

Town of Mendon Vermont



Largest known
Thornless Honeylocust Tree
in the State of Vermont.

2014 Annual Report

Financial Reports
July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014

Budget Proposals
July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

Town of Mendon Vermont

www.mendonvt.org

Town Office Staff

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Animal Control Officer – Rod MacCuaig		775-1545
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Collector of Delinquent Taxes - Nancy Merrill		775-4689
Dir. Public Safety/Constable – Phil Douglas		775-1662
Fire Warden – Roy Prior		775-1662
Health Officer - Sara Hebert Tully	mendonadmin@comcast.net	775-1662
Planning Commission - Therese Corsones		773-3413
Road Commissioner - Bill Ellis		773-4402
School Board:		
Michelle Erickson, Chair		775-4283
Matthew Conway		775-5041
Jonathan Reynolds		345-8678
Selectboard:		
Greg Smith, Chair		775-0759
Larry Courcelle		775-2852
Geoff Wells		558-4742
Tax Assessor - Spencer Potter		802-496-9689
Town Administrator - Sara Hebert Tully	mendonadmin@comcast.net	775-1662
Town Clerk- Marie Conway	mendonclerk@comcast.net	775-1662
Town Treasurer – Caroline Schneider		786-2472
Zoning Administrator - Steve Cosgrove		775-0065

Meeting Schedule

Barstow School Board	Third Monday at 7:00 PM at Barstow
Mendon School Board	Third Monday at 6:50 PM at Barstow
Planning Commission	First Monday at 5:15 PM at Town Office
Selectboard	Second and fourth Monday at 5:30 PM at Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Meets as required

Important Dates

March 2, 2015	Town Meeting at Mendon Mountainview Lodge, 6:00 PM
March 3, 2015	Local Elections at Town Office polls open 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM
March 9, 2015	Taxes Due at the Town Office
April 1, 2015	Dog License registration due at the Town Office
September 14, 2015	Taxes Due at the Town Office

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A photo of the tree was featured in the Vermont Tree Society 2004 Tree Lover's Calendar.

"The state's largest known Thornless Honeylocust lives in Mendon, Rutland County. Measured in 2002, it had a trunk circumference of 149 inches, a height of 89 feet and a crown spread of 76 feet, giving it the big tree score of 257 points."

According to the VT Tree Society/Green Mtn. Division
New England Society of American Foresters, 2004

Elected Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Moderator (one year)	Christopher Corsones	2014
Town Clerk (three years)	Marie Conway	2015
Treasurer (three years)	Caroline Schneider	2016
Selectboard (three years)	Greg Smith	2016
	Larry Courcelle	2017
	Geoff Wells	2015
School Directors (three years)	Jonathan Reynolds	2016
	Matthew Conway	2017
	Michelle Erickson	2015
Delinquent Tax Collector (three years)	Nancy Bridge Merrill	2016
Justice of the Peace (two years)	Lindsey MacCuaig	2015
	Ira Pike (died 12/30/13)	2015
	Vacancy	
	Betsy Reddy	2015
	Rich Carlson	2015
	Tracy Adams	2015
	Ann Singiser	2015
	Wanda Courcelle	2015
Constable (two years)	Phil Douglas	2016
Listers (three years)	Office Eliminated by Town Vote 2014	
Grand Juror (one year)	Phil Douglas (appointed 3/24/14)	2015
Town Agent (one year)	Therese Corsones	2015

Appointed Town Officers

Title	Name	Term Ends	
Bookkeeper/Office Manager	Nancy Gondella		
Road Commissioner (one year)	William Ellis	3/31/15	
Road Commissioner Admin. (one year)	Sara Tully	3/31/15	
Fire Warden (three years)	Roy Prior	1/31/17	
Town Service Officer (one year)	Mary Ann Reich	4/14/15	
Planning Commission (four years) (7 member board)	Bill Godair	3/31/15	
	Therese Corsones, Chair	3/31/16	
	Steve Ellerin	3/31/16	
	Justin Lindholm	3/31/16	
	Neil Langer	3/31/17	
	Phil Douglas	3/31/17	
	Ernest Smalley	3/31/17	
Zoning Administrator (three years)	Steve Cosgrove	3/31/16	
Zoning Board of Adjustment (three years)	Mike Curran	3/31/16	
	Andrew Zak	3/31/16	
	Therese Corsones	3/31/16	
	Harvey Zara	3/31/17	
	Jack Kennelly, Chair	3/31/15	
	Alternates:	Ernie Smalley	3/31/17
		Robert Eaton	3/31/17
		Vacancy	3/31/17
	Town Recreation (four years)	Mike McLaughlin	3/31/16
		Jim Reddy	3/31/16
Larry Courcelle		3/31/17	
Steve Senecal		3/31/17	
Tracy Adams, Chair		3/31/18	
Betsy Reddy		3/31/15	
David Gleed		3/31/15	
Leo Lawrence, <i>member emeritus</i>			
Cemetery Commission Chairman (one year)	Michael Barone	3/31/15	
Regional Transportation Commission (three years)	Greg Smith	3/31/16	
	Alternate -Vacancy		
Emergency Management (two years)	Phil Douglas	3/31/15	
E911 Coordinator (two years)	Sara Hebert Tully	3/31/15	

Rutland Regional Planning Commission (three years)	Larry Courcelle	3/31/15
Landscape Committee	Gwen Allard Judith Dark Sara Hebert Tully	
Health Officer (three years)	Sara Hebert Tully	4/30/16
Regional Ambulance Service	Mary Ann Reich	3/31/15
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative	Vacancy	3/31/15
Fence Viewers	Greg Smith Geoff Wells Justin Lindholm	3/31/15 3/31/15 3/31/15
Animal Control Officer/Poundkeeper	Rod MacCuaig	3/31/15
Tree Warden	William Ellis	3/31/15



In the fall of 2014, the largest known Thornless Honeylocust in the State of Vermont, located on the MacCuaig property on Meadow Lake Drive had to be cut down for safety reasons. Pictured here is Rod MacCuaig with the stump of the tree.

Highlights and Objectives

Financial: The town ended FY14 with a balanced budget. The proposed budget for 2015-2016 reflects a \$12,553 decrease in operating expenses over 2014-2015. We have decreased the funding to \$20k in this proposed budget for expenses related to recovery projects for Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. We have begun the review process with the State and expect to complete it during 2015. The completion of this review will allow us to make the final determination of total cost to the town.

Infrastructure Improvements: We have completed all of the repair projects that resulted from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The last of these projects was the replacement of the large culvert on Woodward Road that was finished this fall. The Selectboard decided to not repair both the landslide on Notch Road and the bridge on the other side of it due to cost and the potential for a repeat occurrence. We are upgrading the road that connects to Wheelerville Road using FEMA funding and will be doing this over the course of a few years. We received a State of Vermont Structures Grant to help pay for a culvert replacement on Town Line Road near the intersection of Route 4. We received a Better Back Road Grant for \$10,000 to construct better erosion control measures diminishing the negative effects on water quality and increasing visibility and safety on Meadow Lake Drive. We completed some routine culvert replacement on Wheelerville Road. Reconstruction of a section of the road bed was performed on Brookwood Road. Paving was done on Brookwood, Eastridge Circle, Pond Road, Mountain Road, South Mendon Road, and Woodward Road.

Mendon's Website: Last year we upgraded our town website (mendonvt.org) and will continue to increase our use of the site to inform you about current events, announcements, and provide access to documents and forms. We encourage every resident to visit the website regularly to become familiar with what information is available and to suggest ideas for additional improvements.

Land Donation: Proposed private land donations of 446 acres located in Mendon on the south side of Notch Road is planned to become the new Jim Jeffords State Forest. Along with an additional 1346 acres in Shrewsbury, the new forest will likely provide a connection from this area to Plymouth, VT and Shrewsbury, VT. We also worked to improve access to the hiking trails that connect to Old Turnpike Road and access the Blue Ridge Trails.

Elected Officials, Appointed Officials and Staff: Last year our long serving Special Officer, Nelson Tift, retired after working in Mendon for 17 years. Our Constable, Scott Bradley, also retired but will remain on the Road Crew. Philip Douglas was elected to fill the Constable position and we hired Brent Howard as our Special Officer in August. Geoff Wells was appointed to the Selectboard and then was elected to complete a one year term. Marie Conway was appointed Town Clerk and then was elected to complete a one year term. At Town Meeting 2014, the voters approved an article to eliminate the Board of Listers. We thank Marie Conway, Charlene Godair and Rebecca Kerns for their service as Listers and for their support of the article to eliminate the offices. We hired Phil Burns as a temporary part time employee for the summer to assist the road crew and mow the recreation area. Roy Prior was appointed Fire Warden. Charlene Godair was elected as a Justice of the Peace.

****WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**** Please contact the Town Office!

Salt Shed: The Salt Shed has structural issues that must be corrected. Following a 3 year delay caused by TS Irene recovery, the Selectboard is currently evaluating engineering proposals and anticipate a town vote to determine funding.

Independent Audit

Management Discussion and Analysis

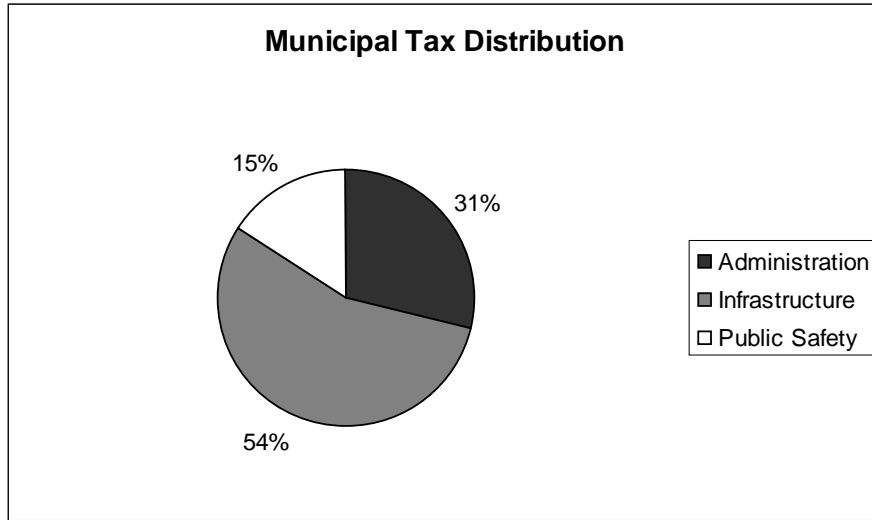
The Town of Mendon has contracted with Angolano & Company to perform the 2013-2014 audit. The town is awaiting the final audit report as of the printing of the Town Report. The audit will be available before Town Meeting. Copies will be made available at the Town Office and will be posted on the town website www.mendonvt.org

The Management Discussion and Analysis is part of the audit and will be included with the final audit report.



Before the Thornless Honeylocust tree (pictured on the over) was taken down in October 2014, its circumference measured 172 inches. The height was estimated at well over 90 feet. Rod MacCuaig, Steve Singiser and Justin Lindholm have conducted ring counts which estimate the tree to be over 175 years old. It is sad to see this part of Mendon history come to an end.

2015/2016 Estimated Municipal Tax Rate



- (a) Amount to be raised by taxes \$925,962*
- (b) Estimated Grand List \$1,768,971
- (c) Estimated Tax Rate \$.5233

* Assumes the voters at Town Meeting approve \$4,672 for funding appropriations.

Calculation of Municipal Tax Rate

The *Municipal Tax Rate* is expressed as the amount of tax to be paid for each \$100 of assessed value.

Tax Rate = Amount to be raised by taxes / (Grand List / 100)

Amount to be raised by taxes = total expenditures for general government and roads, reduced by other sources of revenue.

Grand List = the total value of all taxable real estate and personal estate taxable to the town.

2014/2015 Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.7288
 (\$.5349+\$1.1928+\$0.0011)

Non-Residential = \$1.9771
 (\$.5349+\$1.4411+\$0.0011)

Municipal Tax Rate: \$.5349

2014-2015 Amount to be raised by taxes	\$942,993
2014-2015 Municipal Grand List	\$1,763,195

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.1928

Non-Residential = \$1.4411

Local Agreement Tax: \$.0011

2014-2015 Total Taxes Billed

\$3,253,464

2015/2016 Budget Summary	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual *	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Budget
Cash Balance Forward	36000	32000	32000	30000	0
Total Property Taxes Collected					
On-Time	818986	888842	813700	912643	921290
Delinquent	0				
Non-Property Tax Revenue					
Revenue Allocated to Administration	88312	63615	82848	64615	68415
Revenue Allocated to Infrastructure	51193	42000	51350	42000	42000
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	35625	30000	22721	25000	30000
Total Revenue	1030116	1056457	1002619	1074258	1061705
Total Expenses					
Expenses Allocated to Administration	322224	325441	298622	329010	332150
Expenses Allocated to Infrastructure	570168	577680	567212	584112	561469
Expenses Allocated to Public Safety	140798	153336	136785	161136	168086
Total Expenses	1033190	1056457	1002619	1074258	1061705

NOTES:

2015/2016 Administration Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual*	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Administration					
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	31313	24000	35728	24000	28000
Interest Late Taxes 1%	16254	8000	13146	8000	10000
Delinquent Tax 8%	12294	12700	11701	12700	11500
Investment Interest	4925	1000	2488	2000	2000
Licenses & Fees					
Recording Fees	13441	8000	8304	8000	8000
Marriage Licenses	-55	125	150	125	125
Dog Licenses	1307	1000	919	1000	1000
Zoning and Building Permits	1996	3000	2406	3000	2000
Site Plan Review and Warning Fees	190	300	1330	300	300
Truck Permits	410	400	375	400	400
Copying Fees	2035	2000	2732	2000	2000
Liquor Licenses	800	600	850	600	600
Town Shop Rental	2200	2400	2400	2400	2400
Miscellaneous	1202	90	319	90	90
Total Revenue Allocated to Administration	88312	63615	82848	64615	68415

2015/2016 Admin. Budget Cont.	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual*	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Budget
Administration Expenses					
Wages and Salaries					
Town Clerk	3000	3000	2076	3000	3000
Town Clerk Staff	15120	16000	13659	16000	16320
Town Treasurer	1500	1500	1528	1500	1500
Town Treasurer Staff	3000	3000	3057	3000	3060
Bookkeeper/Office Manager	36000	36727	36727	37470	38220
Selectboard	4000	5500	5333	4000	4000
Town Administrator	32260	32914	32900	33580	34250
Zoning Administrator	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
Tax Collector	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Fees Paid					
Tax Collector	5599	6300	6633	6300	6300
Office Expenses					
Advertising and Warning	85	300	309	300	300
Animal Control	582	800	600	800	800
Appraisal Services	7126	9000	8372	9000	9000
Auditing	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
Computers/Computer Services	2500	3000	3065	3000	4000
Continuing Education	2573	3500	567	3500	3500
Copier Service	1005	1000	712	1000	1000
Election Expenses	1401	500	383	2000	500
Insurance	47863	34000	33872	34000	34000
Landscaping	67	500	0	500	1000
Legal	292	2000	0	2000	2000
Office Supplies and Maintenance	3510	3000	3468	3000	3500
Planning and Zoning Expense	166	1000	544	1000	1000
Postage and Printing	2418	2300	2853	2300	2500
Street Lights	5422	5000	5470	5000	5000
Tax Maps	950	950	550	1100	1100
Town Office Utilities	5312	5500	7111	5500	5500
Town Reports	1659	2100	1617	2100	2100
Office Cleaning	1248	1300	1293	1300	1300
Miscellaneous	2747	2500	2017	2500	2500
Payroll Taxes and Benefits					
Health Insurance	76085	79000	65267	79000	80500
Disability Insurance	2100	2700	2283	2700	2700
Payroll Taxes	19047	20450	18093	20860	21100
Retirement Fund	9087	10100	8263	11200	10100
Reserve Funds					
Town Office Maintenance	0	1500	1500	1500	1500
Town Shop Maintenance	5000	6000	6000	5000	5000
Recreation Fund	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
New Office Equipment	1000	1000	1000	2500	2500
Contingency	0	0	0	0	0
Reappraisal	1000	0	0	0	0
Preservation	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Cemetery	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
Total Administration Expenses	322224	325441	298622	329010	332150
Percent of Total Expenditures	31%	31%	30%	31%	31%

2015/2016 Infrastructure Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual*	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure					
State Aid to Highways	43943	35000	43887	35000	35000
Road Maintenance Revenue	7250	7000	7463	7000	7000
Total Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure	51193	42000	51350	42000	42000
Community Infrastructure Expenses					
Salaries					
Winter	53715	59400	55711	61800	63040
Summer	38655	39800	38169	41420	42250
Road Commissioner	3253	3250	3250	3250	3250
Administrative Road Commissioner	1755	1750	1750	1750	1750
Winter Roads					
Fuel	12165	11000	13652	11000	12000
Salt	34700	33000	33000	33000	45600
Liquid Chloride	7320	7500	6100	7500	7500
Sand	13987	12000	12000	12000	12000
Repairs and Supplies	1179	2000	2375	2500	2500
Equipment Hire	2600	6300	1900	4300	4300
Summer Roads					
Fuel	4600	5000	7212	5000	4600
Gravel	21277	17000	16739	17000	17000
Repairs and Supplies	3054	2500	2470	2500	2500
Equipment Hire	5460	5000	2500	5000	5000
Miscellaneous Road Expenses					
Robinwood Roads	2500	2500	4000	5000	5000
Garage Utilities	8038	7000	9308	8000	8000
Sign Replacement	757	3000	2085	1500	1500
Vehicle Maintenance	29018	18000	16351	18000	18000
Reserve Funds					
Garage Maintenance	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
New Equipment Replacement	40000	50000	50000	50000	50000
Highway Improvement	130000	130000	130000	120000	120000
Bridge & Culvert	20000	30000	30000	40000	40000
Tropical Storm Irene	50000	50000	50000	50000	20000
Other Community Infrastructure Expense					
Field Maintenance	1355	2500	1621	2500	2500
Recreation Programs & Barstow Youth Club	3530	4500	2500	4500	4500
Library	20290	21868	21868	22633	23086
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	875	875	875	900	900
Vermont Coalition of Municipalities	0	250	0	250	250
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	1835	1855	1855	2041	2108
Mendon Historical Society	1000	500	500	500	500
Rutland County Tax	16933	11250	11339	11610	12078
Appropriations					
Boys and Girls Club	1000	1000	1000	1000	0
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	525	750	750	750	0
Marble Valley Regional Transit	1200	0	0	1200	0
Mentor Connector	0	0	0	500	0
Retired & Senior Volunteers	230	230	230	230	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse	2600	2600	2600	2600	0
Rutland Mental Health	1242	1242	1242	1242	0
Southwest Council Aging	400	400	400	400	0
Town Office Bond					
Principal	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
Interest	8120	6860	6860	5736	4757
Total Community Infrastructure Expenses	570168	577680	567212	584112	561469
Percent of Total Expenditures	55%	55%	57%	54%	53%

2015/2016 Public Safety Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual*	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety					
Law Enforcement Income	33473	30000	22021	25000	30000
Alarm Ordinance Fines	2152	0	700	0	0
Total Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	35625	30000	22721	25000	30000
Public Safety Expenses					
Wages and Salaries					
Constable	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Director of Public Safety	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Law Enforcement Staff	33169	34300	31333	40000	40800
Constable Training	0	1000	121	1000	1000
Fire Protection					
Rutland Fire Department Equipment	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000
Rutland Fire Department Variable	24350	35000	22500	35000	35000
Fire Warden - Salary	1000	1000	940	1200	1200
Fire Warden - Expenses	721	500	548	600	600
Emergency Cost Recovery Services	225	0	247	0	0
Law Enforcement Expenses					
Vehicle #1 Expense	518	400	1392	1000	1500
Vehicle #1 Fuel	2111	1600	1124	2400	1800
Vehicle #2 Expense	1014	1500	466	1500	2000
Vehicle #2 Fuel	2685	2600	1646	3000	3600
Cell Phone	631	500	591	500	600
Equipment Replacement & Repairs	638	700	2141	700	5750
Other	0	500	0	500	500
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4236	4236	4236	4236	4236
Law Enforcement Reserve Fund	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
Total Public Safety Expense	140798	153336	136785	161136	168086
Percent Total Expense	14%	15%	14%	15%	16%

* 2013-2014 Audit final documentation is pending at the printing of this Town Report. The audit information will be available at the Town Office before Town Meeting 2015.

