

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT

220TH ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014



THANK YOU, RICHMOND FIRST RESPONDERS!

We take pleasure in dedicating the two hundred and twentieth annual town report to those who fill the ranks of Emergency Responder. This refers to those individuals who are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and environment. This includes our Police, Fire and Rescue members. These members of the community are on call day and night, 365 days a year. They have been known to miss family holidays and events, as they respond to their stations to selflessly care for others.

After the disastrous fire of 1908, which destroyed the downtown business district, the town began to plan for fire protection. In 1932 the voters instructed the trustees to purchase a fire truck in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. The Richmond Fire Department consists of all trained volunteer members. The department has had seven fire chiefs in its many years, including those who still live in Richmond, Steward Harvey, Louis Boutin and Thomas Levesque. The men and women of the Richmond Fire Department do more than simply fight fires. They are called to vehicle accidents, smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms and mutual assistance calls to neighboring towns.

In the early days, there was no such thing as a Rescue Squad. In 1971 the Richmond Rescue was formed as a first response unit. The first ambulance was purchased by the Town of Richmond in the amount of \$4500 and leased to the Rescue in 1973. It was housed in a small drafty garage on Railroad Street. The members now have extensive training in all realms of medicine. The team consists of 50 unpaid volunteers and 3 paid staff. Richmond Rescue provides training to many groups, including town employees, day care providers, ski patrols and fire department members. They provide child car seat installation and checks. They administer the annual flu shots for Richmond Employees. An average member serves over 900 hours per year.

In 1972, local taxpayers determined that there was a need for more community based policing and voted to formulate a new Municipal Police Department. From that time the Richmond Police Department has had six Chiefs of Police, the current being Alan Buck. The unit has grown from a one man show to ten full and part-time personnel. Our department provides coverage for Richmond and support to Vermont State Police, as well as having an officer stationed at the schools, as Resource Officer.

We appreciate all that the time, effort and dedication that the First Responders provide for the safety of our families in the Town of Richmond. Job well done!



ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
2013 - 2014

Warning for the
Two Hundred and Twentieth
1795 - 2014

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2015



Chartered October 1794



Bring This Report to Annual Meeting.

Please keep this report as a reference manual

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria at a nominal charge
Courtesy of Beacon Light Grange #557 and Camels Hump
Cafeteria Staff

Many thanks to the residents and town employees who submitted articles for this town report. Thanks go to the various departments and the employees within the Town of Richmond that do their jobs to ensure Richmond is a safe and welcoming place to live.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS			
POSITION	NAME	TERM	TERM ENDS
Town Moderator	Clinton Buxton	1 Year	2015
Town Clerk	Linda M. Parent	3 Year	2016
Town Treasurer	Mark Aridgides	3 Year	2016
Cemetery Trustees	M. Eileen Buxton	5 Year	2015
	Troy E. Liberty	5 Year	2016
	Linda M. Parent	5 Year	2017
	Curran Robinson	5 Year	2018
	Dennis Gile	5 Year	2019
Library Trustee	Laurie Dana	5 Year	2015
	Karen Tufano	5 Year	2016
	Cammy Richelli	5 Year	2017
	Kristen Hayden-West	5 Year	2018
	Keith Franz	5 Year	2019
Selectboard	Chris Granda	2 Year	2015
	Ashley Lucht	resigned	
	Ellen Kane	appointed	2015
	Bard Hill	2 Year	2016
	Taylor Yeates-Chair	3 Year	2016
State Representative	David Sander	3 Year	2017
	Anne O'Brien	2 Year	2017
Richmond School Directors			
	Jon Milazzo	3 Year	2015
	Scott Lowe	2 Year	2015
	Steve Znamierowski	3 Year	2016
	Catherine Burns	2 Year	2016
	Wendy Gagliardi	3 Year	2017
Union School Directors			
	John "Chip" Noonan	3 Year	2015
	Michael Marks	3 Year	2016
	Lucinda Preston	3 Year	2016
	Alison Anand	3 Year	2017
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School Directors			
	John "Chip" Noonan	1 Year	2016
	Lucinda Preston	1 Year	2016
	Michael Marks	2 Year	2017
	Jon Milazzo	3 Year	2018
Justices of the Peace			
	All 2 Year terms ending		2016
Denise Begins Barnard			Marshall Paulsen
Francis Churchill			Sue Pochop
Mary B. Houle			Mark Shepard
Cheryl Hard			C Jane VanLandingham
James "Jeff" Hard			Becky Vigneault
Keith Kasper			

SCHEDULED TOWN MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Water & Sewer Commissioners	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:00PM Town Center
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Economic Development Commission	3rd Friday of each month 7:30AM TBA
Library Trustees	1st Thursday of each month 6:00PM Library
Trails Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Richmond Elementary School Board	3rd Wednesday of each month 6:30PM
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00PM
Mt. Mansfield Union High School #17	2nd Thursday of each month (BRMS, CHMS, MMUHS)

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-2221 / 434-3139
 Monday 8:00AM - 5PM
 Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4PM
 Friday 8:00AM - NOON

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-5170
 Monday 8:00AM - 5:00PM
 Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8:00AM - 4PM

TOWN PLANNER & ZONING ADMINSTRATOR OFFICE HOURS - 434-2430
 Monday 8:30AM - 5:00PM
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30AM - 4:00PM
 Wednesday Noon - 4:0 PM
 Friday 8:30AM to NOON

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Thanks to Janet & Rick Bonneau at Winooski Press for their support and assistance in the publication of the Town Report. Thanks to Jared Katz, Michael Chiarella & Mark Klonicke for providing photos for this Town Report.

Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ernie Buford - Chair	Alison Lane Anand
Elizabeth Wright	Wright Preston
Judy Rosovsky	Frederick Barrett
Robert Low	Andrew Solomon

SELECTBOARD

Taylor Yeates-Chair	David Sander
Bard Hill-Vice Chair	Chris Granda
Ellen Kane	

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

David Sunshine-Chair	Stephen Ackerman
Michael Donahue	Cara Labounty
Marvin Carpenter-Alternate	Brad Worthen-Alternate

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harland Stockwell	Robin Rabideau
Isabelle Rabideau	Jan Spence

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Ian Stokes-Chair	Martha Marciel
John Hammerslough	Jean Bressor
Tyler Merritt	Steve Bower
John Flanagan	Colin Green
Jack Bressor	Callie Ewald

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Paul Hauf - Chair	Denise Barnard
Anne O'Brien	Ann Cousins
Stephanie Douglas-Hughes	Ellen Kane
Ben Kinnaman	Lauck Parke
Amy Lord	Guy Roberts
Larry Bohan	

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bard Hill-Chair	David Sander
Robert Fischer	Bruce Bailey
Chris Granda	

JULY 4th PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Susan Glennon	Barbara LaPlant
Richard Niquette	Reg Mobbs
Linda Parent	Ken Nussbaum
John Durant	Eric Andrews
Justin Spence	

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Fausel-Chair	Brian Tellstone
Bruce LaBounty-Vice Chair	Lauck Parke
Ann Cousins	Mark Hughes
Sean Foley	

TOWN CENTER FUND for MAINTENANCE and DEBT

The Town Center Fund had another productive year of providing facilities for town and school governments and the post office. Following the boiler replacements last year, we had some other necessary repairs to the plumbing for the heating system. Plumbing repairs were made, including the old hot water supply line to the Post Office, for \$17,061. Some rent funds were used to cover portions of the heat, water, electricity and trash removal for the building of about \$15,000. This past fall, we spent \$117,539 to replace the entire parking lot at Town Center, including excavation of the old base and replacement with a newer, gravel base. This is expected to keep the parking lot stable and in need of less repairs over a longer period of time. Future plans include replacement of the windows and cosmetic repairs to the building. Right now, for the next 3.5 years the rental fund is scheduled to receive \$10,959 per month from our two tenants – CESU and the Post Office. The current balance of the fund as of December 31, 2014 is \$42,580.22.

Have you taken advantage of the services available at the Town Clerk's Office?



- ✓ REGISTERED TO VOTE?
- ✓ LICENSED YOUR DOG OR REPORTED CHANGES?
- ✓ RENEWED YOUR CAR REGISTRATION?
- ✓ PAID YOUR WATER/SEWER & PROPERTY TAX BILL?
- ✓ SUBMITTED A ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF DEEDS?
- ✓ POSTED YOUR LAND?
- ✓ RESEARCHED YOUR GENEALOGY?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF MARRIAGE, BIRTH, OR DEATH CERTIFICATES?
- ✓ HAD DOCUMENTS NOTARIZED?
- ✓ PAID YOUR PARKING TICKET?
- ✓ REQUESTED A VEHICLE EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT?
- ✓ PURCHASED THE HISTORY OF RICHMOND BOOK?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT?
- ✓ PURCHASED LAKE IROQUOIS OR GREAT ESCAPE PASSES?
- ✓ ASKED ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TOWN SERVICES?

**ABSTRACT MINUTES OF THE
219TH ANNUAL SCHOOL AND TOWN MEETING
RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2014**

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond met at Camels Hump Middle School at 9 am to transact business. Moderator Clinton Buxton called the meeting to order. An honor guard from Boy Scout Troop #23 presented the Flags of our Country and the State of Vermont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Buxton asked that we observe a moment of silence for the members of the military who serve to protect the freedoms we have today. Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed. Mr. Buxton stated the house rules and procedures.

Linda M. Parent, Town Clerk read the warning for the meeting.

Governor Peter Shumlin addressed those gathered. His remarks included that the towns and Legislature need to be responsible for their school budgets in the light of a decrease in enrollment. Governor Shumlin also expressed his concern for the growing opiate problem in Vermont. Also attending with Governor Shumlin were Secretary of Administration Jeb Spaulding, Senator Michael Sirotkin and Richmond Representative Anne O'Brien.

Article 1. To hear & act upon the reports of the School Officers.

The article was moved by Lee Jones, second by GC Morris, to accept the report of the School Officers. Jon Milazzo, School Board Chair, introduced the following School Board members: Scott Lowe, Steve Znamierowski and Catherine Burns. Wendy Gagliardi, School Board member was unable to attend. Also present were Michael Berry-Richmond Elementary School Principal, JoAnne Russell-Assistant to the CESD Business Manager and John Alberghini, Superintendent. Milazzo announced that Richmond Elementary School has new website. The enrollment of Richmond Elementary School in March stood at 265 students. Milazzo also reported on the CESU Voluntary Merger Planning Committee. Report was accepted by vote of the assembly.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Richmond School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Curran Robinson. Passed by voice vote of the assembly.

Article 3. To transact any other school business that may come legally before this meeting.

The article was moved by Marie Thomas, second by Lee Jones, to open discussion. Marie Thomas remarked that Michael Berry is an asset to the Richmond School District. Marie Thomas also reported that the schools in Richmond have a very

strong safety procedures in place to protect the students and staff in case of emergency.

Articles 4-7. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Richmond Town School District appropriate \$4,517,191 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014? (To be voted by Australian ballot).

Curran Robinson moved, second by Keith McLaughlin to have discussion on the School Budget. John Alberghini, CESU Superintendent presented a slide presentation to explain school funding and how it affects the property tax rate. Lee Jones moved, second by Ted Lyman to cease discussion. The school portion of the meeting ended at 10:25am.

Approximately 168 registered voters attended the School portion of the meeting.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond authorize the purchase of a Fire Pumper Truck with the amount financed through indebtedness not to exceed \$282,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years, as reflected in the Town's approved Capital Plan? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

The article was moved by Glenn Glasstetter, second by David Thomas. There was no discussion.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond authorize the construction of a replacement Water Storage Tank and chlorination improvements with the amount financed through indebtedness not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed forty years (40 years), to be paid from Water Resources Department revenue? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Mary Houle. Ashley Lucht gave an overview of the water storage tank project. Many residents asked questions of the project and asked the price of the project, if approved and how it would affect water rates. There was concern that the all voters in the Town of Richmond will be voting on the article, but only the water users paying the bill. Many residents expressed their concerns for the project. June Heston invited concerned citizens to become part of the Board of Water Commissioners. Lee Jones moved, second by Mary Houle, to cease discussion on Article 10, as discussion had lasted 30 minutes. So approved by those present.

