five tons of sugar... Something over \$8,000 was paid the farmers...”¹²

During and between World Wars I and II food shortages and rationing made sugar production vital. In 1918 Starksboro resident C. E. Lathrop went to Burlington to buy “a new evaporator for making sugar.” Alas in 1920 “William Taft’s [South Starksboro] sugar house caught fire under the arch...the arch tipped over and the contents of the evaporator put out the fire.” Maple sugar also meant fun. In April 1916 and later the Dorcas society (women’s group) of the Starksboro Methodist Church (Village Meeting House) held a “sugar social and entertainment.” These socials likely were the inspiration for the annual Meeting House sugar on snow parties, begun in the 1950s and still held each year.¹³

In recent decades maple sugaring in town has greatly expanded. In 1991 the Starksboro Conservation Commission and sugar makers began Vermont’s first open sugarhouse event. The idea expanded to area towns, in 2001 going statewide. In 2012 the U.S. produced 20% of the world’s maple syrup (Canada 80%). The biggest state producer is Vermont (in 2013 40% of U.S. share--1,320,000 gal. of syrup), with Starksboro one of the highest producing towns.¹⁴ The long, proud, and sweet tradition continues!

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Endnotes on inside back cover

Town of Starksboro

Facts of Interest

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| Chartered | November 9, 1780 |
| Population (2010 census) | 1777 |
| Area | 29,056 |
| Miles of Roads | 5.3 miles – paved 42 miles – unpaved |
| Altitude-Geological Survey Benchmark, Starksboro Village | 615 feet |
| Zip Code | 05487 |
| Registered Voters | 1241 |
| Grand List – 2012 | \$1,576,127 |
| Tax Rate – 12/13 year | \$1.9309 residential \$1.9558 non-residential |
| Town Plan (re-adopted 8/4/03 & 10/18/11) | February 6, 1989 |
| Town Hall Policy – revised in 2009 | July 1991 |
| Animal Control Ordinance – (revised 10/5/93, 9/1/98, 8/20/04) | August 13, 1991 |
| Zoning By-Laws – (revised 1/20/98, 7/6/06) | March 2, 1993 |
| Interim Subdivision Regulations | May 17, 1990 |
| Subdivision Regulations | May 27, 1993 |
| Alcohol & Drug-Free Work Policy – (revised 10/19/95) | October 19, 1994 |
| Sexual Harassment Policy | August 3, 2009 |
| Personnel Policy – (revised 2008) | April 12, 1994 |
| Delinquent Tax Policy – (revised 8/17/99, 11/25/02) | August 11, 1995 |
| Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance | September 2, 1997 |
| DRB – Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy | February 22, 2007 |
| DRB – Alternate Member Use Policy | August 4, 2008 |
| Speed Ordinance – March 19, 2000; 2008 | May 14, 2010 |
| Town Road Access Ordinance | April 27, 1989 |
| Conflict of Interest Policy | May 3, 2010 |
| Policy for Appointments to Boards & Commissions | April 5, 2010 |
| Invoice Policy | January 13, 2007 |
| Purchasing Policy | March 15, 2010 |
| Health Ordinance – 8/19/1983; 9/13/1997; 12/6/2004 | June 20, 1983 |
| Policy for Use of School Facilities – 12/10/1992 | December 12, 1990 |

Vital Statistics

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

BIRTHS

Welcome newest residents!

Brooklynn Clara Anne Pudvah
Silas Joseph Cashman
Cole James Meader
Chloe Leigh Barr
Noah Donald LaRose
Ella Mae Roscoe
Zachary Edward Thompson
Ryder Andrew Davis Turner
Jacob Robert Fraser
Taylor Marie Breiner
William Earl Strobridge
Caleb Ryan Valyeau-Bartlett
Jackson Leon Ward
Jacob Thomas Stoddard
Charlotte Grace Josey
Makaylah Elizabeth Kayli Berard
Jase David Messenger
Emmalee Lynn Bird
Landon Joseph Coleman-Hill

DEATHS

Our sincere condolences go out to these families.

Arne C. Heggen
Clinton L. Jennings
Rebecca S. Domski
Marland L. Brewer
Robert L. O'Bryan
Shaun E. Rublee
Rolon E. Smith

CIVIL MARRIAGES

Congratulations!

Michael DeCato & Tenisha Charland
Charles Miller & Katrina Blue
Robert Fraser & Stephany Wisell
Nathaniel Radley & Kris Davis
J. Walter Freiberg IV & Sarah Taylor
Len Denice & Gwen Maffia
Eric Denice & Laura Wolfsen
Matthew Friend & Melissa Gebo
Nathan Shepard & Christiane Kokubo
Clifford Robarge Jr & Jessica Hatcher
Adam Cole & Jessica Kelley

Town and Town School District Officers
(Term expires in parenthesis)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator

Dan Dubenetsky (2014)

School District Moderator

Dan Dubenetsky (2014)

Town Clerk

Cheryl Estey (2015)

Treasurer

Celine Coon (2015)

Selectboard

Peter Marsh (2014)

Susan Jefferies (2015)

Mathew Norris (2016)

Listers

Jacob A. Hansen (2014)

Norman Cota (2015)

Amy McCormick (2016)

Auditors

Peter Ryersbach (2014)

Robert Turner (2016)

Planning Commission

Dan Harris (2014)

Dan Nugent (2014)

Dennis Casey (2015)

Kelly Norris (2015)

Jason Barnard (2016)

Norman Cota (2016)

Hugh Johnson (2016)

Cemetery Commissioner

Norman Cota (2014)

Library Trustees

Judith Kessler (2014)

Chris Runcie (2014)

Mark Lucas (2015)

Liz Fairchild (2016)

Katie Antos-Ketcham (2016)

First Constable

Eric Cota (2014)

Second Constable

George A. Wyckoff (2014)

Delinquent Tax Collector

Amy McCormick (2014)

School Directors, Un. Dist. 28

Bonita Bedard (2014)

Jodi Bachand (2014)

School Directors, Robinson

Louis DuPont (2014)

Bonita Bedard (2015)

Dennis Hysko (2016)

Justices of the Peace

Margaret Casey

Bill Coon

Norman Cota

Janette Gendreau

John Jefferies

Donna Lescoe

Wayne Place

Board of Civil Authority

Selectboard

Justices of the Peace

Town Clerk

Board of Abatement

Selectboard

Justices of the Peace

Town Clerk

Treasurer

Listers

First Grand Juror

Vacant

Town Agent to Prosecute

Jim Runcie (2014)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Road Foreman
Assistant Town Clerks
Assistant Treasurer
Animal Control Officer/Pound Keeper
Zoning Administrator
Health Officer
Energy Coordinator
Town Service Officer
Recycling Coordinator
Inspector of Lumber/Weigher of Coal/Fence Viewers
Tree Warden
AC Solid Waste Rep
AC Regional Planning Delegate
AC Regional Planning Delegate – Alternate
Emergency Management Coordinator
AC Transportation Advisory Committee
AC Transportation Advisory Committee – Alternate
Green Up Day Coordinator
Fire Wardens

Development Review Board

Marjorie Dickstein (2014)
Robert Liotard (2014)
Chris Zeno (2014)
Dan Nugent (2015)
Ben Campbell (2015)
Arnell Paquette (2016)
Rich Warren (2016)
Alternate: Norman Cota

Alternate Officials

Town Report Coordinators
School Superintendent
Robinson Principal
Fire Chief
1st Assistant Chief
2nd Assistant Chief
9-1-1 Coordinator
Officer in Charge (Post Office)

Tom Estey
Celine Coon, Amy McCormick
Amy Mansfield
Wayne Marcelle
David Wetmore
Peter Ryersbach
Caleb Elder
Michael Gray
Jennifer Turner
Selectboard
Tom Estey
Susan Reit de Salas
Richard Warren
Jan McCleery
Charlene Phelps
Jan McCleery
Richard Warren
Marcia Perry
Tom Estey, Tony Porter

Conservation Commission

Peg Casey
Dave Gratton
Jody Higgs
Jan McCleery
Robert Turner
Matt Witten

Auditors
David Adams
Patrick Hartnett
Tom Estey
Tony Porter
Matthew Estey
Cheryl Estey
Lena Estabrook

**WAGES PAID TO TOWN OFFICIALS & NON-PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
As of July 1, 2013**

The following wages are set by the Selectboard, except for the Selectboard wages, which are set by the Auditors.

Selectboard: Selectboard salaries set by the Auditors at the time of the annual town audit are \$10 per hour for each regular meeting attended; \$15 per hour for weekday meetings; \$900 per year for performance of all other duties; and mileage for travel *.

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| Town Clerk/Asst Treasurer | \$35,439 salary |
| Assistant Town Clerk | \$13.94 – 16.27 per hour |
| Treasurer | \$18.49 per hour |
| Assistant Treasurer | \$12.00 per hour |
| Listers | \$12.00 per hour |
| Auditors | \$12.00 per hour |
| Road Crew | \$145,000 (budgeted) |
| Zoning Administrator | \$ 24,347 salary |
| Board of Civil Authority | \$10.00 per meeting |
| Election Officers | State minimum wage** |
| Regional Planning Delegates | \$10 per meeting + mileage |
| Planning Commission/Zoning Board | \$20 per meeting |
| Addison County Solid Waste Rep | \$10 per meeting + mileage |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 8% of taxes collected by statute |
| Animal Control Officer | \$12 per hour + mileage plus expenses |
| Health Officer | \$12.00 hour + mileage |
| Recycling Coordinator | \$1500. salary |

*mileage is paid based on the currently approved Federal reimbursement rate

**Effective 1/1/14 \$8.73 per hour



This wagon train with barrels of maple sugar and syrup is on its way, likely from South Starksboro, to the “railroad days” in Bristol, where merchants and brokers bought the new spring product in bulk. Early 1900s.

Current Town Fees

As of January 1, 2014

COPIES

| | |
|---|-------|
| Regular | .25 |
| 11 x 17 | .50 |
| Deeds (documents out of Land Records) | 1.00 |
| Certified Copies | 10.00 |
| Faxes | 1.00 |
| Vital Records (births, marriages, deaths) | 10.00 |

DOG LICENSES

| | |
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| Spayed / Neutered (Jan-April 1 st) | 8.00 |
| Males / Females (Jan – April 1 st) | 12.00 |

Late Fees added after April 1st.

RECORDING FEES

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| Deeds, Mortgages, Mobile Home Bill of Sale, Property Transfers | 10.00 |
| Maps | 15.00 |
| UCC's | 20.00 |

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

2.00

VAULT TIME

2.00 / hour

CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSE

45.00

POSTING LAND

5.00

ZONING FEES: See Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule at the town office
For complete listing with details

Fee history: Zoning fees adopted April 6, 1993. Amended May 4, 1993; May 4, 1999; October 5, 1999 & July 1, 2001.

Subdivision Fees adopted: June 5, 1990; amended October 5, 1999 & July 1, 2001.



TOWN PROPERTY INVENTORY

As of December 31, 2013

Real Estate:

- Two farms on which the Municipal Forest is located: Rockwood – 150 acres; Hannan – 110 acres, Volume 31, page 440
- Town Garage site, 4 acres, from Caryl Steward – Volume 29, page 258
- Gravel Pit, 7 acres, from Hormides & Denise Godin – Volume 21, page 416
- Page Hewitt Lot, Rte 17, .25 acres from Tax Sale, 1993, Vol. 50, page 205, parcel C317L1S
- Original Village School Lot, from Page Smith, 1892 – Volume 16, page 27
- Jerusalem School Lot, from Milton Elliott, August 25, 1944 – Volume 19, page 484
- Jerusalem School House
- Town Hall – 1911 – Volume 19, page 5
- Town Shed – 1947
- Town Salt Shed – 1991
- Municipal Building (near Post Office) – built 1972; addition in 1986
- Post Office Building – 1976
- The Municipal lots above were obtained as follows; **Parcel 1** – 20 x 32 ft purchased by town in 1949 – Vol. 21, page 468. **Parcel 2** – 105 x 105 ft, donated by Leroy & Ila Smith – Vol 28, pg 324. **Lewis Gordon Lot** – 145 x 110 ft, purchased by town in 1974 – Vol. 28, pg 479, with measurements in Vol. 27, page 115.
- Town Garage – 1975
- Colton Gravel Pit property purchased from Vt Land Trust, Dec 14, 1998 (3902 Vt Rte 116); 3 parcels – Ballfield Parcel, Northerly Riparian Zone (92 Acres), and Southern Riparian Zone (63 acres) – Vol. 59, page 491.
- Pavilion at Cota Field – 2005
- Donald Shepard property (2849 Vt Rte 116); house, barn, carriage barn, and 3 acres – July 9, 2002 – Volume 69, page 356.
- Huber property adjacent to existing Town Garage, 5.81 acres, from Huber Family Trust, 9/21/06 in Volume 86, page 390.

Cemetery Lots & Town Cemeteries:

- Green Mount Cemetery – Lots 10, 11, 13. Section 4 – Endowed 1964 (lots only). Brace Cemetery (also known as Newell Stokes Cemetery); Brown Hill Cemetery; Mason Hill Cemetery; Starksboro Village Cemetery; Gore Cemetery; Hillsboro Cemetery (also known as Ryan Cemetery); Butler Cemetery; Norton Cemetery; Friend's Cemetery; Jerusalem Cemetery; Taft Cemetery; Rounds Cemetery; Brown Hill East Cemetery.

Municipal Building Contents:

2011 Toshiba laptop
2011 Dell laptop
2011 Canon Image Runner 2525
2011 Toshiba Studio 190 F fax
Hewlett Packard Probook 4510 – 2009
2 Flat screen monitors – 2006
Hewlett Packard "Photo Smart" 7150 printer
Hewlett Packard *Laser Jet* 1200 series printer
Emerson microwave
Sanyo refrigerator
Chest-type freezer – food shelf
3 x 8 Auditors table
3 x 8 Listers table
8 red side chairs – 1973 (re-upholstered in 2008)
6 black side chairs – 1987
20 folding chairs – 1973

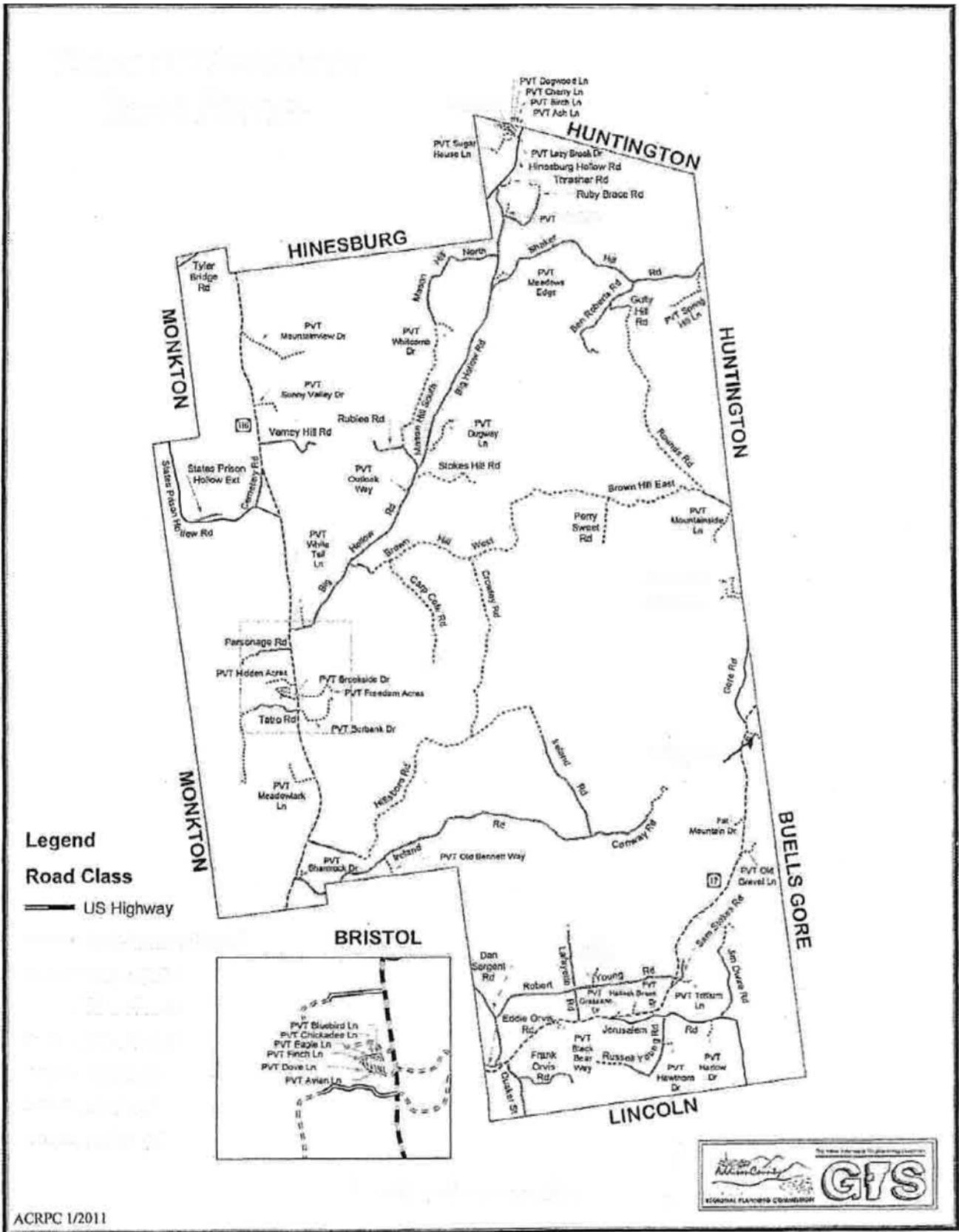
- 1 paper shredder – 1989
- 2 dehumidifiers – 1994
- 1 credenza – gifted in 2000
- 4 office desks
- 17 filing cabinets
- 6 roller shelf units in vault
- 7 metal shelf units in vault
- 3 roller shelf units in vault – 2003
- 1 Hewlett Packard Digital camera – 2002
- 1 overhead projector – 2010
- 1 screen for overhead – 2010
- 1 Flag Pole – 2008, with new U.S. Flag and State Flag
- 1976 Bicentennial Flag & 1976 State Flag
- 1 Bennington Battle Flag

Other Equipment:

- 1 Kenwood TK-760H scanning base – 1998
- 45-watt radio – 1991
- 45-watt radio – 1996
- 55-watt radio – 1989
- 1 scanning Motorola base radio – 2010 (SN# 922TLL0479)
- 2000 Honda EB 11000 Generator, 10.5 KW, s/n EZCQ-3009004 (Emergency Management Grant)
- 2002 Kohler Generator, model 40RE0ZJ, s/n 0695502 (Emergency Management Grant)

Town Garage Equipment:

- Dell Vostro 220 Desktop Computer – 2009
- 2009 Mack truck w/plow and wing
- 2010 Dodge 5500 one-ton truck
- 1994 Case International 5240 tractor
- 2005 Motrim Mower
- 2010 John Deere 624K Loader
- 2012 Mack Truck, wing and snow plow
- 1998 John Deere 772CH Motor Grader DW670AX507412
- 1996 York Road Rake, model RB-70
- 1998 Chieftain Powerscreen 4 x 8 double deck sand screen
- 1999 welder
- 1 generator, DD902-88-45KW, 1984
- 1 set of cutting torches
- 22 ton floor jack – 2009
- 1 power washer
- 1 sluice thawer – 2007
- 1 bench grinder – 2011
- 1 rollaway tool chest and wrenches – 1978
- 1 air compressor
- 1 Airless paint sprayer – 2009
- 1 space heater
- 1000 gallon diesel tank and pump
- 500 gallon diesel tank and pump
- Assorted hand tools



Town Clerk's Report

Happy New Year to all!

Not much has changed this past year. It was a fairly quiet year, with no elections in the fall.

The office windows were replaced. It seems good to be able to open them. They are much warmer as well.

DOGS: There are still folks who have not licensed their dog(s). Fees remain the same and a valid rabies certificate is still required. This can all be done through the mail if you can't make it in during regular office hours. Or you can use the outside drop box. The office still receives numerous calls each year regarding stray dogs. A reminder that Starksboro does have a leash law. It's one thing if your dog never leaves your property, but another if it roams away from the property at all.

I had a successful knee replacement surgery this past July. Thank you to Amy McCormick and Celine Coon for keeping the office running smoothly while I was out.

FOOD SHELF: The Selectboard has given the okay to move the Food Shelf down to the old office building located at 3056 Vt Route 116. The projection is to move sometime in January. The hours will probably change to a couple of days a week, and be under new management. It is our hope that this will be a better space with room for future considerations. Being on ground level is a huge bonus as well. Food Shelf clients will be notified when the move takes place.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Have a safe and healthy 2014.

Cheryl Estey
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

The most important piece of information I have for you this year is to file your State Homestead Declaration **on time**. This annual Homestead Declaration is necessary for you to receive the proper tax rate, and perhaps even get a property tax adjustment. There is a penalty for filing Homestead after April 15th. If you file for an extension on your Income Taxes, you still need to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15th, if not, there will be a penalty of 1 ½% of your education tax.

With the foresight of the Selectboard, and the cooperation of the voters, the Town is in very good financial shape. The reserve funds keep a smooth flow of payments, rather than huge increases when we need to replace a plow truck or grader. The Reappraisal fund, which the State and Town add to every year, has more than enough to cover the town wide Reappraisal which is scheduled to begin this summer. The Emergency Fund is now fully funded. This year a decision needs to be made in regard to the surplus. Many small towns are not fortunate enough to have planned for the financial ebb and flow, and find themselves asking the Towns people for money to fund projects or equipment.

One small but important issue is regarding the property tax collection date. Since November 1st falls on a Saturday, the deadline for on time tax payment will be extended to November 3rd. This will save the Town a little money, since the office will not need to be staffed on days it is normally closed. Remember, we have a locked drop box by the parking lot entrance. Payments may safely be dropped off at any time that is convenient for you.

Amy Mansfield is doing a great job as assistant. I appreciate the flexibility that occurs for me by having her available to cover. Thank you to all my co-workers for making the Town Office a delightful place to work. I still marvel every time I am here at what a bright and welcoming office we have!

Celine Coon
Town Treasurer

Sugaring on the Edgar Smith Farm (now Lewis Creek Farm, Starksboro village) with oxen dragging a sledge with collecting tub. Note milk cans in the left foreground. Mid 1930s or early 1940s.



Selectboard Report – A Look Ahead

The Selectboard has been working through the process of preparing a capital budget for Starksboro. A capital budget can serve several purposes: planning for facilities maintenance, preparing to implement the goals and objectives in Starksboro's town plan, and identifying areas where current resources won't be adequate in the future. As part of this process, the Selectboard has considered the current status of Starksboro's buildings and roads. Some buildings are in good shape, requiring only normal maintenance, but some need quite a bit more. There are three areas where inadequate facilities are beginning to impact town services:

- **Starksboro Town Garage** – The town garage was built in 1975. Changes in size and configuration of town trucks, and the addition of ancillary equipment, have caused our requirements to move beyond the capacity of our current garage. The existing building is barely large enough for the town trucks, and does not allow for the storage of all road equipment. In addition, the garage isn't large enough for many repairs to be done inside - an unpleasant experience in our recent cold weather. It has an antiquated heating system and a well that requires frequent maintenance due to silt build-up. The Selectboard is considering a replacement garage facility. The proposed general fund budget includes \$5,000 to prepare and price out a Request for Proposal to construct a new garage. In addition, there is an article in the warning asking whether the voters will set aside some of the town's carry forward surplus to help pay for a new garage.
- **South Starksboro Fire Equipment Shed** – Attached to the Jerusalem Schoolhouse is a storage facility that houses a fire truck. Referred to as Fire Station #2, this is actually a shed that doesn't even have water available during the winter months. The Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department has been reviewing options to replace or upgrade this facility. The truck is due for replacement in five years, and it is unlikely that a new truck would fit in the existing storage space.
- **Jerusalem Schoolhouse** – The Jerusalem Schoolhouse is a nicely preserved example of a one room schoolhouse. Located in South Starksboro, it is used by many groups for meetings and activities. It is the only town facility located "up south". There is no town emergency shelter accessible to residents of South Starksboro, and the Jerusalem Schoolhouse may be able to fill this need. Starksboro is fortunate to have a dedicated group of residents, the Friends of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, who are planning the necessary upgrades and preservation of this facility. This project began as a volunteer effort; counting on private fundraising, volunteer labor and grants. Preliminary planning has shown that the recommended upgrades are more extensive than originally thought.

On another topic, we've been fortunate to have the assistance of Liz Choiniere and Hugh Johnson on the Development Review Board for several years. Liz moved out of Starksboro, and her contributions will be missed. Hugh is still on the Planning Commission, so we continue to benefit from his knowledge and experience. Tracey Orvis left the position of Health Officer after 2+ years and many hours dedicated to helping Starksboro residents live in safe and healthy conditions. George Wyckoff recently resigned as one of Starksboro's two Animal Control Officers. Sadly, Mark Sherman passed away during the past year. Mark had assisted the town road crew on many occasions, and his ability, professionalism and dependability were much appreciated. Our condolences to Mark's family and friends.

As always, we want to thank Cheryl Estey, Celine Coon, Dave Wetmore, Amy McCormick and Amy Mansfield for all they do for the town. Tom Estey, Tony Porter and Paul Porter have done wonders to keep our roads in the best condition possible, regardless of what Mother Nature does. Also, welcome to Rich Warren and Ben Campbell on the Development Review Board and Peter Ryersbach as Town Health Officer.

Susan Jefferies

Mathew Norris

Peter Marsh

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the following FY 11-12 reports:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tax Appropriation | Debt Service Schedules |
| Treasurer's Report | Combined Balance Sheet |
| Statement of Taxes | Five-Year Financial Comparison |
| Delinquent Taxes (all years) | Grand List Forms 411 |
| Profit and Loss Report | |

We have also examined the following internal documents:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Bank Statements | Monthly Bank Reconciliations |
| Selectmen's Orders | Reserve Fund Schedules |
| Treasurer's Journals | |

We have compiled the accompanying statements and schedules representing the financial position of the Town of Starksboro as of June 30, 2013 and the changes in its fund balances for the year ended.

Auditors' recommendations:

The auditors concur with the Selectboard that a professional audit should be conducted.

The accompanying financial statements and schedules are not presented in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, including application of Governmental Standards Board (CASB) Opinion 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, effective for years beginning after June 15, 2003.

Starksboro Town Auditors:

Robert Turner
Peter Ryersbach

2013 ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Zoning activity has remained steady but well below the high of 2007 and 2008. New housing starts did increase in 2013 over 2012. These trends are typical of zoning activity around the Addison County region. During 2013, I reviewed, processed and approved or denied a total of 39 applications. Twenty-two were approved but were exempt from fee. In total:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| New single-family homes (SFH) | 4 |
| Replace existing SFH/seasonal homes | 5 |
| Additions | 6 |
| Detached accessory structures | 20 |
| Home business/Home office | 1 |
| Other | 2 |

In addition, the office received and issued twenty (20) "Certification of Compliance" requests. Further, seven (7) agricultural structures were reviewed for compliance as required by VT law.

The Development Review Board (DRB) reviewed, held public hearings and issued decisions for the following applications;

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Conditional Use w/site plan | 1 |
| Variances | 1 |
| Subdivisions/Boundary line adjustment | 1 |

Pending are 2 applications for subdivision. The one subdivision approved resulted in a net increase of one (1) new parcel. Starksboro continues to limit new housing starts to fifteen annually.

The Towns official website, starksboro.org, provides users with access to the adopted Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations and related zoning forms. In 2012, the Selectboard approved a job description creating an assistant zoning administrator position. This position has not been filled, largely due to reduced zoning activity. However, I feel strongly that Starksboro residents and others requiring zoning assistance deserve a consistent and reliable zoning presence and to that end will seek to fill this position in the coming year.

In conclusion, I want to thank residents and applicants for their cooperation. As in the past, I continue to enjoy serving the Starksboro community. I would remind all residents that prior to any "land development" the Zoning Administrator must be notified and the proper permits approved prior to any construction. Please feel free to contact me with any questions related to "land development". I am usually in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The duties of Zoning Administrator (ZA) are numerous and include;

1. Review all zoning application requests for compliance with the Towns bylaws and regulations.
2. Provide administrative and technical support to the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. *This requires a good deal of the ZA's time.*
3. Provide zoning and planning assistance to Starksboro citizens. *This is honestly the best part of my job.*
4. Investigate violations of Starksboro's Regulations and take the appropriate action when necessary. *This is a difficult and timely task.*

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wetmore, ZA

2013 Starksboro Planning Commission Report

With the support of a Municipal Planning Grant, the Planning Commission continues their work to amend and align the Zoning and Subdivision regulations with the adopted Town Plan. The goal is to create a draft unified document that will be considered by Starksboro residents for approval. The Town Plan, adopted in 2011, provides the foundation for the Planning Commission's work. In reference to the Town Plan, it was observed that;

"Starksboro has a very thorough, well organized and complete Town Plan. ... It is especially strong in thoroughly documenting existing conditions and creating goals and policies concerning protecting the working landscape by supporting farming and forestry, and addressing energy and transportation issues".

The challenge for the Planning Commission is to propose balanced regulations that support the policies identified in the Plan. The currently adopted Zoning Bylaws have served the community well but they have not kept pace as they need to. Over the years, the PC and the Development Review Board (DRB) have identified areas of the Bylaws that need revision and clarification. With the help of planning Consultant, Brandy Saxton, the Planning Commission hopes to have a draft prepared sometime in mid-2014, a full year ahead of the planned completion of 2015. A unified Bylaw combines both the zoning and subdivision regulations into one bylaw, reducing redundancy. Residents should anticipate a much clearer and comprehensive Bylaw that will prepare Starksboro for the future development pressure that we will likely face.

The Planning Commission continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays usually at 7:00 PM. Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Respectively submitted,

Dennis Casey, Chair
Jason Barnard
Dan Nugent

Norm Cota, V.Chair
Dan Harris

Hugh Johnson, Clerk
Kelly Norris



Board of Civil Authority

The Board of Civil Authority met for a final grievance meeting and decision during the past year on property owned by Armand & Patricia Niquette.