Schedule of Outstanding Bond Payments

Town of Mendon Office:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015-2016	15,000.00	4,756.80	19,756.80
2016-2017	15,000.00	4,066.07	19,066.07
2017-2018	15,000.00	3,386.57	18,386.57
2018-2019	15,000.00	2,695.07	17,695.07
2019-2020	15,000.00	1,968.34	16,968.34
2020-2021	10,000.00	1,396.82	11,396.82
2021-2022	10,000.00	890.09	10,890.09
2022-2023	9,800.68	306.18	10,306.18
2023-2024	8,758.46	39.96	10,039.96
2024-2025	8,868.87	0.00	8,860.87

Reserve Fund Balances*

<u>Office Maintenance</u>		<u>Restoration/Preservation</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$18,987	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$27,939
Income: Interest	61	Income: Interest	61
Annual Appropriation	1,500	Annual Appropriation	1,000
Expense: Water Filter	1,650	Recording Fees	3,296
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$18,898	Expense: Records Restoration	6,731
		Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$25,565
 <u>New Office Equipment</u>		 <u>Reappraisal</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$3,042	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$128,401
Income: Interest	10	Income: Interest	395
Annual Appropriation	1,000	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$4,052	State Payment	7,970
		Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$136,766
 <u>Shop Maintenance</u>		 <u>Contingency</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$28,415	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$17,321
Income: Interest	94	Income: Interest	56
Annual Appropriation	6,000	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$34,509	Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$17,377
 <u>Recreation</u>		 <u>Law Enforcement</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$6,126	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$58,686
Income: Interest	17	Income: Interest	178
Annual Appropriation	1,000	Annual Appropriation	2,500
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$7,143	Civil Fines	5,310
		Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$66,674
 <u>Cemetery</u>		 <u>T.S. Irene</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$18,734	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$46,713
Income: Interest	55	Income: Interest	151
Annual Appropriation	4,000	Annual Appropriation	50,000
Lot Sales	1,000	Expense: LOC Interest Pay	4,891
Expense: Mowing	4,000	Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$91,973
Gate Lock	41		
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$19,748		

<u>Backhoe</u>		<u>Grader</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$86,163	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$154,013
Income: Interest	282	Income: Interest	505
Annual Appropriation	0	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$86,445	Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$154,518
<u>Truck</u>		<u>New Road Equipment</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$(48,183)	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$19,808
Income: Interest	0	Income: Interest	76
Annual Appropriation	0	Annual Appropriation	50,000
Sale of 2000 Mack	30,000	Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$69,884
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$(18,183)		
<u>Highway Improvement</u>		<u>Bridge</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$416,467	Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$121,753
Income: Interest	1,000	Income: Interest	163
Annual Appropriation	130,000	Annual Appropriation	30,000
Better Backroads Grant	10,000	Structures Grant – Br 11	122,615
Expense: Paving –Town	171,728	Expense: Wheelerville – Br 11	211,000
Line, Journeys End, Garage		Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$63,531
Crack Sealing	8,000		
Better Backroads Grant	7,509		
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$370,230		
<u>Garage Maintenance</u>			
Opening Bal. 07/01/13	\$28,488		
Income: Interest	104		
Annual Appropriation	10,000		
Ending Balance 06/30/14	\$38,592		

*The above ending balances may not necessarily reflect the actual bank balances as accrued payments and receivables have been included in this report.

Highway Equipment Fund

Assumptions:					Facts:			
Big Trucks have a life expectancy of	12	years	Big Truck #1	MAC	2000	\$91,000		
Small Truck has a life expectancy of	7	years	Big Truck #2	INTER	2008	\$148,129		
Grader has a life expectancy of	25	years	Small Truck	Ford	2007	\$76,000		
Backhoe has a life expectancy of	15	years	Grader	CAT	1993	\$100,000		
			Backhoe	CAT	2003	\$85,000		
Interest rate	1.5%	percent						
Inflation rate	4.0%	percent						

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Equipment Replaced	Cost (inflation adj)	Trade In	Net Expend	Interest Earned	Maint	Closing Balance
2011										\$306,203
2012	\$306,203	\$45,000	\$351,203	Chipper			\$16,000	\$5,028		\$338,223
2013	\$338,223	\$40,000	\$378,223	Big Truck # 1	\$167,817	\$0	\$167,817	\$1,395		\$211,801
2014	\$211,801	\$50,000	\$261,801			\$30,000	(\$30,000)	\$4,377		\$296,178
2015	\$296,178	\$50,000	\$346,178	Small Truck	\$98,800	\$18,800	\$80,000	\$3,993		\$270,171
2016	\$270,171	\$50,000	\$320,171					\$4,803		\$324,973
2017	\$324,973	\$50,000	\$374,973					\$5,625		\$380,598
2018	\$380,598	\$50,000	\$430,598	Grader	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$225,000	\$3,084		\$208,682
2019	\$208,682	\$60,000	\$268,682	Backhoe	\$155,000	\$15,000	\$140,000	\$1,930		\$130,612
2020	\$130,612	\$60,000	\$190,612					\$2,859		\$193,471
2021	\$193,471	\$60,000	\$253,471	Big Truck #2	\$200,000	\$30,000	\$170,000	\$1,252		\$84,723
2022	\$84,723	\$60,000	\$144,723	Small Truck	\$128,440	\$25,000	\$103,440	\$619		\$41,903
2023	\$41,903	\$60,000	\$101,903					\$1,529		\$103,431
2024	\$103,431	\$70,000	\$173,431					\$0		\$173,431
2025	\$173,431	\$70,000	\$243,431	Big Truck # 1	\$215,000	\$30,000	\$185,000	\$876		\$59,308
2026	\$59,308	\$70,000	\$129,308					\$1,940		\$131,247
2027	\$131,247	\$70,000	\$201,247					\$3,019		\$204,266
2028	\$204,266	\$70,000	\$274,266					\$4,114		\$278,380
2029	\$278,380	\$80,000	\$358,380	Small Truck	\$160,550	\$25,000	\$135,550	\$3,342		\$226,172
2030	\$226,172	\$80,000	\$306,172					\$4,593		\$310,765
2031	\$310,765	\$80,000	\$390,765					\$5,861		\$396,626
2032	\$396,626	\$80,000	\$476,626					\$7,149		\$483,776
2033	\$483,776	\$80,000	\$563,776	Big Truck #2	\$275,000	\$35,000	\$240,000	\$4,857		\$328,632
2034	\$328,632	\$90,000	\$418,632	Backhoe	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$180,000	\$3,579		\$242,212
2035	\$242,212	\$90,000	\$332,212	Small Truck	\$200,688	\$30,000	\$170,688	\$2,423		\$163,947

Highway Improvement Fund

Town Roads:		Last Paved	Cost				Last Paved	Cost
Townline Road	2013	95,000					Cream Hill	2008
Brookwood	2014	66,210					Old Turnpike Road	2011
Eastridge	2014	54,000					Woodward Road	2014
Pond Road	2014	16,700					Journey's End	2013
Town Garage	2014	20,000					Meadowlake Drive	2010
Pond Road	2014	9,800					Sherwood Drive	2013
Park Lane	2009	123,817					Terra Lane	
South Mendon Road	2014	52,800					Falls Road	
Notch Road	2011	119,413						

Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Other Income	Planned Projects	Road	Road	Road	Road	Normal Maintenance	Total Cost	Ending Balance
2011	125,000				Notch 119,413	Old Turnpike 91,071				210,484	
2012	130,000										
2013	408,118	1,519			Sherwood 91,720	Old Turnpike Chip Seal 31,450				123,170	416,467
2014	416,467	130,000			Woodward 77,450	Townline 95,000	Journeys End 60,000	Garage 20,000	20,000	272,450	274,017
2015	274,017	130,000	1,000		S. Mendon 55,000				20,000	75,000	330,017
2016	330,017	130,000	1,000		Brookwood/Eastridge 175,000				20,000	195,000	266,017
2017	266,017	130,000	1,000		Park Lane 60,000	Cedar Lane 28,000			20,000	108,000	289,017
2018	289,017	130,000	1,000						20,000	20,000	400,017
2019	400,017	130,000	1,000						20,000	20,000	511,017
2020	511,017	130,000	1,000						20,000	20,000	622,017

Bridge and Culvert Fund

Year	Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Other Income	Available Balance	Projects	Cost	Other Expenses	Project	Anticipated Additional Cost	Ending Balance
2010											\$106,422
2011	\$106,422	\$20,000	\$479	\$31,926	\$158,827	Bridge 3		\$8,985			\$106,499
						W-wille culverts		\$33,198			
						Bridge 24	\$10,145				
2012	\$106,499	\$20,000	\$479		\$126,978						\$126,978
2013	\$126,978	\$30,000	\$211		\$157,189	Bridge 11	\$60,000		Bridge 24	\$80,000	\$17,189
2014	\$17,189	\$30,000	\$200		\$47,389	culverts	\$10,000				\$37,389
2015	\$37,389	\$30,000	\$200		\$67,589	culverts	\$10,000				\$57,589
2016	\$57,589	\$30,000	\$200		\$87,789	culverts	\$10,000				\$77,789
2017	\$77,789	\$30,000	\$200		\$107,989	culverts	\$10,000				\$97,989
2018	\$97,989	\$30,000	\$200		\$128,189	culverts	\$10,000				\$118,189
2019	\$118,189	\$30,000	\$200		\$148,389	culverts	\$10,000				\$138,389
2020	\$138,389	\$30,000	\$200		\$168,589	culverts	\$10,000				\$158,589
2021	\$158,589	\$30,000	\$200		\$188,789	culverts	\$10,000				\$178,789
2022	\$178,789	\$30,000	\$200		\$208,989	culverts	\$10,000				\$198,989

Appropriations 2014

Total = \$4,682

In accordance with T. 17 V.S.A. § 2642, the Selectboard required petitions for appropriation requests. In order for an appropriation request to be included on the warning for Town Meeting 2015, the petitions signed by 5% of the voters had to be submitted to the Town Clerk by January 20, 2014. In Mendon, these petitions required at least 40 valid signatures.

Marble Valley Regional Transportation District “The Bus”

158 Spruce Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701 www.thebus.com 802-773-3244
Marble Valley Regional Transportation District requests \$1,200 to provide safe, reliable, accessible and coordinated public transit service to enhance economic, social and environmental quality of life throughout Rutland County and surrounding communities. The Diamond Express and other routes serving the resort community provided rides to and from Mendon.

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

6 Court Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701 www.volunteersinvt.org 802-775-8220
Retired Senior Volunteer Program requests \$230 to provide an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge as volunteers.

Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice

7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, Vermont 05702 802-775-0568
The Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice requests \$2,600 to provide Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. RAVNAH's mission is to provide medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues. They provided 1,177 visits to 25 individuals in Mendon.

Rutland Mental Health Services

78 South Main St., Rutland, VT 05701 www.rmhscn.org 802-775-2381
Rutland Mental Health Services requests \$1242 to provide individual counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment services and emergency/crisis services. Rutland Mental Health Services and is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. In 2011, they provided 444 hours of service to 27 Mendon residents.

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

East Ridge Professional Building, 1085 US Route 4, Unit 2B Rutland, Vermont 05701-9039 802-786-5990
The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging requests \$400 to provide senior meals (Meals on Wheels and Blizzard Bags), case management, Senior Helpline (800-642-5119), Elder Care Clinician program, health benefit counseling, legal service through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project, nutrition education and counseling, Senior Companion support, coordination of transportation services, and care giver support and information. SVCOA served 4 Mendon elders with 260 Meals on Wheels. 30 elders participated in luncheons organized by SVCOA; 413 meals were provided.

* Note: \$2,500 for Barstow Youth Club (formerly Barstow Boosters) is included in the Recreation Program line item of the budget. \$100 for Vermont Green Up is included in the Summer Repairs and Supplies line item of the budget.

Mendon Historical Society

The Mendon Historical Society is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation “with the intent to educate and preserve Mendon’s history for the future,” as stated in our by-laws. Mendon’s history is rich and varied. At one time, there were eight schoolhouses in town and there still exist seven cemeteries, several of which are on private land.

During the past year we undertook several projects and programs. In the spring we organized two hikes to sites of historical and archeological interest. The first was to explore the locations of former sawmills and farmhouses along the Wheelerville Road. This section of town was a thriving community in the 19th century. The second excursion followed the now abandoned carriage road that went from the Wheelerville road to a hotel just below Killington Peak, a popular tourist attraction in the latter half of the 19th century.

In collaboration with the Mendon Seniors Group, a town picnic was held in August. We hope to make this an annual event.

In September, a new fence was installed along the front boundary of the Tenney Cemetery on Meadowlake Road. The expense was partially paid for by a fund the Society held in memory of Dotty Scott in the amount of \$2,126.79. The remainder of \$5,063.21 was covered by the town’s Cemetery Reserve Fund.

In December, we presented a program entitled “Vermonters of Many Cultures.” Given by Greg Sharrow, Executive Director of the Vermont Folklife Center, the program was underwritten by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council.

We continue to search for means to restore our original Town Hall, now occupied by Adi’s Woodworking Shop. This building is of historical and architectural significance, but has fallen into disrepair. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact us.

In the coming year, we plan a town wide mailing to raise awareness of our organization and to encourage new members to join. We meet bi-monthly and welcome your participation. Please feel free to contact us at any time for more information on any of our activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Singiser, President



On May 17, 2014, a 7 mile hike was led by Justin Lindholm. Starting at Wheelerville Road in Mendon, they hiked along the abandoned carriage road to the top of Killington peak. The road was in service in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, transporting by horse and carriage visitors who stayed at a hotel just below the peak of Killington.

Photo provided by Ann Singiser

Pictured here are Mendon locals Dick Howe, Jennifer Bagley, Fred Bagley, and Justin Lindholm as well as Tom Hopps, Jim Forti, and John La Fountain from Rutland. Present on the hike but not pictured is Ann Singiser from Mendon and Bobbie Ballou from Chittenden.

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Randal Smathers
Assistant Director



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Rutland Free Library Association, Inc. ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

After almost thirty years of dedicated and hardworking service to Rutland City, Rutland Town, Mendon, Ira and Tinnmouth, Director Paula Baker retired in August. Current Director Abby Noland brings many years of library director experience to the position. The following is a short list of other changes and improvements to your library.

Materials:

- Reallocation of resources to enable consistent material purchases with a focus on e-books and online audiobooks for patrons who do not have easy physical access to the library
- Consortium collaboration has increased the number of public libraries that share materials through the new Catamount Consortium. At this time there are 12 active libraries in the state of Vermont sharing resources with us. We anticipate more libraries joining before the year is ended.

Technology:

- The Assistant Director is now specifically designated as the Head of Technology. A plan has been implemented to replace the six plus year old patron computers.
- The current patron printing software system has been updated for easier use.
- A new copier is available to the public which has the ability to color print, scan and email documents, and receive documents via smart phones, androids, etc. via the WiFi network in the library.
- Improvements to the electrical and internet connections have been completed to improve patron internet access.
- A new library webpage will be forthcoming this year with improved user friendliness.

Children's Programming:

- Monies have been allocated to increase services to the Children's Department on a consistent basis
- Monies have been allocated to have a consistent number of museum and park passes annually.

Building improvements:

- Due to persistent plumbing problems and flooding in the main area of the library, insurance monies were used to replace the ruined carpet, help desk (in progress), and tiling. The area has been rearranged to include an adult seating area.
- More tables with electrical outlets are now available on the mezzanine floor for patrons with laptops.
- The director has vacated her office to allow a small conference meeting room space. The room contains a large internet monitor for teleconferencing and presentations with a table that seats about 10 persons. This room will also have set quiet time for patrons who have been requesting quiet space. This room and the large Fox Room are available for reservation.

Finances:

- Trustees and Friends of the Library continue to work diligently at fundraising which bring in essential funds. This year's Annual Campaign is half way to our goal. Last year's Annual Campaign (2013/2014), the library was able to raise \$30,406. The Mini-Golf Fundraiser will be held in March again this year by patron demand.
- The Friends raised \$8311(2013/2014) from book sales.

For the year ahead we are looking at ways to improve our marketing, especially to our towns, in order to inform our patrons regularly of what the library has to offer.

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RRPC Mission:

To develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs while remaining consistent with our federal and state requirements.

The Commission's 2014 Activities Included:

- Technical assistance to municipalities on land use, GIS, capital budgeting, and economic development planning.
- Town Planning, including enhanced consultation meetings with Planning Commissions and the update and implementation of town plans and land use bylaws.
- Provided grant writing assistance and general administration services to municipalities receiving funding from the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
- Operated the Brownfields Reuse Program, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning and redevelopment assistance.
- Provided review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications for municipalities, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.
- Continued assistance to towns on resiliency planning and disaster recovery, including the development of hazard mitigation projects, Public Assistance community briefings, updated lists of critical facilities and the update of local hazard mitigation plans.
- Support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council to plan for transportation needs of the Region, including roundtables of local road commissioners to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Use of GIS capabilities to provide mapping and data collection on a variety of land use, public health and safety, and economic development topics such as: State of Vermont

Community Center mapping, creating the Rutland Region Bicycling Network map and working with the agriculture community to create maps for the Annual Growers Guide.

- Education, training, and information outreach programs on various topics for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees for attendance at workshops offered through other organizations.
- Update of the Rutland Regional Plan, including updates to the Energy, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Recreation and Land Use chapters.
- Provided regular disaster training for town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region Local Emergency Planning Committee and emergency management planning including assistance to towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.
- Supported agricultural viability and economic development through work on an Agritourism Toolkit and collaboration with the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and VT Farmers Food Center.
- Natural resource planning, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District and various green infrastructure projects.
- Worked with the Vermont Department of Health on projects exploring links between community health and land use planning.

In Mendon the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- Worked with the Planning Commission to update the Subdivision Regulations.
- Assisted with siting and applying for environmental clearance for The Crossroad of VT Byway signs.
- Assisted the Planning Commission to create new zoning permit application forms.
- Updated Wheeler Road culverts inventory and entered into State bridge and culvert system.
- Worked with member of the planning commission to GPS and map the town boundary between Chittenden, Killington, and Mendon.
- Initiated electronic timesheet for Highway Department to track time by personnel, road, material, and equipment
- Assisted town update and submit the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Worked with the Planning Commission on incorporation of Green Stormwater Management language in land use documents.

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning, the development of regional transportation planning and priorities for the Region, assistance on transportation projects, coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

All towns in the Rutland Region can participate in the RRTC and those with representatives appointed by their town to the Council may vote on any issue. Meetings are held monthly, normally on the fourth Thursday, at the RRPC office. All are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to: Susan Schreibman, Assistant Director (775-0871 ext. 204) or Richard Baker, Chair (247-6366) or check the website: <http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php>.