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified 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?
(To be voted by Australian ballot)

The article was moved by Keith McLaughlin, second by Lee Jones. Curran Robinson said that he considered this article to be a vendetta against the present Listers. Citizens questioned the cost of hiring professional assessors for the position. Mary Houle moved, second by William Kneen, to cease discussion. So approved by those present.

Article 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$3,223,659 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?

Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager presented a power point explanation of the budget items. There were approximately 121 persons present for the presentation. Henry Bush move, second by Jack Linn, to amend the total Police Department 2013-2014 by \$10,766, with the specifics of the distribution of the decrease to be determined by the Selectboard in cooperation with the Police Department. Jon Low suggested the Police Department staff could be cut. Henry Bush questioned the size of the Police Department vs the size of Richmond, and the proposed purchase of a new police cruiser. Jack Linn asked if Richmond gets reimbursed for calls to Interstate 89. Chief Alan Buck responded that the police cars get many miles on them. They should be traded before they become a liability to the town and unsafe to be on the road. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager responded that the steep increase in the Police budget was because of the added cost of health insurance. Rod West remarked that he did not see any way to cut police department costs, without cutting services. Ann Cousins added that Richmond's police protection was comforting to residents in the light of many burglaries in the area. The question was called by David Thomas, second by Keith McLaughlin. The amendment to the budget was defeated by voice vote. Cara LaBounty questioned the budget amounts for contract services for administration with regard to legal fees and certified public account fees. It was announced by Mr. Urbanik that there was a copy of the corrected delinquent tax available for anyone who would like to see it. The question was called by

Curran Robinson, second by Frances Thomas. The town budget of \$3,223,659 passed by voice vote.

Article 13. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

The article was moved by Richard Dana, second by Bonnie Steuer. Linda Parent, Town Clerk presented Frances Thomas a signed copy of the Town Report, as the 219th Annual Report had been dedicated to Frances Thomas and the Round Church Bicentennial Committee. Fran was thanked by all for organizing the bicentennial celebration held throughout 2013. Fran invited all who were interested to join the Richmond Historical Society. Fire Chief Thomas Leveque presented the following resolution: "Be it resolved that we discuss a plan for a Public Safety Building. That a committee be formed for an appropriate ten year plan." This resolution was also supported by Police Chief Alan Buck and Richmond Rescue President Richard Dana. This non-binding resolution was approved by voice vote. During this part of the meeting, approximately 53 people were present. Betsy Hardy presented the following resolution "I move that Richmond oppose the transport of tar sands oil through our community-because of its threat to the climate, land, water, plants, animals, property and our health. Twenty nine VT towns voted to be tar sands free in 2013 and many more are voting on it today." A hand count determined 37 in favor of this non-binding resolution and 16 opposed. Chris Granda Selectboard Member recognized June Heston for her service on the Richmond Selectboard. Ashley Lucht, Selectboard member and Water Commissioner thanked Amy Lord for her service on both the Selectboard and Water Commission. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager noted that we had two new employees at the town meeting: Brett Lindemuth, Police Officer and Connie Doherty, Finance Assistant. Curran Robinson thanked Boy Scout Troop #23 for assisting with Town Meeting. Town Representative thanked Beacon Light Grange #557 for preparing lunch on this Town Meeting Day. Marshall Paulsen moved, second by Curran Robinson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:53pm. So approved by those present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk
Clinton Buxton, Moderator

SELECTBOARD

To the Towns People of Richmond:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 220th Town Meeting Day in the Town of Richmond. I am pleased to report throughout the year the Town made significant improvements to the services, long term planning, and financial stewardship we provide our citizens. We have undertaken many thoughtful, and at times difficult, conversations about a variety of important issues, including: water and sewer service rates, cell tower placement, capital planning, and zoning changes.

A huge thank you is owed to our great town staff. Led by Town Manager Geoffery Urbanik they provide the hard work and expertise that keeps our town running. Another big thank you is owed to our resident volunteers, who, day in and day out, donate their time making our town an incredible place to live.

This year’s Town Report is dedicated to the staff and volunteers of Richmond’s emergency services providers. Fire, rescue, and police employees and volunteers dedicate thousands of hours each year protecting life and property throughout the town. With the approach of our Town Plan rewrite, and the constantly changing landscape of emergency services, it is important to take this opportunity to begin thinking about how the Town of Richmond will continue to provide, and fund, these important services.

Police Protection

The Richmond Police Department currently employs approximately five full time officers providing services each day, until about two o’clock in the morning. This coverage scheme is similar to services provided to surrounding communities by the Vermont State Police. The Department is quartered at Town Center building, in offices that are inadequate for both the proper detention of suspects and the administrative responsibilities required to lawfully operate the police department.

It will be increasingly important to consider the future home of the Police Department, whether in Town Center or not. In addition, the Town should consider how to provide the most policing coverage at the best price. To accomplish this the Town could consider cost and service sharing with neighboring towns - providing additional income to our Department and increased services to surrounding communities.

Fire Protection

Since 1925 the Richmond Fire Department has provided superior service to our residents. The department is entirely dependent on the dedication of volunteers and is led with the long-time service and experience of Chief

Thomas Levesque.

The Department has its challenges. Through the changing of national fire protection standards the Town may find the need to move the location of our primary Fire Station. In addition, all areas of the Richmond government have been affected by the continued decline in community volunteerism. In the future, the Town may need to consider full or part-time day-time staff at the Fire department to ensure adequate and timely response to service calls. Again, cost and service sharing between neighboring Towns will be a great way to ensure all our citizens and surrounding communities have access to this life saving service.

Ambulance Service

The Town of Richmond continues to work with Richmond Rescue, Inc. to provide 24 hour emergency ambulance coverage. The Town pays RRI a yearly contribution. Over the past years Richmond Rescue has improved their financial reporting and granted the Richmond Selectboard a seat on their Board of Directors. Their continued service to the Town is valuable as the next available primary ambulance would respond from Burlington or Colchester.

Rescue is not without their challenges. Particularly, the constantly changing environment of insurance reimbursements make it difficult to forecast future revenue. In addition, the national decline of volunteerism, as well as competition from nearby “paid on-call” services, requires the agency to work hard to consistently stay fully staffed with volunteers.

In the coming years it will be important to consider these issues as we plan for capital expenses, future development, and the quality of life we wish to lead. After transportation expenses, emergency services are our largest expenditure - but that does not ensure their continued quality. Many of the changes I discuss have the potential to cost significantly more than the Town is currently spending. With the cost of living in Vermont still rising improvements to a functioning emergency services system could seem like a low priority. But changes will be needed, whether through mandate or desire. With thorough consideration of multi-town, multi-agency partnerships and in-depth exploration of our social need to provide a safe, vibrant community, we can continue to keep our roads, property, and families safe.

Best wishes in the New Year,
Taylor Yeates, Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sullivan, Powers & Company are hired annually to audit the financial books for the Town of Richmond. Fothergill, Segale & Valley are hired annually to audit the Richmond Elementary School. Excerpts from their annual audit have been included in this report. The full report is available at the town office and also under the documents section at www.richmondvt.gov – see “2014 Town Audit.”

POLICY REGARDING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

1. The Warrant for collection of delinquent taxes is turned over to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes following the final tax due date of May 15th. When the warrant is received, and each month afterwards, the collector will send a notice to each taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest due until full payment is received.
2. If payment in full cannot be made, it is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to contact the Collector to make arrangements for a payment schedule. If no arrangements for a payment schedule are made, then additional collection procedures will be followed as described below in numbers 5 & 6.
3. Partial payments will be applied first to interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty fee.
4. If delinquent taxes on real estate in amounts less than \$1500 are not paid in full and for which no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made within sixty (60) days of the first notice, or if a payment agreement has not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may file a complaint with Small Claims Court and/or pursue other legal collection procedures including a Tax sale as described in paragraph 5 below.
5. If delinquent taxes on real estate in amounts of \$1500 or more are not paid in full and for which no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made within sixty (60) days

of the first notice, or if a payment agreement has not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will begin the tax sale process in accordance with State Statute to pay the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and allowable fees, as follows:

- a. The Attorney will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the cost to expect once the tax sale process begins.
 - b. The Attorney will notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders in accordance with statute.
 - c. Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the Attorney will proceed with the tax sale in accordance with State Statute (32 V.S.A. Section 5252).
 - d. Cost of preparing and conduction the sale, including legal fees and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
6. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. Section 1535.
 7. In the event that no one purchases the property at the tax sale, or if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale in inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/14

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Credits	Total Outstanding
2005-2006	\$84.26	\$37.44	\$6.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128.44
2006-2007	\$575.57	\$639.21	\$46.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,260.84
2007-2008	\$453.84	\$333.10	\$36.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$823.24
2008-2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2009-2010	\$2,220.52	\$1,713.45	\$177.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,111.63
2010-2011	\$5,289.39	\$2,821.27	\$423.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,533.83
2011-2012	\$13,038.30	\$6,455.39	\$1,043.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,536.80
2012-2013	\$32,568.15	\$9,632.79	\$2,605.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,806.40
2013-2014	\$49,590.68	\$7,350.80	\$3,967.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,908.84
Total Outstanding	\$103,820.71	\$28,983.45	\$8,305.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$141,110.02

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/14

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Credits	Total Collected
2008-2009	\$41.42	\$14.87	\$3.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.61
2009-2010	\$2,859.18	\$1,355.46	\$181.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,395.94
2010-2011	\$15,936.16	\$4,988.88	\$1,271.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,196.93
2011-2012	\$19,849.52	\$7,757.59	\$1,587.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,195.05
2012-2013	\$58,831.01	\$8,532.41	\$4,702.83	\$0.00	\$15.25	\$72,081.50
2013-2014	\$95,177.54	\$1,021.63	\$3,582.10	\$0.00	\$146.12	\$99,927.39
Total Collected	\$192,694.83	\$23,670.84	\$11,329.38	\$0.00	\$161.37	\$227,856.42

DELINQUENT TAX SALE REPORT

The Delinquent Tax Department conducted two property tax sales during the calendar year 2014. A property located at 113 Pleasant Street had delinquent taxes of \$16,513.08 and was sold at auction for \$16,513.08. A second property located at 87 Robbins Mountain

Road had delinquent taxes of \$10,580.30 and was sold for \$52,000. The excess collected is held in escrow by Attorney Joseph Fallon. The town has received a total of \$27,093.38 which has been posted to the appropriate parcels.