The Board of Civil Authority also met three times to revise the Checklist. Twenty-four new voters were added for the Primary Election, thirty-six for the General Election, and fourteen for Town Meeting. A total of seventy-six voters were purged because of moving out of town or death.

The BOARD OF ABATEMENT met once in this fiscal year to discuss abating taxes on a mobile home located in Lazy Brook Trailer Park. Abatement was denied due to the fact that the board could not determine the criteria for the abatement. There was no representation present to answer any of the board's questions.



2014 ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

We finished last winter with 83 plow and sand cycles, which is about normal.

We were able to get all of the work done on Quaker Street except for the guardrails, which we hope to have a contractor complete this summer. The total to date for culverts, stone, fabric and gravel is \$75,200.00.

On July 3rd a heavy rain took its toll on Rounds Road. We worked July 4th to get the road so that residents on Rounds Road could at least get home or leave if they needed to. The town spent \$33,400.00 replacing culverts, fixing the washout, gravel and grading. A landowner also paid for a contractor to make some improvements to a short section of this road.

As always, ongoing maintenance such as grading, spreading gravel, ditching, and mowing as well as other general day to day operations were done.

We are not sure where we will be rebuilding roads this summer, as our stone supply is low. Our stone is a by-product of making winter sand.

We did purchase a grader, which is working out well.

I ask you to slow down in work zones wherever you travel!! This is for your safety as well as everyone working on the roads.

Thank you to Tony and Paul and the Selectboard for their support.

Tom Estey, Road Foreman

Starksboro Conservation Commission 2013 Report

The mission of the Starksboro Conservation Commission is to provide leadership in our community's efforts to protect its natural and agricultural resources through education, conservation advocacy, land stewardship, and the Town's planning process.

This year's activities focused on our mission goals of providing outdoor education leadership, recreation opportunities and the practice of land conservation and stewardship.

Creekside Trail and Bridge

Our highest priority was repairing the trail's steel bridge (near the southern end of the trail). Severe damage occurred during the repeated high water events of 2011 and from beaver activity adjacent to the bridge abutments. The state granted the town permission to install several cubic yards of large stone to stabilize the creek bank and to re-establish the bridge ramp. Tom Estey delivered large rocks to the bridge. Denny Casey then moved the materials with his skid steer while a four-member Conservation Commission work crew cut cedars and built revetments to contain the loose stones. The project was completed the first week of November making the bridge once again safe for maintenance vehicle and pedestrian usage. Greg Cousino mowed the entire trail and has committed to do so in 2014.

Town Forest

A spring work crew pulled garlic mustard growing at the site of the former town dump. This is the third year of carrying out invasive management practices at the site. We are starting to see benefits from our efforts. Beginning in spring of 2014 Robert Turner will be joined by other of Starksboro's professional foresters to update the management plan for the town's forest and review the sugar maple tap rental agreement.

Education

By hosting the Harvest Supper as a fundraiser we are able to provide annual financial support to the highly motivated volunteer leaders who deliver the Four Winds Nature Institute's curriculum to Robinson's School students. This annual November event also highlights the importance of local agriculture in stewarding our land and supporting a rural way of life. We purchase local produce, grains, meats, and cheeses for the supper. This year the community raised about \$500 through the supper, all of which was donated to the Four Winds educational program. We warmly thank our many volunteers!!!

Members:

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan McCleery, Co-chair | Matt Witten, Co-chair | Jody Higgs, Secretary |
| Robert Turner, Treasurer | Dave Gratton | Peg Casey |

We are recruiting new members, so please call or email (434-3236; mwitten@gmavt.net) if you are interested in joining the Starksboro Conservation Commission!

STARSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This past year, the Starksboro Historical Society expanded its collection of historical records, continued work on historical projects and assisted many people with research questions.

William Roberts, an architectural student from Vermont Technical College, requested information for his research paper on four Starksboro Buildings: the Baptist Church, town hall, elementary school, and town clerk's office.

Eula Perkins from Pennsylvania donated extensive family history records which include information about Starksboro's first settlers, the Bidwells.

Haskins relatives of Robert Stokes from Wisconsin visited to locate burial sites of area ancestors, especially of the Haskins triplets thought to be named by Abraham Lincoln. We cannot verify this. Several sites in Huntington, Hanksville and Starksboro were found.

This coming year, the Historical Society will organize Starksboro's historical collection, currently stored in the town office building. Plans also include special entertaining and educational programs for the public. New members, program suggestions and donations to the historical collection are always welcome. For more information, see the SHS website at starksborohistoricalsociety.org.

Officers:

President: Robert Stokes

Vice President: Olive Hanson Phillips

Secretary: Ruth Beecher

Correspondence secretary: Cynthia Kling

Treasurer: Sarah Adams

Trustees: Carolyn Gibson and Linda Barnard

Submitted by Robert Stokes and Olive Phillips

Addison County Regional Planning

Commission 14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone:
802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2013 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted an educational workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, presented at the Town Officers Educational Conferences (TOEC) and hosted monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Community outreach/advisor role for Environmental Seminar/College Class

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted "Local Emergency Managers Roundtables" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted local post-disaster recovery efforts following flooding.
- Provided training and response equipment recommendations to Public Service Board for VT Gas proposal
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation grants that will fund development of plans for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Monkton, Panton, Salisbury, and Shoreham.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Conducted audits on municipal buildings and worked with municipalities to implement energy savings
- Worked with municipalities to generate local power for municipal use
- Served as the Regional Coordinator for the Home Energy Challenge
- Worked with Neighborworks of Western Vermont to bring their weatherization programs to the Region.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development
- Conducted a day-long highway safety forum for municipal officials in Brandon on 29 May 2013.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.
- Developed a regional Forest Stewardship Plan to assist municipalities and landowners.

Addison Bridport Bristol Cornwall Ferrisburgh Goshen Leicester



Lincoln Middlebury Monkton New Haven Orwell Panton Ripton
Salisbury Shoreham Starksboro Vergennes Waltham Weybridge Whiting

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3d Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting waste reduction; (2) Promoting pollution prevention; (3) Maximizing diversion of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for disposal of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 Fax: (802) 388-0271 Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–Noon & Sat, 9 AM–Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The *Reuse It or Lose It!* program will return to accepting reusable household goods and building materials after construction is completed in the Spring. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2013 Highlights

Product Stewardship. As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District strives to find new ways in which industry and government can partner to divert recyclable and hazardous wastes from disposal. The District helped to lead efforts to adopt a new extended producer responsibility law for paint, which will require manufacturers to pay for the collection and recycling of oil and latex paint beginning in Spring 2014. The Transfer Station is also a registered collection site for the State electronic waste program and fluorescent lamp program, offering free recycling for most electronics and bulbs. **Act 148.** Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, took effect this year. Act 148 focuses on the "3 C's" for organics and recyclables: consistency, convenience and cost-effectiveness. Bans on disposal of certain recyclables, leaf & yard waste and food residuals will be phased in, as will mandatory recycling and food collection by haulers and facilities. Recycling containers will be required in publicly owned places. The District is in a strong position to transition to the new solid waste law, as most of the elements of the new law are already in place here. **Construction.** The Transfer Station passed the 40,000-visit mark this year. The increasing volume of recyclables and special wastes received has created the need for a safer and more efficient area for collecting those materials. The Transfer Station is now undergoing major construction of a new 1,400/sq.ft special waste building and access road, and a new covered tip wall. The existing waste building will receive new lighting and translucent panels to improve visibility. The District offices will be expanded to include two offices and a conference room. **Recycling Collection.** As of October, the Transfer Station received 475 tons of the 4,600 tons of single stream recyclables collected in the District. **Batteries.** The District began a new recycling program for alkaline and carbon zinc batteries this year and collected 1,300 lbs to date, as well as 3,560 lbs of various rechargeable batteries. The District also continues to recycle non-rechargeable lithium batteries and button cell batteries. **Illegal**

Dumping. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2013 to enforce its ordinance against illegal dumping and burning of waste. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 32 illegal burning & dumping complaints. The District served as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many town volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter, with outreach, free gloves, prizes and - most importantly - free disposal of the roadside waste.

2013 Vermont Department of Health Report

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

For example, in 2013 the Health Department:

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 provided individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1,128 women, infants, and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

We also provided access to local healthy foods through the Farm to Family Program, which is a coupon program for fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets. This year, the Middlebury District Office distributed 180 coupon books, valued at \$30 each, to Addison County families.

We also partnered with Addison County relocalization Network (ACORN) and Northeast Organic Farmers Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) to help Addison County residents purchase fall/winter community supported agriculture (CSA) shares. Twenty-five Addison County individuals and families received fall/winter CSA shares at 75% off the regular price from farms throughout the county.

We were fortunate to have four WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors in Addison County in 2013. The Peer Counselors provided ongoing breastfeeding support to local WIC participants. We hosted two baby showers this year at our office to celebrate parents and their babies and so WIC participants could meet their Breastfeeding Peers. The breastfeeding initiation rate among Addison County WIC participants was 82%.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: This year, we partnered with local doctors and nurses to ensure children and adults were getting the immunizations they needed. We also responded to 153 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. During the mosquito and tick season, we provided extensive public information and outreach including a workshop for Town Health Officers on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus and several public presentations on EEE, Lyme Disease, and Methicillin – resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

Your Health Department district office is in Middlebury, at 156 South Village Green, Suite 102, (802) – 388-4644.

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

STARSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Report 2012-2013

The Starksboro Public Library is located in the Town Hall, next door to the Town Offices. Library hours are Mondays from 10-6, Thursdays from 10-5 and Saturdays from 9-1. The library offers resources from books to internet as well as programs and special events.

The VT Department of Libraries is urging towns to automate their collections to enable greater sharing of resources and on-line accessibility for patrons. Libraries that are automated note considerable savings in labor for librarians, and a variety of additional services for patrons. We have an opportunity to join the Catamount Library Network, a statewide, member governed consortium of libraries in Vermont. However, it has limited space and other libraries are lining up to join as well. So that we don't miss this chance, we've applied to join the network and are currently working to raise the funds we'll need to go on line. Our research has shown that the start-up cost of automating, including entering our collection into a database, barcodes, training, equipment, and data services will be about \$3500. The annual cost is expected to be from \$350-\$500; this might decrease as more libraries join the network and share the costs. We are asking for \$500 from the Town for our annual fee, and will raise the rest through grants and other fund-raising.

Over the course of 2012-13, we had over 4000 patron visits to the library, our programs were attended by 1272 guests, and our circulation was 2986. Our ongoing programs include Preschool Story Time, Bone Builders, Saturday Knitting and Adult Book Group. Town residents enjoyed an Armchair Travelers program by Susan and Bruce Isham about exploring Ireland on horseback. Linda Barnard offered a garden tour for seniors, Margot Schips led several Euro board game programs, Lausanne Allen gave an introduction to spinning, Steve Ahern demonstrated wooden canoe-building, Cynthia Kling talked about her Farm Paintings, and Carol Hysko led a Tai Chi class. With the READ Committee we held our annual Newborn Tea to celebrate the arrival of 16 new babies in town and dedicate a book to each. We received a \$100 grant from the DOL for the summer reading program *Dream Big, READ* and combined resources with area libraries for a program by storyteller Simon Brooks and the Swing Peepers musicians. Our second annual holiday craft fair gave residents a chance to shop locally and support local artisans, and also raised \$588 for the library, which helped us buy four new bookshelves. We replaced a failed computer and also received a donation of two used computers from Middlebury College, for patron use.

In our current collection we have over 5400 books, videos, audio books, music CDs, and magazines. Our patrons can also access audio books and e-books through our subscription to *Listen Up Vermont*, and free online courses through the VT state library system. We have WIFI and computers for public use and our website www.Starksborolibrary.wordpress.com provides links to additional resources. Patrons have the opportunity to borrow passes for Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites, and the Echo museum – all sponsored and free to the town. We have met state standards for public libraries since 2003.

Our many volunteers are greatly appreciated. Cecilia Elwert and Cynthia Kling curated collections and artwork displays. Audrey DeBaise and Linda Barnard assisted in the library on a regular basis. Jean Tufts and Margo Schips helped to organize the craft fair. Others have been Story Time readers or have led programs and workshops. We are very grateful to all who helped in the library this past year. We thank Cecilia Elwert for many years of dedicated service as a library trustee.

Librarian Lisa Daudon and Assistant Librarian Nancy Kerwin extend a warm welcome to all of our townspeople and invite everyone to stop in to enjoy the art, attend a program, or take out a book.

Starksboro Public Library Trustees: Katie Antos-Ketcham, Chris Runcie, Chair; Liz Fairchild, Vice Chair; Mark Lucas, Secretary; Judy Kessler, Treasurer.

STARSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY—TREASURER’S REPORT FY 12-13

| | RECEIPTS | DISBURSEMENTS |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|
| TOWN ACCOUNT | | |
| Town Appropriation | \$23,495.00 | |
| Lost Book Charge | \$0.00 | |
| Other Income | \$44.55 | |
| TOTAL TOWN INCOME | \$23,539.55 | |
| Personnel | | \$15,777 |
| Books and Materials (Town funds) | | \$2,292 |
| Computer | | \$200 |
| Insurance | | \$392 |
| Custodian/Building Maintenance | | \$1,151 |
| Postage | | \$214 |
| Programs | | \$343 |
| Supplies and Furnishings | | \$597 |
| Telephone | | \$623 |
| Utilities | | \$1,951 |
| TOTAL TOWN EXPENSE | | \$23,540 |
| Town Receipts Less Disbursements | | \$0 |
| Transfer of unspent funds back to town | | \$0 |
| Town Budget, Balance 6/30/2012 | | \$0 |
| | | \$23,540 |
| GIFTS & GRANTS ACCOUNT | | |
| Gifts and Grant Funds, Balance 7/1/2012 | \$2,670 | |
| Donations + Grants | \$1,376 | |
| TOTAL GIFTS AND GRANTS INCOME | \$4,046 | |
| Books and Materials (memorials and other) | | \$32 |
| Programs | | \$500 |
| Supplies and Furnishings | | \$1,345 |
| TOTAL GIFTS AND GRANTS EXPENSE | | \$1,876 |
| Gifts and Grant Funds, Balance 6/30/2013 | | \$2,170 |
| FY 2012 and 2013 Budgets | | |
| | Budget 13-14 | Proposed Budget 14-15 |
| Personnel | \$16,600 | \$17,000 |
| Books and Materials | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| Automation | | \$500 |
| Computer | \$200 | \$200 |
| Insurance | \$550 | \$450 |
| Custodian/Building Maintenance | \$800 | \$1,000 |
| Postage | \$400 | \$400 |
| Programs | \$300 | \$300 |
| Supplies and Furnishings | \$375 | \$375 |
| Telephone | \$600 | \$600 |
| Utilities | \$2,170 | \$2,000 |
| TOTAL | \$23,995 | \$24,825 |

How The FY 13-14 Property Tax Rate Was Set

| <u>Municipal Spending</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$502,329 | \$0.3154 | 70% | |
| Fire Reserve | \$30,382 | \$0.0191 | 4% | |
| Road Reserve | \$86,590 | \$0.0544 | 12% | |
| Reappraisal Reserve | \$1,000 | \$0.0006 | 0% | |
| Library | \$23,995 | \$0.0151 | 3% | |
| In-Town Requests | \$35,925 | \$0.0226 | 5% | |
| Out-of-Town Requests | \$24,383 | \$0.0153 | 3% | |
| Solar tracker reserve | \$11,160 | \$0.0070 | 2% | |
| Total Municipal Spending | <u>\$715,764</u> | | | (1) |
| Grand List (July 2013) | \$1,592,426 | | | |
| Tax Rate, Municipal Spending | | <u>\$0.4495</u> | 100% | (2) |
| Tax Rate, Veterans exemption | | <u>\$0.0007</u> | | |
| Total Rate, Municipal | | <u>\$0.4502</u> | | |

Tax Rate For Residential Property

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----|
| Tax Rate, Municipal Portion | \$0.4502 | 22% | |
| Education Tax Rate (Homestead) | \$1.5611 | 78% | (3) |
| Total Tax (Municipal + Education) | \$2.0113 | 100% | |
| <i>Tax on a \$200,000 home:</i> | <u>\$4,022.56</u> | | |

Tax Rate For Non Residential Property

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|------|-----|
| Tax Rate, Municipal Portion | \$0.4502 | 22% | |
| Education Tax (Non-Residential) | \$1.5975 | 78% | (4) |
| Total Tax for Non-Residential Property | <u>\$2.0477</u> | 100% | |
| <i>Estimated Tax on a \$200,000 property:</i> | <u>\$4,095.36</u> | | |

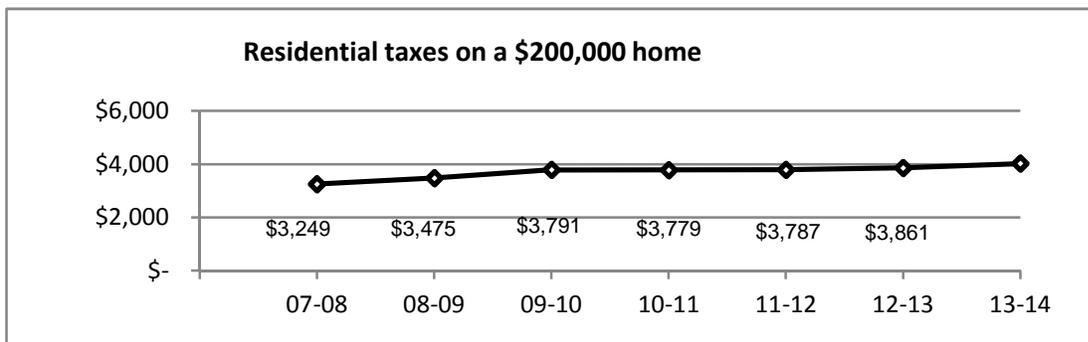
Notes:

[1] Articles passed at Town Meeting on March 2, 2013.

[2] The Municipal Tax Rate is the budgeted Total Municipal Spending divided by the 2013 Grand List amount.

[3] The Education Tax rate is a calculation that accounts for Mt Abe and Robinson school budgets, adjusted for per-pupil spending, the Town's common level of appraisal (CLA), and other factors. For FY13-14, the base rate was 1.4072, adjusted by the CLA: $1.4072 / 0.9014 = 1.5611$.

[4] The non-residential property tax rate for education rate starts with a \$1.44 base and is adjusted by the CLA: $\$1.44 / 0.9014 = \1.5975



Estimate of The FY 14-15 Property Tax Rate

Warning

| item | <u>Municipal Spending (Warned 2014)</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>%</u> | Notes |
|------|---|------------------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| (4) | General Fund | \$511,941 | \$0.3215 | 70% | |
| (5) | Fire Reserve | \$31,970 | \$0.0201 | 4% | |
| (6) | Road Reserve | \$90,570 | \$0.0569 | 12% | |
| (7) | Library | \$24,825 | \$0.0156 | 3% | |
| (8) | Solar tracker reserve | \$11,160 | \$0.0070 | 2% | |
| (9) | In-Town Requests | \$37,175 | \$0.0233 | 5% | |
| (10) | Out-of-Town Requests | \$26,333 | \$0.0165 | 4% | |
| (11) | AC Court Diversion | \$600 | \$0.0004 | 0% | |
| | Total Municipal Spending | <u>\$734,574</u> | | | (1) |
| | Grand List (July 2013) | \$1,592,426 | | | |
| | Tax Rate, Municipal Spending | | <u>\$0.4613</u> | 100% | (2) |
| | Tax Rate, Veterans exemption | | <u>\$0.0004</u> | | |
| | Total Rate, Municipal | | \$0.4617 | | |

Tax Rate For Residential Property

| | | | |
|---|----------------|------|-----|
| Tax Rate, Municipal Portion | \$0.4617 | 22% | |
| Education Tax Rate (Homestead) | \$1.6650 | 78% | (3) |
| Total Tax (Municipal + Education) | \$2.1267 | 100% | |
| <hr/> | | | |
| <i>Estimated Tax on a \$200,000 home:</i> | <i>\$4,253</i> | | |

Tax Rate For Non Residential Property

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|-----|
| Tax Rate, Municipal Portion | \$0.4617 | 22% | |
| Education Tax (Non-Residential) | \$1.6148 | 78% | (4) |
| Total Tax for Non-Resident | <u>\$2.0765</u> | 100% | |
| <hr/> | | | |
| <i>Estimated Tax on a \$200,000 property:</i> | <i>\$4,153</i> | | |

Notes:

[1] Articles to be voted at Town Meeting on March 1, 2014.

[2] The Municipal Tax Rate for budgeted spending is the budgeted Total Municipal Spending divided by the Grand List amount.

[3] The Education Tax rate is a calculation that accounts for Mt Abe and Robinson school budgets, adjusted for per-pupil spending, the Town's common level of appraisal (CLA), and other factors. See the Estimates of Tax Rates in the School portion of this report for more detail. The estimate for FY14-15 is estimated at \$1.557 Starksboro's CLA improved slightly from 90.14% to 93.51%. Education rate= 1.557/ 0.9351 or 1.665

[4] The non-residential property tax rate for education rate starts with a \$1.51 base and is adjusted by the CLA: $\$1.51 / 0.9351 = \1.6148 . This base rate is set by the legislature annually. Current expectations are the rate will be between 1.45 and 1.51.

STATEMENT OF TAXES
Fiscal Year 2012-2013

| PROPERTY VALUATIONS - July, 2012 | | Notes |
|--|----------------|-------|
| Total Taxable - Municipal | \$157,568,489 | |
| Grand List @ 1% - Municipal | \$1,575,685 | |
| | | |
| Total Taxable - Education, Homestead | \$110,116,800 | |
| Grand List @ 1% - Education, Homestead | \$1,101,168 | |
| | | |
| Total Taxable - Education, Non-Resident | \$47,451,789 | |
| Grand List @ 1% - Education, Non-Resident | \$474,518 | |
| | | |
| TAX ASSESSMENT | | |
| | | |
| Tax Rate computation | | |
| Tax Rate - Municipal | \$0.4404 | |
| Tax Rate - Education, Homestead | \$1.4901 | |
| Tax Rate - Education, Non-Resident | \$1.5150 | |
| | | |
| Municipal | \$693,918 | |
| Education, Homestead | \$1,640,850 | |
| Education, Non-Resident | \$718,895 | |
| Errors and Omissions | \$21,628 (1) | |
| TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED | \$3,075,291 | |
| | | |
| NET TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR | | |
| Prepaid during FY 11-12 | \$9,530 | |
| Collected by Treasurer | \$2,425,387 | |
| Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector | \$106,286 | |
| Delinquent taxes due (excluding penalties) | \$72,871 | |
| State payments | \$484,325 | |
| Adjustments to Billed Taxes | \$(23,107) (2) | |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR | \$3,075,292 | |

(1) Errors and omissions account for a variety of anomalies over the course of a tax year.

(2) Adjustments to bills primarily for late filers.

Town of Starksboro
DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

1. Property taxes are due and payable to the Town Treasurer on or before November 1st each year.
2. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments. Payment must be received by November 1st to avoid additional payments of interest and penalty.
3. After November 1st, the Town Treasurer will give the Delinquent Tax Collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.
4. After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer, itemizing the amount due, including tax, interest and penalties (the collector's fee). The Delinquent Tax Collector may also send additional notices to delinquent taxpayers from time to time.
5. Payments received after November 1st are subject to 1% per month (1½% after February 1st), or portion thereof, interest charge plus a 2% Collector's fee if paid in full by November 10th and an 8% Collector's fee if paid after the 10th of November of the year billed.
6. Partial payments will be applied first to any costs or expenses that may be due, then to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of the tax, the Delinquent Tax Collector's fee, and any attorney's fee (if applicable).
7. If a delinquent tax payer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the Delinquent Tax Collector on or before May 1st, the Delinquent Tax Collector will take those steps required under Vermont law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalties, and all legal costs (including attorney's fees, legal notices, and certified mail).
8. The Tax Collector may, in his/her discretion, take those steps under Vermont Law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising his/her discretion, the Tax Collector may take into account, among any other relevant factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent, the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been the subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not delay may impair the Town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the Town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes.

Note: Original document approved by Selectmen, 8/17/99 and Revised 11/25/02.

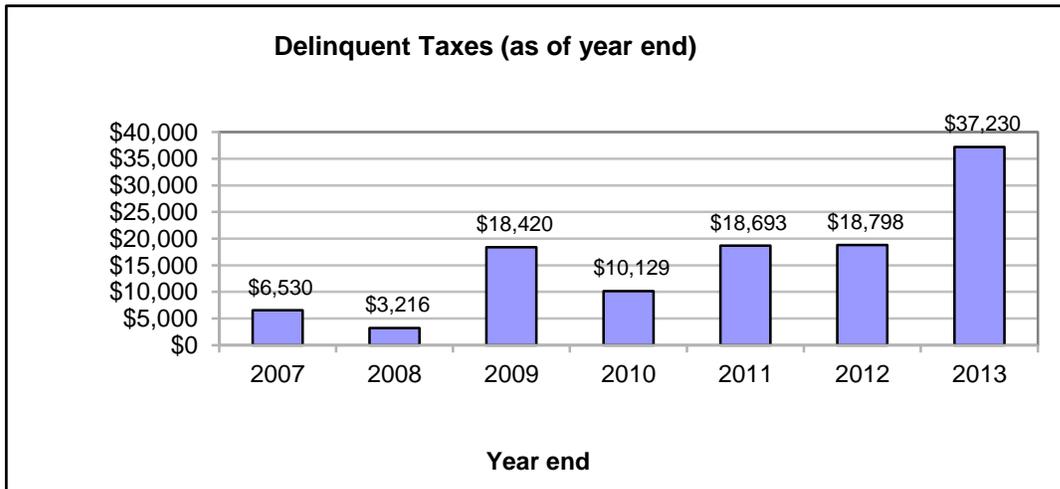
Delinquent Taxes FY 12-13

Delinquent on June 30, 2013 57,745

Taxes Paid for FY 12-13 between 07/01/2013 and 01/09/14 (20,515)

The following landowners are responsible for the remaining delinquent taxes of: 37,230

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bent, Paul III | Catella, Donald | Hunton, Robert | Rheaume, Gerald |
| Bird, Peter | Chamberlain, John Sr. | Lafreniere, Candace M | Russin, Gary & Julie |
| Bissonette, Arthur JR | Coleman, Kim | Lafreniere, Tinker AMY | Smiel, Cynthia |
| Boutin, David | Emmons, Pamela | Marchacos, Dean | St Peter, Nancy |
| Briggs, Sandra | Fanning, Chris | Martel, Shirley E | Streeter, Spring Lee |
| Brown, Gary & Podlaski, T | Germain, Tiffany | Morin, Charles SR | Tetreault, Shane |
| Butler, David | Grady, Robert | North, Emil | Thompson, Danielle |
| Carter, Tina | Holt, David | Orvis, Patricia | Trombley, Joseph |
| | | Parent, Paul | |



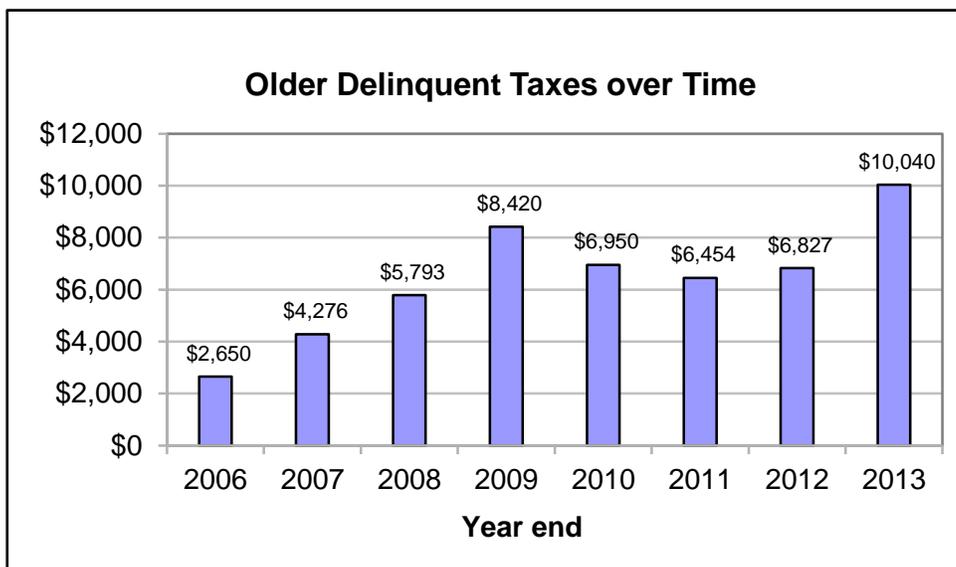
A family outing to a Starksboro sugarhouse, location and date unknown. Note the boy on the right, enjoying a dipper of syrup perhaps.