Highlights of 2014 include:

- Assessed and prioritized the Rutland Region's VTrans transportation project list. A brochure of all transportation projects in the Region is available upon request;
- Served on the Board of Marble Valley Regional Transit District, participated in the Strategic Plan and facilitated the regional advisory group of Public Transportation for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, who met twice with the Rutland delegation;
- Organized monthly meetings of the Region's Road Commissioners/Foremen on topics such as Winter Maintenance, Lake Champlain Restoration Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, Excel 101, Hazard Communication Plan, Complete Streets, VTrans Safety and Enforcement and Hazard Trees.
- Represented the RPC/Regional Transportation Council on the Statewide Safe Routes to School Task Force, Public Transit Advisory Council, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Regional Advisory Board, statewide committee for the development of both On Road State Highway Bicycle Plan and transit board trainings;
- Assisted Rutland City, Town and Fair Haven with grant applications for bike/pedestrian feasibility studies and infrastructure projects;
- Assisted Rutland Town and West Rutland on a joint application for a Strong Communities, Better Connections grant
- Assisted towns of Brandon, Fair Haven, Killington and Wallingford on Better Backroads grant applications and work to inventory culverts and input the data onto vtculverts.org, the state on-line culvert database;
- Provided technical assistance/ project management to Rutland City for Rutland Creek Path - construction of Segment 2 and right-of-way and final engineering for Segment 4 and a scoping study and grant application for engineering and construction of Segment 5;
- Worked with towns on Stone Valley Byway on an updated brochure and an interactive map. The Stone Valley Scenic Byway extends along Route 30 from Hubbardton through Castleton, Poultney, Wells and Pawlet to Manchester in Bennington County;
- Assisted individual towns with infrastructure (culverts, road and sign) inventories to reduce their local match on bridge and structure grants;
- Conducted traffic counts and speed analysis reports for Rutland City, Danby and Pawlet;
- Participated in High Risk Rural Road Studies in Danby/Pawlet and Shrewsbury/Clarendon;
- Conducted bicycle/pedestrian counts in Rutland City
- Continued and expanded support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program;

Currently and in the future, the RRTC will continue working on these efforts, with the goal of coordinating land use and transportation to create a more balanced, efficient multi-modal transportation network.

Constable/Director of Public Safety 2014 Annual Report

2014 saw a year of change for the law enforcement and public safety for the Town of Mendon. Scott Bradley decided not to continue as the town Constable/Director of Public Safety and Special Officer Nelson Tift retired. Scott and Nelson performed admirably during their tenure and their service to the residents of Mendon is greatly appreciated.

In March, I was elected to be your new Constable. The Selectboard appointed me as the new Director of Public Safety as well. I am a retired professional civil engineer who also has 17 years of prior law enforcement experience with the San Bernardino County, CA Sheriff's Department. I have also served on the Mendon Planning Commission for 10 years.

In June, I attended the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council's Part-Time Law Enforcement Academy in Pittsford. My training included the two-week basic academy for part-time officers, an additional 86 hours of classroom training in various areas including Doppler Radar and Lidar operator certification, Pepper Spray certification, Baton certification, Crash Report certification, Crime Scene Investigation, Domestic Violence Response training, First Aid/CPR and AED training, Use of Force, Fair and Impartial Policing and Search & Rescue. I was also required to complete a minimum of 60 hours of field training with a certified training officer. Under Vermont law, the Constable's law enforcement authority is very limited unless the Constable has met the training requirements of Part-Time Law Enforcement or Full-Time Law Enforcement authority.

The Selectboard supports local law enforcement with full-time police presence to safeguard the interests of the residents and visitors. To that end, full-time certified Officer Donald "Brent" Howard was hired to fill the vacancy left by Officer Tift's retirement. Officer Howard has worked previously for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, Castleton Police Department and the Vermont State Department of Corrections.



Constable Phil Douglas and Officer Brent Howard

The main emphasis of Mendon's policing is traffic enforcement, especially along Route 4 and crime deterrence through neighborhood patrol and high visibility. Speeders along Route 4 put the public and themselves at risk. Since Mendon instituted increased traffic enforcement, accidents and highway deaths have been reduced significantly. The Mendon police cruiser was given new graphics to make drivers more aware of a police presence in Mendon. I will work patrol as needed and will address issues brought to my attention by the residents. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department and the Vermont State Police also provide law enforcement to the town.



One on-going problem that we are trying to resolve is the issue of false fire alarms. From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 there were 13 false alarms. Each alarm receives a response from our fire protection provider, the Rutland City Fire Department, at a cost of \$750 per response to the town. Our Alarm Ordinance is very specific about the homeowner/business owner's responsibility to reimburse the town for false alarms. While we don't want to discourage residents from having fire alarms, smoke detectors and CO detectors, they must be serviced regularly and replaced if defective

As the Director of Public Safety, I have been working with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and other local municipal representatives to update Mendon's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). This action is required in order to maintain our eligibility for state and federal emergency funds in the event that we have an incident like Tropical Storm Irene. We currently partner with the Town of Chittenden in an American Red Cross Local Shelter Initiative. The Barstow Memorial School and North Chittenden Grange Hall are the designated primary shelter sites. The Church of the Wildwood is approved as a warming shelter and information site. Mendon resident Larry Gold leads the shelter volunteer team. Training on how to open a shelter has been reviewed. Jan Sotirakis, of Chittenden, has been a leading force for both towns in attempting to secure funding for emergency generators that can provide power to these sites.

In closing, I urge you to call me if you have a non-emergency issue that you think I or Officer Howard can help you with. **IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.** The state police will either dispatch a Mendon officer or a state trooper, depending on the type of call and the time of day. Our goal will always be to make the Town of Mendon a safer place to live and work in or visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Douglas, Constable/ Director of Public Safety

Mendon Delinquent Tax Collector

Turned over for collection on March 15, 2014 were 91 delinquent taxes some for multiple years totaling \$163,358.74. On January 1, 2015 there are 9 delinquent taxes totaling \$12,994.36.

Broyles, Bradford	104.60	
JK Land Co	107.28	
Lewis, David	765.75	
Mangan, William	1440.22	
McDevitt, Joseph	646.44	
Richard, Scott	701.45	
Snitker, Darren	30.62	
Leslie Cormier-Guth and Steven Guth	4523.36	--in bankruptcy
Senecal, Christopher	4674.64	--in bankruptcy

Properties owned by Ross Almo and Isaiah Ellison were sold at tax sale this year.

Bjarne Skjetne and Isaiah Ellison properties, previously sold at tax sale, were redeemed by owners.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bridge Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector

Dog License Report

171	Neutered males or spayed females	\$1,435
4	Males not neutered	40
11	Females not spayed	110
	Late Fees	<u>162</u>
168	Total Licenses	\$1,847
	State of Vermont Rabies Control	670
	Total to General Fund	\$1,177

Please register your dog on or before April 1, 2015 to avoid a late charge. Due to an increased state surcharge, the fee to register a spayed or neutered dog will be \$10.00. For an unsprayed or un-neutered dog, the fee will be \$14.00

The State of Vermont requires a current rabies vaccination certificate to be on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Failure to register your dog is a violation of the Mendon Animal Control Ordinance.

Record of Vital Statistics-Mendon, VT 2014

Births

Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Place	Father's Name Mother's Name
Brooklyn Rose Rathjen	F	Jan 1, 2014	Rutland	Glen Alan Rathjen Alyssia Jean Rose Pelkey
Mendon James Loyal Tate	M	Jan 10, 2014	Rutland	Job Bartholomew Tate Elizabeth Ann Mc Nerney
Alyssa Beth Guyette	F	Jan 13, 2014	Rutland	Zachary Paul Guyette Chelsea Elizabeth Guyette
Hazel Rose Taylor	F	Sep 10, 2014	Rutland	Kyle Craig Taylor Valorie Constantino
Silas Micah Kraus	M	Sep 30, 2014	Rutland	Brennan M C Kraus Amelia Rose Schroeder
Dante Constantine Mott	M	Oct 1, 2014	Middlebury	John Edward Mott, II Sherri-Lee Lynn Orzech

Deaths

Name	Age	Date	Place of Death
Charles Lee Ellison, Jr	59	Feb 14, 2014	Mendon
Gertrude T. Nolan	89	Mar 16, 2014	Rutland
David A. Bishop	65	Mar 26, 2014	Mendon
Viola G. Whitman	87	Aug 2, 2014	Rutland
Robert Person Darrow	91	Aug 10, 2014	Mendon
Richard Collin Rose	98	Aug 7, 2014	Rutland
Stephen Richard Byrne	61	Dec 23, 2014	Mendon

Marriages

Party A	Residence	Party B	Residence	Date
Joshua David Norton	VT	Jennifer Sue Dido	VT	Jan 27, 2014
Scott Anthony Pelow	MA	Alyssa Rose Baldino	MA	Jun 14, 2014
George John Schaffer, IV	VT	Melodie D Honsinger	VT	Aug 9, 2014
Lynn Ann Baker	MA	Benjamin M. Barone	MA	Aug 16, 2014
Christina Nicole German	CT	Robert Franklin Buettel	CT	Sep 7, 2014
Angela Marie Ploante	NY	Luke Joseph Macri	NY	Sep 27, 2014
Mollie Melissa Williams	LA	Cheryl Ann Thonn	LA	Oct 16, 2014
Thomas Michael Riffon	VT	Christine T Kennedy	ME	Oct 25, 2014
Mariya Borisovna Shapiro	NH	Cory N Brooke-deBock	NH	Oct 25, 2014
Teresa Ann Downing	NH	Michael Edward Brown	NH	Dec 6, 2014
Thomas Scott Hooper	VT	Ayisha Theresa Mertens	VT	Dec 31, 2014

Mendon Planning Commission

The Mendon Planning Commission includes members Phil Douglas, Neil Langer, Bill Godair, Justin Lindholm, Ernie Smalley, Steve Ellerin and Teri Corsones. It has jurisdiction over subdivision permit applications and applications for building development for other than one or two-family residences. The Mendon Planning Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Offices.

In addition to its regular jurisdictional work, the Planning Commission completed its review and updating of the Mendon Subdivision Regulations to ensure their compliance with state statute, the Mendon Town Plan and the Mendon Zoning Regulations. The review was also undertaken to clarify, simplify and facilitate the public's use of the Mendon Subdivision Regulations. To assist with that work, the Planning Commission applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development. Public hearings for the draft revised Mendon Subdivision Regulations were held before the regulations were approved by town vote in November. Thank you to everyone who participated in the review and updating process.

Please contact the Mendon Planning Commission regarding any questions or suggestions you have about the planning process, or if we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Corsones

Zoning Administrator

2014 was another modest year in terms of zoning permits issued, with only two new single family home permits. However, two new camp/recreational homes were built in the Wheelerville District and the Planning Commission was busy with four different commercial site plan reviews, including a proposed recreational area in the Village District.

The breakdown of permits issued in 2014 is as follows:

- 2 new single family home;
- 2 new camps;
- 4 assorted additions for bedrooms, sheds, garages, tents, change of use and decks;
- 5 certificates of compliance;
- 4 new signs;
- 4 Planning Commission Commercial Site Plan Reviews.
- 2 appeals to the Board of Adjustment for site plan review for camps in Wheelerville.

I have no regular office hours. However, I can be reached by phone during business hours on Monday thru Fridays at 775-0065 to make a specific office or home appointment or answer your questions. Messages can also be left at the Town office. If you hear or see any apparent zoning violations, please call me to investigate.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Cosgrove, Zoning Administrator
775-0065

Assessor's 2014 Report

The voters approved an article at Town Meeting 2014 to eliminate the office of Lister. When the legislature passed Act 21, it allowed towns to vote to eliminate the office of Lister if they hire a professionally qualified tax assessor. Mendon has contracted the services of my company Vermont Municipal Assessor for almost 20 years. I will continue to provide the best possible service to Mendon.

Property owners will still have an opportunity to request a reassessment annually. VT Municipal Assessor will review the property and either raise, lower or keep the assessment unchanged. If the property owner is not satisfied with this result they can request to grieve their assessment. At the Grievance hearing, property owners will have the opportunity to meet with VT Municipal Assessor and present evidence as to why the property should be assessed differently than its current level. A result of grievance will be issued. If a property owner is not satisfied with this result, an appeal can be submitted to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA is comprised of the Town Clerk, Selectboard and the Justices of the Peace. The BCA will hold a hearing and the property owner and VT Municipal Assessor will give testimony and present evidence as to why they feel a property should be assessed for a particular value. The BCA will conduct a site visit and finalize a judgment regarding the assessed value of the property. If the property owner remains unsatisfied they can appeal to the Superior Court or the State Appraiser.

In 2014, thirty-five properties received change of appraisal notices. Nine property owners elected to grieve the appraisal for their property. One property owner appealed the decision to the Board of Civil Authority.

History of Mendon's CLA & COD since last reappraisal

Year	CLA	COD	Year	CLA	COD
2014	103.41	15.28	2008	90.37	15.49
2013	105.13	13.59	2007	95.56	12.34
2012	106.05	16.46	2006	106.13	9.60
2011	97.42	18.47	2005	112.37	11.28
2010	91.39	19.04	2004	76.74	21.18
2009	88.25	17.07			

I want to thank the voters of Mendon for their continued support. It has been a pleasure serving the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Potter, Vermont Municipal Assessor

Road Commissioner Report

The town resurfaced South Mendon Road, Eastridge Circle, Mountain Road, Pond Road, Brookwood and Woodward Road totaling \$233,688. We hired Mendon Trucking for \$8,240 to reclaim and reconstruct the road bed in a section of Brookwood so that it could be paved. We crack sealed Cedar Lane, completed the Notch Road that was started last year and got most of Meadow Lake Drive this year totaling \$8,000. We installed 3 culverts on Wheelerville Road. We completed ditching on Cream Hill Road.

Mendon received a Better Back Roads Grant for \$10,000 to correct an erosion control project on Meadow Lake Drive. The project also increased the safety of the road by increasing the visibility around a tight corner with little shoulder area. The project was started in the fall 2014 and will be completed in the spring 2015. The total project cost is estimated at \$25,178 which includes town labor and equipment as well as contracted services. We hired Mendon Trucking for \$12,405. We hope to continue and apply for another Better Back Roads Grant this year. We completed a large culvert replacement project on Townline Road with the help of a VTRANS Structures Grant. The total project cost was \$28,840 with \$2,840 spent out of the Bridge Fund and \$26,000 was paid for with the Structures Grant.

I continued to work closely with the TS Irene related projects and this year overseeing the construction of the Woodward Road Project that was completed in the fall. The Woodward Road Project was the last FEMA related project to be completed associated with this disaster declaration.

Looking towards future projects, I will be working with the Selectboard to determine solutions for the deteriorating salt shed and Bridge 2 on Meadow Lake Drive. Truck #3 is on order and will be delivered in the spring of 2015. It is replacing the 2008 Ford F550 truck which will be sold upon delivery of the new truck.

Phil Burns was hired as a temporary part time employee to assist the road crew and mow the ball field. I want to thank Scott Bradley and Newt Jones for their continued dedication this year on the road crew. It was a very busy year, and again I count on and appreciate their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
William Ellis
Road Commissioner



2014 Mack Truck

Cemetery Report

The Cemetery Reserve Fund contribution will remain at \$4,000 for the upcoming year. In the past, revenue from the sale of plots has covered the costs associated with cemetery maintenance. As the number of available plots decreases, this source of funding declines.

The fence in front of the Tenney Cemetery of Meadow Lake Drive was replaced in 2014. This Cemetery Reserve Fund and the Mendon Historical Society Dotty Scott Memorial Funds paid for the project.

Future goals of the Cemetery Commission include restoring older damaged gravestones, repairing fences around the perimeters, and possibly surveying land for an additional cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Barone, Chair, Cemetery Commission

Recreation Report

This past year had little activity to report on. We postponed our annual fishing derby as we tried to work out a co-sponsorship but that failed. We look forward to reinstating this fun event this spring! Additionally, we have a list of action items that we will be looking to complete at the Mendon Recreation field that we will need volunteers for, such things as “spring cleanup”, painting the dugouts and storage sheds, and installing the T-ball fence. A larger project for 2015 will be the completion of the basketball court. Please feel free to contact the Town Office or any of the Committee members to offer your help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted
Tracy Adams, Chair of the Recreation Committee

Larry Courcelle
Betsy Reddy
Jim Reddy
Mike McLaughlin
Steve Senecal
David Gleed
Leo Lawrence

Minutes of the Mendon Town Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2014

Mendon Mountview Lodge

Moderator Christopher Corsones called the Mendon Town Meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. Chris welcomed Geoffrey Wells, the newest Selectboard member and immediately launched into the proposed Articles.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?

Patti Lancaster made a motion to approve Article I. It was seconded by Matt Conway and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to set the hourly compensation rate for non-salaried employees, and in the event of an appointment of a town officer at mid-term?

Mr. Seihler motioned to approve Article II. It was seconded by Patti Lancaster and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote the Administrative portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Greg Smith took the floor and noted that in the September-October, 2013 timeframe, two positions, a Selectboard member and the Town Clerk position became vacant. The Selectboard interviewed candidates for both positions, and ultimately in January, appointed Geoffrey Wells as a Selectboard member. Marie Conway was appointed as Town Clerk.

Greg referred everyone to page 12, to review the budget summary. Greg noted that it is slightly higher this year, both in the school and municipal budget. Last year our delinquency was about \$131,000; this year it's about \$115,000. Anyone paying a delinquent bill is paying a 1% late fee as well as another 8% after the March deadline. Greg noted that in 2006-2009, we had an 8% delinquency rate on average. In the last four years, it has gone to 18% delinquency. (Approximately one out of five dollars coming in late.)

Greg explained that on page 26, the number of delinquent accounts turned over to our tax collector show a 14% increase over last year. There are 11 properties listed as delinquent; last year there were six. Greg noted that Nancy Merrill does a good job of managing this for us..

Greg said a town resident asked a question as to why we are spending so much money on Wheelerville Road. Greg said this is something we need to consider. Should we leave this as a Class 3 Road or move it to a Class 4, which might cost us less.

Another example is the town report, which is mailed out to every voter in town. It costs over \$2,000 to print and distribute these books. Possibly we need to make a different decision. We're considering having copies available at this meeting, and having books available at the Town Office, or putting the whole thing on our website, which would reduce our costs by at least half. These are the things we have

to consider. Greg said perhaps delivering our information and services on the website would help reduce our costs. Greg encouraged everyone to use the website.

Neil Langer asked (on page 26) about the \$16,400 in delinquent taxes. Greg explained \$16,000 collected was not specifically related to just this year. They could have been for any year. That is the money that came in on a cash basis, it doesn't mean it was all related to just that one year. The delinquent taxes get turned over to Nancy after the tax deadline, March 10. What she hasn't collected by the time the book is printed is what shows up in there as \$16,400.

Geoff Wells addressed the administration budget on pages 12-13.

- Election expenses are up due to the fact that we will have 3 elections. In 2013 we only had 1 election.
- The town shop (next door to the Town Hall) was surveyed for \$1,000 to see whether to fix it up or how to deal with it.
- Office equipment reserves were increased \$1,500 to prepare to replace one or two computers along with a copying machine in the near future.
- The overall costs are up 1.1%, which includes a 2% increase for salaries and the town is now participating in the Vermont Health Connect Healthcare.
- There could be an increase in legal expense this year because of a possible new roadway in the town. Geoff turned the floor over to Fred Bagley to discuss this possible new roadway.