**Town of Richmond
FY2016 Budget Worksheet**

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Budget FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	FY15/16 % Change
TOWN ADMINISTRATION					
10-7-10-0-10.00 Salaries	185,000	194,947	193,000	<u>203,000</u>	5.18%
10-7-10-0-10.01 Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	10,943	10,000	<u>10,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.03 Salaries Elections	2,700	367	2,700	<u>2,700</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.05 Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	<u>3,750</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	14,050	17,139	14,765	<u>15,530</u>	5.18%
10-7-10-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	10,125	10,938	10,300	<u>11,165</u>	8.40%
10-7-10-0-15.00 Health Insurance	50,000	50,720	40,633	<u>43,884</u>	8.00%
10-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	4,100	1,273	4,100	<u>1,300</u>	-68.29%
10-7-10-0-17.00 Recognitions/Awards	800	435	800	<u>800</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00 Office Supplies	3,250	5,395	3,250	<u>3,250</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.01 Recording Books	3,600	3,386	3,600	<u>3,600</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-21.00 Postage - Adm.	7,500	7,232	7,500	<u>7,500</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-22.00 Office Equipment	8,100	8,733	6,000	<u>6,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-23.00 Website Administration	-	-	1,600	<u>1,600</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-24.00 Advertising - Adm.	4,000	2,977	4,000	<u>4,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03 Town Reports	5,000	4,529	5,000	<u>5,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	1,839	1,500	<u>1,500</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-29.00 Travel - Adm.	150	105	150	<u>150</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-30.00 Telephone	5,400	3,863	5,000	<u>5,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-42.00 Association Dues	500	330	500	<u>500</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00 Contract Services Admin	15,500	26,090	15,500	<u>15,500</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.02 Contract Services Animal	2,000	3,068	2,000	<u>3,200</u>	60.00%
10-7-10-1-45.03 Contract Services Election	4,700	1,533	4,700	<u>4,700</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.05 Technology	1,000	2,052	1,000	<u>1,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00 Heat	20,000	8,665	12,000	<u>11,000</u>	-8.33%
10-7-10-2-32.00 Electricity	9,000	9,140	9,000	<u>9,200</u>	2.22%
10-7-10-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	3,600	7,300	7,800	<u>4,800</u>	-38.46%
10-7-10-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,900	1,788	4,000	<u>3,000</u>	-25.00%
10-7-10-2-62.00 Building Maintenance	11,000	16,821	11,000	<u>11,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.01 Landscaping & Tree Maint	2,000	230	2,000	<u>2,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-3-42.01 VLCT Membership Dues	5,000	5,457	5,200	<u>5,345</u>	2.79%
10-7-10-3-43.00 Legal	7,500	24,925	7,500	<u>7,500</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-3-44.00 Independent Auditors	21,200	24,059	22,000	<u>20,000</u>	-9.09%
10-7-10-3-46.00 Engineering Review	3,000	2,380	3,000	<u>3,000</u>	0.00%
10-7-10-3-48.00 General Insure/VLCT PACIF	95,000	104,987	101,000	<u>116,000</u>	14.85%
10-7-10-3-80.00 County Tax	23,000	20,578	20,700	<u>22,000</u>	6.28%
10-7-10-3-80.03 Emergency Management	-	-	-	<u>1,000</u>	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.12 Transportation Svcs -SSTA	2,300	1,788	2,300	<u>2,300</u>	0.00%

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10-8-90-5-95.03 Flags	650	770	650	650	0.00%
Total - Town Administration	547,875	590,531	549,498	573,423	4.35%
Assessors					
10-7-12-0-10.00 Salaries	16,000	12,023	16,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-12-0-11.00 SS/Medicare	1,200	920	1,200	-	-100.00%
10-7-12-1-20.00 Office Supplies Listing	850	1,118	850	850	0.00%
10-7-12-1-27.00 Training/Education	400	250	400	400	0.00%
10-7-12-1-29.00 Travel	400	179	400	-	-100.00%
10-7-12-1-45.00 Contract Services Listing	2,000	4,875	17,000	23,000	35.29%
10-7-12-3-47.00 Tax Map Maintenance	1,500	3,504	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-90-1-91.00 Reappraisal Reserve	5,600	5,600	5,600	7,000	25.00%
Total - Listers	27,950	28,468	42,950	32,750	-23.75%
PLANNING AND ZONING					
10-7-15-0-10.00 Salaries	69,900	68,661	70,000	68,500	-2.14%
10-7-15-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	4,625	5,251	5,355	5,240	-2.14%
10-7-15-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,100	2,451	3,300	3,000	-9.09%
10-7-15-0-15.00 Health Insurance	17,000	9,655	14,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-15-0-15.01 Health Insurance Opt-Out	-	577	-	5,000	#DIV/0!
10-7-15-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,100	347	1,100	1,100	0.00%
10-7-15-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,900	2,343	2,400	2400	0.00%
10-7-15-1-21.00 Postage - PZ	1,200	388	900	900	0.00%
10-7-15-1-24.00 Advertising - PZ	4,200	3,694	4,200	4200	0.00%
10-7-15-1-27.00 Training/Education	175	200	250	455	82.00%
10-7-15-1-29.00 Travel - PZ	725	689	600	600	0.00%
10-7-15-1-42.00 Association Dues	-	-	-	210	100.00%
10-7-15-1-45.00 Contract Services Planning and	3,100	1,465	3,100	3100	0.00%
10-7-15-3-43.00 Legal	7,700	5,213	7,700	7700	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.08 Regional Planning	5,697	5,696	5,768	5,800	0.55%
Total - Planning and Zoning	121,422	106,630	118,673	108,205	-8.82%
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-20-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	262,000	303,850	264,000	239,000	-9.47%
10-7-20-0-10.01 School Resource Officer	-	-	-	46,000	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.03 Auxiliary	-	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	13,320	10,536	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.99 Overtime	26,000	31,639	26,000	32,272	24.12%
10-7-20-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	23,000	26,243	23,000	18,284	-20.51%
10-7-20-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	11,000	10,570	8,000	11,000	37.50%
10-7-20-0-15.00 Health Insurance	44,000	41,118	61,700	66,636	8.00%

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10-7-20-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	1,788	-	1,800	100.00%
10-7-20-1-16.00 Uniforms	6,000	7,123	7,620	7,620	0.00%
10-7-20-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,500	2,386	2,550	2,550	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.00 Office Equipment	2,500	2,520	2,550	2,550	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.01 Computer - Office	7,000	4,162	5,500	5,500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-27.00 Training/Education	3,000	1,854	3,060	3,060	0.00%
10-7-20-1-29.00 Travel	250	466	250	500	100.00%
10-7-20-1-30.00 Telephone	6,000	7,323	6,120	6,120	0.00%
10-7-20-3-20.00 Police Supplies	5,200	4,903	6,304	6,304	0.00%
10-7-20-3-35.00 Equipment Repair	2,500	367	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-50.00 Gas & Diesel	25,000	25,785	26,500	26,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.00 Police Cruiser Repair	6,000	6,575	6,120	6,120	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.18 Police Cruiser Equipment	1,500	1,211	1,530	7,000	357.52%
10-7-20-5-52.19 Police Cruiser Tires	4,000	3,726	4,080	4,080	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.20 Police Cruiser Purchase	36,000	31,346	41,000	30,000	-26.83%
10-7-90-5-93.01 Police Capital Reserve	2,000	2,000	2,040	2,040	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.20 CUSI Domestic Task Force	5,249	5,249	7,536	8,000	6.16%
Total - Police Department	494,019	532,740	511,960	539,436	5.37%
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT					
10-7-35-0-10.00 Salaries	122,548	114,923	128,978	132,202	2.50%
10-7-35-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	6,036	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	8,961	9,147	10,047	10,318	2.70%
10-7-35-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,605	3,532	3,713	3,787	1.99%
10-7-35-0-15.00 Health Insurance	1,500	1,513	1,500	1,556	3.73%
10-7-35-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	459	-	460	
10-7-35-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,000	2,368	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-35-1-21.00 Postage	1,000	1,005	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-35-1-22.00 Computer	2,500	3,016	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-35-1-27.00 Training/Education	300	333	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00 Travel	300	90	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-30.00 Telephone	2,500	2,462	2,200	2,500	13.64%
10-7-35-2-31.00 Heat	5,500	2,513	4,500	3,000	-33.33%
10-7-35-2-32.00 Electricity	4,500	5,272	4,500	5,500	22.22%
10-7-35-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	650	710	900	800	-11.11%
10-7-35-2-62.00 Maintenance	9,000	9,638	10,000	10,200	2.00%
10-7-35-2-80.01 TC/Library Bldg Interest	-	-	-	-	
10-7-35-3-20.01 Books	11,750	12,606	11,750	12,000	2.13%
10-7-35-3-45.01 Programs	700	716	700	700	0.00%
10-7-90-2-90.01 TC/Library Bldg Bond Libr	-	-	-	-	

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10-7-90-2-92.01 Library Reserve	16,000	16,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library	198,314	192,337	197,888	202,123	2.14%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-40-0-10.00 Salaries	16,000	13,414	16,000	16,000	0.00%
10-7-40-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	1,300	988	1,300	1,300	0.00%
10-7-40-1-18.00 Medical	100	-	100	100	0.00%
10-7-40-1-27.00 Training/Education	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-40-1-29.00 Travel	400	-	400	400	0.00%
10-7-40-1-30.00 Telephone	2,500	3,218	2,600	2,900	11.54%
10-7-40-1-95.00 Public Relations	200	-	200	200	0.00%
10-7-40-2-31.00 Heat	3,500	2,456	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-40-2-32.00 Electricity	1,750	1,887	1,750	1,900	8.57%
10-7-40-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	750	1,092	1,200	1,500	25.00%
10-7-40-2-33.01 Fire Protection	-	-	-	14,570	0.00%
10-7-40-2-62.00 Maintenance	3,000	1,445	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-35.01 Radio Repair	2,000	563	2,500	1,500	-40.00%
10-7-40-5-35.03 Radio Dispatch	6,000	4,781	6,000	6,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-50.00 Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	4,200	2,937	4,200	4,200	0.00%
10-7-40-5-51.01 Pump Testing	-	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-52.00 Fleet Maintenance	8,000	12,726	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-52.02 Hose Testing	-	-	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-53.01 Equipment Repair	1,500	1,025	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-55.00 Supplies	1,500	1,240	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-57.00 Equipment Purchase	9,600	3,508	9,600	9,600	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.03 2005 Engine Interest	5,400	5,391	5,000	4,590	-8.20%
10-7-40-5-80.04 2011 Engine Interest	3,600	3,600	2,350	1,152	-50.98%
10-7-40-5-80.05 2015 Engine Interest				-	
10-7-90-5-90.05 2015 Engine Bond	-	-	-	-	
10-7-90-5-90.03 2005 Engine Bond	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-90-5-92.00 Fire Engine 2011 Note	50,500	50,500	50,500	49,500	-1.98%
10-8-90-5-95.10 Richmond Rescue	64,100	64,025	64,100	66,300	3.43%
10-7-90-5-93.00 Fire Capital Reserve	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500	0.00%
Total - Fire Department	224,900	213,295	227,300	241,212	6.12%

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RECREATION & TRAILS					
10-7-60-0-10.00 Recreation Salaries	3,800	2,340	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-60-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	300	179	300	300	0.00%
10-7-60-1-42.00 Association Dues	250	-	250	250	0.00%
10-7-60-2-32.00 Electricity	800	603	750	900	20.00%
10-7-60-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	600	1,002	800	1,200	50.00%
10-7-60-2-34.00 Trash Removal	450	128	800	800	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.00 Park Maintenance	26,500	16,147	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.01 Trails Maintenance	1,000	253	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.01 Special Events	500	-	250	500	100.00%
10-8-90-5-92.21 Lake Iroquois Association	400	400	400	400	0.00%
10-8-90-5-92.22 Lake Iroquois District	600	600	600	600	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.02 Conservation Fund 1Cent	43,500	43,500	44,240	See Note 1	0.00%
Total - Recreation & Trails	78,700	65,151	55,890	12,450	-77.72%
CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS					
10-8-90-5-95.02 CV Agency on Aging	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.04 GBIC Membership	100	100	100	100	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.05 Howard Center	100	100	100	-	-100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.07 American Red Cross	-	-	-	-	
10-8-90-5-95.09 Richmond Community Band	400	800	400	400	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.11 Hale & Hearty	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.13 Visiting Nurses	9,834	9,834	9,834	9,693	-1.43%
10-8-90-5-95.14 VT Ctr for Independent Living	375	375	375	375	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.15 Front Porch Forum	100	100	100	100	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.16 COTS	-	-	-	500	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.17 OCCC	-	-	-	100	0.00%
Total - Appropriations	16,809	17,209	16,809	17,168	2.14%
General Fund Total	1,709,989	1,746,361	1,720,968	1,726,767	0.34%

Tax Rate Estimate FY2016				
Current Fiscal Year	Grandlist Estimate	Amount To Be Raised	Tax Rate	
FY 2014 - 2015	At Town Meeting 2014 was 4,427,038 7/1/2014 \$ 4,444,163	\$ 2,833,874	\$ 0.6377	GF rate for tax billing purposes
		\$ 2,833,874	\$ 0.6377	Total calculated rate
			\$ 0.6377	Town rate/SB Approved 7/1/2014
Next Fiscal Year	4/1/2015 \$ 4,444,163	\$ 2,889,983	\$ 0.6503	GF rate for tax billing purposes
FY 2015 - 2016 (Estimated April 2015 GL)		\$ 2,889,983	\$ 0.6503	Total calculated rate
			\$ 0.6503	Town Rate/SB - To be set July 2015
			0.0126	
			1.97%	