Delinquent Taxes FY 2011 and Prior

| | |
|--|-----------|
| <u>Outstanding as of June 30, 2013</u> | \$15,126 |
| <u>Paid between July 1, 2013 and Jan 1, 2014</u> | (\$5,086) |
| <u>Remaining outstanding for prior to FY 12-13 as of Jan 1, 2014</u> | \$10,040 |

The following landowners are responsible for the Remaining delinquent taxes prior to FY 12-13

| <u>Period</u> | | <u>Period</u> | |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 2004-2005 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | Bent, Paul III |
| 2005-2006 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | Bissonette, Arthur |
| 2006-2007 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | Briggs, Sandra |
| 2007-2008 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | Coleman, Kim |
| | | 2011-2012 | Chamberlain, John |
| 2008-2009 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | Fanning, Chris |
| | | 2011-2012 | Lafreniere, Tinker Amy |
| 2009-2010 | Briggs, Sandra | 2011-2012 | Mitchell, Arla |
| 2009-2010 | Mitchell, Arla | 2011-2012 | North, Emil |
| | | 2011-2012 | Parent, Paul |
| 2010-2011 | Bent, Paul III | 2011-2012 | Russin, Gary & Julie |
| 2010-2011 | Briggs, Sandra | 2011-2012 | St. Peter, Nancy |
| 2010-2011 | Coleman, Kim | 2011-2012 | Smiel, Cynthia |
| 2010-2011 | Fanning, Chris | 2011-2012 | Tetreault, Shane |
| 2010-2011 | Lafreniere, Tinker Amy | | |
| 2010-2011 | Mitchell, Arla | | |
| 2010-2011 | North, Emil | | |
| 2010-2011 | Parent, Paul | | |
| 2010-2011 | Russin, Gary & Julie | | |
| 2010-2011 | St. Peter, Nancy | | |



**Grand List
Effective July 21, 2012**

| Real Estate Category | Number of Parcels | Municipal Listed Value (Taxable) | Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable) | Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable) | Total Education Listed Value (Taxable) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Residential-1 | 249 | 47,358,800 | 42,337,000 | 5,021,800 | 47,358,800 |
| Residential II | 235 | 69,355,200 | 60,025,900 | 9,329,300 | 69,355,200 |
| Mobile Homes-U | 128 | 3,845,300 | 2,867,900 | 977,400 | 3,845,300 |
| Mobile Homes-L | 60 | 6,987,600 | 5,626,900 | 1,360,700 | 6,987,600 |
| Vacation 1 | 44 | 4,118,000 | 0 | 4,118,000 | 4,118,000 |
| Vacation II | 62 | 12,921,700 | | 12,921,700 | 12,921,700 |
| Commercial | 12 | 4,123,500 | 0 | 4,123,500 | 4,123,500 |
| Commercial Apts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Industrial | 1 | 432,200 | 0 | 432,200 | 432,200 |
| Utilities-E | 3 | 2,332,000 | 0 | 2,332,000 | 2,332,000 |
| Utilities-O | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farm | 13 | 8,049,400 | 2,833,700 | 5,215,700 | 8,049,400 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Woodland | 41 | 5,141,500 | 0 | 5,141,500 | 5,141,500 |
| Miscellaneous | 75 | 6,646,700 | 417,400 | 6,229,300 | 6,646,700 |
| Total Real Estate | 923 | \$171,311,900 | \$114,108,800 | \$57,203,100 | \$171,311,900 |
| Personal Property | | | | | |
| Cable | 1 | 377,189 | 0 | 377,189 | 377,189 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inventory | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Personal Property | 3 | 377,189 | 0 | 377,189 | 377,189 |
| Total Taxable Property | | | | | |
| | | \$171,689,089 | \$114,108,800 | \$57,580,289 | \$171,689,089 |
| Exemptions | | | | | |
| Veterans | | -75,000 | -20,000 | -10,000 | -30,000 |
| Contracts | 1 | -73,700 | | -73,700 | -73,700 |
| Current Use | 127 | -13,971,900 | -4,122,200 | -9,849,700 | -13,971,900 |
| Total exemptions | | \$(14,120,600) | \$(4,142,200) | \$(9,933,400) | \$(14,075,600) |
| Net Taxable Property | | \$157,568,489 | \$109,966,600 | \$47,646,889 | \$157,613,489 |
| Total Grand List | | \$1,575,684.89 | \$1,099,666.00 | \$476,468.89 | \$1,576,134.89 |

Note: Grand List printout as of 7/10/2012. Totals includes late homestead filings and other adjustments made by the listers after April 1.

**Grand List
Effective July 16, 2013**

| Real Estate Category | Number of Parcels | Municipal Listed Value (Taxable) | Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable) | Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable) | Total Education Listed Value (Taxable) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Residential-1 | 251 | 48,311,700 | 42,077,200 | 6,234,500 | 48,311,700 |
| Residential II | 237 | 70,039,300 | 59,662,700 | 10,376,600 | 70,039,300 |
| Mobile Homes-U | 128 | 4,015,900 | 3,159,800 | 856,100 | 4,015,900 |
| Mobile Homes-L | 59 | 6,973,100 | 5,549,000 | 1,424,100 | 6,973,100 |
| Vacation 1 | 43 | 3,986,500 | 0 | 3,986,500 | 3,986,500 |
| Vacation II | 62 | 13,289,400 | 0 | 13,289,400 | 13,289,400 |
| Commercial | 11 | 3,978,100 | 0 | 3,978,100 | 3,978,100 |
| Commercial Apts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Industrial | 1 | 432,700 | 0 | 432,700 | 432,700 |
| Utilities-E | 3 | 2,453,200 | 0 | 2,453,200 | 2,453,200 |
| Utilities-O | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farm | 14 | 7,634,700 | 3,320,000 | 4,314,700 | 7,634,700 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Woodland | 41 | 5,158,200 | 0 | 5,158,200 | 5,158,200 |
| Miscellaneous | 73 | 6,778,600 | 435,200 | 6,343,400 | 6,778,600 |
| Total Real Estate | 923 | \$173,051,400 | \$114,203,900 | \$58,847,500 | \$173,051,400 |
| Personal Property | | | | | |
| Cable | 1 | 377,189 | 0 | 377,189 | 377,189 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inventory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Personal Property | 1 | 377,189 | 0 | 377,189 | 377,189 |
| Total Taxable Property | | \$173,428,589 | \$114,203,900 | \$59,224,689 | \$173,428,589 |
| Exemptions | | | | | |
| Veterans | | -125,000 | -50,000 | | -50,000 |
| Contracts | 1 | -73,700 | | -73,700 | -73,700 |
| Current Use | 127 | -13,987,300 | -4,388,400 | -9,598,900 | -13,987,300 |
| Special Exemptions | | 0 | 0 | -104,900 | -104,900 |
| Total exemptions | | \$(14,186,000) | \$(4,438,400) | \$(9,777,500) | \$(14,215,900) |
| Net Taxable Property | | \$159,242,589 | \$109,765,500 | \$49,447,189 | \$159,212,689 |
| Total Grand List | | \$1,592,425.89 | \$1,097,655.00 | \$494,471.89 | \$1,592,126.89 |

Note: Grand List printout as of 7/10/2013. Totals includes late homestead filings and other adjustments made by the listers after April 1.

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS
6/30/2013**

| | General Fund | Reapprsl. Fund | Road Equip. fund | Fire Equip Fund | Emerg. Fund | Solar Fund | TOTAL (Memo only) |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Checking Account (2) | 640 | | | | | | 640 |
| Sweep Account | 104,392 | | | | | | 104,392 |
| Muni Money Market Account (1) | | 98,413 | | | | | 98,413 |
| Muni Money Market Account (1) | | | 132,370 | | | | 132,370 |
| Muni Money Market Account (1) | | | | 63,091 | | | 63,091 |
| Muni Money Market Account (1) | | | | | 94,479 | | 94,479 |
| Muni Money Market Account (1) | | | | | | \$22,360 | 22,360 |
| Property Taxes Receivable | 72,222 | | | | | | 72,222 |
| Tax Escrow Account | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| Due From Other Funds | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$177,254 | \$98,413 | \$132,370 | \$63,091 | \$94,479 | \$22,360 | \$587,967 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | | | | |
| Library Funds Unexpended | 2,170 | | | | | | 2,170 |
| Other Expenses Payable | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| Prepaid Property Taxes (Current Year) | 9,530 | | | | | | 9,530 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 3,544 | | | | | | 3,544 |
| Unexpended Grants | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| Due to Other Funds | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$15,244 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,244 |
| FUND BALANCE | | | | | | | |
| Unreserved | 162,010 | 98,413 | 132,370 | 63,091 | 94,479 | 22,360 | 572,723 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE | \$162,010 | \$98,413 | \$132,370 | \$63,091 | \$94,479 | \$22,360 | \$572,723 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | |
| | \$177,254 | \$98,413 | \$132,370 | \$63,091 | \$94,479 | \$22,360 | \$587,967 |

Notes

- (1) Peoples Bank
- (2) Citizens Bank



Edgar Smith' oxen help with collecting sap. (now Lewis Creek Farm, Starksboro village)
Edgar was the father of Leroy Smith. These oxen also are pictured, with Edgar and Leroy, in Bertha' Book: A View of Starksboro History, p. 32. Mid 1930s or early 1940s.

Reappraisal Reserve Fund

| | BUDGET FY12-13 | ACTUAL FY12-13 | BUDGET FY13-14 | PROPOSED FY14-15 | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Fund Balance at Start of Year | \$88,107 | \$88,107 | \$98,413 | \$108,813 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Appropriation | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | | |
| Interest Earned | \$290 | \$215 | \$300 | \$200 | |
| State of Vermont | \$9,100 | \$9,092 | \$9,100 | \$9,100 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 10,390 | 10,306 | 10,400 | 9,300 | |
| EXPENSES | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | |
| FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | \$98,497 | \$98,413 | \$108,813 | \$118,113 | |

The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate the monies needed to pay for periodic reappraisals for all properties on the Grand List. A reappraisal was last completed during FY 05-06. As of FY 13-14, this account is considered to be fully funded.



Piping going to a sugarhouse, Shaker Mountain Farm

ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND

| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | PROPOSED | Notes |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | FY 12-13 | FY 12-13 | FY 13-14 | FY 14-15 | |
| Fund Balance at Start of Year | \$140,520 | \$140,520 | \$132,369 | \$118,071 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Appropriation | \$75,085 | \$75,085 | \$79,590 | \$83,570 | (3) |
| Temporary Approp. Adjustment | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | (4) |
| Short Term Bank Loan | | | \$215,000 | | |
| Old truck sale proceeds | | | | | |
| Interest Earned | \$566 | \$210 | \$342 | \$266 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$82,651 | \$82,295 | \$301,932 | \$90,836 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Loader | 28,290 | 26,136 | 25,530 | 25,530 | |
| Tandem Dump Truck | 35,880 | 34,022 | 30,300 | 32,475 | |
| 2009 Mack Truck | 30,289 | 30,288 | 12,288 | - | |
| 2012 Grader | | | | 42,230 | |
| Mower | | | 33,000 | | |
| Grader | | | 215,000 | | |
| Due to General fund | | | 112 | | (5) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$94,459 | \$90,446 | \$316,230 | \$100,235 | |
| FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | \$128,712 | \$132,369 | \$118,071 | \$108,672 | |

The Road Equipment Reserve Fund was created to fund the long term replacement of road equipment without causing fluctuations in the tax rate. It is based on a long term replacement plan. Municipal loans are used to purchase large items and the reserve fund is used to make the loan payments. Municipal loans typically have low

| <u>FY</u> | <u>Equipment (1)</u> | <u>Est. Cost (2)</u> | <u>FY</u> | <u>Equipment (1)</u> | <u>Est. Cost(2)</u> |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 12-13 | 1-ton Truck | 76,000 | 16-17 | Tandem Dump Truck | 197,390 |
| 12-13 | Loader | 123,000 | 18-19 | 1-ton Truck | 104,011 |
| 12-13 | Tandem Dump Truck | 156,000 | 19-20 | Tandem Dump Truck | 222,037 |
| 13-14 | Mower | 33,000 | 21-22 | Mower | 45,163 |
| 13-14 | Grader | 215,000 | 24-25 | Mower | 270,142 |
| | | | 25-26 | Grader | 297,156 |

(1) The replacement schedule is recommended by the Road Foreman and approved by the Selectboard.

(2) Estimated costs are adjusted for a projected inflation. Actual costs will be determined at the time of purchase. Grants and trade-in values will affect future costs.

(3) Appropriations are expected to increase 6% to 7% annually . This reflects anticipated cost increases due to technological changes and safety requirements.

(4) The town voted to shift \$7,000 per year from the Road Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation to the Fire Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation for a period of five years; followed by an equal shift in the opposite direction for years six through ten. FY14-15 will be the tenth year of this arrangement.

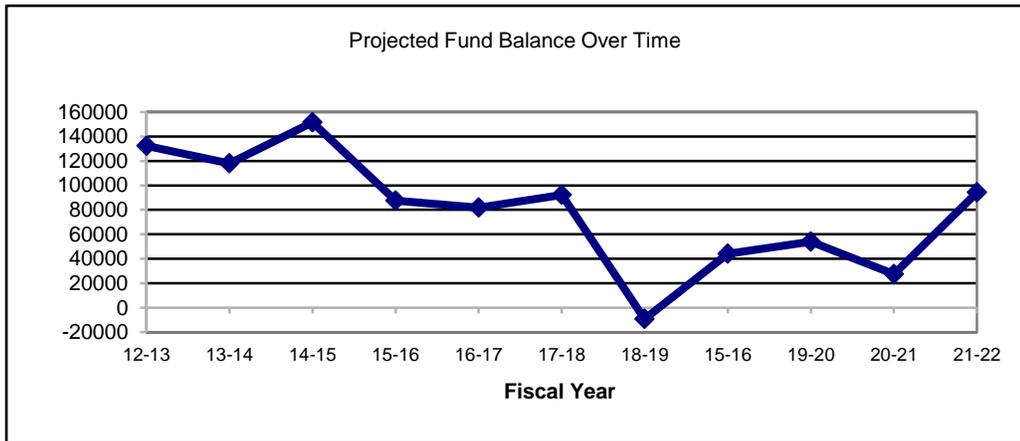
(5) This transfer of funds for a radio, paid for by the general fund, should have been made in FY2013

Road Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

The purpose of this schedule is to show what equipment is to be replaced and when. In order to estimate future fund balances, all equipment is given an estimated useful life. The following projections include replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. Actual replacement of equipment is determined based on its condition at the time - not its estimated life.

The amount of the appropriation is set so that the fund balance does not fall below zero in any year. Increases to the appropriation should stay within the average rate of inflation (currently 3%).

| Purchase FY | Equipment Item To Be Replaced | Actual/ Estimated Cost | Years of Escalation | Estimated Replacement Net Cost | Useful Life |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 13-14 | Mower | 33,000 | | 33,000 | 8 |
| 13-14 | Grader | 215,000 | | 215,000 | 12 |
| 16-17 | Tandem Dump Truck | 175,000 | 3 | 196,851 | 18 |
| 18-19 | 1-ton Truck | 76,000 | 8 | 104,011 | 8 |
| 19-20 | Tandem Dump Truck | 156,000 | 9 | 222,037 | 8 |
| 21-22 | Mower | 33,000 | 8 | 45,163 | 8 |
| 24-25 | Tandem Dump Truck | 156,000 | 14 | 270,142 | 8 |
| 25-26 | Grader | 165,000 | 15 | 297,156 | 12 |



Fire Equipment Reserve Fund

| | BUDGET FY 12-13 | ACTUAL FY 12-13 | BUDGET FY 13-14 | PROPOSED FY 14-15 | Notes |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Fund Balance at Start of Year | 49,160 | 49,160 | 63,090 | 73,401 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Appropriation | 36,118 | 36,118 | 37,382 | 38,970 | (3) |
| Temporary Approp. Adjustment | (7,000) | (7,000) | (7,000) | (7,000) | (4) |
| Bank Loan | 100,000 | 90,000 | | | |
| Interest Earned | 274 | 117 | 179 | 207 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 129,392 | 119,235 | 30,561 | 32,177 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Utility Truck Loan Payment | | - | | | |
| Brush truck | | | | | |
| Pumper Loan Payment | 15,304 | 15,305 | | | |
| Utility Truck Payment | 100,000 | 90,000 | 20,250 | 19,800 | |
| Other Expenses | | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 115,304 | 105,305 | 20,250 | 19,800 | |
| FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | 63,248 | 63,090 | 73,401 | 85,778 | |

The Fire Equipment Reserve Fund was created to fund the long term replacement of fire equipment without causing fluctuations in the tax rate. It is based on a long term replacement plan, and includes paying for significant purchases through loans. Equipment to be replaced during the next

| <u>FY</u> | <u>Equipment (1)</u> | <u>Est. Cost (2)</u> | <u>FY</u> | <u>Equipment (1)</u> | <u>Est. Cost (2)</u> |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 16-17 | Tanker | 157,931 | 22-23 | Pumper | 320,206 |
| 19-20 | Pumper | 284,662 | 24-25 | Utility | 173,168 |

Notes:

- (1) The replacement schedule is recommended by the Volunteer Fire Department and approved by the Selectboard. Priority is given to critical life-saving and safety equipment.
- (2) Estimated costs are adjusted for projected inflation at the rate of 4% per year. Grants and trade-in values will affect the actual purchase costs.
- (3) Appropriations are expected to increase annually based on an average rate of inflation.
- (4) The town voted to shift \$7,000 per year from the Road Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation to the Fire Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation, for a period of five years; followed by an equal shift in the opposite direction for years six through ten. The total appropriation will remain the same for each year. FY 14-15 will be the tenth year of this adjustment.

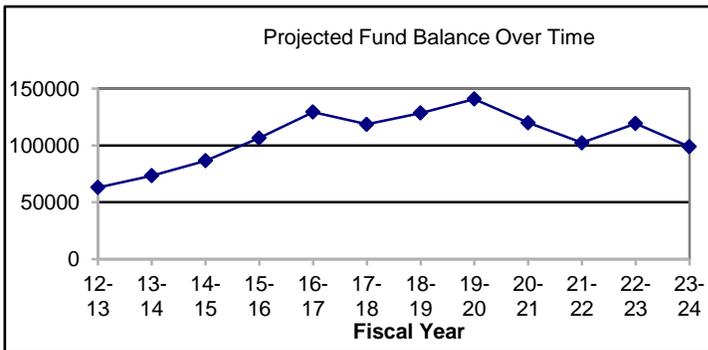
Fire Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

The purpose of this schedule is to show what equipment is to be replaced and when. In order to estimate future fund balances, all equipment is given an estimated useful life. The following projections include replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. Actual replacement of equipment is determined based on its condition at the time - not its estimated life.

The amount of the appropriation is set so that the fund balance does not fall below zero in any year. Increases to the appropriation should stay within the average rate of inflation.

| Purchase FY | Equipment Item To be replaced | Current Estimated Cost | Years Until Purchase | Estimated Replacement Cost |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 16-17 | 1986 Tanker | 135,000 | 4 | 158,000 |
| 19-20 | 2000 Pumper | 215,000 | 7 | 283,000 |
| 22-23 | 2003 Pumper | 217,000 | 10 | 321,000 |
| 24-25 | 2013 Utility Truck | 100,000 | 11 | 154,000 |

| <u>Useful Life of Equipment</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Pumpers (two) | 20 |
| Tanker | 20 |
| Utility Truck | 12 |
| Brush Truck | 12 |
| Portable Pumps (two) | 15 |
| Air Packs | 10 |
| Escalation Rate | 4% |



Emergency Fund

| | Actual FY 09-10 | Actual FY 10-11 | Actual FY 11-12 | Actual FY 12-13 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fund Balance at Start of Year | 18,499 | 47,468 | 62,750 | 82,777 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Surplus from FY 09-10 | 28,851 | | | |
| Surplus from FY 10-11 | | 24,739 | | |
| Surplus from FY 11-12 | | | 24,027 | |
| Surplus from FY 12-13 | | | | 88,699 |
| Interest Earned | 118 | 240 | 250 | 205 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 28,969 | 24,979 | 24,277 | 88,904 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Septic system repairs (old twn office)) | 2,524 | | | |
| Chimney repairs (town ctr) | 5,550 | | | |
| Oil tank replacement (town ctr) | 1,275 | | | |
| Emergency flooding/road repairs | | 9,697 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 9,349 | 9,697 | - | - |
| Due to/from General Fund | | | (4,250) | (1) |
| To be applied to General Fund | | | (21,271) | (2) |
| To be voted in Article 3 at Town Meeting | | | (50,000) | |
| FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | \$38,119 | \$62,750 | \$82,777 | \$100,410 |

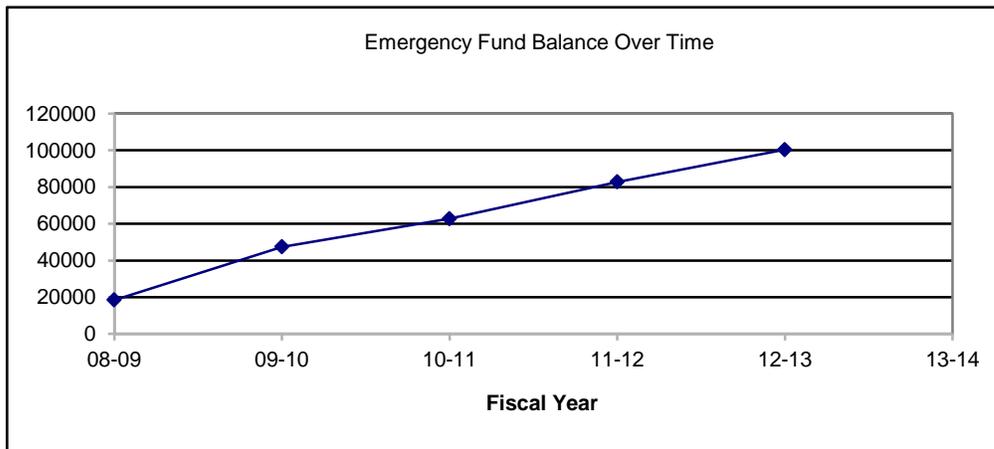
FUND LIMIT (20% of FY 13-14 budget) \$100,466

Amount remaining to fund limit: \$56

This fund was established in 2008 to allow the Town to establish a cash reserve, funded with any General Fund surplus, to be used for unanticipated expenses. The maximum amount allowed in this fund (Fund Limit) is 20% of the most recent voted budget.

(1) Budgeted expenses (\$4,250) were paid from the General fund in 2010-11, but not transferred from this fund until 2011-12.

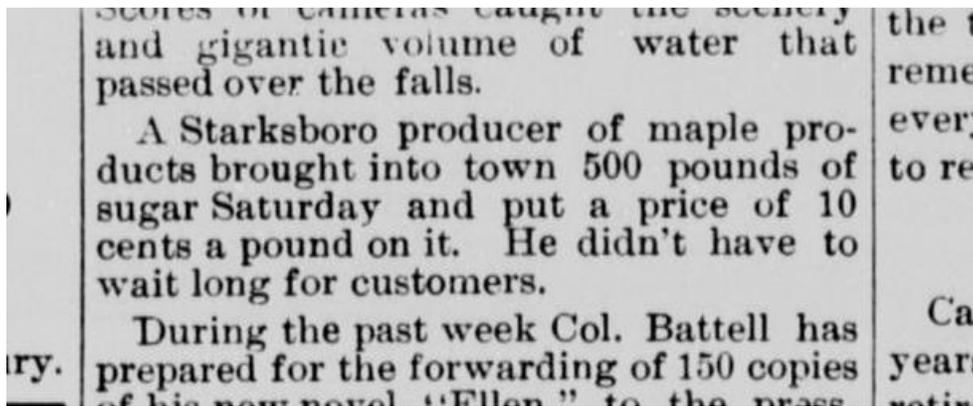
(2) This amount will be used to reduce the FY 14-15 budget.



SOLAR PANELS RESERVE FUND

| | BUDGET FY12-13 | ACTUAL FY12-13 | BUDGET FY13-14 | PROPOSED FY14-15 | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Fund Balance at Start of Year | \$11,161 | \$11,161 | \$22,360 | \$33,523 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Appropriation | 11,160 | 11,160 | 11,160 | 11,160 | (1) |
| Interest Earned | 2 | 39 | 3 | 150 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>11,162</u> | <u>11,199</u> | <u>11,163</u> | <u>11,310</u> | |
| EXPENSES | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | |
| FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$22,323</u> | <u>\$22,360</u> | <u>\$33,523</u> | <u>\$44,833</u> | |

(1) The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate the monies needed to pay for the purchase price of six solar trackers currently installed at 101 Parsonage Road at the end of the Power Purchase Agreement period (2015). Town votes each year on one-fifth of the total amount, or \$11,160.



Middlebury Register, May 6, 1904.

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

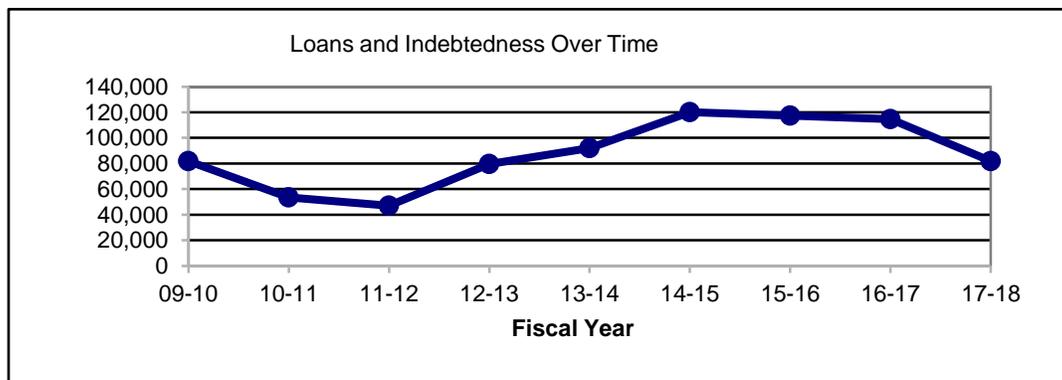
Below are the estimated annual requirements to pay all municipal loans outstanding at June 30, 2009.
See the Starksboro School District report for total school loans.

| | | FY11-12 | FY12-13 | FY 13-14 | FY 14-15 | FY 15-16 | FY 16-17 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | | | | | | | |
| 2008 Tandem Dump Truck | (P) | 29,000 | 29,000 | 11,913 | | | |
| \$145,000 July 2008 | (I) | 2,202 | 1,288 | 375 | | | |
| Peoples Bank: Rate 3.15% | | | | | | | |
| 2012 Tandem Truck (Mack) | (P) | | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| \$150,000 July 2012 | (I) | | 4,022 | 3,300 | 2,475 | 1,650 | 825 |
| Peoples Bank 2.75% | | | | | | | |
| 2013 Grader | | | | | 38,200 | 38,200 | 38,200 |
| \$191,000 July 2013 | | | | | 4,030 | 3,224 | 2,418 |
| Merchants Bank: Rate 2.11 | | | | | | | |
| 2011 Loader | (P) | | | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| \$115,000 July 2012 | (I) | | | 3,163 | 2,530 | 1,898 | 1,265 |
| Peoples Bank: Rate 2.75% | | | | | | | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$31,202 | \$64,310 | \$71,751 | \$100,235 | \$97,972 | \$95,708 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | | | | | | | |
| 2003 Fire Pumper [1] | (P) | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | | | | |
| \$163,966 Sept, 2002 | (I) | \$899 | \$305 | | | | |
| Vermont Muni Bond Bank | | (*) | | | | | |
| 2008 Utility Truck (used) | (P) | | | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 |
| \$90,000 July 2012 | (I) | | | \$2,250 | \$1,800 | 1,350 | 900 |
| Peoples Bank: Rate 2.5% | | | | | | | |
| | SUB-TOTAL | \$15,899 | \$15,305 | \$20,250 | \$19,800 | \$19,350 | \$18,900 |
| | TOTAL | \$47,101 | \$79,614 | \$92,001 | \$120,035 | \$117,322 | \$114,608 |

Notes:

(P) indicates Principal. (I) indicates Interest. Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are subject to annual adjustment

(*) Interest rate varies from 4.344% to 4.894%



BUDGET SUMMARY

This schedule summarizes the detail budgets shown on the following pages.

| | 12-13 <u>Budget</u> | 12-13 <u>Actual</u> | Better/ <u>(Worse)</u> | 13-14 <u>Budget</u> | 14-15 <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Comparison of 12-13 & 13-14 Budgets</u> | | |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------|
| Expenses | \$688,951 | \$693,689 | \$(4,738) | \$856,829 | \$735,262 | Down | \$(121,567) | -17.6% |
| Income | 191,550 | 284,987 | 93,437 | 354,500 | \$202,050 | Down | \$(152,450) | -79.6% |
| Surplus | | | | | \$21,271 | | | |
| Total Bud | \$497,401 | \$408,702 | \$88,699 | \$502,329 | \$511,941 | Up | \$9,612 | 1.9% |

Other significant increases and decreases in the proposed 12-13 budget are:

Expenses:

Payroll changes including 3% increase for employees, and adjustments to reflect most recent actual hours worked

14,111.37

Include cost of performing professional audit

7,500.00

Increase major maintenance, including \$5,000 to prepare a request for proposal and cost estimates for a replacement town garage

10,000.00

Increased pit crushing and other related costs

58,400.00

Reduced resurfacing costs

(200,000.00)

Reduced road equipment rental

(8,000.00)

Reduced cost of replacement tires

(4,000.00)

Increased fuel costs for town garage

0.00

Other net changes:

422.00

Total net change in Expenses:

\$(121,567)

Income:

Increased state payment for resurfacing

(160,000.00)

Increased penalties and interest on delinquent taxes

5,000.00

Increased state funding for roads

3,000.00

Other net changes:

(450.00)

Total net change in Income:

\$(152,450)