Fred commented on the recognition of Mendon by the State of Vermont, and further discussed the main route through Mendon, Route 4. Fred offered a proposal to create a Town Green just off Route 4, between the current Route 4 and old Route 4. With overviews, Fred reviewed the properties along the route which are currently for sale. Fred felt this might be an opportunity to create a recognizable Town Green which will identify Mendon. Additionally, he reviewed the history and ownership of the main route through Mendon. Fred has provided some handouts if anyone is interested in taking a look at the area proposed.

Neil Langer referred to page 13 regarding elimination of Listers. Where is the expense for Lister or for Spencer? He couldn't find that expense amount. Greg noted that listers are not paid positions. The services of Spencer Potter, the appraiser, are ongoing and so it is not a new cost. Appraisals services are \$9,000. On page 30 there is a 2013 report which explains the process, background, and the listers approval of this elimination.

Charlene Godair, Chair for the Listers, reviewed the listers function in conjunction with the services of the professional appraiser. She advised there will be no change in the review of taxes on properties. Sara Tully noted that the appraiser is under contract, and the Selectboard oversees all contracts. If there is a problem with the contracted services, then the Selectboard would address that contract. However, if a person is not happy with their appraisal, there is a grievance process that goes all the way to the State level.

Chris called for a vote on Article III. Patti Lancaster moved to approve the administrative portion of the budget. John Haley seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town replace the Bridge fund with a Bridge and Culvert Fund?

Larry Courcelle advised that the Selectboard proposed renaming the bridge fund to include installation and repair of both bridges and culverts. In the past to replace an 18” culvert might cost about \$5,000. Today things have changed. When it comes to replacing culverts, a hydraulic study is done. Engineers then sizes the type of culvert needed. The \$5,000 culvert may now become a concrete box culvert with concrete wing wall 5’ x 8’. That \$5,000 could now become \$50,000. Instead of keeping the culvert monies in the infrastructure budget, we need permission to put it into the bridge fund so that it can be better monitored. There are currently about 200 culverts.

Phil Douglas stated that he and Justin had done an inventory of the missing culverts after Irene. One of the issues was that the GPS coordinates were put on them by the regional planning commission, which used a different basis for location than the town used. None of the culverts had any kind of identifiers in the field. If it was damaged or not in the location they had listed, it was a problem. Phil thinks the town should allocate some money towards identifying the culverts with a number or something to help us find them if another Irene occurs. Larry stated that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission GPS is available to us at any time. Box culverts were still in place after the storm on Wheelerville Road.

Steve Singiser moved to approve Article 4. It was seconded by John Haley, and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town combine the Backhoe Fund, Equipment Fund, Grader Fund and Truck Fund into one Highway Equipment Fund?

There are currently individual accounts for each of the funds, which were established in the 1990’s. Greg referred to page 18, the grid used to track purchases. Using reserve funds has served the town well by leveling out expenses for large purchases. We are asking permission to combine these accounts into one account to better manage these accounts. Greg said there are more details available if anyone would like a copy.

Carol Renfrow moved to approve Article 5. It was seconded by Mike Tully and there being no further questions, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote the Community Infrastructure portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Larry noted that the recreation budget is the same this year.

- Tracy Adams will be a program director for the town of Chittenden and town of Mendon. The gym for adult programs has always been paid for by Chittenden. They have asked us to chip in this year. We need to know how many Mendon residents use this recreation program.
- For Field day, the ball field on South Mendon Road has a \$2,000 allocation.
- There is \$2,500 allocated for the Barstow youth club;
- \$2,000 for a shared program with Chittenden.
- There is a \$500 miscellaneous allocation, as well as a
- \$1,000 recreation reserve fund,
- totaling \$7,000. However it is \$8,000 with the reserve fund.
- The Fishing Derby has always been opened up the Chittenden, and in turn Chittenden contributes up to \$750.

- Equipment higher is down this year; roadside mowing is down--done once during the summer months.
- For road sweeping at the end of winter, these costs are down.
- The Falls Road – The plowing is hired out and performed at the direction of the road commissioner. When it reaches a certain level, we have a contractor who comes in to plow.
- Robinwood—for years, the section belonging to Mendon had been taken care of by Killington at a cost to us of \$2,500 for the winter. Recently, a new Killington road commissioner looked things over and did a cost analysis and came up with a new figure. Bill and Sara decided to review this work and they came up with a figure of \$4,000. But we still have to get rid of the snow. Mendon contacted the Killington manager and said we'd do it ourselves. However, Killington decided they would do the work for \$4,000, and so Killington is now taking care of it for \$4,000, a higher cost, but still a good deal with the snow removal.

Greg addressed some changes in the reserve/infrastructure fund on page 14,

- Highways and roads was reduced by \$10,000 this year and in years going forward.
- Bridges and culverts will be combined. \$10,000 was moved from Highway over into the Bridge and Culvert fund to build up some reserve to fund work not funded by grants.
- Irene Fund—we maintained the \$50,000 contribution to reserve fund that we had done for two previous years.
- We purchased a new truck in October, 2013. We sold the old one to New Hampshire and got a pretty good price.
- There were 6 projects to be done last year at this time. Nothing had yet been started. Because we were disputing the funding with FEMA. The changes shown on the overhead indicated by Greg, show what prices were and what they are available now.
- Greg described details on the various bridges and their conditions. He discussed how the \$260,000 from FEMA will be used on our roadways.
- On Upper Notch Road, we had to challenge the State on the funding. We know we will not replace that bridge, and repairing the slide area will be cost prohibitive. We wanted to apply this money to an alternative project. We would have \$260,000 to work with, to possibly improve Falls Road to a class 4 road. FEMA does not fund road repairs less than class 3 standards, so we may use this funding to pave some of our normal town paving projects. Because we have already set aside funds toward these paving projects, we can utilize these moneys to improve Falls Road, and set a plan over a few years instead of the deadline set by FEMA.

Neil Langer asked about the plans we considered to fix the road on Upper Notch Road down to the River? Greg said they looked at carving back into the hillside as well. However it would not improve the situation, and is not cost effective. Sara stated that this is Federal Forest land and the road is deteriorating down and up stream as well.

Steve Singiser suggested that Neil and the Selectboard discuss this at some future meeting so that we can move on with the meeting.

Neil asked if the \$50,000 contribution to the Irene reserve fund was in the budget. Yes, this seems adequate since the State will hold Mendon responsible for 3% of their grand list about, \$55,000, and we expect some additional expenses from some projects. We will have a better understanding of total expenses later this calendar year..

Fred Bagley asked if year-round residents live on Falls Road? There are 2 year round residents.

Neil asked about the increase in the bridge repair. Greg said when bridges 14 and 20 were done in the 1990's, the cost was about \$350,000 to \$375,000 each. Bridge 24 completed in 2012 cost \$775,000. It just keeps getting more expensive. Engineering costs and building costs keep escalating.

Matt Conway moved to approve Article 6, subject to revision once we consider the other articles on appropriations. It was seconded by Charlene Godair, and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote the Public Safety portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.

Larry Courcelle advised that Scott Bradley has decided to not seek re-election as Town Constable, Director of Emergency Management for our town, nor as Forest Fire Warden. Scott will be spending more time with his family. The town thanks Scott for all he has done for Mendon, and we will miss his efforts.

Nelson Tift has also resigned as a Special Officer in Mendon. He did a great job and thanks him for all his work.

We contacted the Rutland County Sheriff's Department to fill the gap for us in the meantime. They will be spending 20 hours per week in Mendon, and will do an analysis of the 5 year that tells us what the State Police and the Rutland County Sheriff's Department has done for us. That comes out of our tax dollars which we send to Montpelier each year. We will know when they're in town, what they did, how many citations issued, and if they have to go to Court. The interim contract is for \$35 an hour for the cruiser, the deputy sheriff, all expenses rolled into one. We decided to high them for 20 hours a week. They will be in Mendon 4 days a week, 5 hours a day; we've asked for a 3 day stint -- one hour driving through all of Mendon and the other 4 hours on Rte 4. On the 4th day, 5 hours on Rte 4 traffic control and some time on TownLine Road. If we go into a long term contract the price goes down to \$33 an hour. The Selectboard is analyzing the product from the Rutland County Sheriffs department versus hiring another Special Officer. We are currently interviewing now and hope to make a decision shortly.

Phil Douglas is running unopposed for town Constable. He has experience with a sheriff's department in California.

Mike Barone noted that a lot of visitors and tourists had died in accidents on Route 4 before Officer Tift's control of speed on the highway. If we control our speed, those travelling behind us would have to travel at the same correct speed. Route 4 is 45 mph and needs to be observed. Patti Lancaster said that she has motioned to more than one tailgater to slow down. Sue Blish objected to ticketing at 37-38 miles per hour. It brings a lot of ill-will.

Neil asked if the \$6,000 line item was to replace the officer. Larry stated we would have to pay more than we had previously paid, and possibly additional academy training will be needed.

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department representative gave a summary of the duties for which they are responsible. He acknowledged that the traffic on Route 4 is very heavy. Larry expressed a welcome to the Sheriff's representative.

Laura Coppola Zmurko asked if she should call the Rutland County Sheriff if there was an emergency. Sara advised Laura to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Sue Blish stated that the Town could eliminate duplicate efforts. Perhaps we could consolidate some of our services. Patrolling at 8 or 9 in the morning is not effective. She suggested patrolling at 2 or 3 in the morning when she feels things happen. The sheriff's representative said they patrol at varying hours so that an observer could not predict when the sheriff would be there.

Carol Renfrow moved to approve Article 7. It was seconded by Charlene Godair and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County?

Rheba Haley moved to approve Article 8. It was seconded by John Haley. There was one Nay. There being no further discussion, the vote was carried.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$750 for BROCC - Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

Patti Lancaster moved to approve Article 9. It was seconded by Mike Barone. There was one Nay. There being no further discussion, the vote was carried.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 for the Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus)?

Mr. Seihler moved to approve Article 10. It was seconded by Ann Singiser.

Fred Bagley wondered if The Bus really helped Mendon residents. Mr. Siehler noted that the Mendon Seniors use The Bus frequently for day trips. The representative for the Transportation was present. Since she was not a town resident, Chris asked for unanimous consent to hear from her. Everyone agreed. Jennifer Vincente advised that Mendon residents represent 6500 rides. There being no further discussion, a vote was called. There was one Nay. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$500 for the Mentor Connector?

Wanda Courcelle moved to Approve Article 11. It was seconded by Laura Coppola Zmurka. There being no further discussion, a vote was requested. There was one Nay. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate \$230 for RSVP and The Volunteer Center?

Ann Singiser moved to approve Article 12. It was seconded by Mike Barone. Phil asked where is the Volunteer Center? Wanda Courcelle advised there is more than one center that carries out many services. There being no further discussion, a vote was requested. There was one Nay. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town appropriate \$2,600 for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?

Charlene Godair moved to approve Article 13. It was seconded by Ann Singiser. There being no further discussion, a vote was requested. There was one Nay. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the town appropriate \$1,242 for Rutland Mental Health Services formerly Rutland Area Community Services?

John Haley moved to approve Article 14. It was seconded by Charlene Godair. There being no further discussion, a vote was requested. There was one Nay. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town appropriate \$400 for the Southwestern Council on Aging?

Charlene Godair moved to approve Article 15. It was seconded by Mr.Seihler. There being no further discussion, a vote was requested. There was one Nay. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the office of Lister and replace it with a professional certified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

This will be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Questions have already been answered.

ARTICLE 17: To elect all necessary Town Officers.

This will be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

ARTICLE 18: To transact any other legal business.

Mike Barone wanted to be sure that we are not giving something up by eliminating the Listers. Down the road, Mike was concerned that we might not have the same respect for Spencer. Charlene Godair said we are not giving anything up, because Spencer has always done a good job. Carol Renfrow reminded Mike that the Selectboard has control of Spencer's contract, and can change the contract if we are dissatisfied. This action is proposed by the State Legislature; it is not a Selectboard initiative.

When asked, no one offered themselves as a grand juror. Neil noted there was no one on the ballot for Justice of the Peace. Sara Tully advised that when a vacancy occurs, a replacement must be certified by the Governor. The previous Justice of the Peace, Ira, was affiliated with the Republican party. The Republican Party will name the nominee. Charlene Godair has volunteered to fill that vacancy until November, when it will be filled at the General Election.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gregory Smith, Selectboard Chair
/s/ Christopher Corsones, Moderator
/s/ Marie E. Conway, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2014

Present: Sara Tully, Teri Corsones, Bert Winans, Justin Lindholm, Susan Blish, Neil Langer, Chris Corsones, Geoff Wells, Larry Courcelle, Nancy Gondella, Assistant Clerk, and Marie Conway, Town Clerk

Call to Order: Chris Corsones, acting as Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Chris asked everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

Teri Corsones, representing the Planning Commission explained that the Planning commission had been asked to take a look at the Subdivision Regulations, last revised in March, 2002. A couple of year ago, at the Zoning Commissions request, Mendon applied for a grant from the State to do this study. The purpose of the study was to bring our Regulations into compliance with State Statutes and make the Regulations more user friendly.

The Planning Commission went through the regulations section by section looking for any inconsistencies. Their aim was to simplify the regulations. The Planning Commission met monthly for two years.

- Prior to this study, the Town had jurisdiction over water and sewer; now the State has that jurisdiction.
- After Irene, a new set of regulations was considered for water management.
- The commission addressed the definition section of the regulations in an effort to make it easier to understand.
- The application form was previously four pages, and has now been reduced to one page.
- The State Statute was updated. Their effort was to create regulations that were simpler to understand and better organized.

Sue Blish stated that it sounded to her like this was just an update of procedures as to how to get things done easier.

Chris Corsones stated these Revised Subdivision Regulations will be voted on at the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Teri Corsones noted that the Town felt it was important for voters to be able to vote on this since it is a town regulation. It has already been presented and approved by the Selectboard.

Justin Lindholm said many people he talked with were stumbling through this process and felt the regulations were vague. It sometimes took as many as four months before the application was completed.

Larry Courcelle thanked the Mendon Planning for all the hard work they had done over the two-year study.

Chris Corsones adjourned the Special Town Meeting at **6:14 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ **Marie E. Conway, Town Clerk**
/s/ **Larry Courcelle, Selectboard**
/s/ **Chris Corsones, Moderator**



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As a newcomer to the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union this school year, I am continually amazed and impressed with the quality of education in our schools. With our Compass Points guiding our way, we have developed amazing programs and are preparing our students well for their future.

Character is being worked on through a variety of means. One curriculum we use is Responsive Classroom, which explicitly teaches students appropriate social skills. Lothrop Elementary has added Positive Behavior Supports which builds a learning community that focuses on the strengths of our students. We also offer community service and internships where our students learn to give back to our community.

Competence is developed through rigorous academic skills, with an eye on the 21st Century career skills our students will need. Using data, we identify students who need extra support to succeed and provide that support in the classroom. We have provided technology hardware to enhance our student learning and prepare our students for the skills needed in a global economy. All students are expected to progress and succeed in a comprehensive program that calls for critical thinking skills, collaboration and communication.

Creativity is abundant in RNESU schools. From the Walking Stick Theater to visits from Circus Smirkus; from the rich music programs, highly developed art programs and science exhibits, we seek promotion and development of creativity. Even our preschool and afterschool programs value creativity in the offerings they present. The community is often invited to share in the celebrations of creativity the schools engage in.

Community is present everywhere in the SU. School communities have great support for events that highlight our students. Community outings connect students and the adults in the community on a regular basis. Students learn to give to the community and learn how communities work, through elections, volunteering and community service. The School Boards are also addressing community in their work as community elected liaisons. Three of the larger Boards now have their Board meetings taped by PegTV (Lothrop, Otter Valley and RNESU). An app on the websites called Let's Talk has been added as a means for parents and community members to explain their concerns and receive feedback easily. The app also allows us to track the community's concerns and adjust our policies and practices accordingly. As superintendent, I continue the practice of writing the Compass Points column in the Brandon Reporter monthly and have started a blog at jcollinsrnesuvt.wordpress.com.

Rutland Northeast is a vibrant, forward moving educational community. I am thrilled to be part of it and I hope to meet many community members at school events and the upcoming town meetings.

Jeanné Collins
Superintendent of Schools



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- Effective Collaborators
- Independent & Creative Thinkers
- Innovators & Problem Solvers
- Globally Aware & Responsible Citizens
- Community Contributors
- Physically & Emotionally Healthy
- Kind, Caring & Gracious
- Appreciative of Visual & Performing Arts
- Aware & Respectful of the Natural World
- Confident, Courageous & Persistent
- Responsible & Motivated Self-Advocates
- Respectful, Fair & Just Individuals
- Curious & Lifelong Learners

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Students participate in learning opportunities that:

- ...provide access to a rigorous academic curriculum
- ...engage students in authentic and relevant work
- ...integrate best and "next" instructional practices
- ...promote critical thinking & innovation
- ...are personalized & proficiency-based
- ...are both minds on and hands-on
- ...are project/problem based
- ...are interdisciplinary
- ...include community service & service learning experiences
- ...engage students in the natural world
- ...integrate the effective use of technology
- ...are vocational and experiential in nature
- ...encourage student voice, ownership and leadership
- ...promote "habits of mind" or executive skills
- ...are extended beyond the school day, school year and school building

OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS, RESOURCES & PRACTICES

The RNESU community is committed to fulfilling our mission and values by providing:

- Adequate Instructional Staffing
- Adequate Support Staffing
- Adequate Continuum of Intervention & Support
- Access to Quality Professional Development
- Adequate Instructional Resources
- Access to Current Technology
- Safe and Adequate Transportation
- Safe, Healthy & Efficient Facilities
- Equity in Access to Programs & Services
- Positive Learning Environments
- Effective Governance & Leadership
- Effective Professional Practices
- Effective Feedback, Assessment and Grading Practices
- Effective Communication
- Opportunities to Collaborate
- A Culture of Continuous Improvement
- Opportunities to Recognize & Celebrate Achievements
- Community Engagement

NEEDS ASSESSMENT & PROGRAM EVALUATION

RNESU will assess student outcomes and evaluate programs based on:

- Regular Review of
RNESU, School and Grade Level Profiles
- Regular Review of
State, RNESU, School, Grade Level and
Individual Student Data

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

RNESU will develop and implement programs with attention to:

- The Common Core State Standards
- Vermont Educational Quality Standards
- Vermont School Quality Standards
- Common Board Policy
- Multi-Year Supervisory Union Action Plan
- Annual School Action Plan
- Professional Goal Setting
- Student Goal Setting