Amount to be Raised from FY16 Property Taxes	
\$ 1,726,767	GF Expense
\$ (295,869)	GF Non-Property Tax Revenues
\$ 1,430,898	GF Property Taxes to be Raised
\$ 1,573,735	Highway Expense
\$ (114,650)	HWY Non-Property Tax Revenues
\$ 1,459,085	HWY Property Taxes to be Raised
\$ 2,889,983	Total Amount to be Raised

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11-7-50 HIGHWAY					
11-7-50-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	229,000	227,120	238,000	<u>242,760</u>	2.00%
11-7-50-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	19,980	18,125	20,000	<u>20,000</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98 Overtime	27,500	36,460	28,050	<u>28,611</u>	2.00%
11-7-50-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	20,000	20,986	20,000	<u>22,000</u>	10.00%
11-7-50-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	12,750	13,490	12,750	<u>14,000</u>	9.80%
11-7-50-0-15.00 Health Insurance	35,000	53,102	29,303	<u>31,354</u>	7.00%
11-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	-	-	<u>1,800</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-0-16.00 Uniforms	2,600	1,991	2,650	<u>2,800</u>	5.66%
11-7-50-1-20.00 Office Supplies	1,500	212	1,500	<u>1,500</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-1-29.00 Travel	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-1-30.00 Telephone	1,900	1,750	1,900	<u>1,900</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-2-29.00 Education / Licenses	400	120	400	<u>400</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-2-31.00 Heat	6,500	6,553	6,500	<u>6,500</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-2-32.00 Electricity	2,400	2,864	2,400	<u>2,900</u>	20.83%
11-7-50-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,000	1,368	2,000	<u>2,000</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,200	1,097	1,200	<u>1,200</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-2-62.00 Maintenance	7,000	2,580	7,000	<u>7,000</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-3-32.01 Street Lights	13,500	15,371	13,500	<u>15,500</u>	14.81%
11-7-50-3-80.01 Dump Truck Interest	-	-	-	<u>620</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.02 Equipment Note Interest(11 Dump; 12 Dump; Excavator, Loader)	7,800	6,060	7,800	<u>6,000</u>	-23.08%
11-7-50-3-80.09 1996 Hwy Garage Interest	6,250	5,230	4,950	<u>4,000</u>	-19.19%
11-7-50-3-80.11 Depot Street Interest	-	-	1,600	<u>1,200</u>	-25.00%
11-7-50-3-80.12 Excavator Interest	2,552	2,344	2,500	<u>1,021</u>	-59.16%
11-7-50-5-35.00 Radio	500	-	-	<u>-</u>	
11-7-50-5-35.01 Radio Repair	200	-	300	<u>300</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00 Gas & Oil	4,200	3,207	4,200	<u>3,500</u>	-16.67%
11-7-50-5-50.02 Diesel Fuel	70,000	75,055	80,000	<u>80,000</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.00 Fleet Repair Trucks	12,000	12,212	12,000	<u>12,000</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.01 Excavator Repair	1,500	7,640	1,500	<u>1,500</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.02 Gang Mowers	500	66	500	<u>600</u>	20.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03 Winter Maint Attachments	300	444	300	<u>300</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.04 Grader Repair	2,000	2,252	2,000	<u>2,500</u>	25.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05 Loader	500	566	500	<u>600</u>	20.00%
11-7-50-5-52.06 Pickup	500	2,309	500	<u>500</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.07 Park Mower	800	526	800	<u>800</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.08 Roadside Mower	300	-	300	<u>300</u>	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.09 Tractor	300	226	300	<u>300</u>	0.00%

**Town of Richmond
FY2016 Budget Worksheet**

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Budget FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	FY15/16 % Change
11-7-50-5-52.10 Utility Vehicle	1,000	1,247	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.18 Tire Chains	1,200	505	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19 Tires	8,000	7,800	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00 Small Equipment Repair	1,000	1,144	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-45.18 Equipment Rental	11,000	11,000	12,000	25,000	108.33%
11-7-50-6-46.00 Eng/Consultants - Roads	200	1,650	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.00 Small Equipment Purchase	7,000	547	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.01 Cutting Edges	10,000	6,753	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.03 Welding & Cutting Supplies	1,000	1,159	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04 Equip. Rental Wood Chip	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.19 Misc. Equip. Parts	1,000	45	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-58.02 Bridge/Culvert Repair	3,200	329	3,200	3,200	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00 Patching	2,700	3,014	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01 Chloride	16,000	14,247	15,000	15,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.03 Gravel	220,000	196,238	234,000	221,000	-5.56%
11-7-50-6-60.05 Salt	60,000	64,508	65,000	72,200	11.08%
11-7-50-6-60.06 Sand	48,000	50,321	48,000	48,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.19 Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	616	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.01 Sidewalk Maint/Rental	-	-	-	-	
11-7-50-6-62.02 Sweeping	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.00 Centerline Paint & Should	2,500	2,558	2,500	2,500	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.01 Guardrails	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.02 Signs	1,500	2,122	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.00 Culverts	5,500	5,740	5,500	6,000	9.09%
11-7-50-6-64.01 Retreatment	270,000	256,477	290,000	290,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.02 Storm Drains	1,950	202	2,800	2,500	-10.71%
11-7-90-2-90.09 1996 Highway Garage Bond	25,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	-20.00%
11-7-90-2-90.11 Jericho Road Bond	59,359	59,270	45,600	43,200	-5.26%
11-7-90-2-90.13 Jericho Note Interest	13,441	13,441	26,580	25,930	-2.45%
11-7-90-5-90.01 2015 Tandem Dump Truck	-	-	25,000	25,000	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.02 2006 Grader	-	-	-	Complete	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.03 Depot Street Note 2013	20,000	20,258	20,000	20,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.05 2014 Loader Interest	-	-	-	381	
11-7-90-5-90.07 2013 Foreman Pickup	35,000	35,000	Complete	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.08 2014 Loader	25,000	72,821	22,500	22,750	1.11%
11-7-90-5-90.17 2016 Dump Truck	-	-	-	25,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.11 2011 Dump Truck	27,470	27,470	27,470	27,470	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.12 2013 Excavator	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.15 Project 4a Millet Stormwater	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.16 2012 Tandem Dump Truck	22,438	22,438	22,438	22,438	0.00%

**Town of Richmond
FY2016 Budget Worksheet**

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Budget FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	FY15/16 % Change
11-7-90-5-93.01 Highway Capital Reserve	27,700	27,700	27,700	27,700	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.02 Bridge & Culvert Reserve	37,000	37,000	2,000	37,000	1750.00%
11-7-90-5-93.03 Rainy Day Reserve	-	-	-	-	
Total - Highway Department	1,496,390	1,524,842	1,502,691	1,573,735	4.73%
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Budget Amounts for Voter Approval	3,206,379	3,271,203	3,223,659	3,300,502	2.38%

Note 1: Conservation Reserve Fund Aggregate spending for this budget is up by 3.5%, however, this item will be voted on separately and if approved, will add an additional 1.3% in spending to what is shown as the total here.

**Town of Richmond
FY2015 Budget Worksheet**

Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Budget FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	
10-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE					
10-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax	1,425,314	1,406,004	1,470,813	1,430,898	
10-6-01-1-01.11 Delinquent Tax	-	-	-	-	
10-6-01-1-01.12 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000	12,492	10,000	10,000	
10-6-01-1-01.13 Delinquent Tax Interest	11,000	26,971	16,000	16,000	
10-6-01-1-01.14 Current Taxes - Interest	11,000	8,205	11,000	11,000	
10-6-01-1-01.15 Richmond Housing Taxes	Included in tax	-	Included in tax	Included in tax	
10-6-01-1-01.16 VYCC	8,500	9,300	-	-	
10-6-01-1-01.17 State PILOT	-	-	-	434	
10-6-02-2-10.10 Act 60 Reappraisal Grant	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	
10-6-02-2-10.12 Fish & Game	-	-	-	-	
10-6-02-2-10.13 Railroad Tax	1,400	1,715	1,400	1,700	
10-6-02-2-10.14 Current Use Program	51,000	65,652	51,000	62,000	
10-6-02-2-10.15 Per Parcel Revenue for Listing	16,036	16,017	16,036	16,036	
10-6-02-2-10.16 Per Parcel Lister Education	399	400	399	399	
10-6-10-1-01.11 Zoning Permits/Hearing Fees	16,000	16,527	16,000	16,000	
10-6-10-1-20.01 Water/Sewer Admin.	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	
10-6-10-1-20.02 Elementary School Payment	8,500	6,214	8,500	1,500	
10-6-10-1-21.01 Town Center Rent - Utilities	15,000	15,000	11,000	15,000	
10-6-10-1-21.02 Water & Sewer Insurance Transfer	-	-	-	16,000	
10-6-10-1-30.01 Surplus Funds - recreation	23,000	23,000	-	-	
10-6-10-1-40.05 Interest on Investments	500	31	500	500	1,726,767
10-6-10-1-99.11 Miscellaneous - Other	-	10,269	-	-	
10-6-10-3-11.10 Beverage Licenses	800	970	800	800	
10-6-10-3-11.11 Dog Licenses	5,100	5,107	5,100	5,100	1,573,735
10-6-10-3-30.10 Recording Fees	26,000	22,796	26,000	26,000	(114,650)
10-6-10-3-30.12 Vault Time / Copies	4,000	4,600	4,000	4,000	
10-6-10-3-30.13 Certified Copies	1,200	3,312	1,200	1,200	
10-6-10-3-30.14 Marriage Licenses	200	360	200	200	
10-6-10-3-30.15 Vehicle Registration Fees	600	324	600	600	
10-6-20-2-01.10 Police - Local Fines	500	2,502	1,000	1,000	
10-6-20-2-02.10 Police Receipts	1,200	1,548	1,200	1,200	
10-6-20-2-03.00 CESU Contribution - SRO	26,000	46,011	26,000	46,000	
10-6-20-2-20.10 Police Grants	-	-	-	-	
10-6-20-2-20.11 Uniform Traffic Tickets	21,000	30,505	21,000	21,000	
10-6-20-2-97.00 Sale of Town Property	2,000	500	1,000	1,000	
10-6-35-3-00.10 Rentals & Bolton Fees	2,000	7,221	4,000	5,000	
10-6-40-1-99.10 Fire Revenue	-	-	-	-	
10-6-60-6-00.10 Field Use Fees	500	270	500	500	
Total General Fund Revenue	1,704,449	1,759,521	1,720,948	1,726,767	
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11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax	1,351,040	1,351,040	1,363,061	1,459,085	
11-6-02-2-05.10 Highway State Aid	109,200	113,286	113,500	113,500	
11-6-50-0-01.10 Overweight Permits	1,000	1,120	1,000	1,000	
11-6-50-0-01.11 Access Permits	150	897	150	150	
11-6-50-1-99.00 Transfer from Cemetery	Included in tax	included in tax	included in tax	included in tax	
11-6-50-1-30.01 Surplus Funds	35,000	35,000	25,000	-	
11-6-50-1-99.10 Miscellaneous Revenue, Grants	-	-	-	-	
Total Highway Revenue	1,496,390	1,501,343	1,502,711	1,573,735	
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Total General & Highway Revenue	3,200,839	3,260,864	3,223,659	3,300,502	
(non tax revenue)	424,485	503,820	389,785	410,519	

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	787,424
Total operating revenues	<u>787,424</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Administration	226,866
Pump station	2,386
Wastewater department	213,116
Water department	62,072
Depreciation	<u>139,600</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>644,040</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>143,384</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Grant revenue	579
Insurance reimbursement	-
Transfer In	7,800
Interest income	-
Interest expense	<u>(46,349)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(37,970)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	105,414
NET POSITION, July 1, 2013	<u>4,220,450</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2014	<u><u>4,325,864</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED AND TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

	Tax Rate	Grand List Value	Taxes Raised
Richmond Town Taxes			
Municipal Tax	0.6176	\$ 4,423,972	2,712,602
Conservation Fund	0.0100	\$ 4,423,972	44,240
Education Taxes			
Residential Homestead	1.4077	\$ 3,406,458	4,795,272
Non-Residential	1.4824	\$ 1,017,514	<u>1,508,362</u>
Taxes Billed July 2013			<u>9,060,475</u>
Adjustments to Grand List			<u>56,964</u>
Total Taxes Due FY 13-14			9,117,439
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			
Total 13-14 Taxes Collected (Cash Basis)			9,012,122
Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector			117,873
Prepaid Taxes			(10,672)
Abatements			(1,884)
Taxes Accounted for:			9,117,439