When preparing the budget, the selectboard budgets for total anticipated expenses (the total amount to be spent on payroll, utilities, fuel, town garage and roads, etc.), and total income (the total amount expected to be received either from the State of Vermont for town operations). The net budget amount is the amount we need to raise through taxes.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET--ACTUAL FY12-13 PROPOSED FY14-15

| CATEGORY | Budget 12-13 | Actual 12-13 | Better/ (Worse) | Budget 13-14 | Proposed 14-15 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| EXPENSES (Note 2) | | | | | |
| DELINQUENT TAXES (penalties only) | 1,000 | 1,906 | (906) | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| GARAGE & EQUIPMENT | 98,450 | 105,854 | (7,404) | 101,500 | 97,500 |
| GRANT EXPENSES | | 375 | (375) | | |
| INSURANCE | 99,000 | 86,573 | 12,427 | 98,000 | 98,000 |
| MAJOR MAINTENANCE | 10,000 | 23,953 | (13,953) | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| MUNICIPAL FINANCING | | | | | |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL FINANCING | - | - | - | - | - |
| MUNICIPAL OFFICE | 12,000 | 14,248 | (2,248) | 12,000 | 13,000 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | | | | | |
| AC Regional Planning Commission | 2,100 | 1,916 | 184 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| ACSWMD | | 30 | (30) | 200 | 200 |
| Addison County Tax | 10,000 | 8,535 | 1,465 | 9,000 | 8,000 |
| Animal Control | 2,000 | 2,599 | (599) | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Audit | | | - | | 7,500 |
| Cemeteries | 3,000 | 2,460 | 540 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Election Materials | 500 | 866 | (366) | 500 | 750 |
| Emergency Preparedness | 500 | 146 | 354 | 500 | 500 |
| Gazette | 5,000 | 5,583 | (583) | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Legal and Professional | 2,000 | 18 | 1,982 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Listers | 1,200 | 1,223 | (23) | 1,200 | 2,000 |
| Marriage Returns to Vermont | 600 | 385 | 215 | 600 | 600 |
| Mileage | | 1,072 | (1,072) | | |
| Misc | 500 | 1,911 | (1,411) | 500 | 500 |
| Mowing - Ballfield | 3,200 | 3,150 | 50 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Solar Array | 500 | 254 | 246 | 500 | 500 |
| Speed Control | 6,000 | 7,919 | (1,919) | 6,000 | 6,500 |
| Street Lights | 1,500 | 1,562 | (62) | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Town Boards/Officers | 1,500 | 705 | 795 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Vt League of Cities & Towns | 2,800 | 2,638 | 162 | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| Zoning | 4,500 | 1,054 | 3,446 | 4,500 | 3,000 |
| TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES | 47,400 | 44,026 | 3,374 | 46,400 | 52,950 |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET--ACTUAL FY12-13 PROPOSED FY14-15

| CATEGORY | Budget 12-13 | Actual 12-13 | Better/ (Worse) | Budget 13-14 | Proposed 14-15 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| PAYROLL | | | | | |
| Animal Control | 1,200 | | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer | 6,000 | 5,580 | 420 | 6,200 | 6,386 |
| Asst Zoning Administrator | 2,000 | 1,476 | | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Auditors | 1,200 | 883 | 317 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Board of Civil Authority | 2,500 | 3,314 | (814) | 2,500 | 3,500 |
| Health Officer | 750 | 759 | (9) | 750 | 750 |
| Listers | 4,800 | 5,328 | (528) | 4,800 | 6,000 |
| Plan Com/Development Review Board | 3,000 | 3,700 | (700) | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Recycling | 1,600 | 1,400 | 200 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Regional Planning Commission | 100 | - | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Roads | 143,000 | 141,083 | 1,917 | 145,000 | 149,350 |
| Selectmen | 4,500 | 4,753 | (253) | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Snow Removal | 500 | 209 | 291 | 500 | 500 |
| Social Security/Medicare Tax | 19,506 | 19,166 | 340 | 18,829 | 20,706 |
| Tax Collector | 10,000 | 12,693 | (2,693) | 10,000 | 13,000 |
| Town Clerk | 34,745 | 34,745 | (0) | 35,440 | 36,503 |
| Town Contribution to Retirement Plan | 4,300 | 4,237 | 63 | 4,300 | 4,539 |
| Town Treasurer | 14,534 | 12,464 | 2,070 | 14,825 | 15,270 |
| Town Hall Cleaning/Repair | | 45 | (45) | | |
| Zoning Administrator | 24,566 | 23,870 | 696 | 25,057 | 25,809 |
| TOTAL PAYROLL | 278,801 | 275,704 | 3,097 | 281,801 | 295,912 |
| ROADS | | | | | |
| Chloride | 10,800 | 11,654 | (854) | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Equipment Rental - Other | 10,000 | 16,118 | (6,118) | 14,000 | 11,000 |
| Flood Damage Repair | | | - | | |
| Hydraulic Hammer | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| Other Material/Culverts | 8,000 | 23,371 | (15,371) | 22,628 | 19,000 |
| Resurfacing | 17,000 | 527 | 16,473 | 200,000 | |
| Pit Crushing | 40,000 | 41,454 | (1,454) | | 38,500 |
| Pit Operation/Reclamation | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Pit Rental | | | | | 13,900 |
| Plant Control Spraying | | | - | | |
| Salt | 14,000 | 16,638 | (2,638) | 14,000 | 17,000 |
| Sand | 2,000 | 3,108 | (1,108) | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Sign and Post | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,000 |
| Emergency Repair | | | | | |
| TOTAL ROADS | 115,800 | 112,869 | 2,931 | 278,628 | 126,400 |
| RECYCLING & LANDFILL | | | | | |
| Landfill Closure | 9,000 | 4,106 | 4,894 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Recycling | 4,000 | 3,732 | 268 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| TOTAL RECYCLING & LANDFILL | 13,000 | 7,838 | 5,162 | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| TOWN BUILDINGS | 12,000 | 19,285 | (7,285) | 12,000 | 15,000 |
| TOWN REPORT | 1,500 | 1,057 | 443 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 688,951 | 693,689 | (4,738) | 856,829 | 735,262 |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET--ACTUAL FY12-13 PROPOSED FY14-15

| CATEGORY | Budget 12-13 | Actual 12-13 | Better/ (Worse) | Budget 13-14 | Proposed 14-15 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| RECEIPTS (Note 2) | | | | | |
| GRANTS | | - | - | | |
| INTEREST | 1,500 | 1,105 | (395) | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| MUNICIPAL OFFICE | 20,000 | 26,869 | 6,869 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| OTHER RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Animal Control | 200 | 50 | (150) | 200 | 200 |
| Auto registration | | 90 | 90 | | |
| Bianchi Requests | 400 | 380 | (20) | 400 | 400 |
| Cemeteries | | | - | | |
| Conservation Commission | | | - | | |
| Gazette Advertising | 500 | 606 | 106 | 500 | 500 |
| Maple Lease | 750 | 1,950 | 1,200 | 800 | 1,000 |
| Other | 500 | 658 | 158 | 1,000 | 750 |
| Post Office Lease | 5,700 | 5,591 | (109) | 6,100 | 6,100 |
| Recycling | 4,500 | 3,714 | (786) | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Road Dept Sales | | | - | | |
| Town Hall/Town Office Rent | 500 | | (500) | 500 | 100 |
| Traffic Tickets | 6,000 | 7,096 | 1,096 | 6,000 | 6,500 |
| Zoning Related | 2,000 | 2,137 | 137 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS | 21,050 | 22,272 | 1,222 | 22,000 | 22,050 |
| PROPERTY TAXES (Penalties only) | | | | | |
| Advertising | 100 | | (100) | 200 | 200 |
| Attorney's Fees | 600 | 772 | 172 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Collector's Fees | 10,000 | 12,322 | 2,322 | 10,000 | 13,000 |
| Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 8,000 | 12,299 | 4,299 | 8,000 | 10,000 |
| Late Filer Revenue | | 534 | 534 | | |
| Registered Mail | 100 | | (100) | 200 | 200 |
| Returned Check Fee | | 50 | 50 | | |
| Small Claims Court Costs | 200 | | (200) | 400 | 400 |
| TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES | 19,000 | 25,977 | 6,977 | 20,000 | 25,000 |
| STATE OF VERMONT AND FEDERAL FUNDING | | | | | |
| Class 2 Roads | 60,000 | 63,109 | 3,109 | 60,000 | 63,000 |
| Current Use ("Hold Harmless") | 60,000 | 60,036 | 36 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Emergency Repair Reimbursement | | | - | | |
| Resurfacing | | 74,797 | 74,797 | 160,000 | |
| State Owned Land (PILOT) | 10,000 | 10,822 | 822 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| TOTAL STATE OF VERMONT | 130,000 | 208,764 | 78,764 | 291,000 | 134,000 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 191,550 | 284,987 | 93,437 | 354,500 | 202,050 |
| CARRYOVERS (Notes 1 and 3) | | | | | |
| FY 12-13 Surplus in Excess of Reserve Limit | | - | | | 21,271 |
| TOTAL GEN FUND TAX BUDGET | 497,401 | 408,702 | 88,699 | 502,329 | 511,941 |

Notes:

(1) The Town of Starksboro voted at the March 1, 2008 town meeting to establish an emergency reserve fund. The balance of this reserve fund at June 30, 2013 was \$100,410. The fund balance is limited to 20% of the net amount to be collected from taxes (expenses minus revenue) in the most recent voted budget, \$100,465 as of June 30, 2013.

(2) The actual expenses and receipts for FY 12-13 are based on the modified accrual basis of accounting and include receivables and payables as shown on the General Fund Balance Sheet

(3) The Total General Fund Tax Budget equals Total Expenses less Total Receipts, adjusted for any carryovers of prior surpluses/deficits.

FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL COMPARISON

| | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | Budgeted 13-14 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>TAX APPROPRIATIONS</u> | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | 481,493 | 496,071 | 496,170 | 497,401 | 502,329 |
| REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND | 3,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | 76,622 | 94,280 | 77,173 | 82,085 | 86,590 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | 39,576 | 26,716 | 27,896 | 29,118 | 30,382 |
| SOLAR TRACKER RESERVE FUND | 0 | | 11,160 | 11,160 | 11,160 |
| IN-TOWN APPROPRIATIONS | 28,975 | 28,875 | 29,425 | 31,175 | 35,925 |
| OUT-OF-TOWN APPROPRIATIONS | 20,145 | 23,625 | 21,598 | 17,825 | 24,383 |
| LAND FOR SAND MINING | | | | | |
| LIBRARY FUNDING | 21,750 | 23,000 | 23,345 | 23,995 | 450 |
| STATE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX | | | | | |
| RESIDENT | 1,360,090 | 1,418,729 | 1,564,726 | 1,608,975 | 1,640,850 |
| NON-RESIDENT | 673,545 | 748,957 | 754,505 | 713,270 | 718,895 |
| TOTAL TAX MONEY REQUIRED | <u>\$2,705,195</u> | <u>\$2,861,253</u> | <u>\$3,006,998</u> | <u>\$3,016,004</u> | <u>\$3,051,964</u> |
| MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST | <u>\$1,552,466</u> | <u>\$1,567,503</u> | <u>\$1,575,707</u> | <u>\$1,575,685</u> | <u>\$1,592,426</u> |
| EDUCATION GRAND LIST - RESIDENT | <u>\$1,063,897</u> | <u>\$1,071,125</u> | <u>\$1,105,445</u> | <u>\$1,099,666</u> | <u>\$1,097,655</u> |
| TAX RATE - RESIDENT | \$1.8045 | \$1.8893 | \$1.8936 | \$1.9305 | \$1.9965 |
| TAX SALE AT YEAR END | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | (1) |
| DELINQUENT TAXES AT YEAR END | \$30,192 | \$38,115 | \$52,190 | \$72,871 | (1) |
| <u>SCHOOL BUDGETS</u> | | | | | |
| ROBINSON SCHOOL -EXPENDITURES | \$2,283,182 | \$2,294,673 | \$2,296,679 | \$2,492,142 | \$2,586,691 |
| <u>MUNICIPAL FUNDS BALANCES</u> | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND - RESERVED | - | - | - | - | |
| GENERAL FUND - UNRESERVED | \$55,817 | - | \$63,353 | \$162,010 | (1) |
| REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND | \$67,322 | \$77,699 | \$88,107 | \$98,413 | (1) |
| ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | \$76,622 | \$85,269 | \$140,408 | \$132,369 | (1) |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | \$31,620 | \$37,035 | \$49,160 | \$63,090 | (1) |
| SOLAR TRACKER FUND | - | - | \$11,161 | \$22,323 | (1) |
| EMERGENCY FUND | \$38,119 | \$62,750 | \$82,777 | \$- | (1) |
| <u>MUNICIPAL DEBT (Principal and Interest)</u> | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | \$26,000 | - | - | - | (1) |
| ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | \$33,568 | \$32,116 | \$31,202 | \$64,310 | (1) |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND | \$60,489 | \$16,462 | \$36,149 | \$15,305 | (1) |
| <u>SCHOOL DEBT (Principal & Interest)</u> | | | | | |
| ROBINSON SCHOOL | \$1,045,000 | \$1,125,394 | \$1,012,773 | \$976,108 | (1) |

Notes:

(1) Not available until after June 30, 2014

Appropriations

| CATEGORY | BUDGET FY 12-13 | ACTUAL FY 12-13 | BUDGET FY 13-14 | PROPOSED FY 14-15 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <u>IN-TOWN REQUESTS</u> | | | | |
| COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,500 |
| STARSBORO MENTORING PROGRAM | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 2,000 |
| FIRST RESPONSE | 2,500 | 2,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| LITTLE LEAGUE/SPORTS PROGRAM | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| PROJECT READ! | 250 | 250 | - | 250 |
| STARSBORO SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM (RASYS) | 425 | 425 | 425 | 425 |
| VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS | <u>\$31,175</u> | <u>\$31,175</u> | <u>\$35,925</u> | <u>\$37,175</u> |
| <u>OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</u> | | | | |
| AC COURT DIVERSION | | | | 600 |
| AC HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, INC. | \$1,964 | \$1,964 | \$1,964 | \$1,964 |
| AC HUMANE SOCIETY | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| AC PARENT/CHILD CENTER | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| ADDISON COUNTY READERS | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| AC TRANSIT RESOURCES | 1,235 | 1,235 | 1,493 | 1,493 |
| AMERICAN RED CROSS | 250 | 250 | 500 | 500 |
| BRISTO FAMILY CENTER | 500 | 500 | 500 | - |
| BRISTOL RECREATION DEPT. | - | - | 2,200 | 2,500 |
| BRISTOL RESCUE SQUAD | - | - | 4,000 | 6,000 |
| CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| ELDERLY SERVICES | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| GREEN UP VERMONT | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| HOPE (formerly ACAG) | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES | 325 | 325 | 350 | 350 |
| JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER | 970 | 970 | 970 | 970 |
| LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION | 550 | 550 | 550 | 550 |
| MAPLE LEAF FARM | 475 | 475 | | |
| NORTHERN VT RC&D COUNCIL | 100 | 100 | 100 | - |
| OPEN DOOR CLINIC | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES | 176 | 176 | 176 | 176 |
| RSVP | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| VERMONT ADULT LEARNING | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| VT ASSN FOR THE BLIND & VIS IMPAIRED | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| WOMENSAFE | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,250 |
| TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS | <u>\$17,825</u> | <u>\$17,825</u> | <u>\$24,383</u> | <u>\$26,333</u> |

GRANTS AND GIFTS

**ACTUAL
FY 12-13**

Park and Ride Grant

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Starting balance | | \$ (4,888) |
| Receipts | \$4,250 | |
| Expenses | \$- | |
| Balance at Year End | | <u><u>\$ (638)</u></u> |

Better Back Roads Grant

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Starting balance | | \$- |
| Receipts | \$10,000 | |
| Expenses | \$ (10,000) | |
| Balance at Year End | | <u><u>\$-</u></u> |



Sugar on snow with Katie Antos-Ketcham and friends.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

JERUSALEM AND STARKSBORO VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUST FUND

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

| | RECEIPTS | DISBURSEMENTS |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance 7/1/12 | \$ 4,829.04 | |
| Village Cemetery | 2,565.92 | |
| Interest | 15.66 | |
| Balance on 6/30/13 | <u> </u> | <u>7,410.62</u> |
| | \$ 7,410.62 | \$ 7,410.62 |

MASON HILL CEMETERY TRUST FUND

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance 7/1/12 | \$ 2,814.79 | |
| Interest | .74 | |
| Balance on 6/30/13 | <u> </u> | <u>\$ 2,815.53</u> |
| | \$ 2,815.53 | \$ 2,815.53 |

STARKSBORO VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUST FUND

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

\$2565.92 ADDED TO JERUSALEM CEMETERY ACCOUNT FOR BETTER INTEREST RETURN

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool Annual Report

The Starksboro Cooperative Preschool (SCP) is a private, nonprofit, cooperative organization run by the parents of the attending children. We are located in the town of Starksboro, and are housed within the Starksboro Village Meetinghouse.

SCP's mission is to provide a positive first school experience to 3-5 year olds, and to offer a high quality, affordable childcare option for the families of Starksboro children. Parents are able to keep their tuition costs down by helping to run the school. Teaching staff includes two Vermont state licensed teachers and two assistants. Our all-volunteer board is comprised of two community members and two preschool parents. Currently, 75% of our board members are Starksboro residents.

This year, SCP was awarded five stars in Vermont's quality rating system, representing the highest possible level of achievement in early childhood programs in our state. Five star programs are considered outstanding in the following areas:

- Compliance with state regulations
- Staff qualifications and training
- Interaction with and overall support of children, families, and communities
- How thoroughly providers assess what they do and plan for improvements
- The strength of the program's operating policies and business practices.

We continue to provide a full day preschool program for 3-5 year olds that runs from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. A half-day program is also available. Using the Vermont Early Learning Standards as guidance, teachers plan daily activities that promote learning in literacy, math, social studies, science, and the arts. We place particular emphasis on social and emotional learning, which is woven into every aspect of our program.

SCP is able to offer parents several tuition assistance programs including Pre-K Partnership funding through the ANESU school district, and participation in the Vermont Child Care Assistance Fund. These programs require mandated infrastructure and reporting practices that generate increased responsibilities for SCP staff, and serve to demonstrate SCP's commitment to providing affordable, quality care. Within our cooperative structure, our families continue to work hard to raise operating funds through community fundraisers, such as the 5Town 5K Road Race. During FY12, we held our first annual online silent auction, raising just under \$5000.00. SCP appreciates the generous donations given by local businesses and townspeople.

This year, 80% of our students live in Starksboro. Registration for 2014-15 will begin on February 1, 2014 for returning students and Starksboro families. Starksboro residents are given enrollment priority, and may exclusively register during the month of February.

We are most appreciative of the support given by Starksboro voters, and invite one and all to come see our program in action. Numerous studies have shown that every dollar spent on education in the first five years of life will save approximately seven dollars later on. SCP believes that supporting our program will be a good investment for Starksboro.

We respectfully request \$4,500.00 for the 2014-15 school year.

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool Inc

Profit & Loss

Cash Basis

July 2012 through June 2013

| | <u>Jul '12 – Jun '13</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| 40000 – Tuition Income | 69,810.08 |
| 40100 – Grants, Donation, Contributions | 32,651.30 |
| 40200 – Fundraising Income | 8,270.34 |
| 40900 – Misc Income | <u>4,029.10</u> |
| Total Income | 114,760.82 |
| Expense | |
| 50000 – Program Expense | 99,576.75 |
| 60000 – Facility Expense | 5,204.13 |
| 66900 – Reconciliation Discrepancies | 0.00 |
| 70000 – General & Admin | <u>13,340.56</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>118,121.44</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | -3,360.62 |
| Other Income/Expenses | |
| Other Income | |
| 80000 – Other Income | <u>493.37</u> |
| Total Other Income | 493.37 |
| Other Expense | |
| 90015 – Interest expense | <u>344.03</u> |
| Total Other Expense | <u>344.03</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>149.34</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>-3,211.28</u></u> |



Craig-Mason Sugarhouse. Gully Hill Rd.

Starksboro Project READ!!

“Reading Enjoyment and Distribution”

Project READ!! is an all-volunteer organization made up of community members, parents, and teachers who are committed to promoting literacy in our town of Starksboro. This past year we were funded by proceeds from the Vermont Folk Rocker Raffle, a Scholastic Book Fair at Robinson, and community donations. We sincerely appreciate the support from Jim Geier, who yearly donates one of his beautiful Vermont Folk Rocker Chairs to our cause. We also would like to acknowledge all of the parents, grandparents, and community members who made the Book Fair a possibility.

Project READ!!'s most well-known literacy program is the BookWagon, a program that distributes books to children over the summer. Each week in the summer, one of the volunteers drives his/her car to five different spots in the community. Each child visiting the stop can choose a book to keep from a wide collection of books. At Robinson School, which was the first stop each week, there was a community storyteller who read aloud to the children. Last summer, the BookWagon ran for eight weeks and over 550 books were given out to children.

For the fourth year in a row, Project READ!! worked in conjunction with the Starksboro Town Library to organize a reading incentive program to promote reading over the summer. Each week, children were encouraged to record their reading. They could turn in their recording sheets each week and receive a small prize. There was a weekly drawing for a slightly larger prize, and all of the slips were entered into a grand prize drawing for a Nook Electronic Reader. The drawing was held at a Morning Assembly at Robinson School (MARS) and the Nook was awarded to a second grade child. The program was once again very successful in getting children motivated to read over the summer.

Project READ!! also sponsors the Newborn Book Dedication and Tea-Party, an annual event for the last eleven years. Parents of children born or adopted in the last year came to the library to pick out a new picture book to be dedicated to their child. Families who were not able to attend also had books dedicated to their children. This year, twenty books were dedicated to the newest members of Starksboro. These books will be in circulation through the library for all to enjoy.

Another way Project READ!! has been able to put books into children's hands this past year was by organizing the Scholastic Book Fair that was held at Robinson School. Project READ!! subsidizes each child with Scholastic dollars to put toward buying a new book at the fair. The remaining scholastic dollars we earn allow us to purchase some of the books that are given away in the summer.

Last spring, Project READ!! held its annual Literacy Game Night. Over 50 Robinson students and their families attended the event, which included a free dinner and games to take home. When dinner was finished, students were divided into two groups by grade level and were taught how to play two different age-appropriate games that involved spelling, reading, vocabulary, speaking and listening. The evening was very successful and we are looking forward to creating new games and hosting the event again this spring.

We are finding that book prices are rising and we would like to once again ask for the support of the town. We are asking for \$250 that would be used to support the many ways we put books and reading activities into the hands of the children of Starksboro.

We are always looking for new members. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Starksboro Project READ!! at P.O. Box 10, Starksboro, or contact Mary O'Brien 453-2949.

Starksboro Project READ Financial Statement:

Balance as of 12/30/12 **\$2572.10**

Income:

Rocking Chair Raffle: \$2390.00

Town Appropriation: \$ 0.00

Donations: \$ 35.00

Bookfair Fall 2012: \$ 225.29

Total Income: **\$2650.29**

Expenses:

Bookwagon books for use in 2013 \$ 224.46

Bookwagon books for use in 2014 \$ 352.95

Reading Incentive (Nook) \$ 89.00

Books for Baby Tea 2013 \$ 172.66

Performer for Baby Tea 2013 \$ 100.00

Literacy Night Supplies \$ 217.21

Literacy Night – Food \$ 400.00

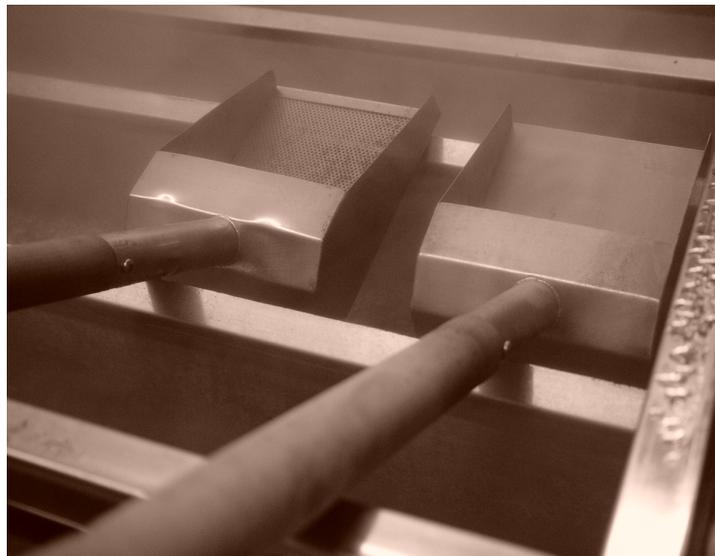
Booth Rental \$ 35.00

Bookmarks \$ 33.00

Statement Fees \$ 24.71

Total Expenses: **\$1648.99**

Balance as of 12/30/13 **\$3573.40**



STARКСBORO FIRST RESPONSE

The last few years have seen significant changes for Vermont EMS. Some of these include the new Scopes of Practice model, licensure of personnel, new Protocols, the Learning Management System (Centre Learn), and many new faces in the EMS office. More emphasis is being put on establishing minimum standards for credentialing of EMS providers by their agency, and updating statewide protocols. All new protocol education must be completed by March 31, 2014.

Beginning the first part of January 2014, Bristol Rescue (our transporting ambulance) made the decision to go with Shelburne Dispatch for their dispatching needs. Porter Dispatch was taken over by Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Assn. Lots of Changes!!

Here in Starksboro, we responded to 135 calls this past year. They are broken down by category and by month below.

| | | | |
|--------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| Medical | 73 | Pediatric | 9 |
| Domestics | 3 | Fire Alarms | 11 |
| Trauma | 15 | Motor Vehicle crashes | 17 |
| Drug-related | 7 | | |

By Month:

| | | | |
|-----|----|------|----|
| Jan | 13 | Jul | 17 |
| Feb | 10 | Aug | 13 |
| Mar | 6 | Sept | 9 |
| Apr | 14 | Oct | 8 |
| May | 14 | Nov | 7 |
| Jun | 12 | Dec | 12 |

We welcomed new EMT, Derek Doucet, to our squad this past year, bringing our total membership to five.

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and peaceful new year.

Wishing you the best,

Derek Doucet, Cheryl Estey, Tracey Orvis, Charlene Phelps, Dave Schantz

STARКСBORO FIRST RESPONSE

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

| | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Cash on Hand – 7/01/12 | \$ 848.31 | |
| Donations | 1580.00 | |
| Town Appropriation | 2500.00 | |
| Flu Vaccine | 465.00 | |
| Reimbursements | 76.34 | |
| Transfer | 2000.00 | |
| Medical Supplies | | \$ 1571.41 |
| Utilities: Heat | | 1880.25 |
| Power | | 354.29 |
| Water | | 60.00 |
| Building Maintenance | | 1290.36 |
| Training | | 735.00 |
| Flu Vaccine | | 240.00 |
| | <u>\$7469.65</u> | <u>\$ 6131.31</u> |
| Cash on Hand – 6/30/13 | | 1338.34 |
| | <u>\$7469.65</u> | <u>\$ 7469.65</u> |

Cheryl Estey, Treasurer



Sugaring on the Edgar Smith Farm (now Lewis Creek Farm, Starksboro village) with oxen dragging a sledge with collecting tub. Note milk cans in the left foreground. Mid 1930s or early 1940s.

Starksboro Sports Program

The Starksboro Sports Program is an all-volunteer organization that provides soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball opportunities for the Town. Any child who wants to take part in the program is able to do so, regardless of experience and ability. Through Town support and fundraising, the Sports Program is able to keep participation fees low, with financial assistance available to those families in need.

Sports Program funds are used to pay for uniforms, equipment, field maintenance / improvements, and scholarships for a 6th grade boy and girl. Over the past year, the Sports Program has been busy with the planning and coordination of each season, as well as special projects such as investigating the replacement of the backboards at the School and dugouts for the baseball and softball fields. The backboard project is proving to be an interesting case study of how the school was constructed and what support structure is in place. If you have expertise that might help us determine whether the gym structure could support new (heavier) backboards, please let us know! We'd love to hear from you.

The 6th Grade Scholarship is awarded to a graduating girl and boy who exemplify the qualities welcomed by the Sports Program and have also had academic success at Robinson. This year, Ruby Ball and William Wright were the scholarship recipients. Congratulations!

Sports Program Highlights:

- *Jamfest* is the largest elementary school soccer jamboree in Vermont, and the largest fundraiser for the Sports Program. This September, 88 teams from 11 towns participated in the all-day event, which included food concessions, a first-aid tent, face painting, and over 120 soccer games!
- The 5-6 Girls soccer team came in second place in the Five Town Cup Tournament.
- The 5-6 Girls basketball team capped off another very successful season by winning the Bristol Recreation District Tournament (for the fourth year in a row).
- At the All-Star Little League 11-12 Softball level, Starksboro was represented by three girls (Olivia Young, Jenna McArdle, and Ruby Ball) and one coach. The girls won the Vermont State Tournament and traveled to the Eastern Regionals in Bristol, CT. They won one game, which was the first time a team from Vermont has won a softball game at this level. The Sports Program assisted in funding the week-long trip, where athletes also got to spend time at ESPN and on the set of SportsCenter.
- The undefeated Boys Majors baseball team won the Mt. Abe Little League Championship for the second year in a row. Numerous players and coaches at both the Minor and Major levels went on to represent Starksboro at All Stars.

Thank you to the many people who volunteer their time as coaches, serve on the Sports Program planning committee, drive kids to practices and games, and work behind the scenes to make Sports Program events happen. Appreciation also goes out to Robinson School, Dennis Casey Excavating, and the Town for supporting this important community program.

STARSBORO SPORTS

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

| | RECEIPTS | DISBURSEMENTS |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Balance 7/1/12 | \$ 8,353.33 | |
| Registrations | 1,543.00 | |
| Jamboree | 13,241.75 | |
| Fundraiser breakfast | 728.00 | |
| Interest | 2.71 | |
| Town Appropriation | 2,500.00 | |
| | | |
| Field | | \$ 8,292.45 |
| Fundraiser expenses | | 2,654.21 |
| Equipment and supplies | | 3,470.82 |
| Insurance | | 380.00 |
| Returned check | | 35.00 |
| Scholarship | | |
| Balance on 6/30/13 | <u> </u> | <u>11,536.31</u> |
| | \$ 26,368.79 | \$ 26,368.79 |



The Starksboro float in the May 2012 new Lake Champlain Bridge celebration parade. The float was the brainchild and built by Matt Witten, who also sang along the route with the Starksboro schoolchildren, and David Russell provided the horsepower.

STARSBORO MENTORING PROGRAM

The Starksboro Mentoring Program is now in its eighth year and finding continued success with long-lasting, safe, adult-to-child mentor matches and strong financial backing from the ANESU school district, Town of Starksboro, EPSDT/MAC funds (federal early prevention, screening and detection/Medicaid), private donations and grants from Mobius, the statewide mentoring partnership. The program has continued to grow this past year, including an all time high of 28 Starksboro adult-to-child matches. Mentors continue to be the greatest advocates and public relations specialists for the Program. New ideas and committed follow-through on the part of board members and community mentors mark many of our successes. This past year, the Monkton and Lincoln communities have begun implementation of mentor programs, based on the Starksboro model. Mount Abraham has begun to pick up our mentor matches, so that matches can continue through high school. Scheduled whole group events with mentor matches include bowling, swimming, sledding and craft parties. Mentors make a difference in the lives of our children. As one mentored child reported this year, "I feel happy and excited when I am with my mentor. She makes me feel like I am a good person and I have a new start."