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

Budget Central Office

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
001.2190.Alert Now - Student Notification Application	\$4,093	\$0	\$0
Function: Other Support Services - Student - 2190	\$4,093	\$0	\$0
001.2211. Curriculum Director Salaries	\$82,946	\$89,931	\$82,904
001.2211. Curriculum District Wide Teacher Leader Salary	\$33,055	\$0	\$0
001.2211. Curriculum Admin Assistant Salary	\$31,712	\$32,663	\$33,806
001.2211. Curriculum Health Benefits	\$23,131	\$23,962	\$30,511
001.2211. Curriculum Social Security (FICA)	\$11,030	\$9,417	\$9,141
001.2211. Retirement Contributions	\$1,625	\$1,674	\$1,817
001.2211. Workers' Compensation	\$667	\$584	\$1,176
001.2211. Unemployment Compensation	\$530	\$408	\$450
001.2211. Curriculum Math Teacher Leader PD	\$782	\$0	\$0
001.2211. Curriculum Tuition Workshop Reimbursement	\$1,214	\$2,500	\$3,600
001.2211. Dental Insurance	\$1,075	\$1,090	\$834
001.2211. Other Employee Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$277	\$287	\$328
001.2211. Curriculum Inservice and Development	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
001.2211. Curriculum Supplies	\$24	\$0	\$0
001.2211. Curriculum Travel	\$2,180	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.2211. Curriculum Math Leader Travel	\$988	\$0	\$0
001.2211. Curriculum Resources and Supplies	\$1,239	\$6,000	\$3,000
001.2211. Curriculum Events	\$5,370	\$4,000	\$5,000
001.2211. Curriculum Dues	\$514	\$750	\$750
Function: Supervision of Educational Media Svs - 2211	\$201,359	\$178,766	\$178,817
001.2221. Technology Info Salary	\$169,601	\$181,986	\$189,272
001.2221. Technology Info Intern and Part Time Salaries	\$7,368	\$7,500	\$7,500
001.2221. Technology Health Benefits	\$39,342	\$49,508	\$56,756
001.2221. Technology Social Security (FICA)	\$13,272	\$14,533	\$15,266
001.2221. Retirement Contributions	\$8,739	\$9,528	\$10,094
001.2221. Workers' Compensation	\$765	\$886	\$1,835
001.2221. Technology Info Unemployment	\$733	\$706	\$779
001.2221. Technology Info Tuition Reimb	\$15,941	\$8,500	\$12,000
001.2221. Dental Insurance	\$819	\$1,072	\$1,026
001.2221. Technology Info Disability Insurance	\$663	\$772	\$419
001.2221. Technology Info Contracted Services	\$33,737	\$28,000	\$18,000
001.2221. Technology Info Travel	\$866	\$3,800	\$1,000
001.2221. Technology Software/Hardware	\$0	\$7,600	\$17,135
Function: Supervision of Educational Media Svs - 2221	\$291,846	\$314,391	\$331,082
001.2300. Executive Committee Honoraria	\$2,675	\$3,600	\$3,600
001.2300. Board Recording Secretary Salary	\$291	\$0	\$0
001.2300. Social Security (FICA)	\$227	\$360	\$360
001.2300. Legal Services	\$3,779	\$2,000	\$4,000
001.2300. Negotiating Expenses	\$1,253	\$1,500	\$8,400
001.2300. Executive Committee Expense	\$2,473	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2300. Mandatory Employment Testing	\$529	\$650	\$650
001.2300. BB Path Advance	\$196	\$0	\$0
Function: General & Administrative Services - 2300	\$11,423	\$10,110	\$19,010
001.2321. Superintendent Salary	\$114,259	\$109,273	\$116,708
001.2321. Superintendent Administrative Asst.	\$39,350	\$39,941	\$44,572
001.2321. Personnel Officer	\$40,618	\$52,700	\$44,572
001.2321. Office Subs	\$1,797	\$1,500	\$2,000
001.2321. Superintendent Office Health Benefits	\$32,567	\$46,181	\$23,227
001.2321. Superintendent Social Security (FICA)	\$14,676	\$15,420	\$15,403
001.2321. Retirement Contributions	\$4,108	\$4,191	\$4,550
001.2321. Workers' Compensation	\$857	\$940	\$1,942
001.2321. Unemployment Compensation	\$636	\$612	\$900
001.2321. Superintendent Professional Development	\$2,302	\$3,500	\$3,600
001.2321. Dental Insurance	\$1,246	\$1,308	\$1,251
001.2321. Other Employee Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$341	\$351	\$226

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Budget Central Office

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
001.2321. Superintendent Search	\$94	\$0	\$0
001.2321. Superintendent Travel	\$1,777	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.2321. Superintendent Publications	\$583	\$800	\$800
001.2321. VSA Fees and Dues	\$4,311	\$4,100	\$5,100
Function: Office of the Superintendent - 2321	\$259,522	\$283,317	\$267,351
001.2520. Business Managers Salary	\$92,897	\$95,684	\$99,032
001.2520. Business Manager's Admin Asst Salary	\$47,646	\$49,075	\$50,793
001.2520. Bookkeeper Salary	\$29,817	\$30,711	\$31,786
001.2520. Business Bookkeeper Salary	\$31,565	\$32,199	\$33,326
001.2520. Business Secretary Salary	\$19,790	\$20,384	\$21,097
001.2520. Business Office Health Insurance	\$65,153	\$64,980	\$67,846
001.2520. Business Social Security	\$16,346	\$17,446	\$18,078
001.2520. Business Admin Insurance	\$2,516	\$0	\$2,600
001.2520. Business Municipal Retirement	\$11,388	\$11,688	\$12,702
001.2520. Business Workmen's Comp	\$999	\$1,122	\$2,326
001.2520. Business Unemployment	\$943	\$1,020	\$1,350
001.2520. Business Manger Tuition/Dues	\$3,394	\$2,500	\$3,600
001.2520. Central Office Clerical Training and In Service	\$544	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2520. Business Dental Insurance	\$1,947	\$2,180	\$1,856
001.2520. Other Employee Benefits - Disability Ins	\$551	\$568	\$384
001.2520. Business Office Contracted Services	\$12,669	\$17,000	\$17,000
001.2520. Audit	\$7,100	\$7,500	\$8,300
001.2520. Postage	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
001.2520. Advertising	\$11,625	\$5,000	\$5,000
001.2520. Printing	\$699	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2520. Business Travel	\$1,791	\$2,400	\$2,400
001.2520. Office Supplies	\$6,561	\$11,000	\$11,000
001.2520. Tech Software/Hardware	\$9,018	\$0	\$0
001.2520. Office Equipment Purchase	\$157	\$1,500	\$1,500
001.2520. Business Office Software Lease Payment	\$22,488	\$22,500	\$0
001.2520. Business Manager Dues	\$125	\$350	\$350
Function: Fiscal Services - 2520	\$400,729	\$405,307	\$400,826
001.2620. Custodian Salaries	\$11,074	\$10,549	\$11,801
001.2620. Custodial Health Benefits	\$5,361	\$4,602	\$6,252
001.2620. Custodial Social Security (FICA)	\$831	\$807	\$903
001.2620. Retirement Contributions	\$442	\$422	\$472
001.2620. Workers' Compensation	\$442	\$486	\$1,083
001.2620. Unemployment Compensation	\$67	\$204	\$450
001.2620. Dental Insurance	\$195	\$205	\$204
001.2620. Water & Sewer	\$1,112	\$1,500	\$1,500
001.2620. Garbage Removal	\$1,024	\$1,800	\$1,800
001.2620. Building Repair and Improvements	\$13,185	\$3,500	\$3,500
001.2620. Maintenance-Contracts/Equip Repair	\$10,190	\$11,500	\$11,500
001.2620. Upkeep of Grounds	\$6,523	\$7,500	\$7,500
001.2620. Property Insurance/Liability	\$3,970	\$4,850	\$4,850
001.2620. Telephone	\$7,553	\$6,000	\$8,000
001.2620. Custodial Supplies	\$570	\$600	\$600
001.2620. Electricity	\$9,663	\$8,000	\$12,000
001.2620. Heat	\$14,042	\$15,000	\$15,000
001.2620. VSBIT Safety Grant Purchases	\$13,299	\$0	\$0
Function: Operating Building Services - 2620	\$99,543	\$77,525	\$87,415
Grand Total	\$1,268,515	\$1,269,416	\$1,284,501

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Budget Central Office Revenue

<i>Account Description</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual FY2014</i>	<i>Current Year Budget FY2015</i>	<i>Proposed Budget FY2016</i>
001.1500. Interest Income	\$1,346	\$1,800	\$1,800
001.1931. Brandon S/U Assessment	\$265,768	\$280,259	\$284,731
001.1932. Chittenden S/U Assessment	\$115,383	\$114,944	\$109,934
001.1933. Goshen S/U Assessment	\$8,405	\$7,978	\$11,693
001.1934. Leicester S/U Assessment	\$49,746	\$55,056	\$54,068
001.1935. Mendon S/U Assessment	\$83,397	\$83,325	\$81,684
001.1936. Pittsford S/U Assessment	\$175,042	\$172,220	\$167,656
001.1937. Sudbury S/U Assessment	\$21,609	\$23,649	\$22,487
001.1938. Whiting S/U Assessment	\$30,399	\$31,765	\$30,683
001.1939. Otter Valley S/U Assessment	\$494,626	\$497,607	\$492,989
001.1990. P Card Rebate	\$2,860	\$0	\$2,800
001.1999. Fund Balance Forward	\$0	\$813	\$23,976
001.5400. Prior Year Refunds	\$7,588	\$0	\$0
001.5720. VSBIT Safety Grant	\$14,250	\$0	\$0
001.5900. E Rate Reimbursement	\$625	\$0	\$0
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$1,271,044</i>	<i>\$1,269,416</i>	<i>\$1,284,501</i>

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
CENTRAL OFFICE
FY 2016 ASSESSMENT CALCULATION

Elementary Schools K-6th Grade & High School 7-12th Grade	<u>FY 2014/2015</u>		<u>FY2015/2016</u> <u>Assessment</u> <u>Shares</u>	<u>FY2016</u> <u>Assessment</u>
	<u>Equalized</u> <u>Pupils- October</u> <u>2014</u>			
Total Assessment to be Calculated	1,255,924.69			
Brandon	345.30	22.67%	\$	284,730.91
Chittenden	133.32	8.75%	\$	109,934.33
Goshen	14.18	0.93%	\$	11,692.69
Leicester	65.57	4.31%	\$	54,068.36
Mendon	99.06	6.50%	\$	81,683.88
OVUHS	597.86	39.25%	\$	492,989.34
Pittsford	203.32	13.35%	\$	167,655.63
Sudbury	27.27	1.79%	\$	22,486.57
Whiting	37.21	2.44%	\$	30,682.99
	1,523.09	100.00%	\$	1,255,924.69

Elementary Schools K-6th Grade & High School 7-12th Grade	<u>FY 2013/2014</u>		<u>FY2014/2015</u> <u>Assessment</u> <u>Shares</u>	<u>FY2015</u> <u>Assessment</u>	Difference	Percent Change
	<u>Equalized</u> <u>Pupils- October</u> <u>2013</u>					
Total Assessment to be Calculated	1,266,803.39					
Brandon	344.65	22.12%	\$	280,271.27	\$ 4,459.63	1.59%
Chittenden	141.34	9.07%	\$	114,938.46	\$ (5,004.13)	-4.35%
Goshen	9.81	0.63%	\$	7,977.55	\$ 3,715.14	46.57%
Leicester	67.70	4.35%	\$	55,054.01	\$ (985.65)	-1.79%
Mendon	102.46	6.58%	\$	83,321.04	\$ (1,637.16)	-1.96%
OVUHS	611.92	39.28%	\$	497,616.71	\$ (4,627.37)	-0.93%
Pittsford	211.77	13.59%	\$	172,212.53	\$ (4,556.90)	-2.65%
Sudbury	29.08	1.87%	\$	23,648.02	\$ (1,161.45)	-4.91%
Whiting	39.06	2.51%	\$	31,763.81	\$ (1,080.82)	-3.40%
	1,557.79	100.00%	\$	1,266,803.39	\$ (10,878.70)	-0.86%

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Proposed FY2016 Budget**

	<u>SubTotal</u> <u>Assessments</u>	<u>Sub Total Grants</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Current Year</u> <u>FY2015</u>
Early Childhood Programs				
Direct Instruction				
Teacher Salaries	59,862.40	0.00	59,862.40	276,936.40
Paraprofessional Salaries	27,168.23	0.00	27,168.23	0.00
Summer School Salaries	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	0.00
Health Benefits	21,199.18	0.00	21,199.18	74,757.93
Social Security (FICA)	6,772.59	0.00	6,772.59	22,896.41
Retirement Contributions	858.86	0.00	858.86	0.00
Workers Compensation	879.50	0.00	879.50	1,789.88
Unemployment	675.00	0.00	675.00	1,836.00
Staff Professional Development	4,080.00	1,800.00	5,880.00	7,800.00
Dental Insurance	417.07	0.00	417.07	2,441.38
Disability Insurance	167.65	0.00	167.65	1,188.06
PT and OT Contracted Services	20,000.00	13,700.00	33,700.00	28,600.00
Travel	2,000.00	2,100.00	4,100.00	2,500.00
Supplies	500.00	750.00	1,250.00	5,700.00
	<u>150,080.48</u>	<u>18,350.00</u>	<u>168,430.48</u>	<u>426,446.06</u>
Student Support Services				
Speech Language Pathologist Salary	59,862.40	0.00	59,862.40	58,302.40
Health Benefits	19,298.35	0.00	19,298.35	1,076.50
Social Security (FICA)	4,579.47	0.00	4,579.47	4,460.13
Workers Compensation	589.17	0.00	589.17	286.91
Unemployment	225.00	0.00	225.00	204.00
Dental Insurance	417.06	0.00	417.06	435.96
Disability Insurance	167.61	0.00	167.61	250.12
	<u>85,139.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>85,139.06</u>	<u>65,016.02</u>
<u>Total Early Childhood Programs</u>	<u>\$ 235,219.54</u>	<u>\$ 18,350.00</u>	<u>\$ 253,569.54</u>	<u>\$ 491,462.08</u>
<i>FY2015</i>	<i>\$ 233,859.21</i>	<i>\$ 257,602.87</i>	<i>\$ 491,462.08</i>	
<i>Difference</i>	<i>\$ 1,360.33</i>	<i>\$ (239,252.87)</i>	<i>\$ (237,892.54)</i>	
<i>Percent Change</i>	<i>0.58%</i>	<i>-92.88%</i>	<i>-48.41%</i>	

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Proposed FY2016 Budget**

	<u>SubTotal</u>			<u>Current Year</u>
	<u>Assessments</u>	<u>Sub Total Grants</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Special Education Programs				
Direct Instruction				
SPED Teacher Salary	1,354,565.38	35,975.18	1,390,540.56	1,352,211.00
SPED Ind. Para Salary	633,101.15	0.00	633,101.15	538,273.91
SPED Prog Paraprofessional Salary	390,474.72	0.00	390,474.72	379,016.26
SPED Intervention Specialist Salary	308,900.05	0.00	308,900.05	299,667.12
SPED Job Coach Salary	57,416.54	0.00	57,416.54	55,260.32
SPED Substitutes	24,500.00	0.00	24,500.00	33,200.00
SPED Tutoring Salary	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	23,000.00
SPED Summer School	41,200.00	0.00	41,200.00	33,000.00
Sped Health Benefits	1,189,883.52	18,431.90	1,208,315.42	1,090,191.29
Sped Health Rebate	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00
Sped Social Security (FICA)	213,199.30	5,724.35	218,923.65	209,001.50
Sped Retirement Contributions	53,432.46	2,820.45	56,252.91	70,343.49
SPED Workers' Compensation	27,425.65	736.46	28,162.11	13,653.46
SPED Unemployment	24,862.50	225.00	25,087.50	19,992.00
SPED Tuition Reimbursement	65,000.00	3,000.00	68,000.00	58,000.00
SPED Dental Insurance	33,771.86	417.06	34,188.92	34,694.70
SPED Disability Insurance	3,658.73	209.52	3,868.25	6,252.91
SPED Contracted Services	11,520.00	0.00	11,520.00	224,695.00
Sped Advertising	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
SPED Tuition	333,195.00	0.00	333,195.00	318,998.00
SPED Travel	6,725.00	0.00	6,725.00	16,425.00
SPED Supplies	20,250.00	0.00	20,250.00	33,250.00
Care & Custody Transfer	-103,746.16	103,746.16	0.00	0.00
	<u>4,713,535.70</u>	<u>171,286.08</u>	<u>4,884,821.78</u>	<u>4,812,325.96</u>
Student Support				
SPED Evaluations	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	7,504.06
SPED Psychologist Salary	44,896.80	188,567.00	233,463.80	223,005.80
SPED Health Benefits	8,637.55	57,895.05	66,532.60	59,147.01
SPED Social Security (FICA)	3,434.60	14,425.38	17,859.98	17,059.95
SPED Psychologist Retirement		14,783.65	14,783.65	0.00
SPED Workers' Compensation	441.87	1,855.88	2,297.75	1,097.41
SPED Unemployment Compensation	135.00	675.00	810.00	734.40
SPED Dental Insurance	250.24	1,251.18	1,501.42	1,569.46
SPED Disability Insurance	125.71	527.99	653.70	956.70
SPED Outside Psy Evaluations	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
SEER Mental Health Contract Services	49,063.00	0.00	49,063.00	0.00
SPED SLP Salary	342,712.00	74,828.00	417,540.00	405,201.00
SPED Health Benefits	57,835.12	14,395.92	72,231.04	55,504.48
SPED Social Security (FICA)	26,217.50	5,724.35	31,941.85	30,997.87
SPED SLP Retirement		5,866.52	5,866.52	0.00
SPED Workers' Compensation	3,372.98	736.46	4,109.44	6,897.50
SPED Unemployment Compensation	1,125.00	225.00	1,350.00	1,357.11
SPED Dental Insurance	2,085.30	417.06	2,502.36	2,383.80
SPED Disability Insurance	959.60	209.52	1,169.12	1,880.40
Occupational Therapy Services	113,500.00	0.00	113,500.00	113,500.00
Physical Therapy Services	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	35,293.89
Inservice & Administrative Indirect Fee	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	11,075.27
Information Technology Licenses	600.00	0.00	600.00	2,600.00
	<u>686,392.27</u>	<u>382,383.96</u>	<u>1,068,776.23</u>	<u>979,266.11</u>

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Proposed FY2016 Budget**

	<u>SubTotal</u>			<u>Current Year</u>
	<u>Assessments</u>	<u>Sub Total Grants</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Administration				
Administrative Salaries	199,939.58	0.00	199,939.58	192,408.07
Health Benefits	35,673.73	0.00	35,673.73	28,590.64
Social Security (FICA)	15,352.41	0.00	15,352.41	14,719.20
Retirement Contributions	1,752.24	0.00	1,752.24	1,614.25
Workers' Compensation	1,975.13	0.00	1,975.13	581.90
Unemployment Compensation	1,755.00	0.00	1,755.00	979.20
Sped Admin Professional Development	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Dental Insurance	1,991.89	0.00	1,991.89	2,092.61
Disability Insurance	1,891.28	0.00	1,891.28	1,935.12
	<u>262,831.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>262,831.26</u>	<u>245,420.99</u>
Transportation				
SPED Transportation Salaries	76,727.74	0.00	76,727.74	74,128.51
SPED Health Benefits	20,122.12	0.00	20,122.12	14,608.20
SPED Social Security (FICA)	5,869.67	0.00	5,869.67	5,556.07
SPED Retirement Contributions	2,617.80	0.00	2,617.80	2,470.99
SPED Workers' Compensation	6,918.70	0.00	6,918.70	3,274.55
SPED Unemployment Compensation	1,381.50	0.00	1,381.50	784.38
SPED Dental Insurance	550.52	0.00	550.52	727.80
SPED Disability Insurance	31.14	0.00	31.14	46.10
SPED Transportation Contracted Svs - Non Payroll	43,000.00	0.00	43,000.00	43,000.00
SPED Van Lease Payment	4,100.00	0.00	4,100.00	0.00
	<u>161,319.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>161,319.19</u>	<u>144,596.60</u>
<u>Total Special Education Programs</u>	<u>5,824,078.42</u>	<u>553,670.04</u>	<u>6,377,748.46</u>	<u>6,181,609.66</u>
FY2015	5,554,157.61	627,452.05	6,181,609.66	
Difference	269,920.81	-73,782.01	196,138.80	
	4.63%	-13.33%	3.17%	
 Prevention and Intervention Services				
Direct Instruction				
Teacher Salaries	0.00	429,782.02	429,782.02	125,594.51
Nurse Liasion	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,153.00
Summer & After School	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Wide Area Network: Server	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Technology Intergration	0.00	19,824.54	19,824.54	19,154.14
Health Insurance	0.00	104,215.04	104,215.04	7,001.67
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	36,047.92	36,047.92	3,541.60
Retirement	0.00	35,760.07	35,760.07	1,918.65
Workers Compensation	0.00	4,446.83	4,446.83	176.52
Unemployment Compensation	0.00	1,838.25	1,838.25	102.19
Staff Professional Development	0.00	398,859.07	398,859.07	300,500.00
Dental Insurance	0.00	2,822.71	2,822.71	174.38
Disability Insurance	0.00	1,234.70	1,234.70	197.69
School Based Wellness Programs	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Supplies	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
MAC Tooth Tutor	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,600.00
Admin costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,074,331.15</u>	<u>1,074,331.15</u>	<u>493,114.35</u>