**TAX RATES
Fiscal Year 13-14**

	Residential Rate	Non-Residential Rate
Education (From VT Dept of Taxes)	<u>1.4077</u>	<u>1.4824</u>
Municipal	0.6276	0.6276

TOWN OF RICHMOND
Reserved Fund Balances June 30, 2014

	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2014</u>
Special Revenue Funds			
Bridge and Culverts	\$225,445	\$37,000	\$262,445.00
Conservation	\$204,556	\$34,623	\$239,179.00
Recreation Path	\$986	\$0	\$986.00
Records Restoration	\$28,163	\$5,857	\$34,020.00
Reappraisal	\$80,986	\$21,645	\$102,631.00
Lister Education Reserve	\$2,148	\$400	\$2,548.00
Railroad Street Planning Grant	\$7,069	\$0	\$7,069.00
Police Reserve	-\$5,435	\$2,000	(\$3,435.00)
Library Reserve	\$24,500	\$11,606	\$36,106.00
Library Fundraising	\$739	\$1,381	\$2,120.00
Highway Reserve	(\$18,085)	\$62,699	\$44,614.00
Adam Muller Flags	\$9,488	\$0	\$9,488.00
Fire Department Reserve	\$55,281	\$28,316	\$83,597.00
Fire Impact Fees	\$7,341	\$2,405	\$9,746.00
Fire Fundraising	\$3,151	\$15	\$3,166.00
Friends of the Library	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Rainy Day Reserve	\$84,921	(\$18,002)	\$66,919.00
Recreation Tree Replacement	\$237	\$0	\$237.00
Recreation Fund (Soccer)	\$6,108	\$809	\$6,917.00
Town Center Debt Service	\$103,236	(\$10,651)	\$92,585.00
TOTAL	<u>\$820,835</u>	<u>\$180,103</u>	<u>\$1,000,938</u>

Permanent Funds

Cemetery Trust Fund	\$7,481	\$12	\$7,493
Edmunds Trust	\$24,083	\$40	\$24,123
Shonyon	\$6,410	\$10	\$6,420
Cemetery Trust Fund Expendable	\$124,637	\$4,379	\$129,016
TOTAL	<u>\$162,611</u>	<u>\$4,441</u>	<u>\$167,052</u>

Richmond Village Housing Note Receivable

Note receivable consists of a \$300,000 mortgage loan made to the Richmond Village Housing Limited Partnership on March 9, 1999. The proceeds originated from a Grant Agreement dated January 9, 1998 between the Town of Richmond and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The note bears interest of 2.5% with principal and interest payments deferred until March 31, 2014. In August, 2014, the Selectboard agreed to a 15-year deferral of principal and to-date accrued interest until March, 2029. The mortgage remains secured by deed on the real property.

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,824,054	\$ 2,801,520	\$ (22,534)
Intergovernmental	179,735	573,067	\$ 393,332
Fees, Licenses and permits	24,350	25,875	\$ 1,525
Charges for goods and services	68,700	65,922	\$ (2,778)
Police Revenues	48,700	75,543	\$ 26,843
Interest Income	500	31	\$ (469)
Miscellaneous	4,000	14,635	\$ 10,635
TOTAL REVENUES	3,150,039	3,556,593	406,554
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 683,000	\$ 796,892	\$ (113,892)
Public Safety	513,570	544,177	\$ (30,607)
Highways and streets	1,157,580	1,239,637	\$ (82,057)
Library	183,974	176,659	\$ 7,315
Recreation	34,200	20,691	\$ 13,509
Appropriations	95,805	95,737	\$ 68
Capital Outlay	81,000	263,384	\$ (182,384)
Debt Service			\$ -
Principal Interest	203,008	214,170	\$ (11,162)
Interest	52,802	48,326	\$ 4,476
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,004,939	3,399,673	(394,734)
EXCESS OF REVENUES (OR EXPENDITURES)	145,100	156,920	11,820
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Loan Proceeds		45,000	45,000
Insurance Proceeds		6,988	6,988
Operating Transfers In	58,000	-	(58,000)
Operating Transfers Out	(203,100)	(203,250)	(150)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(145,100)	(151,262)	(6,162)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 5,658	\$ 5,658





RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

What cost is too high for your utility bill? We talk a great deal about an average rate, but the accepted industry standard is your personal utility bill for W & S costs should be about 2% of your gross income (1% for each). The benchmark utilities use to determine if a rate is high or low is the comparison to the average income of the town.

In July, many customers were surprised by significant positive and negative changes to their utility bills. We had initially predicted a 40% increase across the board, but the new structural change to the rate resulted in many peaks over 100% both up and down. We expected customer questions and there were several. The Commissioners did an excellent job of responding to the complaints and worked diligently to address noted concerns with the new rates. Staff did our part by opting to repair both of our fleet vehicles to push out a planned capital replacement another five years and tightening up the budget.

August saw us finalizing negotiations for a new reservoir site on Jericho Road. Our existing tank has gone well beyond its expected life and is unable to meet new state requirements. The new reservoir will be higher, larger, underground and more than capable to meet Richmond's needs for over a hundred years.

In September, our septage program got a surprise boost from neighboring plant shutdowns and made our revenue loss projections very conservative. Several of these systems have looked to septage as a revenue source without fully considering the increased wear and tear on staff and equipment. These issues can be enough to deep-six a program, especially when you come in on a Saturday and find the control building flooded with waste. Also, the increased political pressure on these systems to meet stringent phosphorus limits may also play into septage programs in the future. A common but unreported fact is treatment plants only contribute 3% of the phosphorus loading to the lake but have federal permits that make enforcement very easy.

October's late summer weather helped us install the new water line on Depot Street without a hitch, except when the actual connection happened. We had expected some gremlins with the old valves and they did not disappoint. The rest of the project flowed smoothly and eliminated a major source of service disruptions and costly repairs. Piggybacking this replacement with the street upgrades saved a considerable amount of money in this section.

November turned colder than it had been for a long time and rewarded us with a water leak on Tilden Avenue on the 25th. Working with the deep frost so early prompted us to take extra precautions with the WWTF equipment, a decision that turned out to be a good one as an uneventful December even with multiple ice storms and snow was our reward.

The Commissioners formally revisited the rates in

January and decided to move away from a rate system based on the ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) and towards a system unique to Richmond. Most rate programs follow a descending, ascending or universal structure. Richmond's new rates, however, will be based on classes of customers with each paying the fixed and variable portions according to the percentage of total use for each class. This system should be more predictable as long as we keep updating the actual percentage for each class. A large influx of new commercial or residential use would be one of the only ways any class could see a significant increase or decrease.

February weather confirmed we were in one of the coldest winters in a long time and contributed to another leak on Tilden Avenue on the 15th. This one affected service for several customers overnight and flooded a basement. During the repair, we were surprised to learn from our industry contacts that the number of leaks in the country at this point was creating a major supply problem for repair equipment. We took advantage of this insider news and purchased extra supplies as a precaution. This was a good decision as March started off with two big breaks on East Main on the 2nd and the 3rd. This is our worst line, in simply terrible condition and in dire need of replacement. It is extremely expensive and disruptive to do the repairs at any time in this section. The state is planning on redoing Route II in 2017 or so – it is our highest priority to have this line replaced during this project. The East Main repairs were followed by another leak on Bridge Street on the 16th.

April finally broke the cold snap. All in all, Richmond was very fortunate compared to some systems in the country that saw record numbers of breaks and millions in unplanned for expenses. We finished the month by preparing for the bid on the chlorine contact time project. In May, the land for the new reservoir on Jericho Road was purchased and we concentrated on getting serious on preparations for a major extension of W & S lines into the gateway district, possibly as far as Riverview Commons. All of these projects will have an impact on the rates and we urge all customers to keep updated through the available social media. It looks like next year will be very busy if we expand the system, build a new reservoir and replace the lines on East Main!

Kendall Chamberlin, Trudy Jones, Allen Carpenter and Brad Snow

Water Resources Draft Budget

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2012-2013	ACTUALS 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	ADOPTED 2014-2015	PROPOSED 2015-2016	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
20-6 WATER RESOURCES REVENUE							
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts	462,400	443,400	610,395	271,639	282,596	10,957
20-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts	-	-	-	325,016	340,495	15,479
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant	-	1,500	1,800	-	-	-
20-6-00-4-10.02	Hook On Fees - Water	1,500	495	1,500	-	-	-
20-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees - Sewer	1,500	1,553	1,500	-	40,000	40,000
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous	-	7,577	-	-	-	-
20-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts	196,000	185,592	100,000	125,000	150,000	25,000
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments	2,378	495	400	-	-	-
REVENUE TOTAL		663,778	640,612	715,595	721,655	813,091	91,436

20-7 WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES							
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	135,000	128,141	141,500	\$144,330.00	\$147,216.00	2,886
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	7,400	2,305	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	3,000	577	3,000	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	10,800	9,896	10,800	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	-
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	6,700	6,317	6,700	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	-
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	26,000	28,671	40,000	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	-
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	1,100	964	1,100	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	-
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	1,200	1,150	1,200	\$1,200.00	\$1,170.00	(30)
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies	700	697	700	\$700.00	\$700.00	-
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	500	782	500	\$500.00	\$500.00	-
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	1,500	791	500	\$500.00	\$500.00	-
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	14,000	14,000	14,000	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	-
20-7-80-1-26.02	Subsurface Planning Study	-	-	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	2,500	513	2,500	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	300	-	300	\$300.00	\$300.00	-
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	1,500	-	1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	3,000	3,007	3,000	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	500	330	500	\$500.00	\$500.00	-
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	-	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	16,000	15,999	16,000	16,000	16,000	-
Subtotal Administration		231,700	214,141	243,300	234,130	236,986	2,856
70% Sewer-only portion of administration					163,891	165,890	1,999
30% Water-only portion of administration					70,239	71,096	857

Wastewater Operations							
20-7-82-2-32.01	Electricity	1,800	893	1,800	1,000	1,000	-
20-7-82-2-62.03	Pump Station Maintenance	1,000	1,745	1,000	1,800	1,800	-
20-7-82-3-16.00	Personal Protective Gear	500	743	500	500	500	-
20-7-82-3-31.00	Heat	21,000	11,153	15,000	13,000	13,000	-
20-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity	35,000	31,840	36,000	34,200	39,000	4,800
20-7-82-3-34.00	Trash Removal	900	297	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
20-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License	800	417	800	800	800	-
20-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted	7,500	4,900	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
20-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted	3,500	3,480	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
20-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	106	500	500	500	-
20-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD	80,000	60,507	60,000	60,000	65,000	5,000
20-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering	500	-	500	500	500	-
20-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	900	974	1,800	1,800	1,800	-
20-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	2,000	2,249	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
20-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facil Repair	4,000	7,614	4,000	6,000	7,000	1,000
20-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair	4,000	6,469	4,000	6,000	7,000	1,000
20-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair	3,000	1,855	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
20-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals	6,000	4,629	6,000	6,000	8,000	2,000
20-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals	35,000	44,281	35,000	35,000	38,000	3,000
20-7-83-4-62.99	WWTF water bill	300	-	-	16,000	16,000	-
20-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies	4,500	3,760	5,000	5,000	6,000	1,000
Subtotal Wastewater Operations		212,700	187,910	190,700	206,900	224,700	17,800

Wastewater Capital							
20-7-90-2-90.06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)	13,525	13,525	13,525	13,525	13,525	-
20-7-90-2-90.02	Phosphorus SRF(2026)	22,300	22,220	22,300	22,300	22,300	-
20-7-90-2-90.08	Collection System Annual Capital-ww	-	-	-	10,000	9,000	(1,000)
20-7-90-5-93.00	Wastewater Capital Reserve	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
New	Jericho Road Debt Service (wastewater)	-	23,631	23,631	23,400	23,150	(250)
New	Short-term (10 yr) capital replacement fund-ww	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
New	East Main Replacement Fund	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
New	Gateway Expansion Debt	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Subtotal Wastewater Capital		50,825	74,376	69,456	79,225	150,975	71,750