Evaporator at Highland Sugarworks, Brown's Hill East

STARКСBORO FOOD SHELF

The Starksboro Food Shelf has been helping people in the community for the past eleven years, and continues to serve the approximately twenty-five families that use it. We are seeing families using the Food Shelf more frequently than in the past. This may be directly related to the colder than normal weather this winter, causing higher fuel expenses.

There has been talk about moving the Food Shelf down the street to the old town office building near the Post Office. This would make it easier for the clients as well as easier for taking groceries in and out. There would be more space so store groceries. It also opens up the possibility of offering other resources possibly in the future.

If there are folks out there who would be willing to help clean, paint, and prepare the building for the Food Shelf move, please contact Peter Ryersbach or Michael Gray. Any amount of time would be appreciated. They may also be looking for volunteers to keep the Food Shelf open a few hours a couple of days a week, and to do the shopping as needed.

As always, we appreciate all of the donations and shopping that we have received from folks, which has allowed us to keep the Food Shelf running for the past eleven years. We could not have done it without your generosity. Thank you.



Ghyll-Fenn Sugarworks, South Starksboro

STARSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC

2013 Report

This past year the Fire Department responded to 46 calls, totaling 452 man hours. These included fire, motor vehicle crashes, CO calls, mutual aid and assisting Bristol Rescue. Along with these calls we also completed 567 hours of training. Also, many hours have to be put into vehicle maintenance.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to help your community, we have a place for you. You are invited to stop by at any of our meetings or drills; just contact any member. Meetings are the first Monday of each month, and drills are the third Monday and the last Wednesday of each month.

Department officers for the year are Chief Tom Estey, Asst Chief Tony Porter, Asst Chief Matt Estey, Captain Eric Cota, Captain Hugh Johnson, and Lieutenant David Orvis.

Burn permits for brush or untreated wood are available by contacting either Tom Estey (453-4511 or 373-6529) or Tony Porter (989-5096). All other burning is illegal.

If you have any fire-related questions, you can contact Tom Estey. Check your **SMOKE** and **CO** detectors monthly, and change the batteries yearly.

Working Detectors Save Lives!!!

Remember CO gas is colorless and odorless and is flammable at 12.5-74% in air. It also weighs the same as air and is detectable by a meter only.

Make sure your 911 sign is posted properly!!

We thank the First Response and the Ladies Auxiliary for their support.

Thank You for your financial support.

Tom Estey, Chief
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

| | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Checking 7/01/12 | \$ 9236.45 | | |
| Tax Appropriations | 20000.00 | | |
| Interest | 27.13 | | |
| Coin Drop | 2161.21 | | |
| Money Tree | 562.50 | | |
| Town of Starksboro – Utility truck | 90000.00 | | |
| Conservation & Development (Dry Hydrant Grant) | 2500.00 | | |
| Town of Shoreham (Sale of old utility truck) | 10000.00 | | |
| Glalfelter Claims Management (Saputo Fire) | 1000.00 | | |
| Donations | 920.00 | | |
| Other Income | 95.00 | | |
| Electricity – Station #1 | | 992.32 | |
| Heat – Station #1 | | 2936.28 | |
| Heat – Station #2 | | 938.76 | |
| Fire Phone | | 424.01 | |
| Postage & Box Rent | | 124.00 | |
| Shelburne Police Department | | 863.26 | |
| Fire Equipment, Supplies & Repairs | | 7833.99 | |
| Radio, Pagers & Repairs | | 4952.94 | |
| Firemen's Gear | | 6207.61 | |
| Other Expenses | | 3343.59 | |
| State, County Dues, & Training | | 1375.00 | |
| Command Fire Apparatus (utility truck final payment) | | 80000.00 | |
| Bristol Fire Department (air bottles) | | 1000.00 | |
| Dennis Casey (dry hydrant excavating) | | 2940.00 | |
| Town of Starksboro (tires for utility & tanker) | | 1583.16 | |
| Poseidon Air Systems | | 2447.65 | |
| | \$136502.29 | \$117962.57 | |
| Checking 6/30/13 | | 18539.72 | |
| | \$136502.29 | \$136502.29 | |
| | | | |
| <u>CD Building Fund</u> | | <u>CD Truck Fund</u> | |
| 7/1/12 - | \$9081.07 | 7/1/12 - | \$9044.80 |
| Interest | <u>24.29</u> | Interest | <u>24.19</u> |
| 6/30/13 | \$9105.36 | 6/30/13 | \$9068.99 |

STARКСBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

| | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cash on Hand in Bank 7/1/12 | <u>\$ 3014.09</u> | |
| Fund-raisers: | | |
| T-shirt, DVD, Notecard Sales | 72.00 | |
| Memorial Donations (Vera Cota) | 750.00 | |
| Interest | 1.41 | |
| Bank refund for service charge | 10.00 | |
| Funeral Expenses (Cota) | | 221.92 |
| Bank Service Charges | | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total Disbursements | | 231.92 |
| Cash in bank 6/30/13 | <u>\$ 3847.50</u> | <u>3615.58</u> |
| | | <u>\$3847.50</u> |

Submitted by Chris Runcie, Treasurer



Maggie Brook sugarhouse, Ruby Brace Road

Addison County
COURT DIVERSION

A Community Response to Crime
P.O. Box 881, Boardman St, Middlebury, Vt 05753, 388-3888

ACCD provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the “balanced approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience.

We offer many different programs, including: **All Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, The Circle of Support and Accountability Program, The Driving with License Suspended Program.** On any given day in Vermont there are an estimated 17,000 drivers on the road with a suspended license.

The following is a breakdown of the number of individuals from the town of Starksboro who were provided services through our agency:

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Court Diversion – 3 | YSASP – 1 | Community Mentor – 1 |
| Reparative w/o Probation – 4 | COSA – 1 | DLS – 0 |

ADDISON COUNTY
HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Your nonprofit VNA since 1968

At Addison County Home Health & Hospice, we are passionate about providing the highest quality care, in a cost effective way, as we assist people to remain safe and independent at home. With community support, we will continue to provide our essential services and meet the growing healthcare needs of our community.

For the past 46 years, Addison County Home Health and Hospice has been integral part of the healthcare delivery system in Starksboro. We are committed to providing medically necessary services to all residents of Addison County regardless of their ability to pay.

ACHHH employs over 185 staff, providing services 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to patients referred by their physicians and in need of medical treatment in their home. The agency provided 1643 visits to Starksboro residents. A break out of Medical/Hospice services for Starksboro is as follows:

| Service | Patient Visits |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Skilled Nursing | 515 |
| Physical Therapy | 168 |
| Speech Therapy | 9 |
| Occupational Therapy | 24 |
| Medical Social Worker | 51 |
| License Nurses Assistant | 353 |
| Personal Care Attendants | 523 |
| Total visits | 1643 |

ADDISON COUNTY
PARENT / CHILD CENTER

Last year your financial support helped us to provide services to 99 residents of Starksboro. While the PCC is probably best known for its work with adolescent families and young children, our services are intended for any family who needs and wants them. We help families assess their children's physical and cognitive development and provides support services if needed. We also offer consultation and support to families and childcare providers around young children's social, emotional and behavioral development. Playgroups are offered around the county to promote social interactions for children and parents. All families with newborns are offered Welcome Baby bags and visits to introduce them to available services in the county.

Learning Together, our intensive in-house training program builds parenting and job readiness skills and serves as an alternative education site for Addison County high schools. The program focuses on young parents and other teens at risk of parenting too young. To complement our programs the Center also provides high-quality childcare to infants and toddlers. The Center has renovated a nine-resident boarding house in Middlebury which is the cornerstone of a "First Time Renters" program for youth to learn and practice the skills necessary to be successful tenants in our community.

All of these services are free for anyone and can be accesses by calling the Center at 388-3171.



What goes into a mind comes out in a life

Addison County Readers, Inc is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County. It costs ACR about \$30 per child per year to provide the program. In December 2013, 59 children in Starksboro (56% of the possible children) were receiving books through the program. Studies show that reading is an essential gateway for children on the path to success in school and later in the workplace. Reading to children even before they can hold a book on their own is one of the smartest choices parents and caregivers can make. Speaking to an 8-month old infant improves vocabulary at age three.

Our survey of parents in Spring 2013 showed that the books are read to the children, frequently, and the children really listen to the stories. Most of the children talk about the stories, learn new words, and independently look through the books. More than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of their participation in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – and are more willing to bring other books into their home!

We greatly appreciate Starksboro's past funding and hope that you will continue to support our program.

Diana Bain, Treasurer ACR
Lisa Daudon, Starksboro Librarian

802-758-2218
802-453-3732

ADDISON COUNTY TRANSIT RESOURCES

During the past 21 years, Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) has provided dozens of Starksboro residents with transportation services to medical appointments, pharmacies, senior meal-sites, grocery markets, legal assistance and other vital or quality-of-life services. In the past year ACTR provided 1,453 trips for Starksboro residents either by ACTR volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Our free services include transportation for Medicaid recipients, elders and persons with disabilities. In addition, we can provide other demand-response transportation services for a small fee. Starksboro residents have Monday-Friday commuter access to Hinesburg and Burlington on the 116 Commuter bus route. The 116 Commuter also connects residents to Bristol, Middlebury and the entire ACTR bus system.

In FY 13 ACTR's Shuttle Bus and Dial-a-Ride systems provided 177,557 rides, nearly 5,600 more trips than the previous year total. All of our transportation programs enable our riders to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

ACTR's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.
Jim Moulton, Executive Director 388-2287

AMERICAN RED CROSS

29 Mansfield Ave, Burlington, Vt 05401
800-660-9130
www.redcross.org/vermont

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses.

Over the past two years, we have been focusing on disaster preparedness, specifically, working to help communities become better prepared when a disaster strikes. This program is called the Local Disaster Shelter initiative and its purpose is to offer each town in our region the training, support, and supplies to open its own emergency shelter during times of disaster when outside assistance is not available. This initiative helps communities build resiliency and take an invaluable step toward a level of preparedness that meets today's realities. To date, 40 communities have joined this initiative and dozens more are taking steps to participate.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses, and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation based on its current population.

Larry Crist, Regional Executive

800-660-9130

BRISTOL FAMILY CENTER

Growing Curious Minds

The Bristol Family Center is a non-profit preschool serving over 40 families in the five town area and beyond. We were established in 1990 to meet the growing need for high quality child care and early education. We are fully licensed by the State of Vermont Department of Children & Families' Child Development Division. The Bristol Family Center is accredited by the Step Ahead for Recognition System as a 4 star program.

While providing a day long program with a thoughtful curriculum, the Center recognizes the inherent uniqueness of each child. We offer experiences that build self-help skills and foster independence which promotes the development of stable and long term relationships. The BFC supports each child as they learn at their own pace through a balance of child initiated and teacher guided activities. We create environments where children feel comfortable and are inspired to learn through play in preparation for future learning opportunities.

Sarah Rougier, Director

BRISTOL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 249, Bristol, Vermont 05443

453-5885 or www.bristolrec.org

bristolrec@gmavt.net

The Bristol Recreation Department is committed to offering lifelong learning opportunities through a wide range of quality recreational and performing arts activities to people of all ages. These funds support the myriad of classes we offer each year at no extra cost to the Starksboro community as well as, the use of the Skate Park, and The Hub Teen Center, which are free to the general public.

Darla Senecal, Director



BRISTOL RESCUE SQUAD, INC

P.O. Box 227, Bristol, Vermont 05443
453-2513 (business phone) or 453-2472 (squad building)

Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc is a non profit organization whose purpose is to provide 24 hour emergency medical and rescue service for the good and best welfare of the community it serves. BRS has been continually serving the five town region since 1970 and is dispatched to approximately 700 calls per year within its response area.

Bristol Rescue Squad offers residents of the five town region it serves yearly subscription service where, for a yearly fee, ambulance service is provided for no cost to subscribers.

We are always looking to have new members. If you think you might consider serving your community as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, please contact our offices at 453-2513, or talk to one of our members.

George Dunne, Secretary

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING

CVAA has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 30 years. During this past year, we provided services to 88 older residents of Starksboro. Services provided include:

Meals on Wheels – CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal. This past year 6 Starksboro seniors participated in the Meals on Wheels program.

Senior Community Meals – Starksboro seniors attend community meals at the First Baptist Church and participate in the CVAA restaurant ticket program. In addition to a nutritious meal, the community meal provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone. Over 76 Starksboro seniors participated in this program.

Case Management – Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. Nicole Van Buren, the Case Manager for Starksboro, worked with 14 seniors in your town.

Senior HelpLine – CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the Senior HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 during business hours.

Sarah Lemnah, Communications and Development Director

802-865-0360

The COUNSELING SERVICE of ADDISON COUNTY

89 Main St, Middlebury, Vermont 05753
388-6751 or 388-7641 (Emergency Service)

During our fiscal year 2013, the **Counseling Service provided 7372 hours of service** to residents from the town of Starksboro who had mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability needs.

The Counseling Service provides a broad array of vitally needed services to:

- Children, adolescents, adults, and families facing challenges & crises in their lives.
- Individuals living with developmental disabilities and also their families.
- People with severe and persistent mental illness.
- People dealing with substance abuse problems.
- Elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.
- The entire community, through educational programs and special events.

We are a non-profit organization and although we receive support from the state and third party payors, almost all of our funding is designated and doesn't allow us to fully meet the many needs of the people we serve. We are committed to making our services available to all people regardless of their ability to pay.

Robert S. Thorn, Ph.D, Executive Director

ELDERLY SERVICES, INC

112 Exchange St, P.O. Box 581, Middlebury, Vt 05753
388-3983

Project Independence is an adult day program for elders providing safe, medically oriented daytime care that includes: fun social activities; specialized van transportation to and from home; hot, delicious meals tailored to the dietary needs of our participants; individualized nursing care; personal care including toileting assistance and hygiene, foot and hair care; educational programs and entertainment; coordination with other health care providers and social service agencies; and daytime respite for family caregivers.

In addition to daytime care services, our staff also provides caregiving education and emotional support to family members whose elderly relative attends our center. Project Independence offers a closely supervised, nurturing group program to women and men whose independence has lessened due to frailty, disability, chronic illness, or very advanced age. Hot meals, nursing, personal care, group activities, and one on one caring make "Project" a daytime home away from home. Our hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 7 am to 2 pm Saturdays.

Starksboro residents received a total of 184 hours of care, 69 hot meals, and approximately 58 van rides.

GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191
Montpelier, Vt 05601
800-974-3259

www.greenupvermont.org

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

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The “State” does not “do” Green Up Day.

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

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, the first Saturday in May.

HOMeward BOUND

236 Boardman St
Middlebury, Vt 05753

The mission of Homeward Bound, is to educate the community and improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society. We safeguard, rescue, shelter, heal, adopt and advocate for animals in need, while inspiring community action and compassion on their behalf.

Homeward Bound is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the well being of homeless, abandoned and abuse/neglected animals. Founded in 1975, Homeward Bound continues to serve as the only animal shelter in Addison County and since its inception has served over 19,000 animals without state, federal or United Way funding.

Through September 2013, we took in 460 animals from Addison County: 203 of which were surrendered by their owners for re-homing and 257 of which were strays brought in by animal control or citizens. Six of those animals came from the Town of Starksboro. For more info, please call 388-1443 or visit www.homewardboundanimals.org.

H O P E

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects

Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), dba HOPE, strives to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with basic needs and self-help opportunities. Our vision is “all persons in Addison County have the tools and resources necessary in order to meet their own basic needs”. HOPE’s task is to assist low income people in acquiring and developing those resources. HOPE’s services include, but are not limited to:

- AC Emergency Food Shelf
- Rent, Utility and fuel assistance
- Emergency firewood and cash and carry fuel
- Financial assistance with medical and dental needs, transportation to appointment
- Help for working persons including tools and uniforms, money for fuel & car repairs for those needing a vehicle to get to work, job skill training
- Specialized housing opportunities for persons with disabilities & special needs
- Clothing, furniture and essential household goods
- Budget counseling; Advocacy, information and referrals

Use of the AC Food Shelf, which is operated by HOPE, has risen to historic levels, and continues to climb. At the same time, supplies of non-perishable food are drying up in response to economic and market shifts. We are responding by working with farmers and others to increase the amount of locally grown food available to low income households. HOPE provided assistance to 147 Starksboro residents during the twelve month period ended Sept 30, 2013.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

HVS is a healthy, growing agency providing *free* programs and services to town residents in three areas. Our primary commitment is to provide the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. Our current volunteer roster carries the names of 194 remarkable and dedicated people. Hospice volunteers offer both practical and emotional support tailored to the individual needs of each patient and family. Most of these services are provided in the home setting, but care is also provided in nursing homes, community care homes, and the hospital. The 50+ Wellspring hospice singers are available to sing songs of reassurance, comfort, and hope at patients’ bedsides, or in other hospice settings.

Our second area of focus, grief support, follows naturally on the heels of our work with hospice patients. Bereavement support services are offered to all residents of Addison County. We offer ongoing grief support groups, grief consultation, one-on-one volunteer outreach, special supportive and educational events, and the Phoenix Group (monthly potluck gathering of widowed people for the purpose of social and community connection). All of our grief groups are free and open to the public and reached more than 550 people in 2012.

Lastly, we have a commitment to serve as a resource and leader in providing education and support throughout Addison county around issues of end-of-life care, death, bereavement and loss. We have many written resources available free of charge.

JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER

This year marks our 34th year of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2013, we:

- Provided more than 10,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 200 people;
- Provided transitional housing to families at our own buildings and at many scatter sites;
- Helped dozens of people find permanent housing and employment;
- Provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives.

Who are Vermont's homeless? It used to be a single man, out of work and down on his luck, struggling to overcome alcohol or drug addictions. **But today the face of homelessness is a beautiful young woman, striving to balance a job while caring for her young children.**

In Vermont, the number of homeless school-aged children increased from 785 in 2009 to 1202 in 2012. The result of spiraling rents and stagnant incomes, this 53% increase is one of the fastest growing rates of child homelessness in the country. We see each day at the John Graham Shelter how homeless children are more likely to be sick, hungry, exposed to violence and at risk of school failure. The John Graham Shelter provided housing to more than 100 families with children this year. Please visit our website: www.johngrahamshelter.org.

LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Thanks to annual support from watershed towns, friends and grantors, LCA works collaboratively with the LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Lake Iroquois Assoc, South Chittenden Riverwatch, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, Vermont Family Forests, Addison County Relocalization Project, Charlotte and Hinesburg Land Trusts, statewide groups, and regional and town committees in seven towns to protect and improve water quality, our valued natural systems and our local nature based economy. Our reach is from Shelburne to Leicester and from the Lake to the Western Green Mountains.

In 2013, private and town contributions helped to leverage government grants for education and strategic water quality improvements and river conservation projects identified in recent studies. LCA was also invited to participate in several state wide groups charged with making recommendations for new state water quality improvement policies and strategies.

We post reports and maps in the LCA website library, and day to day activities on Facebook. To learn more, please visit us at lewis creek.org and Facebook.

OPEN DOOR CLINIC

Between January 1 and December 20, 2013, the Open Door Clinic provided services to 807 area residents through 3472 clinic visits and case management services. Of those, 25 were residents of Starksboro who received care through 80 interactions, including medical visits, consults, case management and outreach services.

The Open Door Clinic provides access to health care services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet financial eligibility guidelines. It is our goal to provide quality health care for patients seeking our assistance until a permanent healthcare provider can be accessed through private or government assisted insurance programs.

Each patient was provided free primary care services from a variety of volunteers, including nurses, nurse practitioners and doctors, laboratory and radiology testing donated by Porter Medical Center, and radiological interpretation provided by Middlebury Radiology Associates. We also provide extensive support to patients to help them enroll in one of the Green Mountain Care health insurance programs, and now into Vermont Health Connect. This high level of support helps to ensure that patients complete the necessary paperwork and remain enrolled over time.

OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

In 2014 the District will be looking to continue to support rain garden installation. Rain gardens will recharge ground water and reduce stormwater surges in streams and rivers following storm events. In 2009 there were 8 installed in Middlebury, Bristol, Ripton and Starksboro.

Weather permitting Conservation Field Day at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site is held and 250 Addison County students participate in this conservation education event.

The Agriculture Resource specialist worked with 3 farmers in the Lewis Creek watershed in preparation for implementing conservation practices.

1 Starksboro resident received drinking water well sampling in conjunction with conservation support from the District.

4 Starksboro residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree Sale.

David Russell of Starksboro joined the Otter Creek Conservation District in 2012. David represents landowners in Starksboro and surrounding towns.

RSVP

RSVP is Addison County's **volunteer management service** which oversees several programs that benefit residents of Starksboro. We oversee the following initiatives:

- **Bone Builders** osteoporosis prevention classes which are offered at no charge at the Starksboro Library and the Jerusalem School House,
- **The Foster Grandparent Program** which supports a volunteer in Robinson School's third grade classrooms,
- **Free income tax return preparation services** for senior citizens,
- **Volunteer drivers** for Meals on Wheels and ACTR,
- **Warm Hearts/Warm Hands** handmade items which are given to local schools, nursing homes, social service agencies and hospitals, and
- **The Volunteer Center** of the United Way which sent out more than 1,000 volunteers into the community last year and organizes the annual Days of Caring.

In addition, any Starksboro resident who received assistance from a service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. **Last year, 353 RSVP members volunteered 60,514 hours at 135 schools, hospitals, social service agencies and non-profits in our community.**

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call Serena or Lynn at 388-7044.

VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

Vermont Adult Learning of Addison County provided services to 186 individuals, 9 of whom were residents of Starksboro.

Program Description

Vermont Adult Learning offers a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals. Areas of focus include reading, writing, math, GED, high school diploma and English as a second language. Instruction is available to students with a GED or diploma who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

Every student has an individual learning plan with a goal that includes transition plans, usually to employment or further education. VAL also provides WorkKeys, a job skills assessment measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical to success. WorkKeys certification is a nationally recognized career readiness certificate. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences.

Our programs are free and confidential.

VERMONT ASSOC. FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus creates feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood by their peers.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at general@vabvi.org or visit us our website at www.vabvi.org.

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

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

During FY '13, one resident of Starksboro received services from the following program: Information Referral and Assistance.

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

WOMENSAFE

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 we served at least 13 residents of Starksboro and the parents of at least 9 children who were exposed to the violence. Often victims choose not to give us any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, our statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution would be used to support the services that we provide to our service users, such as our hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Contact information: 24 – hour Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205

The Supervised Visitation Program @WomenSafe: 802-388-6783

Business: 388-9180

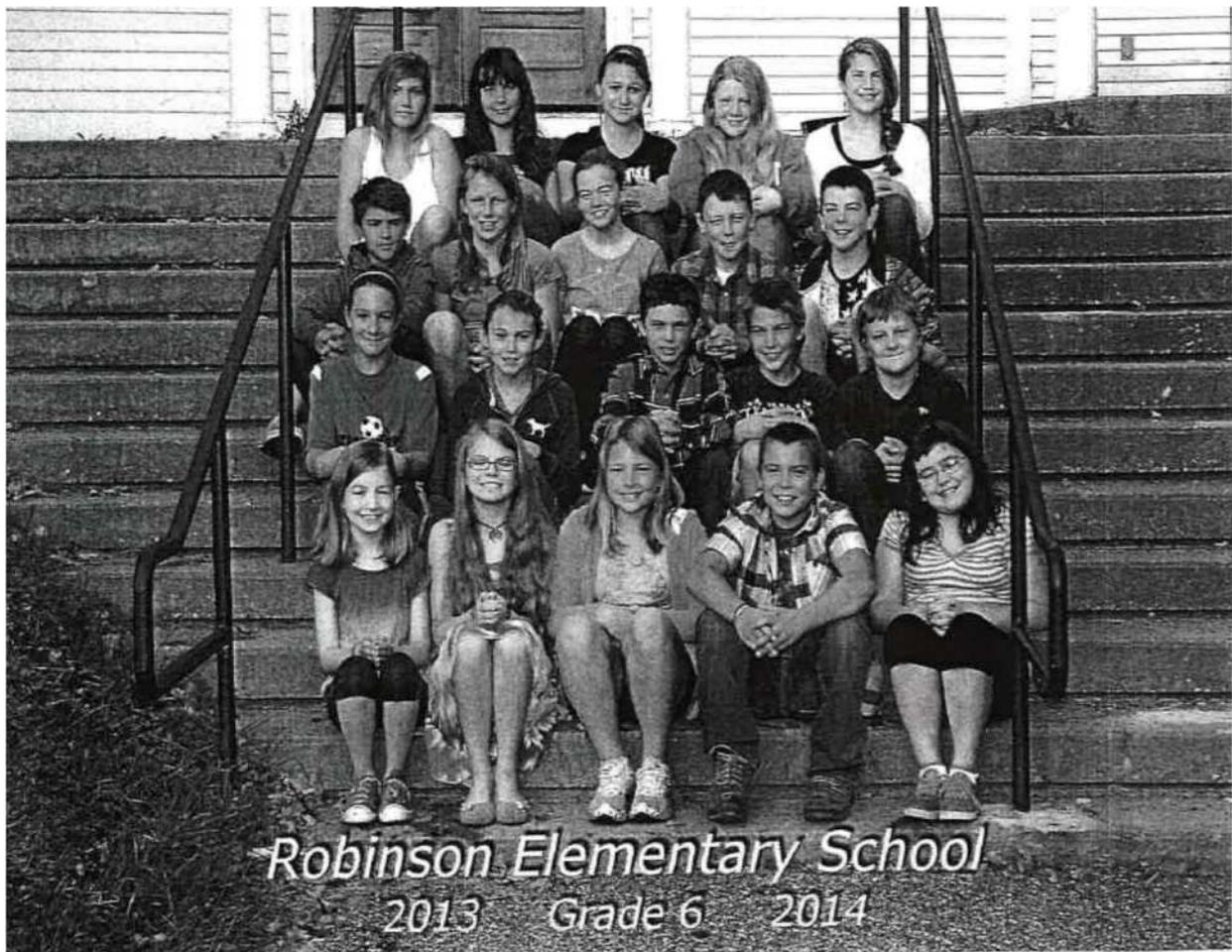
Fax: 388-3438

E-mail: info@womensafe.net

Web: www.womensafe.net



Shaker Mountain Maple Farm, Shaker Hill Road



Robinson School Sixth Grade Graduating Class 2014

Back Row – Justice Greene, Rebecca Bennett, Alexis Martell, Hope Leavitt, Emma Campbell

Third Row – Eric McKean, Addy Harris, Alanah Rockwell, Eben Clifford, Nolan Whitcomb

Second Row – Jordan Cota, Amber Pecor, John Bent, Levi Robert, Calab Kirby

Front Row – Shayna Block, Paige Cusanelli, Abby Iliff, Bobby Lowell, Katie St. Armour

STARKSBORO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS and PROPOSED 2014 - 2015 BUDGET

NOTE: The school budget is presented in a condensed, easier-to-read format. However, for those who may want to review the budget (current & proposed) in greater detail, it, along with other information about school operations, including the areas of policy and curriculum can be accessed on the ANESU website: <http://www.anesu.org> or by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 453-3657 to request a copy.

**Robinson Elementary School
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Serving as your representatives on the Starksboro School Board is a challenging and rewarding job that we all take very seriously. Each year brings its share of difficulties, whether it is building maintenance requirements, staffing changes, reduction in student population, increase in student population, reorganization of the business end of educating our students, consolidation of services, etc.; all the while keeping the goal of providing the best education for each of the students in our school at a cost that is bearable by our community.

Much of the work I am describing is detailed in Superintendent David Adams and Principal Patrick Hartnett's reports and I encourage you all to take a few minutes to read those reports. I am confident that you will be as impressed with the dedication and clarity with which they both approach their incredibly challenging jobs as we are.

There is a great deal of conversation about the future funding of public education at the state level and we are watching the process closely as we do with all of the responsibilities for education that are taken on by the Legislature in Montpelier. As you might imagine, each decision that they make directly effects what happens here at the local level.

As always, we thank you for your support for Robinson Elementary School and we hope to see you at our regular monthly meetings and at Town Meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Bonita Bedard
Dennis Hysko
Louis duPont

**Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dear Community Members,

It is my pleasure to provide the 2014 annual report to the citizens of our five-town area that constitute the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union. In each of our schools students are receiving high quality instruction from well-trained and dedicated teachers and support staff. In all districts, our organizational and management structures including curriculum and professional development, personnel, facility and financial management are sound. Through careful planning and oversight of spending, our school boards have made significant progress balancing budgets and as a result in the majority of our schools voters will see positive fund balances for the first time in many years. In addition, we have received unqualified financial audits in all school districts for two years in a row.

At the building level Principals are providing effective instructional leadership and management of daily school operations. Working with guidance and support from the Vermont Agency of Education in the development of a supervisory union action plan, our schools are making progress in meeting the performance and program requirements of the statewide accountability system. I am most pleased to report that the day to day efforts of all our teachers, staff and administrators have contributed to our success in meeting locally established student outcomes as described in the Board established ENDS Policies. For more information on ENDS monitoring reports please visit www.anesu.org.

While we are proud of our accomplishments we live in a changing world and we face multiple challenges. School expenses and obligations vary district by district and education spending per equalized pupil continues to increase in each of our districts due to declines in enrollment, revenue and other factors. School boards, administrators and finance staff have worked hard to control costs as the combined spending of all schools in the supervisory union shows an increase of less than 1.2%. The stewardship of our school buildings and furnishings is an important responsibility that we hold for our communities and is often neglected during periods of austerity. The proposed FY15 member district budgets include funding for necessary building repair, maintenance, as well as furniture replacements.