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Proposed FY2016 Budget**

	<u>SubTotal</u>			<u>Current Year</u>
	<u>Assessments</u>	<u>Sub Total Grants</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Student Support Services				
Medicaid School Based Clinician	0.00	151,937.00	151,937.00	120,000.00
SAP & Home School Coordinator Salary	0.00	86,117.20	86,117.20	105,025.87
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Health	0.00	13,948.62	13,948.62	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator FICA	0.00	5,822.95	5,822.95	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Retirement	0.00	4,480.02	4,480.02	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Workers Comp	0.00	749.15	749.15	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Unemployment	0.00	374.44	374.44	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Dental	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
SAP Health & Home School Coordinator Disability	0.00	427.07	427.07	0.00
SAP Contracted Svs	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Medicaid SAP Travel	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Medicaid SAP Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Medicaid School Psych. Salary	0.00	29,931.20	29,931.20	32,467.01
Medicaid Psych Health Ins.	0.00	5,758.37	5,758.37	6,937.98
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	2,289.73	2,289.73	2,230.06
Workers' Compensation	0.00	294.58	294.58	234.26
Unemployment Compensation	0.00	90.00	90.00	163.20
Dental Insurance	0.00	166.82	166.82	348.76
Other Employee Benefits - Disability Insurance	0.00	83.81	83.81	204.22
Transfer To OVUHS	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>310,970.96</u>	<u>310,970.96</u>	<u>342,611.36</u>
Administration				
Director of Special Services Salaries	0.00	19,806.49 \$	19,806.49	19,136.71
Medicaid Clerk Salaries	0.00	27,871.20 \$	27,871.20	26,928.70
Health	0.00	14,800.56 \$	14,800.56	13,233.34
FICA	0.00	3,647.33 \$	3,647.33	3,524.01
Retirement Contributions	0.00	1,498.08 \$	1,498.08	1,380.10
Workers Compensation	0.00	469.25 \$	469.25	226.69
Unemployment Compensation	0.00	270.00 \$	270.00	244.80
Dental Insurance	0.00	500.47 \$	500.47	523.15
Disability Insurance	0.00	78.04 \$	78.04	115.52
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>68,941.42</u>	<u>68,941.42</u>	<u>65,313.02</u>
Total Prevention and Intervention Programs	0.00	1,454,243.53	1,454,243.53	901,038.73
<i>FY2015 Approved Budget</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>901,038.73</i>	<i>901,038.73</i>	
<i>Difference</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>545,511.01</i>	<i>545,511.01</i>	
		<i>60.54%</i>	<i>60.54%</i>	
 Grand Total ECP, Special Education & Prevention Svs	 6,059,297.96	 2,026,263.57	 8,085,561.53	 7,574,110.47
 <i>FY2015 Approved Budget</i>	 <i>5,788,016.82</i>	 <i>1,786,093.65</i>	 <i>7,574,110.47</i>	 <i>7,826,169.26</i>
 <i>Difference</i>	 <i>271,281.14</i>	 <i>240,169.92</i>	 <i>511,451.06</i>	
<i>Percent</i>	<i>4.69%</i>	<i>13.45%</i>	<i>6.75%</i>	

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

Special Services Budget
Proposed Assessments and Grant Revenue

FY2016

<u>Total Sped Assessments</u>	<u>FY2016 Proposed Total Assessments</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
\$6,059,297.96	\$6,059,297.96	\$5,788,016.82	\$271,281.14	4.69%
Brandon	\$1,360,982.99	\$1,281,602.03	\$79,380.96	6.19%
Chittenden	\$53,232.55	\$52,125.45	\$1,107.10	2.12%
Goshen	\$55,889.77	\$36,482.26	\$19,407.51	53.20%
Leicester	\$258,440.93	\$251,768.49	\$6,672.44	2.65%
Mendon	\$40,789.04	\$39,516.02	\$1,273.02	3.22%
Pittsford	\$801,375.79	\$787,548.20	\$13,827.59	1.76%
Sudbury	\$107,483.37	\$108,145.17	-\$661.80	-0.61%
Whiting	\$146,661.39	\$145,259.63	\$1,401.76	0.97%
OVUHS	\$2,356,435.83	\$2,275,511.14	\$80,924.69	3.56%
Barstow	\$878,006.29	\$810,058.42	\$67,947.87	8.39%
	\$6,059,297.96	\$5,788,016.81	\$271,281.15	4.69%
Grant Revenues: \$2,026,263.57				
EEE-IDEA/B	\$18,350.00	\$17,600.00	\$750.00	4.26%
CFP	\$1,071,167.00	\$712,270.82	\$358,896.18	50.39%
IDEA/B	\$457,617.67	\$442,288.05	\$15,329.62	3.47%
Medicaid	\$330,755.73	\$375,000.28	-\$44,244.55	-11.80%
EPSDT	\$44,627.01	\$53,770.50	-\$9,143.49	-17.00%
C&C	\$103,746.16	\$185,164.00	-\$81,417.84	-43.97%
	\$2,026,263.57	\$1,786,093.65	\$240,169.92	13.45%
Total Special Services	\$8,085,561.53	\$7,574,110.46	\$511,451.07	6.75%

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Transportation Budget Proposed - FY2016

Budget Transportation Revenue

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
555.1933.(Trans Reimbursements	\$116,177	\$120,000	\$116,000
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Leicester	\$30,780	\$35,068	\$35,528
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Sudbury	\$11,824	\$14,643	\$14,559
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Whiting	\$18,303	\$20,244	\$20,158
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment OVUHS	\$357,596	\$358,102	\$353,833
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Brandon	\$165,722	\$173,011	\$174,916
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Chittenden	\$42,348	\$42,109	\$42,914
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Barstow	\$130,718	\$129,709	\$127,138
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Pittsford	\$109,370	\$107,305	\$104,991
555.1939.(Transportation Assessment Goshen	\$4,725	\$5,027	\$6,948
555.1990.(Homeless Transportation Services Reimburse	\$13,559	\$0	\$0
555.1999.(Transportation Fund Balance Forward	\$0	(\$7,591)	\$2,079
Grand Total	\$1,001,122	\$997,627	\$999,064

Budget Transportation Expenditures

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
555.2711. Trans Driver Coordinator Salary	\$43,127	\$42,986	\$44,490
555.2711. Trans Drivers Salary	\$324,190	\$330,723	\$308,944
555.2711. Trans Bus Monitor Salary	\$3,774	\$9,000	\$9,000
555.2711. Trans Driver Phys/Licensing Salary	\$320	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Bus Maintenance	\$23,116	\$24,000	\$24,000
555.2711. Trans Bus Communication & Training Salary	\$865	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Drivers Sub Salary	\$12,599	\$15,000	\$15,000
555.2711. Trans Driver Licensing Salary	\$37	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Health Benefits	\$46,651	\$51,074	\$28,055
555.2711. Social Security (FICA)	\$31,068	\$31,264	\$32,711
555.2711. Retirement Contributions	\$5,065	\$4,793	\$4,583
555.2711. Workers Comp	\$15,361	\$17,851	\$33,030
555.2711. Unemployment Compensation	\$4,654	\$5,443	\$5,130
555.2711. Trans Driver Training/In-service	\$315	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Dental Insurance	\$1,587	\$1,521	\$1,992
555.2711. Other Employee Benefits - Disability Ins	\$179	\$185	\$125
555.2711. Drivers Inservice and Training	\$27	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Driver Phys./Licensing/Rx Test	\$6,026	\$7,500	\$7,500
555.2711. Trans Legal Fees	\$146	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Garage Utilities	\$626	\$750	\$750
555.2711. Trans Bus Maintenance	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 19	\$1,084	\$2,500	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 3	\$1,237	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 6	\$7,970	\$4,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 7	\$6,175	\$4,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 4	\$541	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 5	\$440	\$4,500	\$0
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #9	\$7,159	\$3,500	\$5,500

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Transportation Budget Proposed - FY2016

Budget Transportation Expenditures	Prior Year Actual	Current Year	Proposed
Account Description	FY2014	Budget FY2015	Budget FY2016
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 21	\$2,497	\$2,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #23	\$3,015	\$2,500	\$1,000
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 17	\$2,878	\$4,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 10	\$3,861	\$4,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 11	\$3,292	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 12	\$1,095	\$2,500	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 22	\$1,672	\$2,500	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #24	\$1,459	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #25	\$206	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 26	\$5,488	\$4,500	\$1,000
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 27	\$7,982	\$3,500	\$5,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 28	\$5,540	\$1,000	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #13	\$4,037	\$3,500	\$4,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #14	\$3,229	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #15	\$1,900	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #16	\$2,436	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #18	\$3,842	\$3,500	\$4,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - #20	\$3,531	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 29	\$2,846	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc -RNE1	\$10,221	\$1,000	\$1,000
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - RNE2	\$8,840	\$4,500	\$5,500
555.2711. Trans Maint., tires, etc - # 8	\$5,858	\$4,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans Maint Tires, etc. #30	\$1,312	\$4,500	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance Barstow 1	\$5,987	\$3,500	\$4,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance Barstow 2	\$239	\$3,500	\$3,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance #31	\$1,662	\$2,500	\$2,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance Barstow 4	\$6,057	\$1,000	\$5,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance Barstow 5	\$5,963	\$3,500	\$4,500
555.2711. Trans. Maintenance Chittenden 1	\$10,645	\$4,500	\$5,000
555.2711. Trans Bus Garage	\$28	\$0	\$0
555.2711. Trans Insurance	\$14,529	\$15,233	\$15,233
555.2711. Trans Bus Communications	\$557	\$4,500	\$4,500
555.2711. Trans Advertising	\$54	\$600	\$600
555.2711. Trans Bus Supplies - Fluids	\$5,912	\$5,500	\$5,500
555.2711. Trans Bus Tools	\$362	\$500	\$500
555.2711. Energy	\$155,453	\$160,000	\$160,000
555.2711. Energy	\$772	\$700	\$700
555.2711. Trans Office Supplies	\$1,169	\$950	\$950
555.2711. Capital Leases	\$130,555	\$154,554	\$182,771
Grand Total	\$971,320	\$997,627	\$999,064

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
TRANSPORTATION
FY 2016 ASSESSMENT CALCULATION

Elementary Schools K-6th Grade & High School 7-12th Grade	<u>FY 2014/2015</u>			<u>FY2016</u> <u>Assessment</u>
	<u>Equalized</u> <u>Pupils- October</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>FY2015/2016</u> <u>Assessment</u> <u>Shares</u>		
Total Assessment to be Calculated	880,984.90			
Brandon	295.55	19.85%	\$	174,916.25
Goshen	11.74	0.79%	\$	6,948.12
Leicester	60.03	4.03%	\$	35,527.74
OVUHS	597.86	40.16%	\$	353,833.30
Pittsford	177.40	11.92%	\$	104,991.18
Sudbury	24.60	1.65%	\$	14,559.09
Whiting	34.06	2.29%	\$	20,157.83
Barstow K-8	214.82	14.43%	\$	127,137.57
Chittenden 9-12	72.51	4.87%	\$	42,913.81
	1,488.57	100.00%	\$	880,984.90

Elementary Schools K-6th Grade & High School 7-12th Grade	<u>FY 2013/2014</u>		<u>FY2014/2015</u>		<u>FY2015</u> <u>Assessment</u>	Difference	Percent Change
	<u>Equalized</u> <u>Pupils- October</u> <u>2013</u>		<u>Assessment</u> <u>Shares</u>				
Total Assessment to be Calculated	885,217.31						
Brandon	295.65	19.55%	\$	173,020.65	\$	1,895.60	1.10%
Goshen	8.59	0.57%	\$	5,027.05	\$	1,921.07	38.21%
Leicester	59.92	3.96%	\$	35,066.46	\$	461.28	1.32%
OVUHS	611.92	40.45%	\$	358,108.56	\$	(4,275.27)	-1.19%
Pittsford	183.35	12.12%	\$	107,300.31	\$	(2,309.13)	-2.15%
Sudbury	25.02	1.65%	\$	14,642.23	\$	(83.14)	-0.57%
Whiting	34.59	2.29%	\$	20,242.80	\$	(84.97)	-0.42%
Barstow K-8	221.63	14.65%	\$	129,702.58	\$	(2,565.00)	-1.98%
Chittenden 9-12	71.95	4.76%	\$	42,106.67	\$	807.15	1.92%
	1,512.62	100.00%	\$	885,217.31	\$	(4,232.41)	-0.48%

**BARSTOW MEMORIAL SCHOOL
2014-2015 PRINCIPAL'S LETTER**

At Barstow Memorial School, we are committed to continuous school improvement and to supporting all of our students in their effort to succeed. This is what we strive to achieve every day. To achieve this, we have developed a school-wide Action Plan that aims to provide a curriculum that promotes outcomes, learning opportunities and instructional practices as articulated in the Common Core and RNESU Compact. Our goals address effective feedback, assessment, grading practices, use of data, as well as promoting a positive learning environment.

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which was passed by the federal government in 2001, requires that all schools' efficacy be measured annually based on their performance on standardized tests in English and Math. As a part of complying with NCLB, every three years, expectations for school performance on standardized tests have been raised. At this point, expectations for school achievement have reached the maximum level. In order for a school to be considered effective by the federal government, *every student in tested grades* must test as "proficient" on both standardized English and Math NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) tests. As stated by Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education, this is an incredibly high bar to meet annually. As a result, for the first time, Barstow did not meet this goal, and neither did any other school in Vermont taking the NECAP, a state whose schools rank highly when compared against the highest performing countries in the world. It is not realistic to expect every single tested child to score as proficient. Some of our students are very capable, but may have unique learning needs that make it difficult for them to accurately demonstrate their strengths on a standardized test. Barstow has a proud and distinguished educational history, and we will continue to work toward meeting the needs of all our students.

In closing, it is with a very heavy heart that I inform you of my retirement at the end of this school year. After 32 years in education, including 23 years as an administrator, it's time to give back to my family what they have sacrificed in support of my love of education. As any school administrator knows, school takes over your life and sacrifices are made that impact time with family. However, life has a way of letting you know when it is time to walk away, and this is the right time. As I reflect over my many years in education, I can say with all sincerity that the past 17 years at Barstow have been the most fulfilling of my career. I have loved being a part of your children's lives. It has truly been an honor to work in this exceptional school comprised of such dedicated and talented people, children with a desire to learn, and a supportive school board and community.

Through the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, volunteers, board members, RNESU staff and the support of both Chittenden and Mendon communities, Barstow has continued to provide a learning environment that is developing well-rounded learners, citizens and individuals. Barstow has been my extended family; I will always be thankful for the opportunity to be here.

With tremendous gratitude,

Karen E. Prescott
Principal

Barstow School Board Report

January 2015

Overall, this current school year can be considered a year of transition. Some big changes are coming to Barstow for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, some of which are exciting and some which were expected but at the same time are unfortunate.

Excitement surrounds the transition to a more forward-thinking middle school; one which for the first time will see single class grades of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. In this new model, which has proven to be remarkably successful at other Vermont schools, does away with inefficient short teaching blocks of 48 minutes and moves to longer, more diverse blocks that will interweave the core subjects of Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. This new design allows teachers to create more personalized education for students, while at the same time stretching the students' ability to work on projects/topics that span the subjects, reminiscent of real world scenarios.

The unfortunate transition that was alluded to was in regards to the retirement of five long time wonderful teachers, and our beloved principal. Diana Wilson, Pam Wilson, Mike Kinsler, and Alison Briggs are all retiring and Kelli Bates is resigning at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Their unfathomable contributions to Barstow and its students will surely be missed. Karen Prescott will also be retiring at the end of this academic year. It will be unbearably difficult to find a new principal to fill her shoes, but the Board is confident that under the direction of Superintendent Jeanné Collins, a new principal will be found to continue leading Barstow forward. The Board extends sincerest appreciation to these six individuals and thanks them for all they did for the students and community.

Financially, the Board passed a fiscally responsible budget. It was not easy, but hard decisions were made that balanced student needs with the rising cost of education that isn't sustainable. The budget passed was a -2.5% departure from last year's budget, which all in all was an achievement given State imposed barriers that collectively increased Barstow's educational costs. Despite the decrease in budget, and due to State Educational payment methodologies, both Chittenden and Mendon will see an increase in assessed taxes. This is a sign of education tax reform that is sorely needed at the State level, and the Board is eager to see it passed by our legislature in this upcoming session.

The Board thanks both communities for its ongoing support of the education of our children. Take pride in the education that you are providing, as there is no greater gift that can be offered to our young ones.