Water Operations							
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip	500	413	500	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat	1,500	584	1,500	600	600	-
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity	7,000	7,758	7,500	8,000	10,000	2,000
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal	1,000	1,485	500	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License	1,500	1,798	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted	5,000	4,279	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	-	500	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering	500	2,391	500	2,000	2,000	-
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	1,000	1,465	700	700	700	-
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	1,500	552	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line	20,000	4,935	22,500	25,000	25,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks	5,000	2,165	5,000	5,000	5,500	500
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase	500	196	500	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies	700	1,280	1,000	1,000	1,500	500
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters	2,800	3,436	2,800	3,000	5,000	2,000
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals	1,000	12	1,000	1,000	1,100	100
Subtotal Water Operations		51,000	32,748	53,000	56,800	61,900	5,100

Water Capital							
20-7-90-2-90.05	Browns Court-w (2018)	-	-	25,000	15,000	15,000	-
20-7-90-2-90.09	Distribution System Annual Capital-w	-	-	15,000	20,000	20,000	-
New	Short-term (10 yr) capital replacement fund-w	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
New	East Main Replacement Fund	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
New	Gateway Expansion Debt	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
New	New Reservoir Debt (RF3-302)	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-7-90-2-90.07	Jericho Road Debt Service-w (2032)	68,553	79,216	78,770	54,600	53,000	(1,600)
20-7-90-5-93.01	Water Capital Reserve	49,000	49,000	55,000	55,000	10,000	(45,000)
Subtotal Water Capital		117,553	128,216	173,770	144,600	148,000	3,400

Subtotal	Wastewater Budget			450,016	541,565	91,549
	Water Budget			271,639	280,996	9,357
Total	Combined Budget			721,655	822,561	100,906

RABIES CLINIC

MARCH 21, 2015

10 AM TO NOON

RICHMOND RESCUE BUILDING

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF PREVIOUS RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS...CALL LINDA PARENT, TOWN CLERK 434-2221

PRICE IS \$20 PER ANIMAL

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED OR CRATED

DOG LICENSE REPORT

There were 584 dogs registered in the Town of Richmond this year. All dogs and wolf hybrid animals are required by State Statute 20 V.S.A § 3581 to be licensed on or before April 1 of each year. This statute includes the registration of service dogs. The Town will keep a copy of the rabies vaccination on file. The fee to license an animal is \$12.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$16.00 for an unaltered dog. After April 1, the price increases to \$16.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$22.00 for an unaltered dog.

It is imperative to have your dog registered and be up to date with their rabies vaccination. With the registration and vaccination on file at the town office we can provide the information to the hospital or police in a timely manner to assist in treatment if there is a dog bite. We have seen the number of dogs registered to be going down.

There appear to be many dogs in Richmond that are not registered. Please do your part to make your pet legal in the eyes of the law.

The Animal Control Officer continues to be called to pick up dogs that have wandered away. Please have the dog tag attached to your pet's collar. If the owner cannot be located the dog will be impounded. If the animal has been injured, it will be taken to the emergency veterinarian. The animal's owner will be held responsible for the services rendered. The animal control officer is Pam Alexander of Huntington. She handles domestic animal complaints. At this time we do not have an officer that is able to relocate wildlife.

Please let the Clerk's office know if your pet no longer lives with your family. The Town of Richmond recognizes our part in the welfare of our pet population.

Licenses sold:	Neutered	Spayed	Male	Female	Total
	270	285	14	15	584
Fees collected:	\$2112.00	\$2280.00	\$175.00	\$120.00	\$4687.00

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk’s Office welcomes all who wish to stop in. We are a busy office, as we are a local spot to go to for questions and answers. Whether the question is town related or simply for information, we try our best to help the public.

The Clerk’s office has registered 167 new voters this year, while 173 left Richmond. Our voter checklist stands at 2983. Thank you to all who assist at the elections. The combination of the Board of Civil Authority and volunteer workers makes for a more efficient day. My thanks to the Richmond Highway Department and the Camels Hump Middle School staff who help with the moving of materials and set up of the polling site.

Boy Scout Troop #23 provided set up help and served as the official color guard for the annual meeting in March. During the Town Meeting a resolution from the Vermont Legislature was read commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the Old Round Church in Richmond and the 40th anniversary of the Richmond Historical Society.

The one item that slows down the process of counting votes is the random voting of write in candidates. If

registered at the time. Twenty seven Richmond pets were registered at the event. Special thanks go to Dr. Kerry Lindemuth, of the Green Mountain Animal Hospital, who donates her time to administer the vaccinations. You will be given a dog tag to attach to the animal’s collar. When the tag is attached, it makes it easier to return the pet to its family if lost or injured. We understand that it is very difficult to lose a pet, but please let us know if the pet no longer lives with your family.

We continue to provide a venue to renew motor vehicle registrations. The convenience fee for registrations is \$3.00 each. Green Mountain Passports are available at the Town Clerk’s Office for a fee of \$2.00. This lifetime pass gets those Vermont residents that are at least 62 years of age or a Veteran into the State Park system at no charge. We also offer Notary Public service at no charge to Richmond residents. Please stop by if you require any of these services.

This year the Town Clerk’s Office sponsored the area VNA flu clinic at which 30 Richmond area residents received flu immunizations.

There were four elections held in 2014. The statistics are as follows:

<u>Election</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>voters on checklist</u>	<u>those voting</u>	<u>those voting absentee/early</u>
Town Meeting	3/4/14	2956	873	193
MMU Budget revote	5/6/14	2967	873	244
Primary Election	8/26/14	2958	155	91
General Election & School Merger Vote	11/4/14	2968	1708	400

I do have a list serve established for residents to receive an email when something of interest comes up. This may include such things as road closings, reminders of tax payments being due or water line breaks. Of course, every email might not affect every resident, but a mass email will go out. At no time do I publish these emails.

a person is running a true write in campaign for office, we welcome the process. Every write in vote has to be recorded by hand. Even if you write yourself in or a friend to be silly, each name must be recorded. At the General Election it took over two hours to count the write in votes, most were only one or two for a person.

State Statute requires that all dogs be registered in the town they reside by April 1 of each year. Although many rabies vaccinations are valid for three years, the animal must be registered each year. This ensures that animals are inoculated with the rabies vaccination. The vaccination is an important step in protecting your family’s health, as well as your pet. Richmond and Huntington join together each year to hold a rabies clinic. At the 2014 clinic 80 vaccinations were administered and dogs may be

If you would like to be included and have not been receiving notices from me, please send your request to richmondclerk@gmavt.net.

The Clerk’s office works as a team. This includes Martha Laing, Assistant Town Clerk and Connie Doherty, Finance Assistant. We all enjoy our time together and are willing to help everyone who comes into the office. All of the departments of the Town of Richmond work very well together, helping each other as may be necessary. I would like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the Town of Richmond for their support. I enjoy my job and the opportunity to help the citizens of our town. The door is always open. Everyone working together makes Richmond a wonderful place to live.

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Richmond Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Births	29	37	32	37	46
Deaths	30	18	20	29	27
Marriages	31	26	29	32	43

Vital records are public documents that are recorded in the Town Clerk's office. Certified copies are available upon request at a cost of \$10.00 each. Genealogy research can be done during regular office hours.

BIRTHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2014

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAME</u>
Beane, Keyona Marie	July 28, 2014	Heidi & Chad Beane
Beittel, Francisca Louise	May 05, 2014	Veronique & Matthew Beittel
Bordeau, Ruby Rose	May 25, 2014	Karla Kennedy & Christopher Bordeau
Boswell, Everett James	August 28, 2014	Leah & David Boswell
Broschious, Lucy Barbara	October 03, 2014	Alison Figdor & John Broschious
Brown, Gavin Alexander	December 14, 2014	Emily Alexander & Jonathan Brown
Bucossi, Adeline Sage	December 11, 2014	Sommer & William Bucossi
Chadwick-Dyer, Ethan Everett	May 04, 2014	Heather Chadwick & Matthew Dyer
Cloutier, Benjamin Levi	September 21, 2014	Miriam Slusky & Ryan Cloutier
DeVillis, Christopher Luca	February 17, 2014	Michelle & David DeVellis
DeVillis, Eliana Jeanne	February 17, 2014	Michelle & David DeVellis
DeVillis, Joseph David	February 17, 2014	Michelle & David DeVellis
Dodson, Iris	August 19, 2014	Amy & John Dodson
Elder, Jackson Robert	August 07, 2014	Misty & Adam Elder
Fetterman, Ryder Miles	August 27, 2014	Rebecca & Dylan Fetterman
Freebern, Enoch Ambrose Michael	July 29, 2014	Sarah & Ryan Freebern
Graves, Owen Robert	January 03, 2014	Katherine & Brett Graves
Hebert, Jackson Emmanuel	February 08, 2014	Cathryn, Justin & Hebert
Heiser, Beatrice Kline	June 04, 2014	Jessie & Robert Heiser
Heiser, Maisie Kline	June 04, 2014	Jessie & Robert Heiser
Henault, Elise Mae	January 08, 2014	Justine & James Henault
Josey, Adam Steven	October 05, 2014	Erin Quesnel & Adam Josey
Kreider, Lee Alexander	June 04, 2014	Kathryn & Ashleigh Kreider
Leopold, Gage Carlin	June 03, 2014	Angela & Joshua Leopold
Mahakian, Magnolia Grace	January 02, 2014	Rebecca Gordon & Evan Mahakian
McAlee, Reilly James	March 17, 2014	Alexandra & Kevin McAlee
McKenzie, Rowland Lynch	April 05, 2014	Corey & Liam McKenzie
Morrisette, Abigail Elizabeth	December 18, 2014	Erin & Seth Morrisette
Murray, John Russell	November 10, 2014	Samantha Thompson & Kevin Murray
Owen, Adelaide Elizabeth-Kona	January 23, 2014	Morgan Streeter & Michael Owen II
Petherick, Emma Lynn	June 15, 2014	Alyssa Cowles & Tyler Petherick
Pсарos, Stella May	October 28, 2014	Jessica & Matthew Psaros
Quiet, Rryker Kilian	June 06, 2014	Alisa & Patrick Quiet
Rinehart, Emmet Walsh	September 07, 2014	Kimberly Ianneli & John Rinehart
Rouille, Mason Wayne	May 25, 2014	Lisa Perry & Christopher Rouille
Russell, Ellsie, Angie	March 04, 2014	Renee' Brown & Charles Russell III
Schaefer, Morgen August Thomas	June 28, 2014	Kimberly Thomas & Michael Schaefer
Sherman, Landyn Michael	February 10, 2014	Sydney Hicks & Nicholas Whitelaw
Simmons, William Charles	September 03, 2014	Tessi & William Simmons Jr
Skidd, Hazel Karen	October 13, 2014	Eileen & Philip Skidd
Soltsov, Benjamin Austin	March 25, 2014	Sarah Ulloa-Soltsov & Boris Soltsov
Stewart, Taylor Adrian	December 16, 2014	Teren Foster & Todd Stewart
Thomas, Henry Bernard	March 05, 2014	Brandi & Martin Thomas
Tucker, April Elizabeth	August 30, 2014	Melissa & Christopher Tucker Sr
Zachary, Calla Belle	December 24, 2014	Shannon & Vicentios Zachary
Zeno, Dominic Joseph	February 09, 2014	Meredith Hill & Jordan Zeno

MARRIAGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2014

<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>MARRIAGE DATE</u>
Aridgides, Mark D	Farrington, Cathleen O'Neil	July 27, 2014
Barlowe, Jillian Page	Leonard, Nathan Mark	July 27, 2014
Bedard, Kyle Alexander	Whitcomb, Sarah Ashley	May 30, 2014
Bergeron, Justine Lacombe	Harris, Rhett Joseph	August 30, 2014
Burgio, Nicole Ann	Langner, Christopher Andrew	May 17, 2014
Caffrey, Daniel Brian	Shackleton, Dawn Maura	June 28, 2014
Capps, Lena Morrison	Burnett, Shawn Michael	August 01, 2014
Chicoine, Daniel Paul	Tanquay, Marjorie	March 01, 2014
Cunningham, Michael Gary	Collins, Cara Anne	January 11, 2014
Daum, Megan Lee	Meade, Thomas James	August 30, 2014
Delorge, Lisabeth Ann	Sanderson, Robert James	August 30, 2014
Diederich, Peter Barthold	Aristide, Kassandra Patricia	October 17, 2014
Doe, Alexander Matthew	Cote, Marie-Michele Caroline	November 20, 2014
Gilbeau, Donald Joseph	Joseph, Andrea Lee	July 19, 2014
Hallock, Heather Anne	Smith, Joshua Aaron	July 12, 2014
Hargrove, April Elizabeth	Polk, Benjamin Edgar	November 15, 2014
Harris, Daniel Robert	Larouche, Amber Marie	August 09, 2014
Hopwood, Josephine Kimball	Fulmer, Brian Wayne	November 26, 2014
Kennedy, Karla Marie	Bordeau, Christopher Scott	October 02, 2014
Krull, Crystal Leanne	Webb, Denver James	May 10, 2014
Lajoie, Annie Elizabeth	Rodriguez Bocanegra, Frank Henry	May 24, 2014
Lapointe, Casey Jane	Darling, Karl Patrick	June 14, 2014
Laroche, Nicole Jean	Bartiss, Nolan O'Keefe	September 26, 2014
Leclerc, Andrew Matthew	Bagley, Kara Micaela	November 01, 2014
Marien, Ashley Renee	Hampson, James William	June 21, 2014
McCabe, Todd Leonard	Bouffard, Shirlene Ann	November 01, 2014
McMahon, Marjorie Sara	Martin, Gary Roy	March 21, 2014
Nam, Arima Josephine	Minard, Jared Ronell	August 11, 2014
O'Neal, Kevin Wolffert	Kowalski, Linda Marie	September 20, 2014
Piro, Melanie Joyce	Abdelbaset, Jamal Abdul	June 21, 2014
Poulin, James B	Decker, Dawn A	April 01, 2014
Redman, Hilary Lauren	Burke, Robert Emmett III	December 20, 2014
Rico, Matthew Tyler	Maxfield, Samantha Margaret	September 09, 2014
Robert, Rachel Lynn Marie	Andrews, Summer Fuller	October 04, 2014
Snow, Andrew Russell	Swartwout, Katryna Ann	October 22, 2014
Storrs, Erin Rachel	Sakolosky, John Thomas	July 12, 2014
Thomas, Megan Laurie	Galbreath, Zachary Stephen	July 26, 2014
Thomason, Emily Joy	Smith, Nicholas Mechliessen	March 11, 2014
Valaitis, Malcolm Bookless	Lawler, Melissa Ann	July 19, 2014
Whitney, Melissa Ann	Purvis, Jon Howard	September 13, 2014
Wild, Amy Russell	Flanagan, John Yngve	October 11, 2014
Wolffing, Andrea Beth	Anderson, Matthew Vincent	October 19, 2014
Woodward, Joselyn Moore	Booth, Brian John	November 01, 2014

DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2014

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Loughlin, Paul James	January 06, 2014	Richmond, VT
Bordeaux, Steven L	October 01, 2014	Burlington, VT
Brown, Daniel P	March 26, 2014	Richmond, VT
Derway, Bryon Michael	July 20, 2014	Burlington, VT
Duffy, Wayne	May 09, 2014	Richmond, VT
Fordham, Connie Lee	June 29, 2014	Richmond, VT
Francis, Richard Edward	March 17, 2014	Colchester, VT
Friedeborn, John Robert	April 22, 2014	Richmond, VT
Godnick, Louise Ann	January 13, 2014	Burlington, VT
Harrington, Ashley Marie	November 28, 2014	Huntington, VT
Hogan, Mary Elizabeth	October 10, 2014	Burlington, VT
Judson, Katharine Eleanor	January 07, 2014	Colchester, VT
LaRose, Irene Jessie	May 22, 2014	Burlington, VT
Latulippe, Thomas H	January 06, 2014	Williston, VT
Lavanway, James William	March 15, 2014	Richmond, VT
Martell, Dorothy Degree	June 28, 2014	Burlington, VT
McCarthy, Gene Raymond	December 22, 2014	Richmond, VT
Parent, Kedric Peter	December 23, 2014	Richmond, VT
Preston, Betty Jane	April 16, 2014	Richmond, VT
Pсарos, Stella May	October 28, 2014	Burlington, VT
Schroeder, Mabel Welch	November 13, 2014	Richmond, VT
Shearer, Robert Edward	August 09, 2014	Richmond, VT
Spaller, Robert William	November 02, 2014	Richmond, VT
Stone, Margaret Ford	November 06, 2014	Williston, VT
Tinker, Dennis Arnold	March 11, 2014	Burlington, VT
Walker, Francis S	March 03, 2014	Richmond, VT
Witham, Dean Louis	August 01, 2014	Williston, VT

TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2014

<u>SELLER</u>	<u>BUYERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Alexander, Steven	Drobek, Jean	89 East Main Street
Barrows, Michael	Rowley, Patricia	317 Summers Street
Beans Mobile Homes Inc	LaPlant, Barbara	282 Thompson Road
Beane, Viola, Timothy & Dorothy	Jock, Diane	145 Lower Circle
Beckwith, Barbara Estate	Kenney, Timothy & Jennifer	1768 Wes White Hill
Beech-Nut Builders	D'Amico, Mark	420 Snipe Ireland Road
Bennett, Arleen	Beeman, John & Downing, Amy	500 Snipe Ireland Road
Benoit, Rita	Ramsey, Jon & Kendra	203 Tilden Avenue
Bessett, Kevin & Miller, Jennifer	Town of Richmond	700 Jericho Road
Bevis, George & Kathryn	Barney, Warren & Tungol, Judith	696 Southview Drive
BJW Development Company LLC	Hergenrother Construction LLC	75 Bradford Terrace
Blanchette, David Estate	Campbell, Carene & Green, Colin	115 East Hill Road
Bombard, John Jr	Murray, Josh	52 North Road
Bridge Street Richmond Properties	Zachary, Vicentios & Comninos	45 Bridge Street
Brown, Daniel Estate	Joyce, Rebecca & Stephen	1615 Hillview Road
Butkus, Sandra	Butkus, John	302 Summers Street
Cote, Angela	Smith, Rani	2902 East Main Street
Cross, Peter & Elizabeth	Morits, Dusty & Alyssa	277 Summers Street
Curtin, Thomas & Constance	Cloutier, Ryan & Slusky, Miram	255 Hillview Road
D & H Housing LLC	Willette, Gary & Barbara	65 Summers Street
Dorsett, David Jr	Vargo, Anthony	137 Stonefence Road
Doyle Family Trust	Schonholtz Living Revocable Trust	106 Jonesmill Road
Fadden, Deborah & McAllister, Thomas	Metzger, Patrick	105 Snipe Ireland Road
Falcon Management Company	Butkus, Albert	35 Hilltop Circle
Farr, Peggy	Farr, Ashley & Erin	82 Huntington Road
Farr, Peggy	Farr, Ashley & Erin	400 Huntington Road
Farrell, Catherine & Kokinda, Nathan	Still, Abby	118 Lily Pond Circle
Faverty, Ronald & Jamie	Bristol, Matthew & Desroches, Catherine	1635 Wes White Hill
Fay, James & Stephanie	Hempey, Scott & Jennifer	2287 Stage Road
Funk, J Scot & Kelly	Marin, Jacob & Rebecca	160 East Main Street
Godbout Design Build Inc	Amidon, Susan & Rector, Matthew	410 Sadlar Meadow Road
Godbout Design Build Inc	Astle, Thomas & Purvee, Jennifer	465 Sadlar Meadow Road
Gouvin, John & Helen	Frishman, Jason & Witkin, Shana	358 Cemetery Road
Graham, Brenda	Gillis, Richard	337 Summers Street
Grant, Edward & Joan	Soloman, Andrew & Starks, Rebecca	1283 Snipe Ireland Road
Heath, Richard & Kathryn	Hament, Daniel	206 Mary Drive
Hergenrother Construction LLC	Alexander, Steven & Brunovsky, Megan	320 Greystone Drive
Houle, Mary & Richard	Town of Richmond	2614 Cochran Road
Irish, Sharon	Mather, Robert & Margaret	2274 Jericho Road
Joslin, Peter & Patricia	Emery, Katherine & Gaughan, Ellen	92 Collins Mountain Road
Kirk, Marvin & Morgan, Darlene	Town of Richmond	700 Jericho Road
Kuroda, Christopher & Rhiannon	Roose, Shem & Rebecca	46 Cemetery Road
Lalancette, Cody & Molly	Drutman, Mark & Rivero, Monika	572 Governor Peck Highway
LaPlant, Vicki	Nadeau, Paul Jr & Katelyn	284 Thompson Road
Leblanc, Gerald & Miller, Florence	Bologna, Matthew	191 Mary Drive
Locust Knoll LLC	Saxon Oaks Company	93 Locust Knoll
Ludwig, Deiter & Kourtney	Brodie, Rachel & Foote, Michael	3437 Hinesburg Road
Lunnie, John & Nancy	Zugaro, Paul	978 West Main Street
McClary, Richard & Darilynn	Anderson, Peter & Cheri	911 East Hill Road
McLaughlin, Keith & Anne	Powel, Aletta	537 Snipe Ireland Road
Miller, William & Deborah	Ketover, Brad & Barr, Samantha	343 Jericho Road
Monahan, Thomas & Miriam	Zoltan-Chandler, Jessica	164 Cemetery Road
Murray, Chad	Falcon Management Company	138 Lower Circle
Parker, Annette & Walker, Edwin et al	Hull, Catharine	377 Stage Road
Parker, Darrell & Karen	Caffrey, Daniel & Shackelton, Dawn	471 Hillview Road
Peeters, Robert & Dawn	Pedersen, Roger & Rayola	1096 Southview Drive

TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2014

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
Peoples United Bank	Green Mountain Power Corp	260 Governor Peck Highway
Pousland, Connie	Nerenberg, Jason & Alexander	2265 Jericho Road
Preston, Betty & William	Scott, David	201 Thompson Road
Prevo, James & Dianne	Hergenrother Construction LLC	320 Greystone Drive
Royea, Cecil & Christine	Dahlstrom, Ryan & Caroline	328 Hillview Road
Rockcastle, Sheri	Bagley, Kara	90 Rocky Road
Roose, Shem & Rebecca	Barrett, Kate & Partlow, Eric	2389 Stage Road
Roy, Christine	Heiser, Robert & Jessie	84 Esplanade
Ruess, Paul & Susan	Lewis, Richard & Kathleen	303 Stonefence Road
Ryan, Ian	Cronin, Christopher & Weisman, Rebecca	32 Beaver Pond Hill Road
Saxon Oaks Company	Boswell, David & Leah	121 Locust Knoll
Seay, Dale & Raquel	Bick, Lienne & Mashtear, Brett	269 East Main Street
Smart, Thomas Estate	Atwood, Brian	43 Summers Street
Studley, Mary Katherine	Comeau, Scott & Wells, Angela	285 Windy Woods Road
Tinker, Dennis	Tinker, Jeremiah	2 Meadow Lane
Trono, Lucas	Lavigne, Eric & Kimberly	178 Bradford Terrace
Vittum, Susan	Marquis, Rebecca	1480 Stage Road
Washburn Family Trust	Bormann, Peter & Heidi	83 Huntington Road
Washburn Family Trust	Brown, Roger & Jennifer	275 Milkweed Lane
Washburn Family Trust	Cochran, Thomas, Alexis & James	275 Milkweed Lane
WHW Development Corporation	Clark, Christopher & Vanessa	188 Wolf Lane
Williams, Dwayne & Maureen	Pratt, Charles & Morgan	2673 East Main Street
Williams, Susan	Brown, Christopher & Nicole	335 Westall Drive
Willis, Beverly Family Trust	Reap, Robert & Joy	840 West Main Street
Willis, Beverly Family Trust	Reap, Robert & Joy	830 West Main Street lot 1
Willis, Beverly Family Trust	Richmond Land Trust	830 West Main Street lot 2
Youngman Construction Inc	Kilpeck, Jacob & Roy, Kristina	227 Wes White Hill
Zachary, Lee	Bridge Street Richmond Properties LLC	45 Bridge Street
Zitta, Alan & Smith, Tracy	Dunn, Ryan	1958 Wes White Hill

RICHMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Richmond Economic Development Committee (REDC) seeks to attract, retain and support new and existing businesses. A primary focus of the REDC is the village center with a top priority the redevelopment of the old creamery site. The REDC represents the Town and is committed to attracting new high quality jobs, attracting new and existing businesses to fill available commercial space, and creating a business friendly atmosphere in Richmond.