Soon we will move to a new student performance accountability system requiring a change in format from the paper and pencil NECAP test to the computer interfaced Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. This mandate requires locally supported technology infrastructure improvements to allow student access to the test that will be based on instructional outcomes related to new Common Core State Standards. Both our teachers and our students will have new expectations put upon them as a result of the move to these new standards. To respond to upcoming change in student testing methods our technology staff is in the process of trial testing each schools network and device capacity for compatibility with the SBAC test. In order to meet new and constant technology challenges in the most efficient way possible, the proposed FY15 budgets reflect continued centralization of technology services and strategic investments in each of our schools to meet these needs.

While the voluntary school district merger components of Act 153 have not been pursued in the ANESU other aspects of the law affect us. Most significant is the statutory requirement to provide special education and related services at the supervisory union level. As anticipated, the proposed FY15 supervisory union budget shifts costs associated with funding special education from local districts to the supervisory union. In essence, expenditures for special education instruction, related services and contracted services funded at the local level have been "zeroed out" from local budgets and those expenses, modified by individual student needs and negotiated salary and benefit increases, are now shared costs and shown as a special education assessment expense in each budget. Thank you for your support of our schools and the opportunity to serve each school in the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union. If you have any questions about school district operations or this report please contact me at 802-453-3657.

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Adams

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union

Tax Rate Summary

Proposed FY 15 Budgets

Preliminary Projections

| | <u>Bristol</u> | <u>Lincoln</u> | <u>Monkton</u> | <u>New Haven</u> | <u>Starksboro</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Projected Equalized Tax Rate FY15 Elementary* | \$ 0.7502 | \$ 0.8804 | \$ 0.7995 | \$ 0.6904 | \$ 0.8282 |
| Projected Equalized Tax Rate FY 15 MT Abe* | \$ 0.8257 | \$ 0.6839 | \$ 0.8218 | \$ 0.9150 | \$ 0.7284 |
| Projected Act 130 Equalized Tax Rate | \$ 1.5759 | \$ 1.5643 | \$ 1.6213 | \$ 1.6054 | \$ 1.5566 |
| Common Level of Appraisal | 92.24% | 102.14% | 84.66% | 100.55% | 93.51% |
| Projected Local Tax Rate | \$1.7085 | \$1.5315 | \$1.9151 | \$1.5966 | \$1.6646 |
| Actual Tax Rate FY 14 | \$1.6052 | \$1.4224 | \$1.8420 | \$1.4022 | \$1.5611 |
| Change in Projected Tax Rate | \$0.1033 | \$0.1091 | \$0.0731 | \$0.1944 | \$0.1035 |

*Includes anticipated \$1.01 statewide tax rate.

Education Spending (Expenses minus Revenues):

| | <u>Bristol</u> | <u>Lincoln</u> | <u>Monkton</u> | <u>New Haven</u> | <u>Starksboro</u> | <u>Mt Abraham</u> |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FY 14 | 7.65% | 6.00% | 7.19% | 6.16% | 2.70% | 0.00% |
| FY15 | 0% | 8.34% | -2% | -1.04% | 4.85% | 3.77% |

Act 130 Basis (Estimated) - Each School's Budget and Equalized Pupils Determined Independently w/ Debt

School Spending Per Equalized Pupil:

| | <u>Bristol</u> | <u>Lincoln</u> | <u>Monkton</u> | <u>New Haven</u> | <u>Starksboro</u> | <u>Mt Abraham</u> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FY13 Act 130 | \$ 12,914 | \$ 13,631 | \$ 13,738 | \$ 14,478 | \$ 12,759 | \$ 13,552 |
| FY 14 Act 130 | \$ 14,296 | \$ 13,643 | \$ 15,109 | \$ 14,800 | \$ 13,094 | \$ 14,055 |
| FY 15 Act 130 | \$ 14,567 | \$ 14,398 | \$ 15,401 | \$ 15,196 | \$ 14,248 | \$ 14,706 |

Change in Per Pupil Spending Amount
Change in Per Pupil Spending Percent

| | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| | \$ 271 | \$ 755 | \$ 292 | \$ 396 | \$ 1,154 | \$ 651 |
| | 1.90% | 5.53% | 1.93% | 2.68% | 8.81% | 4.63% |

Robinson Elementary School REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is once again a pleasure to prepare the annual school report for Robinson Elementary School. I am in the midst of my first full year as principal (non-interim), and despite my long commute each day, it is worth the trip. When I made it known that I wanted to be considered for the principal's job this year, I did so because I have rarely seen such a talented and dedicated staff. This year, I feel that more strongly than before.

Budget: You may remember that last year was a year in which we had to get our fiscal house in order. We were facing a projected end of the school year deficit of \$161,000. I am happy to report that by the end of the year we had a deficit of just over \$100. With austerity measures behind us, we are poised to move forward with meeting the needs of our students and teachers on a thoughtful and dedicated annual schedule. The budget you will be voting on includes a small staffing request to add one more day to our librarian's schedule. It also includes technology investments in the form of portable computers on carts which eliminates the need for a designated computer room.

Professional Development: The body of our work this year has been two-fold. First, our entire school has adopted a specific way to teach literacy. The format is called Readers Workshop. Almost all teachers were able to attend a three-day workshop this summer and become immersed in the program. In Readers Workshop, the teacher helps prepare the student for self directed, engaged, and independent work. From learning how to select their own books that are just right, to forming literacy circles that can function without the direct participation of the teacher, Readers Workshop personalizes much of a child's literacy development. Of course, data mined by the teachers themselves, drives the formation of each student's individual program.

We are also in our second of a three-year partnership with The University of Vermont's Reading Institute or VRI. Each week a literacy specialist visits Robinson to work with teachers for Readers Workshop and implementation of the Common Core.

The second major thrust of our professional development this year has been to use our in-service days to form Professional Learning Communities. Our PLC's are organized by grade level or position. This has allowed all teachers from district schools to work more closely together and share curriculum, methods and ideas. This work will go a long way towards having all students entering Mt. Abraham consistently prepared for middle and high school.

Assessment: This was our last year taking the NECAP exams. Our results are not known at the time of this report. Next year we begin the era of Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC's) and we have continued to transition to curriculum that will be measured by the SBAC's.

Personnel: This year we welcomed Susie Snow, Carina Ellis, and Eliza Collins-Weissberger as our new librarian, music and art teachers respectively. They replaced retirees Annie Watson and Vera Ryersbach. San Gordon left to become the music teacher at Bristol Elementary. We also welcomed Mollie Silver as our new food service coordinator. Mollie replace Emily Betz. I would like to take this time to thank several local individuals for their contributions as substitute teachers. Colleen Whitten, Kristen Harris, Roberta McKinney and Janet Fuller have proved to be invaluable to us this year. Peg Brakeley, who retired last year also serves as a substitute. Having a pool of substitute teachers who know our students and our routines allows us offer a continued learning even when a teacher is out.

I would like to once again thank you for your participation in town meeting and the continued support of educating the children of Starksboro at Robinson Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Hartnett, Principal

ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2013 - 2014

| NAME | POSITION | DEGREE | YRS/EXP |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|----------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| J. Patrick Hartnett | Principal | ME | 10 |
| TEACHING STAFF | | | |
| Kerry Lake | Kindergarten | ME+3 | 12 |
| Myriah Cogswell | Grade 1/2 | ME+11 | 10 |
| Jodi Lane | Grade 1/2 | BS+36 | 26 |
| Ruth Beecher | Grade 3/4 | ME+66 | 23 |
| Frank Spina | Grade 3/4 | ME+36 | 16 |
| Elizabeth Hahr | Grade 3/4 | ME+20 | 25 |
| Elizabeth Greenberg | Grade 5/6 | MA+38 | 15 |
| Donna Shepardson | Grade 5/6 | MSE+38 | 29 |
| Cynthia Ballas | Special Educator (.80) | BA+47 | 4 |
| Carina Ellis | Music (.40) | BA+30+ | 2 |
| Cynthia Gage | Special Educator | BS | 6 |
| Emily Gibbs | Physical/Health Education (.60) | BS+3 | 5 |
| Amy Johnston | Guidance Counselor/Mentor Coordinator (.70) | MS+31 | 22 |
| Patricia MacHarg | SLP/Home School Coordinator (.90) | MS+40 | 32 |
| Mary O'Brien | Remedial Reading/Math | BS+61 | 26 |
| Beth Ogden | Reading Recovery | ME+58 | 26 |
| Elizabeth Sands | Literacy Teacher Leader (.80) | ME+15 | 14 |
| Susan Snow | Library (.40) | BA+39 | 3 |
| Linda Unger | Remedial Reading/Math | BA+55 | 39 |
| Eliza Weissberger | Art (.50) | BA | 4 |
| SUPPORT STAFF | | | |
| Jessica Antonioli | Classroom Assistant | | |
| Barbara Bell | Educational Assistant | | |
| Barbara Bordeaux | Educational Assistant | | |
| Doreen Bortz | Food Service | | |
| Diane Cota | Educational Assistant | | |
| Martha Cota | Secretary | | |
| Ellen Hanson | Library Assistant | | |
| Matthew Irish | Custodial Assistant | | |
| Jill Paul | Secretary/Educational Assistant | | |
| Medora Plimpton | School Nurse | | |
| Terry Rublee | Educational Assistant | | |
| Mollie Silver | Food Service Manager | | |
| Richard Wolak | Planning Room Coordinator | | |
| Andrew Young | Custodian | | |

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Robinson School
S.U.: Addison Northeast S.U.

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

FY2013 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, FY2013 enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
 (40 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
 5 out of 40

| School level data | | Grades Offered | Enrollment | Total Teachers | Total Administrators | Stu / Tchr Ratio | Stu / Admin Ratio | Tchr / Admin Ratio |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Smaller → | Bethel Elementary School | PK - 6 | 171 | 11.10 | 1.00 | 15.41 | 171.00 | 11.10 |
| | Underhill Central School | PK - 4 | 173 | 9.40 | 1.00 | 18.40 | 173.00 | 9.40 |
| | Woodstock Elementary School | PK - 6 | 178 | 17.90 | 1.00 | 9.94 | 178.00 | 17.90 |
| | Robinson School | PK - 6 | 182 | 15.30 | 1.00 | 11.90 | 182.00 | 15.30 |
| ← Larger | Rumney School (Middlesex) | PK - 6 | 185 | 15.95 | 1.00 | 11.60 | 185.00 | 15.95 |
| | Ciarendon Elementary School | PK - 6 | 186 | 20.80 | 1.00 | 8.94 | 186.00 | 20.80 |
| | Warren Elementary School | PK - 6 | 189 | 15.80 | 1.00 | 11.96 | 189.00 | 15.80 |
| Averaged SCHOOL cohort data | | | 142.03 | 12.41 | 1.00 | 11.45 | 142.06 | 12.41 |

School District: Starksboro
LEA ID: T196

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

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

FY2012 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2012 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200
 (30 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District
 Student FTE enrolled in school district
 Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE
 (1 is largest)
 8 out of 30

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Smaller → | Vernon | K-6 | 151.42 | \$18,917 |
| | Monkton | K-6 | 162.82 | \$12,270 |
| | Middlesex | PK-6 | 162.90 | \$11,431 |
| | Starksboro | K-6 | 163.36 | \$12,582 |
| ← Larger | Woodstock | K-6 | 167.40 | \$15,629 |
| | Underhill Town | K-6 | 175.77 | \$8,808 |
| | Warren | K-4 | 177.11 | \$9,822 |

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

141.98 **\$12,719**

FY2014 School District Data

| LEA ID | School District | Grades offered in School District | School district tax rate | | | Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | SchIDist Equalized Pupils | SchIDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | SchIDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Common Level of Appraisal | MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate |
| Smaller → | T127 Monkton | K-6 | 153.47 | 15,109.29 | 1.5520 | 1.5187 | 82.45% | 1.8420 |
| | T124 Middlesex | PK-6 | 155.99 | 13,686.69 | 1.4059 | 1.4480 | 96.06% | 1.5074 |
| | U047 Mettawee Comm. UESD # | K-6 | 160.64 | 14,727.01 | 1.5128 | - | - | - |
| | T196 Starksboro | K-6 | 165.05 | 13,093.84 | 1.3450 | 1.4072 | 90.14% | 1.5611 |
| ← Larger | T253 Woodstock | K-6 | 170.02 | 14,018.80 | 1.4400 | 1.5694 | 95.66% | 1.6406 |
| | T019 Berlin | PK-6 | 183.84 | 14,277.90 | 1.4666 | 1.4822 | 101.96% | 1.4537 |
| | T023 Bradford ID | K-6 | 199.76 | 14,258.38 | 1.4646 | 1.4108 | 103.07% | 1.3688 |

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

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

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

Starksboro Estimated Education Tax Rate for FY 2015

ACT 130 CALCULATES A TAX RATE BY SCHOOL

| | Elementary | Mt Abraham |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expenditures | \$2,650,857 | \$14,091,304 |
| Revenues | <u>\$ (384,810)</u> | <u>-\$1,983,004</u> |
| | | |
| [1] Education Spending | \$2,266,047 | \$12,108,300 |
| [2] Equalized Pupils | 159.03 | 823.38 |
| [3] Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$14,249 | \$14,706 |
| [4] Spending Adjustment | 151.878% | 156.743% |
| (District spending as a percentage of Base Education amount) | \$9,382 | |
| [5] Estimated Homestead Tax Rate | \$1.5340 | \$1.5831 |
| [6] Percentage of Total Town Students | 53.99% | 46.01% |
| [7] Percentage of Prorated Tax | \$0.8282 | \$0.7284 |
| [8] Combined Prorated Tax | \$1.5566 | |
| \$0.828 + \$0.728 | | |
| [9] Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 93.51% | |
| [10] Estimated Property Tax Rate | \$1.6646 | |

- [1] Revenues deducted from budgeted expenses by school to determine education spending include special education and transportation reimbursements received from the ST of VT, Medicaid, interest and other miscellaneous revenue.
- [2] The equalized pupils number by SCHOOL is based on the last two years average daily membership (including Pre-K through grade 12) and is adjusted for specific factors, such as secondary vs elementary students, students in poverty situations, and students with limited English proficiency.
- [3] This is the number by SCHOOL that will be compared to the base education amount (\$9,382) to determine the adjustment to the state education tax rate of \$1.01. This number less qualified debt spending is also compared to the penalty ceiling of \$16,168 to determine if property taxes will be increased as a result of spending in excess of the ceiling.
- [4] The State Education Tax Rate is multiplied by this percentage to determine the Homestead Education Tax Rate by SCHOOL. This is the rate before adjustment for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).
- [5] State Tax Rate of \$1.01 times SCHOOL Spending Adjustment.
- [6] This number represents the ratio of the town's equalized pupils at each SCHOOL to the total number of students.
- [7] \
 - to produce a Percentage of Prorated Tax by SCHOOL.
- [8] Prorated Tax BY SCHOOL are combined to produce a Town Tax Rate.
- [9] The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is the State's method of equalizing education grand lists between towns. It is based on recent property sales compared to the listed value of the properties sold. Towns that haven't completed a reappraisal in several years will usually have low CLA's, while towns recently reappraised will have CLA's near 100%.
- [10] This is the total estimated residential property tax rate based on the recommended state rate of \$1.01, adjusted for SCHOOL budgets and also for CLA.

Estimated Equalized Tax Rates - FY 15
 (Replaces Assessments)

Act 130 is the law that accounts for all revenues and expenses by school.

- > Under Act 130, a tax rate is calculated for each SCHOOL
- > The SCHOOL rate is then prorated for the town based on the ratio of the town's equalized pupils at the SCHOOL to the total number of the town's equalized pupils
- > The prorated tax rates for the individual schools are then combined to determine the total education homestead tax rate for the town

This prorated tax rate replaces the dollar assessment to towns from union schools

This system is intended to allow taxpayers to clearly understand all revenues and expenses related to education at each school and to see the direct impact of each school's budget on the tax rate.

Estimated Equalized Homestead Tax Rates - FY 15

Mt Abraham Union High School

\$1.5831 based on \$1.01

ALL TAX RATES BELOW ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON PROPOSED BUDGETS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BASE HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

| | | Equalized Pupils | % of Total | Estimated Tax Rate | Prorated Rate |
|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Bristol | Elementary | 277.95 | 47.84% | \$1.5681 | \$0.7502 |
| | Mt Abe | 303.05 | 52.16% | \$1.5831 | \$0.8257 |
| | Town Total | 581.00 | 100.00% | | \$1.5759 |
| Lincoln | Elementary | 120.77 | 56.80% | \$1.5500 | \$0.8804 |
| | Mt Abe | 91.85 | 43.20% | \$1.5831 | \$0.6838 |
| | Town Total | 212.62 | 100.00% | | \$1.5643 |
| Monkton | Elementary | 147.90 | 48.09% | \$1.6626 | \$0.7995 |
| | Mt Abe | 159.65 | 51.91% | \$1.5831 | \$0.8218 |
| | Town Total | 307.55 | 100.00% | | \$1.6213 |
| New Haven | Elementary | 97.31 | 42.20% | \$1.6360 | \$0.6904 |
| | Mt Abe | 133.28 | 57.80% | \$1.5831 | \$0.9150 |
| | Town Total | 230.59 | 100.00% | | \$1.6054 |
| Starksboro | Elementary | 159.03 | 53.99% | \$1.5340 | \$0.8282 |
| | Mt Abe | 135.52 | 46.01% | \$1.5831 | \$0.7284 |
| | Town Total | 294.55 | 100.00% | | \$1.5566 |

District: **Starksboro**
County: **Addison**

T196
Addison Northeast

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page. Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commission. See note at bottom of page.

9,382 **1.01**

| Expenditures | | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures) | \$2,359,679 | \$2,492,142 | \$2,586,691 | \$2,650,857 | 1. |
| 2. | plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - | 2. |
| 3. | minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending | - | - | - | - | 3. |
| 4. | Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget | \$2,359,679 | \$2,492,142 | \$2,586,691 | \$2,650,857 | 4. |
| 5. | plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any | - | - | - | - | 5. |
| 6. | plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit | - | - | - | - | 6. |
| 7. | Gross Act 68 Budget | \$2,359,679 | \$2,492,142 | \$2,586,691 | \$2,650,857 | 7. |
| 8. | S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 8. |
| 9. | Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 9. |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| 10. | Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$365,439 | \$388,365 | \$425,552 | \$384,810 | 10. |
| 11. | plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60 | - | - | - | - | 11. |
| 12. | plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures) | - | - | - | - | 12. |
| 13. | minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues | - | - | - | - | 13. |
| 14. | Total local revenues | \$365,439 | \$388,365 | \$425,552 | \$384,810 | 14. |
| 15. | Education Spending | \$1,994,240 | \$2,103,777 | \$2,161,139 | \$2,266,047 | 15. |
| 16. | Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district) | 157.72 | 164.89 | 165.05 | 159.04 | 16. |
| 17. | Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$12,644.18 | \$12,758.67 | \$13,093.84 | \$14,248 | 17. |
| 18. | minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil | \$605.67 | \$665.65 | \$551.25 | \$891 | 18. |
| 19. | minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual | - | - | - | - | 19. |
| 20. | minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed | - | - | - | - | 20. |
| 21. | minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils | - | - | - | - | 21. |
| 22. | minus Estimated costs of new students after census period | - | - | - | - | 22. |
| 23. | minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition | - | - | - | - | 23. |
| 24. | minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools | - | - | - | - | 24. |
| 25. | plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) | threshold = \$14,733 \$12,644 | threshold = \$14,841 \$12,759 | threshold = \$15,456 \$13,094 | threshold = \$16,168 \$14,248 | 25. |
| 26. | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment | \$12,644 | \$12,759 | \$13,094 | \$14,248 | 26. |
| 27. | District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$14,248 / \$9,382) | 147.989% based on \$8,544 | 146.265% based on \$8,723 | 143.086% based on \$8,151 | 151.868% based on \$8,382 | 27. |
| Prorating the local tax rate | | | | | | |
| 28. | Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (151.868% x \$1.010) | \$1.2875 based on \$0.87 | \$1.3018 based on \$0.89 | \$1.3450 based on \$0.94 | \$1.5339 based on \$1.010 | 28. |
| 29. | Percent of Starksboro equalized pupils not in a union school district | 50.630% | 54.740% | 55.860% | 53.99% | 29. |
| 30. | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (53.990% x \$1.53) | \$0.6519 | \$0.7126 | \$0.7513 | \$0.8282 | 30. |
| 31. | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 89.75% | 91.09% | 90.14% | 93.51% | 31. |
| 32. | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.8282 / 93.51%) | \$0.7264 based on \$0.880 | \$0.7823 based on \$0.87 | \$0.8335 based on \$0.94 | \$0.8857 based on \$1.01 | 32. |
| <p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p> | | | | | | |
| 33. | Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (151.868% x 1.84%) | 2.66% based on 1.80% | 2.63% based on 1.80% | 2.58% based on 1.80% | 2.79% based on 1.84% | 33. |
| 34. | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (53.990% x 2.79%) | 1.35% based on 1.80% | 1.44% based on 1.80% | 1.44% based on 1.80% | 1.51% based on 1.84% | 34. |
| 35. | Percent of equalized pupils at Mt. Abraham UHSD | 49.37% | 45.26% | 44.14% | 46.01% | 35. |
| 36. | | - | - | - | - | 36. |

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. 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 1.84%.

**Robinson Elementary School
2014-2015
MAJOR BUDGET CHANGES**

Professional Salaries 3% increase per Collective Bargaining Agreement
Support Staff Salaries 2.6% increase per support staff policy
Health Insurance Premiums increase 4.5% for 2014-15
Special Education and Information Technology consolidated under the ANESU

| | <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>2014-2015</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Salaries | \$ 1,459,485 | \$ 1,167,055 | |
| Total Benefits | \$ 388,672 | \$ 288,098 | |
| Total Salaries & Benefits | \$ 1,848,157 | \$ 1,455,153 | -21.3% |
| | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits as a % of Total Budget | 71% | 55% * | |

EDUCATION SPENDING

| | <u>2013-2014</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>2014-2015</u> <u>Budget</u> | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Educational Expenses | \$ 2,586,691 | \$ 2,650,857 | 2.48% |
| Local/State/Federal Revenue | \$ (425,552) | \$ (384,810) | -9.57% |
| | | | |
| Educational Spending | \$ 2,161,139 | \$ 2,266,047 | 4.85% |
| | | | |
| Equalized Pupils | 165.05 | 159.04 | -3.64% |
| Education spending per equalized pupil | \$ 13,094 | \$ 14,248 | 8.82% |

*NOTE: Special Education & Information Technology (IT) including equipment transferred to ANESU and are now included in SPED Assessment for and ANESU Assessment.

LONG TERM DEBT

June 30, 2013

| | <u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2012</u> | <u>Payments</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2013</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Grant Anticipation Note * | \$132,773 | \$66,387 | \$66,386 |
| 2008 Renovations | \$880,000 | \$55,000 | \$825,000 |
| Deficit Finance Note | | | \$84,722 |
| Total | \$1,012,773 | \$121,387 | \$976,108 |

| <u>Year End</u> <u>June 30</u> | <u>Deficit</u> <u>Note</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2014 | \$ 28,812 | \$55,000 | \$35,982 | \$119,794 |
| 2015 | \$ 28,243 | \$55,000 | \$33,667 | \$116,910 |
| 2016 | \$ 27,667 | \$55,000 | \$31,324 | \$113,991 |
| 2017-2021 | | \$275,000 | \$120,380 | \$395,380 |
| 2022-2026 | | \$275,000 | \$57,274 | \$332,274 |
| 2027-2028 | | \$110,000 | \$5,126 | \$115,126 |
| Total | \$ 84,722 | \$825,000 | \$283,753 | \$1,193,475 |

*Reimbursed by State of Vermont

**Starksboro Town School District
Robinson Elementary School Expense Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5111 Salaries-Professional Staff | \$1,056,729.00 | \$1,095,204.00 | \$1,105,061.00 | \$981,300.00 |
| 5112 Salaries-Assistants | \$230,088.00 | \$205,054.00 | \$220,445.00 | \$53,327.00 |
| 5113 Salaries-Other Support Staff | \$54,687.00 | \$59,996.00 | \$38,804.00 | \$54,561.00 |
| 5115 Health Buy-Out | \$10,750.00 | \$10,525.00 | \$8,800.00 | \$7,750.00 |
| 5116 Salaries-Custodians | \$59,878.00 | \$62,124.00 | \$63,787.00 | \$65,429.00 |
| 5120 Salaries-Tutors-Professionals | \$0.00 | \$10,413.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5121 Salaries-Professional Staff Substitutes | \$13,500.00 | \$11,255.00 | \$13,700.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5122 Salaries-Professional Staff Long Term Substitut | \$0.00 | \$59,165.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5123 Salaries-Assistant Substitutes | \$0.00 | \$821.00 | \$3,700.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5125 Salaries-Tutors-Support Staff | \$0.00 | \$9,623.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5127 Salaries-Professional Stipends | \$1,688.00 | \$1,688.00 | \$1,688.00 | \$1,688.00 |
| 5129 Salaries-Support Stipends | \$0.00 | \$1,295.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Salaries: | \$1,427,320.00 | \$1,527,163.00 | \$1,459,485.00 | \$1,167,055.00 |
| 5211 Group Health-Professional Staff | \$103,014.00 | \$134,311.00 | \$142,263.00 | \$118,804.00 |
| 5212 Group Health-Support Staff | \$58,165.00 | \$53,514.00 | \$69,655.00 | \$38,542.00 |
| 5221 Social Security (FICA) | \$109,190.00 | \$113,191.00 | \$111,651.00 | \$89,278.00 |
| 5231 Group Life Insurance | \$2,650.00 | \$2,444.00 | \$2,369.00 | \$1,851.00 |
| 5241 Retirement Contributions | \$11,367.00 | \$12,411.00 | \$12,430.00 | \$4,989.00 |
| 5251 Workers' Compensation | \$10,053.00 | \$10,453.00 | \$10,083.00 | \$7,955.00 |
| 5261 Unemployment Compensation | \$3,759.00 | \$11,328.00 | \$10,251.00 | \$6,613.00 |
| 5271 Tuition Reimbursement | \$9,111.00 | \$13,277.00 | \$9,063.00 | \$8,011.00 |
| 5281 Group Dental Insurance | \$8,538.00 | \$8,875.00 | \$13,825.00 | \$7,259.00 |
| 5291 Disability Insurance | \$7,191.00 | \$7,182.00 | \$7,082.00 | \$5,606.00 |
| Subtotal Benefits: | \$323,038.00 | \$366,986.00 | \$388,672.00 | \$288,908.00 |
| 5955 Reserve for Negotiations - Professional | \$33,190.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5956 Reserve for Negotiations - Support | \$11,923.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Reserve for Negotiations: | \$45,113.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5311 Purchased Services-Section 125 | \$932.00 | \$554.00 | \$588.00 | \$597.00 |
| 5321 In-Service-Professional Staff | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$362.00 | \$367.00 |
| 5322 In-Service-Support Staff | \$186.00 | \$0.00 | \$230.00 | \$234.00 |
| 5323 Conference Fees | \$4,465.00 | \$6,415.00 | \$2,935.00 | \$4,047.00 |
| 5324 School Based Clinician | \$13,500.00 | \$13,878.00 | \$14,114.00 | \$14,550.00 |
| 5331 Assessment-Supervisory Union | \$105,777.00 | \$115,759.00 | \$157,521.00 | \$223,651.00 |
| 5331 Assessment-Special Education | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$398,624.00 |
| 5331 Assessment-Early Education | \$37,678.00 | \$37,678.00 | \$38,319.00 | \$19,864.00 |
| 5332 Testing & Evaluation | \$1,500.00 | \$462.00 | \$3,233.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5333 OT/PT Services | \$500.00 | \$7,007.00 | \$10,800.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5336 Testing & Evaluation SPED | \$0.00 | \$119.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5337 Purchased Service From SU | \$58,754.00 | \$31,162.00 | \$45,744.00 | \$24,263.00 |
| 5339 Other Professional Services | \$36,833.00 | \$62,330.00 | \$64,273.00 | \$34,900.00 |
| 5341 Technical Services | \$520.00 | \$175.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5361 Legal Services | \$1,500.00 | \$3,699.00 | \$1,526.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 5371 Audit Services | \$7,000.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$7,119.00 | \$7,226.00 |
| Subtotal Purchased Services: | \$269,145.00 | \$283,738.00 | \$346,764.00 | \$733,323.00 |

**Starksboro Town School District
Robinson Elementary School Expense Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5411 Water/Sewer | \$1,400.00 | \$960.00 | \$1,424.00 | \$3,200.00 |
| 5421 Disposal Services | \$3,504.00 | \$4,115.00 | \$3,564.00 | \$4,200.00 |
| 5422 Snow Plowing Services | \$3,000.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$3,051.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5431 Repairs & Maintenance Services | \$2,500.00 | \$1,871.00 | \$2,126.00 | \$2,100.00 |
| 5435 Repairs - Grounds | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,017.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5436 Repairs - Buildings | \$3,000.00 | \$1,973.00 | \$3,051.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| 5442 Rental of Equipment & Vehicles | \$4,000.00 | \$4,899.00 | \$4,068.00 | \$4,259.00 |
| 5499 Other Purchased Property Services | \$2,000.00 | \$1,356.00 | \$2,034.00 | \$4,400.00 |
| Subtotal Property Services: | \$20,404.00 | \$16,774.00 | \$20,335.00 | \$26,659.00 |
| 5511 Student Transportation - Fuel Surcharge | \$6,642.00 | \$5,078.00 | \$6,755.00 | \$6,856.00 |
| 5519 Student Transportation Services - Regular | \$72,100.00 | \$82,982.00 | \$82,763.00 | \$89,566.00 |
| 5562 Union School Assessment | \$0.00 | \$12,948.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Transportation Services: | \$78,742.00 | \$101,008.00 | \$89,518.00 | \$96,422.00 |
| 5521 Property Insurance | \$3,297.00 | \$3,819.00 | \$3,353.00 | \$3,850.00 |
| 5522 Liability Insurance | \$4,216.00 | \$5,119.00 | \$4,288.00 | \$6,400.00 |
| 5526 Umbrella Insurance | \$915.00 | \$624.00 | \$931.00 | \$650.00 |
| 5531 Telephone | \$3,600.00 | \$3,295.00 | \$3,661.00 | \$3,716.00 |
| 5532 Postage | \$1,295.00 | \$896.00 | \$1,317.00 | \$1,335.00 |
| 5533 Internet Provider Services | \$900.00 | \$1,514.00 | \$915.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5541 Advertising | \$400.00 | \$274.00 | \$407.00 | \$415.00 |
| 5551 Printing & Binding | \$750.00 | \$496.00 | \$763.00 | \$776.00 |
| 5581 Travel-Employee | \$400.00 | \$488.00 | \$407.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| 5591 Food Service Subsidy | \$10,769.00 | \$10,769.00 | \$10,952.00 | \$19,938.00 |
| Subtotal Other Services: | \$26,542.00 | \$27,294.00 | \$26,994.00 | \$38,480.00 |
| 5611 Consumable Supplies | \$31,805.00 | \$31,498.00 | \$25,296.00 | \$33,609.00 |
| 5613 Food (Instructional & Refreshments) | \$0.00 | \$1,490.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5622 Electricity | \$20,000.00 | \$19,564.00 | \$20,340.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| 5624 Oil | \$20,900.00 | \$16,742.00 | \$21,255.00 | \$22,000.00 |
| 5641 Textbooks | \$12,450.00 | \$3,984.00 | \$8,902.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| 5642 Periodicals | \$1,230.00 | \$813.00 | \$890.00 | \$950.00 |
| 5651 Audiovisual Materials | \$1,980.00 | \$888.00 | \$1,670.00 | \$1,695.00 |
| 5661 Manipulatives | \$1,265.00 | \$375.00 | \$1,304.00 | \$813.00 |
| 5671 Software | \$5,107.00 | \$5,512.00 | \$4,390.00 | \$1,577.00 |
| 5699 Non-Capitalized Equipment | \$9,293.00 | \$7,662.00 | \$10,850.00 | \$5,401.00 |
| 5733 Equipment-Furniture & Fixtures | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5739 Equipment-Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Subtotal Supplies & Equipment: | \$104,030.00 | \$88,528.00 | \$94,897.00 | \$116,045.00 |

**Starksboro Town School District
Robinson Elementary School Expense Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5811 Dues & Fees | \$1,830.00 | \$3,047.00 | \$1,804.00 | \$2,225.00 |
| 5835 Interest Expense | \$47,776.00 | \$42,792.00 | \$45,651.00 | \$42,083.00 |
| 5837 Interest on Deficit Financing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,700.00 |
| 5891 Miscellaneous Expenditures | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | \$255.00 | \$258.00 |
| 5912 Principal-Construction | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$22,000.00 |
| 5915 Principal - Renovation | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 |
| 5917 Principal on Deficit Financing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$27,200.00 | \$27,105.00 |
| 5921 Sinking Fund Expense | \$6,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,800.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5931 Mainstream Block Grant Transfer | \$5,768.00 | \$5,869.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5934 Transfer-State EEE Funding | \$20,380.00 | \$21,329.00 | \$25,116.00 | \$23,594.00 |
| Subtotal Dues, Interest, Principal & Transfers: | \$137,804.00 | \$128,037.00 | \$160,026.00 | \$183,965.00 |
| Approved Funding Prior Year Deficit | \$60,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Prior Year Deficit: | \$60,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$2,492,138.00 | \$2,539,528.00 | \$2,586,691.00 | \$2,650,857.00 |

FY15 Budget Footnotes:

5111 - Professional Staff salaries increased 3% per Teachers contract.