Jonathan Reynolds
Chair, Barstow School Board

F.D. Barstow Memorial Joint School District

Budget Expenditure Report

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Proposed FY2016
001.1100. Teachers' Salaries	\$1,152,544	\$1,108,904	\$ 951,936
001.1100. PreK Teacher Salary	\$0	\$0	\$35,618
001.1100. Paraprofessional Salaries	\$44,737	\$44,872	\$48,229
001.1100. PreK Paraprofessional Salary	\$0	\$20,727	\$14,355
001.1100. Enrichment Payroll	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300
001.1100. Teacher Sub Salary	\$15,164	\$18,000	\$18,000
001.1100. Homework Club Salary	\$468	\$0	\$500
001.1100. Teacher Health Benefits	\$230,482	\$248,201	\$244,178
001.1100. PreK Health	\$0	\$7,609	\$0
001.1100. Teacher FICA	\$87,266	\$88,900	\$84,520
001.1100. PreK FICA	\$0	\$1,586	\$3,823
001.1100. Para Retirement	\$1,689	\$1,700	\$1,881
001.1100. PreK Retirement	\$0	\$829	\$829
001.1100. Teacher Retirement Buyout	\$27,244	\$22,058	\$0
001.1100. Teachers Workers Comp	\$6,652	\$5,917	\$10,729
001.1100. PreK Workers Comp	\$0	\$108	\$477
001.1100. Unemployment Compensation	\$3,872	\$3,279	\$3,779
001.1100. PreK Unemployment	\$0	\$100	\$200
001.1100. Teacher Dental Insurance	\$7,600	\$7,928	\$7,835
001.1100. PreK Dental	\$0	\$436	\$0
001.1100. Disability Insurance	\$4,105	\$4,624	\$4,484
001.1100. Instructional Contracted Services	\$3,142	\$0	\$0
001.1100. Para Bill back	\$33,988	\$13,300	\$13,300
001.1100. Instructional Equipment Repair	\$0	\$540	\$580
001.1100. Instruction Travel	\$87	\$510	\$510
001.1100. Enrichment Supplies	\$21,163	\$25,000	\$22,700
001.1100. Instructional Equipment-New	\$59	\$0	\$0
001.1100. Teaching Supplies	\$7,705	\$9,810	\$11,800
001.1100. Instructional Equipment - ESS	\$143	\$150	\$139
001.1100. Learning Resources	\$3,089	\$3,200	\$2,879
001.1100. Student Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$540
001.1100. Periodicals	\$1,078	\$1,495	\$1,578
001.1100. Textbooks	\$2,856	\$15,000	\$11,151
001.1100. Education Technology	\$7,722	\$0	\$0
001.1100. Education Technology Wiring and One to One	\$30,639	\$2,500	\$0
Function: Direct Instruction: Regular Programs - 1100	\$1,695,794	\$1,657,283	\$1,498,850
001.1200. Special Education	\$811,462	\$810,058	\$878,006
Function: Direct Instruction: Special Education - 1200	\$811,462	\$810,058	\$878,006
001.1400. Athletic & Co-curricular Salaries	\$5,387	\$5,840	\$9,010
001.1400. Summer School Salary	\$1,938	\$1,400	\$1,687
001.1400. Co-Curricular Health Ins.	\$552	\$0	\$0
001.1400. Co-Curricular FICA	\$310	\$938	\$689
001.1400. Workers' Compensation	\$10	\$26	\$18
001.1400. Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$10	\$200
001.1400. Co-Curricular Dental Ins.	\$17	\$0	\$0
001.1400. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$8	\$19	\$19
001.1400. Co-curricular Athletic Equipment	\$483	\$940	\$800
Function: Direct Instruction: Co-Curricular Prog. - 1400	\$8,705	\$9,173	\$12,423
001.2120. Guidance Salary	\$42,724	\$45,184	\$47,890
001.2120. Guidance Health Benefits	\$13,259	\$13,816	\$14,394
001.2120. Guidance FICA	\$3,102	\$3,457	\$3,664
001.2120. Guidance Workers Comp	\$210	\$222	\$471
001.2120. Unemployment Compensation	\$149	\$200	\$200
001.2120. Guidance Dental Insurance	\$415	\$436	\$834
001.2120. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$183	\$194	\$205
Function: Student Support Services: Guidance - 2120	\$60,042	\$63,509	\$67,658
001.2129. Paraprofessional Lunch Recess Duty Salaries	\$3,959	\$4,078	\$4,167
001.2129. Student Support Services Health Benefits	\$4,246	\$4,295	\$1,702
001.2129. Student Support Services FICA	\$290	\$312	\$319
001.2129. Student Support Services Retirement	\$203	\$204	\$224
001.2129. Workers' Compensation	\$20	\$20	\$41
001.2129. Unemployment Compensation	\$32	\$21	\$21
001.2129. Student Support Services Dental Ins.	\$90	\$93	\$89
001.2129. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$17	\$18	\$18
001.2129. Graduation Expenses	\$452	\$450	\$400
Function: Student Support Services: Other - 2129	\$9,309	\$9,491	\$6,981

F.D. Barstow Memorial Joint School District

Budget Expenditure Report

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Proposed FY2016
001.2130. Nurse Salary	\$51,268	\$53,930	\$53,879
001.2130. Nurse Substitute	\$473	\$0	\$0
001.2130. Nurse Health Benefits	\$6,745	\$7,028	\$7,323
001.2130. Nurse FICA	\$3,888	\$4,014	\$4,122
001.2130. Workers' Compensation	\$252	\$258	\$530
001.2130. Unemployment Compensation	\$148	\$100	\$100
001.2130. Nurse Dental Insurance	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2130. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$220	\$226	\$231
001.2130. Health Supplies	\$468	\$830	\$730
Function: Student Support Services - Health - 2130	\$63,877	\$66,822	\$67,332
001.2190. Physical/Occupational Therapy	\$1,125	\$1,350	\$0
Function: Student Support Services - Health - 2190	\$1,125	\$1,350	\$0
001.2213. Tuition Reimbursement	\$32,189	\$30,000	\$30,000
001.2213. In-Service Training	\$180	\$1,000	\$1,000
Function: Instr. Staff Support: Training Svcs - 2213	\$32,369	\$31,000	\$31,000
001.2222. Library Salary	\$48,976	\$51,445	\$56,270
001.2222. Library Health Benefits	\$17,774	\$18,521	\$7,323
001.2222. Library FICA	\$3,298	\$3,936	\$4,305
001.2222. Workers' Compensation	\$241	\$253	\$554
001.2222. Unemployment Compensation	\$148	\$100	\$100
001.2222. Library Dental Insurance	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2222. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$210	\$221	\$241
001.2222. Library Contracted Services	\$804	\$50	\$300
001.2222. Info Technology Licensing Purchase	\$2,789	\$4,513	\$9,000
001.2222. Wide Area Network - Technology	\$813	\$0	\$4,501
001.2222. Library E-Resources	\$1,388	\$0	\$0
001.2222. Library Books	\$3,096	\$6,260	\$6,260
Function: Instr. Staff Support: School Library - 2222	\$79,952	\$85,735	\$89,271
001.2223. Audio Visual and Software	\$270	\$147	\$337
Function: Instr. Staff Support: Audio Visual - 2223	\$270	\$147	\$337
001.2300. Legal Services	\$180	\$1,500	\$1,500
001.2300. Audit Fees	\$5,000	\$5,200	\$5,200
001.2300. Advertising	\$3,042	\$500	\$500
001.2300. Board Expenses	\$1,105	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.2300. Mandatory Employment Test	\$99	\$150	\$150
001.2300. VSBA Dues	\$1,576	\$1,600	\$1,600
Function: General Admin. Support Services - 2300	\$11,002	\$9,950	\$9,950
001.2410. Principal Salary	\$102,956	\$106,045	\$ 92,000
001.2410. Principal Earned Leave Salary	\$0	\$0	\$ 33,978
001.2410. Secretary Salary	\$27,641	\$23,484	\$26,121
001.2410. Secretary Substitute Salary	\$37	\$372	\$372
001.2410. Admin. Mail Delivery Payroll	\$800	\$824	\$824
001.2410. Clerical Summer Salary	\$2,240	\$1,730	\$0
001.2410. Admin Health Benefits	\$19,455	\$21,425	\$40,242
001.2410. Admin FICA	\$10,131	\$9,909	\$12,059
001.2410. Principal Life/LTD Insurance	\$1,633	\$1,700	\$1,700
001.2410. Admin Retirement	\$1,477	\$1,174	\$884
001.2410. Workers' Compensation	\$619	\$637	\$1,086
001.2410. Unemployment Compensation	\$296	\$200	\$300
001.2410. Admin Dental Ins.	\$744	\$872	\$834
001.2410. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$98	\$101	\$71
001.2410. Postage	\$390	\$900	\$800
001.2410. Printing Costs	\$355	\$150	\$300
001.2410. Administration Travel	\$368	\$400	\$400
001.2410. Office Supplies	\$15,298	\$16,828	\$15,398
001.2410. VPA Dues	\$382	\$500	\$500
001.2410. Misc Admin Expense	\$872	\$300	\$300
Function: School Administration Services - 2410	\$185,792	\$187,551	\$228,169
001.2490. Assistant Principal Salary	\$47,839	\$49,274	\$0
001.2490. Admin Health Benefits	\$8,309	\$8,290	\$0
001.2490. Admin FICA	\$675	\$714	\$0
001.2490. Workers' Compensation	\$236	\$242	\$0
001.2490. Unemployment Compensation	\$93	\$100	\$0

F.D. Barstow Memorial Joint School District

Budget Expenditure Report

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Proposed FY2016
001.2490. Admin Dental Ins.	\$415	\$262	\$0
001.2490. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$205	\$212	\$0
Function: School Administration Services - 2490	\$57,772	\$59,094	\$0
001.2620. Custodial Salaries	\$83,977	\$83,815	\$87,676
001.2620. Custodial Summer/Overtime/Other	\$8,678	\$12,200	\$12,200
001.2620. Custodian Health Benefits	\$30,964	\$31,079	\$43,193
001.2620. Custodian FICA	\$7,073	\$8,202	\$6,847
001.2620. Custodian Retirement	\$3,166	\$3,575	\$3,575
001.2620. Custodial Workers Comp	\$4,588	\$3,998	\$3,748
001.2620. Unemployment Compensation	\$592	\$450	\$400
001.2620. Custodian Dental Ins.	\$1,012	\$1,133	\$1,251
001.2620. Other Employee Benefits: Disability Insurance	\$256	\$267	\$210
001.2620. Water Testing	\$578	\$650	\$600
001.2620. Contracted Maintenance Services	\$25,965	\$21,200	\$22,000
001.2620. Building Repair	\$13,495	\$16,600	\$16,500
001.2620. Equipment Repair	\$2,112	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.2620. Upkeep of Grounds	\$6,690	\$4,000	\$14,000
001.2620. Property Insurance	\$19,654	\$22,000	\$22,000
001.2620. Internet Service - Comcast	\$2,743	\$2,312	\$2,313
001.2620. Telephone	\$3,064	\$4,000	\$4,000
001.2620. Custodial Supplies	\$13,428	\$19,000	\$19,000
001.2620. Propane Gas	\$1,571	\$1,500	\$1,800
001.2620. Electricity	\$38,878	\$47,000	\$47,000
001.2620. Heat	\$72,021	\$80,000	\$75,000
001.2620. Gas	\$990	\$1,000	\$1,000
Function: Operation & Maint. of Plant Services - 2620	\$341,495	\$366,481	\$386,813
001.2711. Bus Driver Salary	\$981	\$606	\$0
001.2711. Health Benefits	\$11	\$0	\$0
001.2711. Bus Driver FICA	\$75	\$46	\$0
001.2711. Bus Driver Workers Comp	\$0	\$30	\$0
001.2711. Workers' Compensation	\$24	\$0	\$0
001.2711. Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$16	\$0
001.2711. Transportation Assessment	\$130,718	\$129,703	\$127,138
Function: Student Transportation Services - 2711	\$131,809	\$130,401	\$127,138
001.2720. Athletic Travel Salary	\$346	\$400	\$400
001.2720. Bus Field Trip Travel Salary	\$2,649	\$4,000	\$4,000
001.2720. Driver FICA	\$272	\$0	\$0
001.2720. Workers' Compensation	\$46	\$0	\$0
001.2720. CoCurricular Field Trip Fuel and Maintenance	\$1,481	\$2,000	\$2,000
Function: Student Transp: Co-Curricular Svcs. -2720	\$4,794	\$6,400	\$6,400
001.3110. Hot Lunch Supplies	(\$58)	\$400	\$0
Function: School Lunch Program - 3110	(\$58)	\$400	\$0
001.5100. Debt Service - Bond Interest	\$47,111	\$42,135	\$36,830
001.5100. Debt Service - Bond Principal	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Function: Debt Service - 5100	\$177,111	\$172,135	\$166,830
Grand Total	\$3,672,622	\$3,666,980	\$3,577,158

F.D. Barstow Memorial Joint School District

Budget Revenue Report

Account Description	Prior Year	Budget	Proposed
	Actual FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
001.0704.1 Fund Balance Forward	\$0	\$28,914	(\$14,500)
001.1190.1 Chittenden Assessment	\$2,231,279	\$2,150,039	\$2,023,533
001.1191.1 Mendon Assessment	\$1,426,555	\$1,433,527	\$1,526,525
001.1312.1 Tuition Revenue	\$27,600	\$27,600	\$14,700
001.1500.1 Interest Revenue	\$274	\$500	\$500
001.1922.1 NY Enrichment Trust Revenue	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
001.5300.1 Sale of Assets	\$600	\$0	\$0
001.5400.1 Prior Year Refunds	\$2,602	\$0	\$0
001.5900.1 E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,546	\$1,400	\$1,400
Grand Total	\$3,716,456	\$3,666,980	\$3,577,158

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

School: Barstow Joint Contract Memorial School
S.U.: Rutland 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/>

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment ≥ 200
(28 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
23 out of 28

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Alburgh Community Ed Center	PK - 8	210	21.10	2.00	9.95	105.00	10.55
	Grand Isle School	PK - 8	214	20.20	1.00	10.59	214.00	20.20
	Barnet Elementary School	PK - 8	217	23.83	1.00	9.11	217.00	23.83
	Barstow Joint Contract Memorial School	PK - 8	220	19.13	1.60	11.50	137.50	11.96
<- Larger	Fairfield Center School	PK - 8	227	22.70	1.00	10.00	227.00	22.70
	Weathersfield School	PK - 8	240	17.60	1.00	13.64	240.00	17.60
	Waits River Valley USD #36	PK - 8	247	26.00	2.00	9.50	123.50	13.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			466.71	40.93	2.13	11.40	219.26	19.23

School District: Barstow Joint Contract Dist
LEA ID: J048

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

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

FY2013 School District Data

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

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 23 out of 31
Smaller ->	Waits River Valley USD #36	PK-8	218.28	\$13,792	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.
	Fairfield	PK-8	227.02	\$12,431	
	Weathersfield	K-8	228.99	\$12,393	
	Barstow Joint Contract Dist	PK-8	235.73	\$11,640	
<- Larger	Sheldon	PK-8	259.06	\$10,771	
	Hartland	PK-8	299.52	\$14,300	
	Flood Brook USD #301	PK-8	304.34	\$10,901	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data				511.78	\$11,259

FY2015 School District Data

Joint contract schools are not school districts and do not have tax rates.

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist	SchDist	SchDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->								
	J048	Barstow Joint Contract D						
<- Larger								

Use these tax rates to compare towns rates. These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.

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.

SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES - TOWN OF MENDON

School Board - The School Boards welcome your input on all issues. The Mendon Town School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:45 PM at the Barstow Memorial School. The Barstow School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the school. Please call the school at least a week in advance in order to assure time for you on the agenda and to see if there have been any postponements or cancellations.

Equal Opportunity - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union insures equal employment and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, handicap, national origin, or sex.

Students with Disabilities - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is required by federal laws IDEA-B (Formerly EHA-B) and Section 504 and state regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the town of Mendon who you suspect of having such needs, but who is not currently receiving them, please contact Director of Special Services, Marsha Bruce, at (802) 247-5757 or the school principal for your town.

Records Review - As provided under federal and state laws and regulations, all parents and legal guardians are hereby notified that they have a number of rights under FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). You may inspect the educational record, request an amendment or file a complaint. If you find this necessary, please contact your school principal. You may also contact your school for a copy of the RNEU Records Policy, which outlines your rights under this law.

Asbestos - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act [40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)] requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility listed below. Please contact the building Principal if you wish to read this plan.

	<u>School Address</u>	<u>Designated Person</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1.	Barstow Memorial School 223 Chittenden Road Chittenden, VT 05737	James Ashby	773-3763
2.	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union 49 Court Drive Brandon, VT 05733	Brenda Fleming	247-5757

Audit Reports - Certified Public Accountants audit reports are available for public inspection. These may be found on the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union website at www.rnesu.org or by calling the business office at (802) 247-5757.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Notification (PPRA) – PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys. These include the right to:

- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use –
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

Educator Quality - Under the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. This information includes: whether the teacher has met the state requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they are teaching; whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency license; the college major and/or graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher; and whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. During the 2013-2014 school year, 88.89% of core academic classes at Barstow Memorial School were taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) and 0% of the teachers were on provisional licenses.

State Assessment Results - Under the No Child Left Behind Act, students in grades 3– 8 and 11 are assessed annually in reading, writing, math and science. School wide test results may be found on the State Agency of Education website at www.education.vermont.gov.

RNEU Annual Report - The RNEU Annual Report and Profile is available electronically and may be found on the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union website at www.rnesu.org or by calling the Central Office at (802) 247-5757.

Mendon School District Director's Report

There have been a lot of changes for Barstow this past year. We moved to standards-based report cards for the middle school, RHS is piloting this system as well. We have been using this model in the elementary grades for a while now and find it successful. The middle school is transitioning to accommodate declining enrollment and is in need of restructuring. Andy Kepes, RNESU Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, is helping with our new model that will be implemented for the 2015-16 school year. The vision is not set in stone to date but we are confident the new model will benefit our students. It is proving to be a lot of work for the teachers. We are gearing toward a more project-based program that will engage the students. We have a new math program that is aligned with Common Core and all necessary teachers have been trained in the new math program.

Due to the increase we are seeing in food allergies, Barstow is now a peanut/tree nut safe school.

We are keeping up with technology school and district wide. We have allocated funds to upgrade our very old phone system at Barstow before it becomes too costly to repair. In addition, we have had discussions about centralizing our server and WAN (wide area network) at RNESU as well as other schools in our district; which will save us money.

The building facility will hopefully be installing a generator in the spring 2015 that will allow the school to function when power goes out. It will also provide the community shelter in case of disaster as well.

We said farewell to John Castle, RNESU Superintendent, and wish him all the best. We welcomed Jeanne Collins as our new Superintendent. The transition was smooth and Jeanne was received in a positive manner by the Barstow board.

We are saying goodbye to a handful of teachers and administrators this spring. We received resignation letters from Karen Prescott; Principal, Kelli Bates; 1st grade teacher, Pam Wilson; 6th grade teacher, Mike Kinsler; middle school math teacher, Diana Wilson; assistant principal and 8th grade language arts teacher, and Alison Briggs; health teacher. We feel like we are losing part of our "family" as these wonderful people have been at Barstow for decades. Some current parents even had some of these teachers when they went to Barstow as children. Losing two full-time middle school teachers has made the middle school transition a bit easier since we do not have to RIF any teachers for the restructuring. The Principal search is going quite well. We received 28 applicants of which we narrowed down to 14. Of those 14 we have 4 highly qualified applicants to consider. The search committee holds the formal interviews and the teachers, parents and community are able to interview the 4 candidates on a less formal basis.

This year we continue to face declining enrollment which has become an ongoing threat. Barstow has a strong community and continues to provide a wonderful education to its students. We had to make tough budget decisions this year. Budget preparation is one of the most difficult jobs a school board member, as well as administrator, have. Even with a level funded budget we would still see an increase in the tax rate. Departments out of our control are salaries, insurance and special education. How can Barstow keep level funding or decreasing the budget when costs that are out of our control keep skyrocketing? We end up losing valuable programs that will only impact our students. Special education costs are our biggest hit with a \$110K increase FY15 and another \$68K for FY2016, leaving us with a deficit of \$14,500 going into the FY16 budget. Workers Comp insurance had doubled for FY16 across the board. Legislature has now made Pre-K mandatory, and this will add the early education salary to our budget. Normally the town assessments included just K-8 but now will be

absorbing the Pre-K cost as well. The Barstow budget is normally voted on at two-town meeting. We had a level funded budget for FY16 (0% increase from FY15) but it failed to pass the board. A Chittenden member voiced their concerns and felt they could not approve a budget that was level funded. Our philosophy is that the younger the students, the lower the student teacher ratio should be. Low student teacher ratios are partly the reason why Vermont is the number one state for education in the country. In the end we eliminated two .5 elementary teacher positions, which will make it difficult for our elementary teachers. The reading specialist, which is a program the students really need, was also eliminated. In the end a budget in the amount of \$3,577,158, with a decrease of 2.45%, was approved by the board.

The Mendon school district's budget for FY2016 is increasing 3.99% bringing the overall budget to \$2,472,633. The major change in the budget is the increase in the Barstow Assessment. While the Barstow Budget was reduced approximately \$90,000 our town's share of Barstow students has increased from 40% to 43% and therefore our share of Barstow's costs has increased accordingly.