5112/5113 - Assistant/Other Support Staff salaries increased 2.6%.

5211/5212 - Group Health Insurance - 4.5% increase in premiums for 2014-2015.

Also reflects costs for any changes in enrollment status for employees.

5331 - ANESU Assessment

-Includes centralized finance and administrative services district wide.

-Includes all Information Technology costs including staff, equipment, software, and maintenance.

-Professional Development/In-Service costs for all district schools.

-Purchased Services - Purchased services costs assessed across all schools instead of on a specific school basis. Provides a broader range of service level to schools.

-District Facilities Director increased to full time (from half time) to provide needed direction and management to District schools maintenance & operations needs.

-Assessment percent for each school is calculated on a student enrollment count as of 10/1/13 (ADM).

5331 - Special Education Assessment

Special Education Services are now consolidated under the ANESU in accordance with Act 153. The ANESU now has one budget for Special Education district wide.

The cost for Special Education services for 2014-15 has been assessed to each school.

Special Education is now a single assessment in each budget. This gives individual schools access to the full range of Special Education resources district wide rather than just through a school's individual budget.

5591 - ANESU Food Service Cooperative

The ANESU Food Cooperative is now funded at a 20% assessment level for the program. Previously the Food Cooperative (and prior to that individual schools) was only funded at an approximate 10% subsidy which did not cover the full cost of our excellent food service program. The 20% assessment will allow the program to break even without dramatic increases in the price of school lunches for our students.

**Starksboro Town School District
Robinson Elementary School Revenue Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 001-1312-4000 Tuition From Other VT LEAs | \$10,809.00 | \$21,908.00 | \$10,954.00 | \$11,086.00 |
| 001-1510-4000 Investment Income | \$14,363.00 | \$6,537.00 | \$9,550.00 | \$5,730.00 |
| 001-1941-4000 Services To Other Vermont LEAs | \$18,559.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-1990-4000 Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue | \$100.00 | \$2,179.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 800-1990-4000 Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue | \$0.00 | \$20,381.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-1993-4000 E-Rate Reimbursement | \$3,098.00 | \$3,381.00 | \$2,719.00 | \$2,719.00 |
| 001-1999-4000 COBRA Fees | \$0.00 | \$1.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Local Revenue: | \$46,929.00 | \$54,387.00 | \$23,223.00 | \$19,635.00 |
| 001-2000-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Medicaid | \$8,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-2001-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Title I | \$92,136.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2001-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Title I | \$0.00 | \$86,115.00 | \$78,396.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-2002-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Flow Thro | \$16,742.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2002-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Flow Thro | \$0.00 | \$25,947.00 | \$29,716.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-2004-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Title II A | \$32,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2004-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Title IIA | \$0.00 | \$31,953.00 | \$24,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2006-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Best Grant | \$0.00 | \$687.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2015-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-EPSDT | \$0.00 | \$1,869.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2020-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-Century 21 | \$0.00 | \$28,353.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2021-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-EE State | \$0.00 | \$20,181.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-2023-4000 Subgrants Received from SU-SWP | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$91,003.00 |
| Subtotal Subgrant Revenue: | \$148,878.00 | \$195,105.00 | \$132,112.00 | \$91,003.00 |
| 001-3110-4000 Education Fund Payments | \$2,103,773.00 | \$1,069,555.00 | \$2,161,139.00 | \$2,266,047.00 |
| 001-3110-4001 Residential Property Taxes | \$0.00 | \$642,400.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-3110-4002 Non-Residential Property Taxes | \$0.00 | \$391,822.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-3150-4000 State Aid Transportation | \$13,320.00 | \$28,607.00 | \$18,218.00 | \$20,039.00 |
| 001-3201-4000 SPED Mainstream Block Grant | \$58,163.00 | \$58,163.00 | \$58,187.00 | \$58,942.00 |
| 001-3202-4000 SPED Expenditures Reimbursement | \$100,695.00 | \$115,147.00 | \$168,696.00 | \$171,597.00 |
| 001-3203-4000 SPED Extraordinary Reimbursement | \$0.00 | \$19,128.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-3204-4000 Early Essential Education Grant | \$20,380.00 | \$21,329.00 | \$25,116.00 | \$23,594.00 |
| Subtotal State Revenue: | \$2,296,331.00 | \$2,346,151.00 | \$2,431,356.00 | \$2,540,219.00 |
| 001-5400-4000 Adjustment Of Prior Year Expenditures | \$0.00 | \$1,819.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800-5400-4000 Adjustment of Prior Year Expenditures | \$0.00 | \$437.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-5600-4000 Other Long-Term Debt Proceeds | \$0.00 | \$81,308.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-5700-4000 Restricted Revenue - Section 125 Forfeit | \$0.00 | \$1,509.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous Revenue: | \$0.00 | \$85,073.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Revenue: | \$2,492,138.00 | \$2,680,716.00 | \$2,586,691.00 | \$2,650,857.00 |

NOTE: The school budget is presented in a condensed, easier-to-read format. However, for those who may want to review the budget (current & proposed) in greater detail, it along with other information about school operations, including the areas of policy and curriculum can be accessed on the ANESU website: www.anesu.org or by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 453-3657 to request a copy.

**Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Expense Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5111 Salaries - Professional Staff | \$728,410.00 | \$675,163.00 | \$867,321.00 | \$2,206,644.00 |
| 5112 Salaries - Assistants | \$26,114.00 | \$0.00 | \$136,000.00 | \$1,382,118.00 |
| 5113 Salaries - Other Support Staff | \$375,071.00 | \$374,074.00 | \$398,870.00 | \$578,549.00 |
| 5115 Health Buy-Out | \$1,750.00 | \$6,674.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$14,868.00 |
| 5124 Salaries - Student Stipends | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$14,550.00 |
| 5125 Salaries - Support Staff Tutors | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| 5129 Salaries - Support Stipends | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,450.00 | \$25,136.00 |
| Subtotal Salaries: | \$1,131,345.00 | \$1,055,911.00 | \$1,409,641.00 | \$4,223,065.00 |
| 5211 Group Health - Professional Staff | \$100,302.00 | \$79,715.00 | \$145,130.00 | \$506,984.00 |
| 5212 Group Health - Support Staff | \$112,146.00 | \$101,745.00 | \$173,003.00 | \$661,238.00 |
| 5221 Social Security (FICA) | \$86,547.00 | \$77,714.00 | \$109,809.00 | \$324,234.00 |
| 5231 Group Life Insurance | \$2,456.00 | \$2,925.00 | \$4,072.00 | \$8,592.00 |
| 5241 Retirement Contributions | \$12,843.00 | \$13,427.00 | \$20,008.00 | \$43,171.00 |
| 5251 Workers' Compensation | \$8,026.00 | \$6,998.00 | \$9,340.00 | \$26,470.00 |
| 5261 Unemployment Compensation | \$6,160.00 | \$5,619.00 | \$7,795.00 | \$28,019.00 |
| 5271 Tuition Reimbursement | \$7,620.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,750.00 | \$24,097.00 |
| 5281 Group Dental Insurance | \$7,901.00 | \$7,141.00 | \$10,813.00 | \$46,228.00 |
| 5291 Disability Insurance | \$5,498.00 | \$4,776.00 | \$7,148.00 | \$19,849.00 |
| Subtotal Benefits: | \$349,499.00 | \$300,060.00 | \$494,868.00 | \$1,688,882.00 |
| 5957 Reserve for Negotiations - ANESU | \$47,572.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5958 Reserve for Negotiations - Purchased | \$29,090.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Reserve for Negotiations: | \$76,662.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5311 Purchased Services - Section 125 | \$0.00 | \$435.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5321 In-Service - Professional Staff | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,601.00 | \$15,400.00 |
| 5322 In-Service - Support Staff | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,236.00 | \$4,240.00 |
| 5323 Conference Fees | \$4,685.00 | \$4,541.00 | \$4,766.00 | \$9,727.00 |
| 5333 OT/PT Related Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$23,478.00 |
| 5338 District Course Related Expense | \$0.00 | \$20,819.00 | \$41,189.00 | \$41,806.00 |
| 5339 Other Professional Services | \$19,000.00 | \$11,420.00 | \$50,584.00 | \$105,300.00 |
| 5341 Technical Services | \$25,050.00 | \$24,541.00 | \$25,476.00 | \$25,858.00 |
| 5361 Legal Services | \$1,000.00 | \$6,350.00 | \$1,017.00 | \$13,032.00 |
| 5371 Audit Services | \$12,000.00 | \$8,750.00 | \$12,204.00 | \$12,387.00 |
| Subtotal Purchased Services: | \$61,935.00 | \$76,856.00 | \$155,073.00 | \$251,228.00 |
| 5411 Water/Sewer | \$0.00 | \$94.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5421 Disposal Services | \$900.00 | \$812.00 | \$915.00 | \$929.00 |
| 5423 Purchased Custodial Services | \$5,200.00 | \$4,575.00 | \$5,288.00 | \$5,368.00 |
| 5431 Repairs & Maintenance Services | \$1,000.00 | \$2,375.00 | \$1,017.00 | \$19,877.00 |
| 5432 Maintenance - Vehicles | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$508.00 |
| 5441 Rental of Land & Buildings | \$53,000.00 | \$54,035.00 | \$55,170.00 | \$55,998.00 |
| 5442 Rental of Equipment & Vehicles | \$10,540.00 | \$5,057.00 | \$10,720.00 | \$3,046.00 |
| Subtotal Property Services: | \$70,640.00 | \$66,948.00 | \$73,110.00 | \$85,726.00 |

**Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Expense Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5518 Student Transportation Services - SPED | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$116,573.00 |
| 5521 Property Insurance | \$250.00 | \$149.00 | \$254.00 | \$254.00 |
| 5522 Liability Insurance | \$2,400.00 | \$3,296.00 | \$2,441.00 | \$4,110.00 |
| 5531 Telephone | \$8,500.00 | \$8,280.00 | \$8,644.00 | \$11,774.00 |
| 5532 Postage | \$4,075.00 | \$3,791.00 | \$4,144.00 | \$4,224.00 |
| 5533 Internet Provider Services | \$500.00 | \$631.00 | \$509.00 | \$11,666.00 |
| 5541 Advertising | \$800.00 | \$977.00 | \$814.00 | \$826.00 |
| 5551 Printing & Binding | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | \$254.00 | \$258.00 |
| 5561 Tuition To Other Vermont LEAs | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$232,000.00 |
| 5566 Tuition to Private Schools | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| 5581 Travel - Employee | \$11,700.00 | \$11,151.00 | \$11,900.00 | \$17,529.00 |
| Subtotal Other Services: | \$28,475.00 | \$28,275.00 | \$28,960.00 | \$439,214.00 |
| 5611 Consumable Supplies | \$12,816.00 | \$9,188.00 | \$11,919.00 | \$55,890.00 |
| 5613 Food (Instructional & Refreshments) | \$950.00 | \$399.00 | \$966.00 | \$1,137.00 |
| 5622 Electricity | \$2,500.00 | \$4,317.00 | \$2,542.00 | \$2,581.00 |
| 5624 Oil | \$4,500.00 | \$3,081.00 | \$4,577.00 | \$4,645.00 |
| 5626 Gasoline | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,155.00 |
| 5641 Textbooks | \$575.00 | \$193.00 | \$585.00 | \$594.00 |
| 5642 Periodicals | \$350.00 | \$447.00 | \$356.00 | \$361.00 |
| 5671 Software | \$1,000.00 | \$239.00 | \$1,018.00 | \$81,352.00 |
| 5699 Non-Capitalized Equipment | \$1,800.00 | \$9,883.00 | \$4,166.00 | \$116,216.00 |
| 5734 Equipment-Computers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$37,740.00 |
| 5739 Equipment-Other | \$1,200.00 | \$1,557.00 | \$0.00 | \$36,940.00 |
| Subtotal Supplies & Equipment: | \$25,691.00 | \$29,304.00 | \$26,129.00 | \$345,611.00 |
| 5811 Dues & Fees | \$6,900.00 | \$6,288.00 | \$7,017.00 | \$7,321.00 |
| 5891 Miscellaneous Expenditures | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$305.00 | \$309.00 |
| 5893 Late Charges | \$0.00 | \$48.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5894 Background Check Expense | \$0.00 | \$678.00 | \$1,220.00 | \$1,239.00 |
| Subtotal Dues, Interest, Principal & Transfers: | \$7,200.00 | \$7,014.00 | \$8,542.00 | \$8,869.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$1,751,447.00 | \$1,564,368.00 | \$2,196,323.00 | \$7,042,595.00 |

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union

FY15 Budget Notes

The ANESU budget has increased by \$4,846,272 for FY 2014-2015. Eighty eight percent (88%) or \$4,258,800 is new and funds the delivery of special education and related services previously carried in the District's six school budgets. In accordance with Act 153, special education service costs have been consolidated under the ANESU and assessed back out to the District's six schools.

All of Information Technology (IT) Services have been consolidated under the ANESU and is part of the ANESU assessment. In addition to personnel and benefits, this includes all IT equipment, software, internet, maintenance and all other associated IT costs. This change results in an increase of approximately, \$308,609 or 6.3% of the overall increase.

In addition, Purchased Services have been moved from the individual school budgets and consolidated under the ANESU for more effective use of those services. That cost (approximately \$247,000, or 5% of the ANESU increase) is now included in the ANESU assessment.

Those increases (SPED, IT and Purchased Services) amount to approximately 99.3% of the \$4,846,272 increase.

The remaining amount of the increase (approximately \$32,000 or .007%) is for Administrative and Finance budget increases, including salary increases at the same level as school personnel. Additional funds for legal services have been budgeted to reflect the actual amounts required each year.



**Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Revenue Budget**

| Account Code/Description | Budget 2012-2013 | Actual Audited 2012-2013 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 Budget |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 001-1510-4000 Investment Income | \$2,500.00 | \$1,222.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$2,606.00 |
| 001-1931-4000 Supervisory Union Assessment | \$1,026,961.00 | \$1,124,963.00 | \$1,524,891.00 | \$2,218,762.00 |
| 001-1932-4000 Special Education Assessment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,258,800.00 |
| 001-1941-4000 Services To Other Vermont LEAs | \$357,867.00 | \$394,941.00 | \$386,511.00 | \$139,048.00 |
| 001-1943-4001 District Course Related Revenue | \$0.00 | \$19,721.00 | \$41,189.00 | \$41,806.00 |
| 001-1949-4000 Grant Administration Fee | \$35,252.00 | \$47,454.00 | \$14,990.00 | \$12,311.00 |
| 001-1990-4000 Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue | \$500.00 | \$12,705.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| 001-1992-4000 Background Check Income | \$0.00 | \$532.00 | \$1,220.00 | \$1,239.00 |
| 001-1993-4000 E-Rate Reimbursement | \$8,300.00 | \$5,521.00 | \$5,500.00 | \$6,508.00 |
| 001-1999-4000 COBRA Fees | \$50.00 | \$270.00 | \$230.00 | \$150.00 |
| Subtotal Local Revenue: | \$1,431,430.00 | \$1,607,329.00 | \$1,976,231.00 | \$6,681,430.00 |
| 001-2791-4000 Subgrants Received - I3 Network Gran | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Subgrant Revenue: | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-3201-4000 SPED Mainstream Block Grant | \$56,812.00 | \$56,812.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal State Revenue: | \$56,812.00 | \$56,812.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-5290-4000 Fund Transfer - Medicaid | \$28,050.00 | \$6,772.00 | \$32,830.00 | \$8,586.00 |
| 001-5290-4001 Fund Transfer - Consolidated Admin. | \$28,826.00 | \$0.00 | \$36,754.00 | \$25,297.00 |
| 001-5290-4002 Fund Transfer - Flow Through | \$137,085.00 | \$0.00 | \$130,416.00 | \$294,019.00 |
| 001-5290-4003 Fund Transfer - Title IIA | \$21,387.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,092.00 | \$33,263.00 |
| 001-5400-4000 Adjustment Of Prior Year Expenditure: | \$0.00 | \$1,371.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 001-5700-4000 Restricted Revenue - S125 Forfeiture | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous Revenue: | \$215,348.00 | \$8,203.00 | \$215,092.00 | \$361,165.00 |
| Total Revenue: | \$1,708,590.00 | \$1,677,344.00 | \$2,196,323.00 | \$7,042,595.00 |

The percentage used to determine each town's portion of the Supervisory Union Assessment for 2014-2015 is based upon the 10/1/13 headcount.

| Towns/Schools | Percentage 2013-2014 | Budget 2013-2014 | Proposed 2014-2015 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bristol | 0.1718 | \$262,281.25 | \$381,183.31 |
| Lincoln | 0.0827 | \$120,161.41 | \$183,491.62 |
| Monkton | 0.0969 | \$152,794.08 | \$214,998.04 |
| New Haven | 0.0620 | \$98,050.49 | \$137,563.24 |
| Starksboro | 0.1008 | \$157,521.24 | \$223,651.21 |
| Mt. Abraham | 0.4858 | \$734,082.53 | \$1,077,874.58 |
| Addison Northeast District | 1.0000 | \$1,524,891.00 | \$2,218,762.00 |

Town of Starksboro
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Sat, March 2, 2013
Robinson School Multipurpose Room

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro and the Town School District in the County of Addison and State of Vermont met pursuant to the legally posted Warning to transact the business meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2013. The Moderator, Dan Dubenetsky, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. One hundred forty-two (142) voters were in attendance.

The Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then asked everyone to remain standing while he did a poll of town meetings attended. Jill Schoendorf was the last one standing, as this was her first town meeting in Starksboro. She received some maple syrup. Announcements were made: Four Winds Nature Program was selling food items, as well as lunch; Day Care provided by Friends of Jerusalem Schoolhouse; Starksboro Bookwagon Rocking Chair Raffle; and Doyle Polls were available.

The Moderator went over the Rules and Procedures for Town Meeting. We regret that Frank Bryan was not in attendance this year. The Town Officials were all introduced, as well as the Town Attorney. He then asked for permission for our State Representatives, Mike Fisher and Dave Sharpe, to have an opportunity to speak for a few minutes.

Mike Fisher spoke to Vermont Help Connect. He said that this was by far the hardest year with tough cuts to be made.

Dave Sharpe serves on the Ways and Means Committee. He spoke to the deficit, mostly due to health care. Vermont purchased 40 million gallons less gasoline in 2012 than in 2005. That also means less money for roads. Dave also talked about Education taxes.

The Representatives answered questions related to increase in Education taxes, price of oil / gasoline, conditions of the roads (especially Route 116 & 17), condition of our bridges, and the cost of Health Care - 9:37 a.m.

Polls were open on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to elect Town and Town School District Officers, and to vote on the Mt. Abraham and Hannaford Career Center budgets. Two hundred four (204) voters turned out.

Article 1: Results of Australian Ballot voting held on March 5, 2013 were as follows:

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| Moderator | Daniel Dubenetsky | 192 votes |
| School Moderator | Daniel Dubenetsky | 191 votes |
| Selectman | Mathew A. Norris | 174 votes |
| Lister | Amy McCormick | 186 votes |
| Auditor, 3 years | Robert Turner | 73 write-ins |
| Auditor, 2 years | VACANT | |
| Planning Commission | Jason Barnard | 164 votes |
| Planning Commission | Norman Cota | 180 votes |
| Planning Commission | Hugh Johnson | 169 votes |
| First Constable | Eric Cota | 15 write-ins |
| Second Constable | George Wyckoff | 156 votes |
| Cemetery Commissioner | VACANT | |
| Library Trustee | Katie Antos-Ketcham | 107 votes |
| Library Trustee | Erin Buckwalter | 92 votes |
| Library Trustee | Liz Fairchild | 120 votes |
| Tax Collector | Amy McCormick | 191 votes |
| Town Agent to Prosecute | Jim Runcie | 184 votes |

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| First Grand Juror | VACANT | |
| Robinson School Director | Dennis Hysko | 169 votes |
| Mt. Abe School Director | VACANT | |

Article 2: Eliot Putnam made a motion to accept the Auditor’s Report for the year ending June 30, 2012. Seconded by Peter Ryersbach. No discussion. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 2 passes.

Article 3: Jeff Keeney made a motion to vote \$502,329 for the proposed FY 13-14 General Fund Budget. Seconded by Heather Ragsdale. Selectboard member Susan Jefferies spoke to the budget this year being only \$5,000 more than last year. There are proposals that could reduce the amount of highway funding we receive. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 3 passes.

Article 4: Norman Cota made a motion to vote \$30,382 for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. Seconded by Donna Lescoe. No discussion. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 4 passes.

Article 5: Susan Jefferies made a motion to vote \$86,590 for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund. Seconded by Peter Ryersbach. Alan Quittner asked if there was a piece of equipment associated with this Fund. Susan Jefferies explained that it was for any equipment that we need to purchase, and that they try to look ahead 15 years. Mary O’Brien asked why in 2018-19 the fund went so low. Susan explained that sometimes more than one piece of equipment needed to be replaced at the same time. Alan Quittner motioned to call the question, seconded by Ted Barrett, so voted. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 5 passes.

Article 6: Robert Turner made a motion to vote \$1,000 for the Reappraisal Reserve Fund. Seconded by Mathew Norris. Nancy Cornell asked when the next reappraisal was expected. Norman Cota, Lister, stated that we are at 90% fair market value so in good shape. Not sure when the next one will be. Jim Runcie asked if we are putting enough aside for when it is needed. Susan said that we had \$100,000 right now, which is about what it would cost. Kerry Kurt asked if that was in an interest bearing account, to which Celine Coon, treasurer, said that it was. Celine Coon said that the State kicks in about \$9,000 toward the reappraisal as well. Peter Ryersbach, Auditor, said that our treasurer was very creative about getting the most interest possible on our money. Applause from the crowd. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 6 passes.

Article 7: Frank Spina made a motion to vote \$23,995 for the Starksboro Public Library to fund it operations for FY 13-14. Seconded by Eric Hanson. No discussion. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 7 passes.

Article 8: Susan Jefferies made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$215,000 (after trade-in or sale of the current grader, and municipal discount) for the purchase, in FY 13-14 of a replacement grader. Seconded by Peter Ryersbach. Jim Runcie asked how this intersects with the Road Equipment Reserve Fund. Susan Jefferies explained that the payments come out of the Reserve Fund. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 8 passes.

Article 9: Jeff Keeney made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to spend an amount not to exceed \$33,000 for the purchase of a replacement mower in FY 13-14. Seconded by John Thomas-Squire. Jeff Dunham asked if this was also out of the Reserve Fund. Yes. Kevin Camara asked if this was for the attachment that goes on the mower. Road Foreman, Tom Estey, said that it was. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 9 passes.

Article 10: Heather Bessette made a motion to vote \$11,160 for one fifth of the purchase price of six solar trackers currently installed at 101 Parsonage Road. Seconded by Digger Faesy. Much discussion on how our experience has been so far, and that there has not been any actual money received but lots of credit toward our power bills. Receiving a benefit from these is the town office, town hall/library, old town office, town garage, the old fire station, and the fire station just north of the village. The Selectboard will look into getting the Jerusalem Schoolhouse included as well. Caleb Elder spoke to All Earth

Renewable and how the purchase at fair market value works. Discussion on if the technology would be outdated at some point, and how much the leasing cost the town. John Miller said that the efficiency of the panels doesn't change much over years, and is designed to last about 15 years. The trackers add about 40% efficiency to the system. We made 20% more than expected last year. Further discussion on if the school had any similar plans to purchase their 19 trackers. The School Board said no, they were going to wait until the end of the five years and then determine whether or not they would purchase them. We also discussed what would happen if we opted to not purchase them at the end of the five years. Eric Hanson made a motion to call the question, seconded by Heather Ragsdale. Voice vote called, passed. Voice vote called on Article 10, so voted. Article 10 passes.

10:20 a.m. **ELIOT PUTNAM MADE A MOTION TO RECESS TOWN MEETING AND CONVENE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING. SECONDED BY BONITA BEDARD.**

The assembly gave permission for Robinson School Principal Patrick Hartnett, and Superintendent Dave Adams to speak.

Article 1: Bonita Bedard made a motion to appropriate \$2,586,691 necessary for the support of Robinson Elementary School for the year beginning July 1, 2013. Seconded by Blair Hall. School Board member Bonita Bedard talked about a lot of changes this year, including two new administrators. Due to increases in health care and salaries, the school board was not able to keep a flat budget this year. The board was forced to make some hard choices, including letting some of the staff go. There has been a deficit for the past five years which had to be dealt with, and some changes in the technology level at the school. Louis Dupont, school board member, spoke to the process of finding a new principal for Robinson. Patrick Hartnett stood out among the other candidates.

Principal Patrick Hartnett spoke to the assembly on the difficult financial times which have been addressed, the new District wide approach to school, school safety, the introduction of a new Outdoor Program, transitioning to a Common Core National Curriculum. Patrick thanked Dan Noel, former Principal, for his dedication; the school board; the ANESU team of Dave Adams and Nancy Cornell and others; Tom Estey and road crew; and Martha Cota. Patrick also thanked the Camels Hump Nordic Center, Catamount Trail Association, Betcha Transit, and Cochran's for their involvement and help with the new Outdoor Program.

New Superintendent, David Adams spoke, recognizing Nancy Cornell, associate Superintendent, along with the teachers and staff members at Robinson. He talked about the new State Accountability and State Assessment Systems.

Discussion on why the school didn't have a plan to purchase the nineteen trackers like the town does. Bonita Bedard explained that their priority was the education of the kids and that they will have to figure that out when they get there. Dennis Hysko spoke more on the trackers, and how putting money aside could affect the per pupil spending. Discussion on how there could be layoffs this year when the budget passed last year carries us through June 30th this year. Bonita Bedard answered showing where the major part of the deficit was in the mandated Special Ed services. The school is getting a loan of \$88,000 to pay the deficit down over the next three years. Talked about the concern of how some centralizing among the schools may be useful, but how does it affect the kids; changes in the tech lab and technology; literacy; the possibility of too much now being put on the teachers; and how the budget affects the tax rate. The School Board and Superintendent assured the voters that good things are happening at Robinson and that they are moving forward in a positive way.

Ted Barrett made a motion to call the question, seconded by Alan Quittner, and so voted. Voice vote called on Article 1, so voted. Article 1 passes.

Article 2: Heather Ragsdale made a motion to authorize the Starksboro Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. s562 (9). Seconded by Jeff Keeney. Celine Coon, town treasurer,

explained that this is a Bank requirement and that they will not loan money without it. Discussion on how much can be borrowed, and the difference between bonds and notes. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 2 passes.

Article 3: Bonita Bedard made a motion to transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Seconded by Louis Dupont. Bonita Bedard recognized Robert Hall for his many years of service on the Mt. Abe School board (he was also on the very first board when Mt. Abe first opened). Applause from the audience. Bob Hall said a few words. Patrick Hartnett spoke about the Mentoring Program, having the Mentors stand and be recognized. Tom Estey, Road Foreman, spoke to school closings and delays, and the Fire Department. He thanked Matt Estey, Den Casey, Ben Campbell, and Dan Eickenberg for their help during the last storm. Discussion on what has been done for more security both at Robinson and Mt. Abe. David Adams said there was a Community Forum on March 27th at Mt. Abe to talk about school safety. There is currently work on a Response Plan, good drill practices, examining video intercom systems, more active presence of the County Sheriffs. More discussion on the cuts made at school and the impact on the kids, the lack of support at Mt. Abe with Winter Sports Programs, the need to make sure our Legislators make education a priority. Congratulations to Ryan Cochran Siegle for his Olympic skiing accomplishments. He has made us proud! Tom Estey made a motion to adjourn the School Meeting, seconded by Bill Sullivan and so voted.

RECESSED UNTIL 12:32 P.M.

Bob Hall passed out mardi gras beads as he danced down the aisle.

TOWN MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:32 PM.

Article 11: Peter Ryersbach made a motion to vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests, seconded by Blair Hall:

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| Starksboro Cooperative Preschool | 4000 |
| Susan Pare spoke to this and answered questions. | |
| Robinson Mentoring Program | 1500 |
| Starksboro First Response | 7500 |
| Cheryl Estey spoke to this. SFR received triple dittos x 3. | |
| Starksboro Sports Program | 2500 |
| Starksboro School Age Program (RASY) | 425 |
| Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department | 20000 |
| Tom Estey spoke to this one. | |
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Voice vote called, so voted. Article 11 passes.

Article 12: Jeff Keeney made a motion to vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests, seconded by Caroline Camara:

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| AC Home Health and Hospice | 1964 |
| Kerry Kurt spoke to this. | |
| AC Humane Society | 500 |
| AC Parent / Child Center | 1600 |
| AC Readers | 350 |
| Lisa Daudon spoke to this. | |
| AC Transit Resources | 1493 |
| American Red Cross | 500 |
| Bristol Family Center | 500 |
| Bristol Rec Center | 2200 |
| Judith Bryant and Caleb Elder spoke to this. | |

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| Bristol Rescue Squad | 4000 |
| Cheryl answered questions related to this. | |
| Champlain Valley Agency on Aging | 1300 |
| Counseling Service of Addison County | 2200 |
| Heather Bessette spoke to this. | |
| Elderly Services | 900 |
| Green Up Vermont | 100 |
| HOPE (formerly ACCAG) | 1750 |
| Hospice Volunteer Services | 350 |
| Catherine Willson spoke to this. | |
| John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc | 970 |
| Lewis Creek Association | 550 |
| Open Door Clinic | 250 |
| Northern Vermont RC & D Council | 100 |
| Tom Estey explained what they do. | |
| Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District | 176 |
| RSVP | 180 |
| Vermont Adult Learning | 700 |
| Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired | 500 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | 250 |
| WomenSafe | 1000 |
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Voice vote called, so voted. Article 12 passes.

Article 13: Norman Cota made a motion to vote that property owned by the Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department be exempt from property taxes, seconded by Heather Ragsdale. No discussion. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 13 passes.

Article 14: Caleb Elder made a motion, seconded by Tom Perry, to designate the Town of Starksboro as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Sect 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation d/b/a Efficiency Vermont to operate the PACE program.

There was much discussion on this topic. Tom Perry and Caleb Elder explained how this would work and answered many questions related to this. PACE loans are attached to the property itself, and would be passed along to the new owner. Up to \$30,000 could be loaned. An energy audit would be part of the process. The town would initiate the loan and be involved in the collection process. There are no costs to the town related to this. Today is just taking the first step in authorizing Starksboro to become a PACE District, and also authorizing Starksboro to arrange with Efficiency Vermont to be the administrator of this program on behalf of the town. The interest rate will be around 5 ½ - 6%. The town can charge a \$50 participant fee per participant per year. **Eric Hanson proposed an amendment to the article. SHALL THE VOTERS AUTHORIZE THE STARKSBORO SELECTBOARD TO CONSIDER THE DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN OF STARKSBORO AS A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT, IF THE SELECTBOARD FEELS IT IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION?** Seconded by Bonita Bedard. Caleb Elder asked whether changing the language will change the statutory meaning, because this is very language specific. Heather Ragsdale made a motion to kill the debate on the amendment, seconded by Norman Cota. Voice vote called, so voted. **VOICE VOTE CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLE. DEFEATED. AMENDMENT DOES NOT PASS.**

Lisa Daudon called the question, seconded by Jeff Keeney. Voice vote called, so voted. Debate over. Voice vote called on original Article 14. Too close to count. Standing vote called – YES-38, NO-41.

ARTICLE 14 DEFEATED BY STANDING VOTE.

Article 15:

Norman Cota made a motion to vote that Real Estate taxes be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Friday, November 1, 2013, at 5:00 pm becoming delinquent after November 1, 2013 at 5:00 pm. Taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt. Taxes may be paid in installments on August 1st, September 1st, and November 1st, 2013. Seconded by Nancy Cornell. Discussion on why installments can't be made twice a year. Taxpayers can make a payment whenever they want to. The collection process would be more expensive if we had two due dates. Celine Coon, Treasurer, said that the cash flow works out very well the way we have it now. We have not had to borrow any money in anticipation of taxes for several years. New banking policies require that an escrow be set up when refinancing. Voice vote called, so voted. Article 15 passes.

Article 16: Blair Hall made a motion to transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Seconded by Nancy Cornell.

Greg Orvis thanked the town for highlighting the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in the town report. He then updated everyone on the progress of the renovation plans for the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. Greg said that Polly Orvis was the backbone of this project. Right now the project is in the grant-writing stage.

Selectboard member Susan Jefferies thanked the Friends of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse for taking the initiative on the Jerusalem Schoolhouse renovations. She also mentioned that through the Town Auditors, who have been trying to get better control on the town's cash transactions, they recognize the potential issues with the Recycling money. They are just trying to get better control over cash that does not come directly into the town office. Some of the options that they have looked at are: 1) selling tickets, 2) dump stickers, or, 3) have the town pay the cost of recycling. Looking for thoughts from town residents. There was no real common concurrence from the voters. Susan also said that she felt like there was also some concern from the folks who work there on the responsibility of having the money in their possession. Some other thoughts were: tickets could be by donation, we could end up with a lot of junk if recycling not monitored, and tickets are costly so if town pays for recycling everyone pays for it, including those who don't recycle. Susan Jefferies asked for a straw vote – it was a toss up between having the town pay for it and leaving things as they are.

Chris Runcie thanked Cecilia Elwert for many years on the Library board. Applause.

Dan Paquette said that it will cost the town if they decided to pay for recycling. Susan said yes, \$5,000.

Richard Warren announced that on Sat, April 13 at 7:30 at the Town Hall in Starksboro, Vermont Film will be showing a film titled *The Summer of Walter Hacks*, starring George Woodard. This film takes place in the 1950's, and could well be one of the last showings in this kind of setting. Proceeds to benefit the Starksboro Village Meeting House.

Donna Lescoe asked if the Selectboard could investigate the PACE proposal further. They said that they could.

Tom Perry proposed a non-binding resolution regarding the transport of Canadian Alberta Tar Sands, and making Starksboro a Tar Sands-free town. We are talking about a very heavy, carbon-intensive form of oil. The town is not currently getting its fuel oil through refineries doing business with the Tar Sands. There was much discussion on this, both for and against. A voice vote was called on the following resolution. Standing vote, YES – 38, NO – 23. The motion passes. The Resolution passed as follows:

“Shall the voters of the town of Starksboro instruct the Selectboard to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transport through Vermont? WHEREAS, the oil industry appears to be planning to use an aging oil pipeline, built in 1950, to bring Canadian tar sands diluted bitumen through Vermont on its way to Portland, Maine for export; and

WHEREAS, the mining, drilling, and processing of tar sands requires a vast and destructive industrial operation that emits 3-5 times more carbon pollution per barrel than conventional U.S. crude oil, among many other problems; and

WHEREAS, pipelines carrying tar sands have a greater likelihood of leaks and spills because of the corrosive properties of tar sands, and such spills are more costly and difficult to clean up than conventional oil spills, as demonstrated by a 2010 tar sands spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River in Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and
2. That the Town shall require every fuel vendor, as a precondition for doing business with Town, to provide complete and current lists of the refinery sources of origin for all fuel the vendor sells, and thereby direct the Town's purchases as much as possible toward vendors whose refinery sources do not use any material derived from tar sands; and
3. That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands, and support policies such as a Clean Fuels Standard to help keep such fuels out of the region's fuel supply; and
4. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills, along with clear guidelines for tracking the origins and chemical composition of pipeline contents and feedstocks; and
5. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and the CEO's of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pipe Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil, and Enbridge Inc. "

Robert Hall asked if it would be possible to get a microphone in the back of the room for next year. It was determined that the microphone being used now does reach to the back of the room.

Mary O'Brien reminded folks about the Rocker Raffle to benefit Project Read!.

Cecilia Elwert thanked Jennifer Turner for working at the Recycling Center during Town Meeting.

Four Winds were thanked for the food today. Congratulations to the girls 5-6 basketball team on their victory.

Hugh Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Heather Ragsdale and so voted. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Cheryl Estey, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Dan Dubenetsky, Moderator
Susan Jefferies, Selectboard
Peter Marsh, Selectboard
Mathew Norris, Selectboard

VOTER INFORMATION

Town Meeting: Sat, March 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Robinson School multipurpose room.

Applications for names to be added to the checklist:

Applications shall not be accepted after 5:00 on February 26, 2014, in order to be on the checklist for this year's Town Meeting. If a person is not eligible to register prior to February 26th, but expects to be eligible on or before Election Day, he / she may file with the Town Clerk a written notice of his / her intent to apply for addition of his / her name to the checklist. The notice shall be filed prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 26th of February, and the Board of Civil Authority shall then accept the person's application at any time before the close of the polls on Election Day, and act upon the application forthwith.

Applications: A person who desires to register to vote in an election shall, during regular hours, file an application in the office of the Town Clerk in which he / she is a resident.

Nominations, Petitions for Candidates for Office: Nominations of the municipal officers shall be by petition. The petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk, together with a written consent of the prospective nominee to the printing of his/ her name on the ballot, no later than 5:00 pm on the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election, which will be January 27, 2014. A petition shall contain the name of only one candidate. A voter shall not sign more than one petition for the same office, unless more than one nomination is to be made, in which case he may sign a many petitions as there are nominations to be made for the same office.

A person consenting to be nominated may withdraw by notifying the Town Clerk in writing no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday after the filing deadline (January 29, 2014).

Petitions for Articles to be included in the Warning:

The Warning shall also contain any article or articles requested by a petition signed by at least 5% of the voters of the municipality and filed with the Town Clerk not less than 40 days before the day of the Town Meeting (January 23, 2014), by 5:00 pm.

Absentee Voting:

A voter who expects to be an absent voter, or an authorized person in his/her behalf, may apply for absentee voter ballots not later than 5:00 pm on the closing of the Town Office on the day preceding the election (March 3, 2014).

Absentee ballots may be requested by telephone, in person, or in writing, and shall be valid for only one election.

A person may vote absentee in person at the Town Office, by mail, by picking ballot up and bringing it home to be voted, or, if ill or needing help, a pair of Justices will bring the ballot to your home on the day before the election. Please call the Town Office if you have questions regarding absentee voting.

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

Town Meeting is an opportunity for all registered voters to come together to discuss and transact the business of how their town will operate in the coming year. The state legislature requires that Town Meeting be run according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise directed by town vote. The next few paragraphs will briefly outline the most commonly used terms and procedures.

Order of Proceedings: The business meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. on Sat, March 1, 2014. All articles will be taken up in numerical order, unless the assembly votes a change on the procedure. That would require a suspension of the rules, a second, and a 2/3 vote in favor. Australian Ballot voting will take place continuously from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the following Tues, March 4, 2014.

Motions: All articles must be placed on the floor by a motion and a second. These will be noted by the Town Clerk and appear in the minutes of the annual meeting. Once an article has been placed on the floor, there can be discussion on the article. When discussion appears to have ended, the moderator can bring the article to a vote. "Any more discussion on article...? We are now ready to vote on article..." The moderator will then re-read the article and call for a voice vote.

If a voter wishes to make a motion or an opinion, they must first be recognized by the moderator. Once recognized they should state their name and direct their thoughts and comments through the moderator and not to other members of the meeting unless so directed by the moderator. The moderator may recognize others that have not spoken before returning to someone who has already had the floor. Remarks should not be personal and should be germane to the topic at hand. The moderator may ask an individual to use a microphone if they are readily available.

Amendments: Amendments to the main motion may be made ("I move we amend article # to read...") and seconded. An amendment may itself be amended once. Only one amendment should be on the floor at any time. As they are voted on, discussion then follows and voting takes place on that amendment before returning to bring the newly amended article to the floor by a motion/second and followed by discussion and a vote. In theory there is no limit to the number of amendments to an article, provided they remain germane (closely related to the main motion). Amendments should be used to insert, delete, or substitute words or paragraphs in the main motion. It is always helpful if the person wishing to amend the article has their thoughts written down clearly.

Any article can be amended, including town and school budgets. It is important to note that amending a budget may be better than simply voting it down. Once an article is voted on, it can only be **reconsidered** before the next article is brought to the floor. The article can only be brought up for reconsideration with a motion by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the article. It then takes a majority vote by the assembly to place it back on the agenda.

Voting by Registered Voters: Only voters with name tags are allowed to vote. Voting may take place three ways:

- Voice vote (all in favor say "aye", opposed "no").
- Standing vote (Division of the House), called by the moderator if voice vote is too close to determine, or by one voter when they have the floor, no second required.
- Paper Ballot – seven (7) voters may request a paper ballot. A motion must be made and seconded.

Other common terms and procedures:

Object to Consideration: A motion can be made from the floor to an article prior to being discussed, to object to the consideration of said article. No second is required, however, a 2/3 vote in the negative must be recorded to kill the article. If it passes, it cannot be brought to a vote.

Call the Question: You must have the floor when you call the question. At this point you are asking for all discussion to end regarding an article and you want the article to be brought to a vote. There must also be a second to this motion and finally 2/3 of the voters in the assembly must be in favor of killing the debate and vote on the article. Remember, Town Meeting is a forum that encourages debate and a healthy amount of discussion should occur before making this motion.

Suspend the Rules: Needs a motion and second plus 2/3 vote to change the order in which articles are discussed and voted on. It also can be used to allow out-of-towners the right to speak, but not vote on an issue. This commonly used when representatives from the legislature attend our town meetings.

Passing Over: There is no such motion in Robert's Rules, and it is recommended that all articles be given consideration. If a voter feels an article is inappropriate, the best and most democratic method is to bring it to the floor in the usual way and hope the assembly votes it down.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Dubenetsky, Town & School Moderator



Atkins Sugarhouse

Candidates for Election on March 4, 2014

| | |
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| Moderator, 1 year | DAN DUBENETSKY |
| School District Moderator, 1 year | DAN DUBENETSKY |
| Selectboard, 3 years | PETER MARSH |
| Lister, 3 years | JACOB HANSEN |
| Auditor, 2 years | |
| Auditor, 3 years | PETER RYERSBACH |
| Planning Commission, 3 years | DANIEL HARRIS |
| Planning Commission, 3 years | DANIEL NUGENT |
| Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years | NORMAN COTA |
| Library Trustee, 3 years | JUDITH KESSLER |
| Library Trustee, 3 years | CHRIS RUNCIE |
| First Constable, 1 year | ERIC COTA |
| Second Constable, 1 year | |
| Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year | AMY MCCORMICK |
| Union Dist. #28 School Director, 3 yrs | BONITA BEDARD |
| Union Dist. #28 School Director, 2 yrs | JODI BACHAND |
| Robinson Elementary School Director, 3 yrs | LOUIS DUPONT |
| First Grand Juror, 1 year | |
| Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits, 1 yr | JIM RUNCIE |

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Saturday, March 1, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro and the Town School District in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Robinson School multipurpose room within said Starksboro on **Saturday the first day of March, A.D. 2014**, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and transact the following business viz:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers, to vote on the Mt. Abraham School Budget, and to vote on the Hannaford Regional Technical School Budget. The Business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

Article 1: To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2014.

To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year.

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| Moderator, 1 yr | Moderator, School District, 1yr |
| Selectman, 3 yrs | First Constable, 1 yr |
| Lister, 3 yrs | Second Constable, 1 yr |
| Auditor, 2 yrs | Town Planning Commission, 3 yrs |
| Auditor, 3 yrs | Town Planning Commission, 3 yrs |
| Tax Collector, 1 yr | Library Trustee, 3 yrs |
| Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs | Library Trustee, 3 yrs |
| Union District School Director, 3 yrs | First Grand Juror, 1 yr |
| Union District School Director, 2 yrs | Town Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 yr |
| Elementary School Director, 3 yrs | |

Article 2: Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report for the year ending June 30, 2013?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote that \$50,000 from the FY 12-13 carry forward surplus be set aside for the construction of a new town garage?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 14-15 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$735,262, less receipts of \$202,050, less carry forward surplus of \$21,271, for an amount of \$511,941?

Article 5: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$31,970?

Article 6: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$90,570?

Article 7: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 14-15, being \$24,824?

Article 8: Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for one fifth of the purchase price of six solar trackers currently installed at 101 Parsonage Road, being \$11,160? In the event the voters of the town decide not to purchase the solar trackers at the end of the Power Purchase Agreement in 2015, the Selectboard will use any money collected for the purchase to offset future budgets.

RECESS TOWN MEETING; CONVENE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

- Article 1:** Shall the voters of the Starksboro Town School District appropriate \$2,650,857 necessary for the support of Robinson Elementary School for the year beginning July 1, 2014?
- Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Starksboro Town School District authorize the Starksboro Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. s562 (9)?
- Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Starksboro Town School District authorize the Starksboro Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not to exceed \$100,000 to finance the cost of roof repairs to be repaid over a term not to exceed five years?
- Article 4:** To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

ADJOURN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING; RECONVENE TOWN MEETING

- Article 9:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

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| Project READ! | 250 |
| Starksboro Cooperative Preschool | 4500 |
| Starksboro Mentoring Program | 2000 |
| Starksboro First Response | 7500 |
| Starksboro Sports Program | 2500 |
| Starksboro School Age Program (RASY) | 425 |
| Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department | 20000 |
| TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS | <u>37175</u> |

- Article 10:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests?

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| AC Home Health & Hospice | 1964 |
| AC Humane Society | 500 |
| AC Parent/Child Center | 1600 |
| AC Readers | 350 |
| AC Transit Resources | 1493 |
| American Red Cross | 500 |
| Bristol Family Center | 500 |
| Bristol Rec Center | 2500 |
| Bristol Rescue Squad | 6000 |
| Champlain Valley Agency on Aging | 1300 |
| Counseling Service of Addison County | 2200 |
| Elderly Services, Inc | 900 |
| Green Up Vermont | 100 |
| HOPE (formerly ACCAG) | 1750 |
| Hospice Volunteer Services | 350 |
| John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc | 970 |
| Lewis Creek Association | 550 |
| Open Door Clinic | 250 |
| Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation Dist | 176 |
| RSVP | 180 |
| Vermont Adult Learning | 700 |
| Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired | 500 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | 250 |
| WomenSafe | 1250 |
| TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS | <u>26833</u> |

Article 11: Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate \$600 for ADDISON COUNTY COURT DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECTS, INC. to help provide restorative justice projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes and avoid incarceration and a criminal record, said sum to come from Town Funds?

Article 12: Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Monday, November 3, 2014, at 5:00 pm becoming delinquent after November 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm? Taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt. Taxes may be paid in installments on August 1st, September 1st, and November 3rd, 2014.

Article 13: To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Starksboro, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2014

s/ Bonita Bedard
s/ Louis Dupont
s/ Dennis Hysko

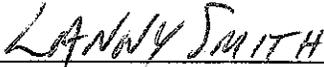
s/ Susan Jefferies
s/ Peter Marsh
s/ Mathew Norris

**WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)**

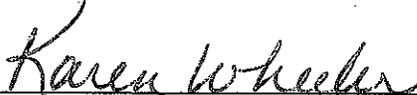
The voters of Union High School District # 28 are hereby warned and notified to meet at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol, Vermont, on **Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM** to discuss and transact the following business. Article 4 requires a vote by Australian Ballot to take place on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014** at the annual polling places of the respective towns at hours conforming to those of each town.

- ARTICLE 1. To receive and act upon the reports of the Union High School District Officers.
- ARTICLE 2. To establish the salaries for elected officers of Union High School District # 28.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect officers following nominations from the floor.
a) A Moderator; b) A Clerk; c) A Treasurer; d) An Auditor for the term of 3 years.
- ARTICLE 4. For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014, AT THE ANNUAL POLLING PLACE AND TIMES OF EACH RESPECTIVE TOWN.
Shall the Union High School District # 28 adopt a budget of \$14,091,304 for the school year beginning July 1, 2014?
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the voters of the Union High School District will authorize the Union High School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. '562 (9).
- ARTICLE 6. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.
- ARTICLE 7. To adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Dated at Bristol, Vermont, this 21st day of January 2014.



Lanny Smith, Chair
Board of Directors
Union High School District # 28



Karen Wheeler, Clerk
Union High School District # 28

WARNING
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)

The voters of Union High School District # 28 are hereby warned and notified to meet at the annual polling places of the respective towns on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article of business.

Hours of opening and closing of polls will conform to those of each town:

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| Bristol | Holley Hall | 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM |
| Lincoln | Burnham Hall | 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM |
| Monkton | Monkton Central School | 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM |
| New Haven | New Haven Town Hall | 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM |
| Starksboro | Robinson Elementary School | 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM |

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Union High School District # 28 adopt a budget of \$14,091,304 for the school year beginning July 1, 2014?

Dated at Bristol, Vermont, this 21st day of January 2014.

LANNY SMITH

Lanny Smith, Chair
Board of Directors
Union High School District # 28

Karen Wheeler

Karen Wheeler, Clerk
Union High School District # 28

WARNING

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26 and MARCH 4, 2014

Member Districts are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at the Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, Vermont in said district on February 26, 2014, at **7:00 P.M.**, to **transact and vote on the following business:**

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers:

- a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Treasurer and Auditors of the District.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters of the district will vote to pay a stipend to each voting member of the Board of Directors not to exceed **\$600.00** per member per year. Stipend pro-rated based upon number of warned board meetings attended.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to place **\$69,081** of the FY13 unreserved fund balance in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund for capital improvements and program equipment.

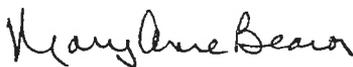
ARTICLE 7: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 4, 2014 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on the article listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

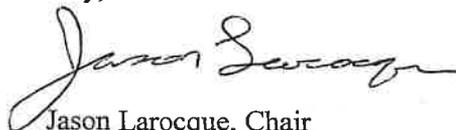
ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the sum of **\$3,519,637** to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations, said amount to include **\$99,724** from fees, grants and state appropriations to defray expenses of the Adult Technical Education Program?

The legal voters and residents of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on the above-listed Australian ballot article on Wednesday, February 22, 2014 at the Hannaford Career Center in the Town of Middlebury, Vermont immediately following the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District's annual meeting which begins at 7:00 pm.

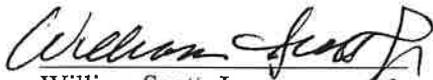
Dated this 11th day of December, 2013 at Middlebury, Vermont.

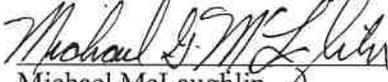


Mary Anne Bearor, Clerk
PAHRTSD



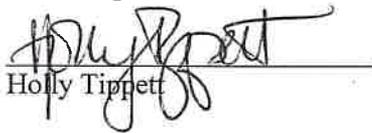
Jason Larocque, Chair
PAHRTSD


 William Scott, Jr.


 Michael McLaughlin

Tim Steady

Kurt Haigis


 Holly Tippet

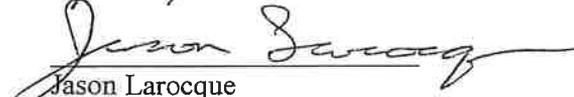
Harold Nisun


 Laura Lass


 Kim Farnham


 Robert Hall


 Mark Perrin


 Jason Larocque

The polling places and hours of the member districts of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are as follows:

| District | Location | Polling Hours |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Addison | Addison Town Clerk's Office | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Bridport | Bridport Masonic/Community Hall | 10:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Bristol | Holley Hall | 9:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Cornwall | Cornwall Town Hall | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Ferrisburgh | Ferrisburgh Central School | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Lincoln | Burnham Hall | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Middlebury | Middlebury Municipal Gym | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Monkton | Monkton Central School | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| New Haven | New Haven Town Hall | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Panton | Panton Town Clerk's Office | 8:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Ripton | Ripton Town Office | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Salisbury | Salisbury Town Clerk's Office | 8:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Shoreham | Shoreham Town Offices | 10:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Starksboro | Robinson Elementary School | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Vergennes | Vergennes Fire Station | 9:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Waltham | Waltham Town Clerk's Office | 10:00 AM-7:00 PM |
| Weybridge | Weybridge Town Clerk's Office | 8:00 AM-7:00 PM |

The legal voters of the Patricia A Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, and by Section 706W of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Australian ballots shall be commingled and counted at the Middlebury Union High School cafeteria by representatives of the Boards of Civil authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
TOWN OF STARKSBORO, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.
- D. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface this ballot, return it to the ballot clerk and obtain another.

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| <p>For Moderator, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAN DUBENETSKY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Planning Commission, for 3 years Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>DANIEL HARRIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DANIEL NUGENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For First Grand Juror, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>For School District Moderator, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAN DUBENETSKY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For First Constable, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ERIC COTA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Town Agent to Prosecute and Defent Suits, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JIM RUNCIE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>For Selectman, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PETER MARSH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Second Constable, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Robinson Elementary School Director, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LOUIS DUPONT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>For Lister, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JACOB HANSEN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Delinquent Tax Collector, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>AMY MCCORMICK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Union District #28 School Director, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>BONITA BEDARD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>For Auditor, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PETER RYERSBACH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>NORMAN COTA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Union District #28 School Director, for 2 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JODI BACHAND</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>For Auditor, for 2 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>For Library Trustee, for 3 years Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>JUDITH KESSLER</p> <p>CHRIS RUNCIE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">write-in <input type="checkbox"/></p> | |

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

SAMPLE ONLY

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Union High School District #28 adopt a budget of \$14,091,304 for the school year beginning July 1, 2014?

If in favor of Article 1, make a cross (X) in this box.

If opposed to Article 1, make a cross (X) in this box.

SAMPLE ONLY

Member Districts are
Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven,
Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 4, 2014**

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the sum of \$3,519,637 to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations, said amount to include \$99,724 from fees, grants and state appropriations to defray expenses of the Adult Technical Education Program?

If in favor of the Article, make
a cross (X) in this square

If opposed to the Article, make
a cross (X) in this square

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 23, 2014 | Last day to file petitions with Town Clerk signed by 5% of the voters for articles to be included in Town Meeting Warning, by 5:00 p.m. |
| January 27, 2014 | 5:00 pm deadline for filing with Town Clerk nominating petitions for town offices to be filled by Australian Ballot, with 1% of the voters signatures. |
| February 26, 2014 | Last day to apply for addition to the checklist, by 5:00 pm. |
| February 25, 2014 | Mt. Abe Annual Meeting – Mt. Abe Library – 7:00 pm. |
| March 1, 2014 | TOWN MEETING – 9 am at the Robinson Elementary School multipurpose room. |
| March 3, 2014 | Last day to request absentee ballots for Australian Ballot voting, by 5 pm |
| March 4, 2014 | Australian Ballot voting – polls open 7 am to 7 pm at the Robinson School |
| April 1, 2014 | All dogs must be registered with the town by this date. Tags available by Jan 1 st . |
| November 1, 2014 | Property taxes are due in full on or before this date. |

REGULAR MEETING DATES

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| Selectboard | 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm at the town office |
| Robinson School Board | 1st Wed @ 5:30 pm at Robinson School Library |
| Mt. Abe School Board | 1 st & 3 rd Tues @ 6:30 pm at Mt. Abe Library |
| Planning Commission | 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays @ town office |
| DRB Board | 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays @ town office |
| Conservation Commission | 4 th Mondays @ 7:00 pm at the Starksboro Public Library |
| Starksboro Public Library | Board meets 2 nd Monday @ 7 pm @ the Library |
| Starks. Vill. Water Coop | 3 rd Wed. of March, June, Sept, & Dec @ 7:30 pm at Library |

HOURS OF BUSINESS

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| Town Office/Food Shelf | Mon-Thurs, 8:30 – 4:30. Closed on Fridays. |
| Recycling | 1 st & 3 rd Saturdays @ town garage, 8:00 – 11:00 am |
| Starksboro Public Library | Mon-10-6; Thurs-10-5; Sat- 9-1 |
| Post Office | Mon-Fri-7:30-11:30 & 2:30 – 4:30. Saturdays-7:30-11. |

INFORMATION PAGE

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HUNGER IN VERMONT

- More and more Vermonters don't have enough food to eat
- 1 in 5 Vermont children live in homes without consistent access to healthy food
- 31% increase in student homelessness over the last few years
- 1 in 10 seniors are facing hunger

RESOURCES TO HELP COMMUNITIES IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD:

- Dial 211: 24 hour-a-day free information line
- Visit: www.vermontfoodhelp.com: a website all about 3SquaresVT (formerly food stamps). Help a friend or relative find out if they are eligible, how to apply and estimate their benefits.
- Ask your town to support programs that feed children and seniors. Contact Hunger Free Vermont with any questions: 802-865-0255 or info@hungerfreevt.org



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Mt. Abe Annual Meeting: Feb. 25, 2014 @ 7 pm at Mt. Abe Library

Town Meeting: Sat, March 1, 2014 @ 9:00 am @ Robinson School

Australian Ballot Voting: Tues, March 4, 2014, Polls open 7 am to 7 pm @ Robinson School

Child Care available during town meeting, 8:30 until end, by donation

Please bring your town report to Town Meeting