In closing, the board strives to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers while doing our best to offer the best education possible to the students of Barstow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mendon School District Directors:

Michelle Erickson, Chair

Matthew Conway

Jonathan Reynolds

Barstow Class of 2014



Mendon Town School District

Budget Expenditure

Account Description	Current Yr		
	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Proposed FY2016
001.1100 Barstow Assessment Elementary	\$1,426,555	\$1,433,527	\$1,526,525
001.1200 SPED-Assessment- EEE./Admin	\$43,224	\$39,516	\$40,789
001.2300 Board Honoraria	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
001.2300 Treasurer	\$0	\$500	\$500
001.2300 Benefits	\$115	\$150	\$150
001.2300 RNESU Assessment	\$83,397	\$83,325	\$81,684
001.2300 Audit	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.2300 Scholarship	\$500	\$500	\$500
001.2300 Board Misc. Expenses	\$429	\$300	\$300
001.2319 Director E & O Insurance	\$125	\$1,002	\$1,002
001.2520 Interest Expense	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.4000 Special Assessment Septic System	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
Lvl: Elementary - 1	\$1,569,345	\$1,564,820	\$1,657,450
001.1100 Tuition Public High Schools	\$576,712	\$663,247	\$566,100
001.1100 Tuition to Private & Public Out of State HS	\$40,500	\$28,000	\$14,200
001.1100 Tuition Private High School In State	\$43,664	\$43,700	\$50,714
001.1200 Special Education Assessment - High School	\$10,883	\$37,884	\$131,332
001.1300 Voc-State Share	\$14,569	\$24,487	\$31,518
001.1300 Vocational Local Share Tuition	\$8,178	\$14,435	\$20,119
001.2190 HS 504 Costs	\$236	\$1,200	\$1,200
Lvl: High School- 2	\$694,742	\$812,953	\$815,183
Total Expenditures	\$2,264,087	\$2,377,773	\$2,472,633

Budget Revenue

Account Description	Current Yr		
	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Proposed FY2016
001.0704 Fund Balance Forward	\$0	\$32,508	\$24,291
001.0704 Anticipated Surplus	\$0	\$105,538	\$0
001.1500 Interest Income	\$293	\$750	\$300
001.3110 General State Support Grant / Food Svs	\$1,938,446	\$1,954,462	\$2,040,113
001.3114 Grant for Tech. Centers	\$14,569	\$24,487	\$31,518
001.3130 Construction State Aid	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
001.3150 Transportation Revenue	\$27,975	\$24,388	\$20,911
001.3201 Mainstream Block Grant	\$47,213	\$233,140	\$353,000
001.3202 Special Ed Exp Reimb Income	\$140,472	\$0	\$0
001.3203 Extraordinary Reimb. Income	\$20,221	\$0	\$0
001.3204 EEE - Grant	\$6,454	\$0	\$0
001.4800 National Forest Receipts	\$2,386	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.5400 Prior Year Refunds	\$5,013	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,214,042	\$2,377,773	\$2,472,633

Mendon Town School District
June 30, 2014
Restricted Committed and Assigned Fund Balances

Restricted, committed and assigned fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source. A more detailed explanation is provided in Note 5 of the audit report.

Reservations at year end are for the following:

General Fund:

Fiscal 14-15 Budget \$32,509

Private Purpose Trust Funds:

Education Foundation \$ 48,371

Mendon Bond Debt Balances

The School District issues general obligation bonds and notes to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 5 to 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, and interest at 4.196%, interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$50,000 due on December 1st of each year until 2012, then \$45,000 due on December 1st of each year until 2022, originally borrowed \$950,000 on July 31, 2002 for FD Barstow School Renovation and Gym Project.

Principal Balance Outstanding 6/30/14 \$405,000

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 3.545% interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$5,000 due on December 1st of each year until 2018, originally borrowed \$75,000 on July 15, 2003 for FD Barstow Science Lab and 1930's Wing Storm Window Project.

Principal Balance Outstanding 6/30/14 \$25,000

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 3.525%, interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$20,000 due on December 1st of each year until 2012, then \$15,000 due on December 1st of each year until 2018, originally borrowed \$165,000 on July 22, 2008 for a new boiler at FD Barstow.

Principal Balance Outstanding 6/30/14 \$70,000

District: **Mendon**
County: **Rutland**

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Rutland Northeast

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

9,459 **1.00**

Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,265,979	\$2,381,382	\$2,377,773	\$2,472,633	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,265,979	\$2,381,382	\$2,377,773	\$2,472,633	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$2,265,979	\$2,381,382	\$2,377,773	\$2,472,633	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$85,035	\$83,397	\$83,325	\$81,684	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$366,211	\$428,367	\$398,824	\$401,002	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$366,211	\$428,367	\$398,824	\$401,002	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$1,899,768	\$1,953,015	\$1,978,949	\$2,071,631	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	178.86	172.60	166.56	160.73	15.

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,621.54	\$11,315.27	\$11,881.30	\$12,888.89	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$441.78	\$401.00	\$413.39	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$9.51	\$4.54	\$5.22	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,622	\$11,315	\$11,881	\$12,889	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,889 / \$9,459)	121.765% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	123.651% <small>based on \$9,151</small>	127.962% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	136.261% <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (136.261% x \$1.000)	\$1.0837 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.1623 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.2540 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.3626 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Mendon equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.36)	\$1.0837	\$1.1623	\$1.2540	\$1.3626	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.42%	106.05%	105.13%	103.41%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3626 / 103.41%)	\$1.1124 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.0960 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.1928 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.3177 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.

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.

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (136.261% x 1.94%)	2.19% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.23% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.48% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.64% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.64%)	2.19% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.23% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.48% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.64% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	42.10%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Minutes of the Mendon School District Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2014

Mendon Mountainview Lodge

Moderator, Christopher Corsones called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the School District Meeting and Mendon Town Meeting. Everyone rose to pledge allegiance to the American Flag. Chris thanked Mendon Mountainview Lodge for providing the space for our meeting and then stated that the School District Meeting would take the floor first. Chris cautioned everyone to identify themselves and speak clearly if they wished to speak.

Chris advised that the Town Report this year was dedicated to Ira Pike, who had served as a Selectboard member twice, as well as serving in our State Legislature, and who had passed away in 2013. He acknowledged Mendon's gratitude for Ira's many contributions and asked a moment of silence in his memory.

Chris welcomed the School Board and identified Jonathan Reynolds who is new this year.

Ann Gallivan, our State Representative, was invited to speak first. Ann acknowledged that everyone is feeling the economic pressure following a severe recession. We are feeling the impact of a poor investment markets, a weak real estate market, and the aftermath of Irene, which still requires a lot of work, even now, and is ongoing.

However, Ann said it is important to acknowledge that improvements such as:

- HealthConnect will give us access to affordable healthcare.
- National Education Testing ranks Vermont #2 in the nation, and in the entire world, we rank seventh for academic performance; however, we've only moved 51% of our students on to further education after high school.
- Unemployment rates are at about 4.5%, which is lower than the national average of 6.6%.
- Thirty-seven hundred new jobs were created in 2013, and we are among the top 10 entrepreneurial states.
- Transportation is up 5% this year. In the last 5 years the percentage of poor roads went from 50% to 21%.
- Vermont has the highest number of jobs per capita in the solar industry.
- Working Lands has exceeded expectations in growing jobs in forestry and agriculture.
- In 2014 we will move from 92% broadband activity to full state service.
- Property tax funding for education is very high on everyone's radar. Education expenses are not out of control, but the way we pay for them makes us feel that way.
- Locally, Ann suggested everyone should check the State Treasurer's website for uncollected funds.
- Ann urged everyone to take the Doyle survey. This survey will reflect specifically what the thinking is in our town.
- A digital message board called 'Front Porch Forum' is available to all towns in Vermont now, and Ann encouraged everyone to look it up on the website.
- Finally, Ann invited anyone with questions to feel free to contact her directly.

A question was raised from the floor about the restructuring of our education governance. Matt Conway explained that the state restructure for governance of education could potentially save some money. It would mean winnowing down the number of school boards in the state by more than half, into districts. As it is now, we have 50 supervisory and a dozen school districts across the state, which serve all the various towns. Each town has its own local school board, and the intent of this possible restructure would be to create larger

districts in which towns will have some representation, but not their own representation, so that some economies of scale could be gained with regard to larger governing structures.

ARTICLE I: To hear the reports of the Mendon School District Officers and take action thereon.

Chris turned the floor over to Matt Conway who introduced the School Board Members. He noted that he is up for re-election this year. He acknowledged Jonathan Reynolds, new to the Board this year, and Michelle Erickson, School District Chair.

Matt reviewed Barstow's background and history. Currently the school had 220 students—pre-K through eighth grade, which is down by about 80 students since around 2007. The school has a few bonds as a result of some upgrades, which they are paying down. The last bond issue was as a result of refurbishment of the school's boiler system. The school population is currently composed of 60% Chittenden students, and 40% Mendon students. Matt introduced Karen Prescott, the principal of the school since 1998. He noted that John Castle has been superintendent for the last 3 years.

Matt stated that in 2007 there were 2 classes per grade level, because there were enough students to justify that number. For fiscal year 2014-2015 there is 1 class per grade level for 5 grades, and the school may have to go to that level for all grades in the future. Non-middle school sports has moved to the Barstow Boosters. Enriched arts, such as music and art, and physical education has changed with decreasing percentage requirements of teachers of these subjects; most are going to be part-time positions. One of the good things at Barstow is that there has been greater exposure to information technology and computers. The teachers have embraced this technology.

In the coming year, Barstow expects to have 45 students at Rutland High School, 2 at Proctor, 1 at Otter Valley, 2 at KMS and 2 in private schools. According to Matt: "The budget for Barstow is a real challenge." Some things increase such as teachers' salaries and health costs, as well as fixed costs such as heat, electricity, and building upkeep, which must be met. Matt explained there will be 1 teacher per class in grades 2 through 6. Fourth grade French had to be eliminated in an effort to rein in the budget, which has been mandated by the State. Final budget this year decreased by one-half percent. Last year the budget was forecast to be a 2% decrease, but it ended up being 1.34%.

Ernie Kirback asked if student populations were expected to continue to decrease? Matt said that is expected, and when it will level out is unknown. Matt noted that the current 7th and 8th grade classes are approximately 30 students, while the incoming kindergarten class is about 20 students. Ernie asked: "at what point do we give it up?" Matt asked if he meant "give up the school?" Ernie felt that with the prices of housing, and school taxes, why would we continue to pay for a declining student population. Matt felt from the Mendon side, we were in a better position than Chittenden because we have a smaller portion of students. Matt felt that the more important factor was where and how do we educate our students? Also, he felt that one of the real selling points in Mendon has been that its students attend Barstow.

The Mendon budget will see an increase in the Barstow assessment based on the number of students at the school. The high school tuition has dropped overall due to fewer students. All high school tuitions have gone up this year. The Mendon budget is basically flat.

Special education costs are significant. The Mendon tax rate (page 62 of the Annual Report) dropped due to our CLA, which is based on value of our homes as compared to what the State thinks our home values should be. Matt explained further about the CLA definition.

Matt explained the concept of equalized pupils over a couple of years, noting that Pre-k students count as a .46, K through 6 count as 1, and a high school student counts as a 1.13.

There was a decrease in the surplus revenue this year, which if affected by factors not always in our control.

Matt stated that the benefit of the CLA being high is that it offsets our taxes.

The biggest reason for our tax rate being high this year is because of the increase in the State tax rate from 94 cents to \$1.01.

Greg Smith wondered if the cost per pupil equalizes the fair representation of the level of control of spending we have in Mendon with Barstow? Matt referred to page 56 where there is comparative data for cost

effectiveness. Our school is compared to other schools of the same size. This show relatively what our town is spending per pupil. The students who count the most with regard to equalized pupils are the high school students.

Steve Singiser asked what the State high school tuition average level is? Is the state average higher or lower? Matt said he didn't know that answer. He stated that Rutland is probably competitive with the statewide average.

Greg Smith asked if there were any other costs that are not contractually bound that Barstow is looking at? Karen Prescott said that Barstow is looking at everything. If there is a reduction in student count, there will be a reduction in teaching force as well, Matt said one of the things considered this year is tuitioning students into Barstow. Further, Matt stated that Barstow has approached other schools about sharing the enriched arts programs, but there does not appear to be anywhere to go with that. Matt continued that a change in administration will be discussed in the coming year's budget. Currently Barstow has a principal; and a vice-principal has been on board as a part time position for about 6-8 years. They do anticipate transitioning out the vice-principal position next year as the population continues to decline. They've also discussed combining classrooms, i.e., multi-grade classrooms, but have not moved forward on this yet.

Finally, Matt explained that with the likelihood that the education governing structure will eventually pass, discussions will be needed in the town. The Mendon School Board and the Barstow Board would no longer exist, and a larger entity would be a board that would serve Mendon and whichever other towns with which we are aligned. We would not have a Board; instead, we will have a seat at that board. Centralized control seems to be the direction sought by this action. Supervisory unions will have to be redefined.

John Haley stated that it seems that what we have is good, so why fix it. Matt had no answer for that observation. Mike Barone asked if this was an exercise in control? Mike wants to fight this concept. He feels the principal should control the school system not our legislature.

Should Mendon tolerate the dissolution of any control we have over our children's education, or should we stand up and scream? Matt stated he has no control over this. He believes in small town government. From a statewide level not every school board is as cohesive or functional as Barstow and others. This proposal will streamline processes. Vivien Gulick commented that she has been a resident of Mendon and her children have had a great education at Barstow. She feels that people move here so that they can send their children to Barstow, and she would like to see our current system remain as long as possible,

Matt offered copies of the homestead tax abatement program, which is income sensitive up to about \$105,000. If interested, he had a few handouts.

ARTICLE II: To have presented by the Board of the School Directors of Mendon Town School District its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year and to appropriate such sum as it, the Mendon town School District, deems necessary for said expenses, together with the amount required to pay any balances left unpaid from the preceding year, expressing said sum in dollars in its vote.

Matt referred to pages 60-61. The proposed budget for the coming year is \$2,377,773.

John Haley moved to pass this Article. It was seconded by Mike Barone. There being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE III: To see if the voters of Mendon Town School District will authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the district.

Rheba Haley moved to approve Article III. It was seconded by Mr. Seihler, and there being no further discussion, it was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

Chris cautioned everyone to keep their comments pertinent to the Town of Mendon. Chris then invited any pertinent comments. There were none.

**ARTICLE V: To elect School District Officers.
One School Director – for one term is up for election.**

Chris noted that the elections will be held at the Town Hall tomorrow (Tuesday, March 4, 2014) starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. Sara Tully noted that the ballot is depicted on page 68 for both the School District as well as the Town.

The School District Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Michelle Erickson, School District Chair
/s/ Christopher Corsones, Moderator
/s/ Marie E. Conway, Town Clerk



Town Meeting 2014

Pictured left, newly naturalized citizen Vivienne Gulick checks in to vote with poll worker Helen Lawrence.

Below are election officials preparing to count ballots after the polls close.



Warning
Town Meeting –March 2, 2015
Mendon Mountainview Lodge
5654 US Route 4, Mendon, Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mendon Mountainview Lodge on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM to transact all business except Article 12. The meeting will adjourn until March 3, 2015 at 8:00 AM, at the Mendon Town Office, to vote by Australian ballot on Article 12. Voting will close at 7:00 PM.

- Article 1 - Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supplies, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?
- Article 2 - Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to set the hourly compensation rate for non-salaried employees, and in the event of an appointment of a town officer at mid-term?
- Article 3 - To see if the Town will vote the Administrative portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 4 - To see if the Town will vote the Community Infrastructure portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 5 - To see if the Town will vote the Public Safety portion of the budget to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town.
- Article 6 - Shall the Town provide notice of the availability of the town report to the voters of the town in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1682? The notice of availability will be provided by public notice.
- Article 7 - Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 for the Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus)?
- Article 8 - Shall the Town appropriate \$230 for RSVP and The Volunteer Center?
- Article 9 - Shall the Town appropriate \$2,600 for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
- Article 10 - Shall the Town appropriate \$1,242 for Rutland Mental Health Services formerly Rutland Area Community Services?
- Article 11 - Shall the Town appropriate \$400 for The Southwestern Council on Aging?

Article 12 - To elect all necessary Town Officers.

Article 13 - To transact any other legal business.

Dated at Mendon, Vermont on this 26th day of January, 2015

Selectboard:

/s/ Greg Smith

/s/ Larry Courcelle

/s/ Geoff Wells

/s/ Marie Conway, Town Clerk

SAMPLE OFFICIAL BALLOT SAMPLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block, and mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name.

<p>For School District Moderator - 1 year term Vote for not more than ONE Christopher Corsones <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Selectman - 3 year term Vote for not more than ONE A Geoffrey Wells <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For School Director - 3 year term Vote for not more than ONE Rhonda Bates <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle M. Erickson. <input type="checkbox"/> Erica McLaughlin <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Grand Juror - 1 year term Vote for not more than ONE Philip M. Douglas <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Town Moderator - 1 year term Vote for not more than ONE Christopher Corsones <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Town Clerk - 3 year term Vote for not more than ONE Marie Conway <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For Town Agent - 1 year term Vote for not more than ONE Therese Corsones <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Justice of the Peace – (to complete 2 year term) Vote for not more than ONE _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**Mendon Town School District
Warning**

The legal voters of the Mendon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mendon Mountainview Lodge at 6:00 p.m. on March 2, 2015 to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.


- ARTICLE I. To hear the reports of the Mendon School District Officers and take action thereon.
- ARTICLE II. To have presented by the Board of School Directors of the Mendon Town School District its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year and to appropriate such sum as it, the Mendon town School District, deems necessary for said expenses, together with the amount required to pay any balances left unpaid from the preceding year, expressing said sum in dollars in its vote.
- ARTICLE III. To see if the voters of the Mendon Town School District will authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the district.
- ARTICLE IV. To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in order to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Mendon Town Hall.

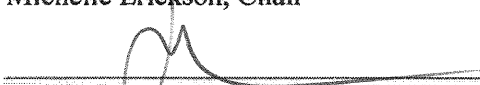
- ARTICLE V. To elect School District Officers:
 - A. School Moderator for a term of one (1) year
 - B. School Director for a term of three (3) years.

Dated at Mendon, Vermont, January 28, 2015

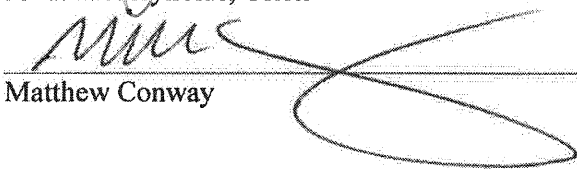
MENDON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Michelle Erickson, Chair 2015
Jonathan Reynolds, Clerk 2016
Matthew Conway 2017



Michelle Erickson, Chair (2015)



Jonathan Reynolds, Clerk (2016)



Matthew Conway (2015)

Received and recorded
January __, 2015
Marie Conway, Clerk
Mendon Town School

Special
Projects

Appointed
Officials

Commissions

Standing
Committees

Election
Volunteers

Mendon Needs Volunteers

Our town, like many small towns, relies heavily on volunteers. Whether it takes a large or small commitment, each position is necessary to ensure the town runs efficiently.

Please contact the Town Office to discuss your interest in serving our community.

Town
Boards

Elected
Offices

Fundraising

Recreation

Mendon
Representation in
Rutland County

Spring Clean UP
Town Office
Ball Field
Cemeteries

Town
Photos

Green Up
Day

Help Organize
Community Events

Town of Mendon
2282 U.S. Route 4
Mendon, VT 05701

Please bring this report to Town Meeting

March 2, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mendon Mountainview Lodge located at 5654 US Route 4 in Mendon