The REDC successfully hosted a “Technology Business Forum” in October. Both Richmond and other local area tech business owners and stakeholders shared ideas and challenges of recruiting both technology businesses and employees to Vermont and Richmond.

Progress with the redevelopment of Jolina Court (the old creamery site) is ongoing. The REDC gathered public opinion regarding redevelopment ideas for the site. Additionally, the REDC hosted a meeting attended by Pat Moulton, VT Secretary of Commerce, Lisa Gosselin, Commissioner of Dept. of Economic Development, Tim Ashe, VT State Senator and other stakeholders to explore opportunities for development and possible public/private partnership possibilities.

The REDC meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30am.

REDC members: **Paul Hauf, Denise Barnard, Ann Cousins, Stephanie Douglas-Hughes, Ellen Kane, Anne O’Brien, Lauck Parke, Guy Roberts and Amy Lord**



RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2013-2014 began with many freezing rain storms. This pattern continued and on January 30th we had a significant ice storm. Many trees and power lines town wide were blanketing the roadways from the ice. Most roads were down to one lane. As a result of this weather our salt usage was up considerably from the previous year. We used 50% of our salt budget by the 1st of the year. The season ended in an over expenditure of the salt budget by \$15,000.

Most of the U.S. endured more icing events than normal. Salt supply was down and demand was up. Because of this, salt companies are trying to build their stock piles back up. They claim they do not have the stockpiles up to the capacities as they normally would for the start of the winter season. As a result of this salt prices have increased 20% for the 2014-2015 season. Unfortunately, we did not budget for this increase.

The winter season took a very cold turn for the months of February, March and April. The lack of snow cover, lower than normal temperatures along with the previous frequent precipitation froze culverts solid up to 4 feet in diameter. This was the most frozen culverts we have ever dealt with in 20 years. We had very few significant snow storms to report about. Mud season was very mild. The cold temperatures held out until the middle of April allowing the roads to thaw slowly.

Full-time employees of the Highway department are: Peter Gosselin – foreman; Steve Towers – assistant foreman; Mike Mashia – operator/grader; Glenn Murray – operator, and George Brownell operator/grounds maintenance. Part-time employees of the department are: Troy Liberty – technical advisor/trouble shooting; Dillon Laforce – operator/grounds and sidewalk maintenance.

This past summer we doubled our road work plan to accommodate the work we could not complete the summer of 2013. We started the summer on Wes White Hill Road. The Highway department replaced a large diameter failed culvert at the Gillette Pond outlet. This culvert was 8 feet in diameter and 40 feet long. We rented a large excavator which Steve Towers operated along with our excavator which I operated and completed the whole project in two days.

We replaced three driveway culverts and rebuilt the gravel road surface with fabric and two courses of plant mix gravel. The total Wes White Hill road project length was 2.2 miles. After completing Wes White Hill road we moved to Stage Road as per the gravel plan.

We replaced three road crossing culverts cleaned out sections of ditches and installed road fabric and two courses of plant mix gravel. Because of the distance from the gravel source to this road, this project took an extra three weeks to complete. The total Stage Road project length was 2.8 miles.

I would like to give special thanks to the Town of Huntington, and the Town of Panton for helping us haul in materials for the road repairs. We continue our great town-to-town relationship and trade services.

Other seasonal work includes the following:

- Cleaning brush from the roadsides Town wide from the ice storm.
- Brush cut an overgrown section of Cochran Road.
- Sweeping of all village streets, sidewalks and developments.
- Line striping of crosswalks and parking lots.
- Mowing and trimming of the Riverview and Bridge Street Cemeteries.
- Mowing and trimming of all Town properties including the Volunteer's Green and Brown's Court ball field.
- Roadside mowing of all town roads.
- Gravel road grading.
- Hauling hundreds of loads of gravel for Wes White Hill and Stage Road gravel plan.
- Hauling road gravel for mud season.
- Hauling and stockpiling winter sand.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following: The paving contract was awarded to Pike Industries of Williston. They repaved half Jericho Road, Mary Drive, half of Southview Drive, Bradford Terrace and sections of Joan Avenue and Westall Drive.

We applied for and were awarded the VTRANS State Structures grant for a large diameter culvert replacement on Huntington Road by the Farr farm this year. This project will require reducing the road to one lane for about two weeks and the use of portable traffic signals. We will be bidding this project this spring and plan to do this project in July.

The Highway Department had one new equipment purchase this year. The 2005 International tandem dump truck is replaced with a 2015 International tandem dump truck. The truck purchase was awarded to Clark's Truck Center in Underhill, and the plow and body purchase was awarded to Viking Cives of Williston. We greatly appreciate this new bucket loader, as well as your continued support of the Capital Equipment Plan. The crew and I take pride in our work and continue to work toward better roads, bridges and sidewalks. Please don't hesitate to call me at 434-2631 or E-mail me at: richmondhighway@gmavt.net.

**Peter Gosselin,
Richmond Road Foreman**

TOWN OF RICHMOND 7 - YEAR GRAVEL PLAN JANUARY 2015

FISCAL YEAR	Gravel & Fabric	Equipment to Haul Gravel	Culvert Costs; repaired, replaced or removed	Brush clearing, flagging & ditching	Miles	Road and Mileage to receive gravel resurfacing
FY 16 Summer 2015	\$221,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.95	Johnnie Brook Road - 1.4 miles of 1.4 miles; Worthheim Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Williams Hill Road - .20 miles of 1.40 miles; Snipe Ireland Road - 1.05 miles of 2.55 miles
FY 17 Summer 2016	\$225,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	2.80	Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles; Hillview Road - 2.3 miles of 2.3 miles
FY 18 Summer 2017	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.10	(ONLY 6 INCH RESURFACING NEEDED. ALL ROADS DITCHED AND ROAD BASES REPAIRED) Snipe Ireland Road - 1.50 miles of 2.55 miles; Williams Hill Road - 1.20 miles of 1.40 miles; Old County Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Kenyon Road -.30 miles of 2.55 miles
FY 19 Summer 2018	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	3.05	Kenyon Road 2.25 miles of 2.55 miles; Cemetery Road .80 miles of .80 miles
FY 20 Summer 2017	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.3	(ONLY 6 INCH RESURFACING NEEDED, ALL ROADS DITCHED AND ROAD BASES REPAIRED)Snipe Ireland Road- remaining 1.50 miles of 2.55; Christmas Hill Road -0.50 miles of 0.50; Williams Hill Road - remaining 1.20 miles of 1.40 miles; Old County Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles
FY19 Summer 2018	\$155,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.35	Kenyon Road 2.55 miles of 2.55 miles; Cemetery Road .80 miles of .80 miles
7-year Cycle Starts Again						

January 2015

TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount (\$) (Inc. 2% / year)	Miles Paved or Planned	Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 16 Summer 2015	290,000	3.08	Jericho Road – remaining 1.33 miles of 2.33 miles; Hidden Pines Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Hidden Pines Extension - .11 miles of .11 miles; Hidden Pines Circle - .70 miles of .70 miles; Joan Avenue - .20 miles of .30 miles; Westall Drive - .35 miles of .45 miles; Westall extension - .09 miles of .09 miles; “Tosceno” parking lot .10 miles of .10 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2002)
FY 17 Summer 2016	296,000	2.49	Governor Peck Highway - .80 miles of .80 miles; Rogers Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Mountain View Road - .74 miles of .74 miles; Cemetery Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Collins Mountain Road - .35 miles of .35 miles	Governor Peck Highway grant eligible (last resurfaced 2006)
FY 18 Summer 2017	302,000	2.50	Huntington Road - 2.50 miles of 4.15 miles	Huntington Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2006, cold plane surface by Round Church needed)
FY 19 Summer 2018	308,000	2.65	Huntington Road - remaining 1.65 miles of 4.15 miles; Cochran Road 1.0 miles of 3.68 miles	Huntington Road grant eligible; Cochran Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2010)
FY 20 Summer 2019	314,000	2.68	Greystone Drive - .95 miles of .95 miles; Highland Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Apple Tree Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Thompson Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Church Street - .22 miles of .22 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Wes White Hill - 1.0 miles of 1.0 miles	Developments not grant eligible
FY 21 Summer 2020	320,000	3.07	Cochran Road final 2.68 miles of 3.68 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible
FY 22 Summer 2021	326,000	2.50	Hinesburg Road - 2.50 miles of 3.90 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2011)
FY 23 Summer 2022	330,000	2.22	Hinesburg Road – remaining 1.40 miles of 3.90 miles; Pleasant Street - .12 miles of .12 miles; Fire Station parking lot - .10 miles of .10 miles; Bridge Street .60 miles of .60 miles	Pleasant Street water line and drainage replacement needed ; Bridge Street cold plane surface needed
FY 24 Summer 2023	340,000	2.12	Farr Road - .12 miles of .12 miles; Railroad Street - .17 miles of .17 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; Esplanade Street - .26 miles of .26 miles; Round Church Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Brown’s Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; Burnett Court .11 miles of .11 miles; Millett Street - .13 miles of .13 miles; Tilden Avenue - .18 miles of .18 miles; Baker Street - .11 miles of .11 miles; School Street .09 miles of .09 miles; Southview Drive - .50 miles of 1.30 miles	Village Streets not grant eligible (Baker Street sidewalk replaced to concrete) Village Streets last resurfaced 2011
FY 25 Summer 2024	347,000	2.43	Depot Street - .16 miles of .16 miles; East Hill Road - 1.20 miles of 1.20 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Jericho Road - 1.0 miles of 2.33 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2014) .33 miles of Jericho Road cold plane needed
FY 26 Summer 2025	353,000	2.63	Jericho Road - remaining 1.33 miles of 2.33 miles; Southview Drive - 1.30 miles of 1.30 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible
FY 27 Summer 2026			NEW 12 – YEAR CYCLE BEGINS	
	3,526,000	28.37		Village streets are resurfaced as sub-surface utilities are upgraded.

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

As 2015 approaches, I would like to introduce the staff of the police department to the residents of Richmond.

I have been Chief of Police since June 2011 after having retired from the Vermont State Police after a 32+ year career. I retired as the Captain of B-Troop where I oversaw the operations of one dispatch center and three barracks in the troop which included Derby, St. Johnsbury and Bradford. I had numerous assignments during my career to include a K-9 handler, outpost trooper, Sergeant working in the Recreational education and enforcement unit which was responsible for boating and snowmobiles. I was Boating Law Administrator, appointed by Gov. Howard Dean in Recreational Enforcement as a Lieutenant, Station Commander of Williston as well as Troop Commander of A-troop where I was responsible for one dispatch center and three barracks to include Williston, St. Albans and Middlesex. Our current staff includes Sergeant Jacob Hansell who joined the department in the spring of 2010. Sergeant Hansell has served as a field training officer for new hires as well as a training assistant at the Vermont State Police Academy for one or more weeks a session when the academy is holding a full time certification school for new officers. Sergeant Hansell has also been the department's computer tech liaison working with the Vermont State Police for the last couple years. Sadly, we will be losing Sergeant Hansell as of January 3rd, 2015 as he has accepted a position with the Clay County, Florida Sheriff's Office as a deputy to be closer to his family which now all reside in the State of Florida. Sr. Patrolman Rich Greenough joined the department in 2005. Currently he is assigned as the School Resource Officer at Camel's Hump Middle School and as our Datamaster (DUI machine) technician. Rick works 4 days a week at the school and regular patrol duties one day a week and when school is not in session. Patrolman Brett Lindemuth joined the department in 2012 after serving approximately one year with the Waterbury, VT Police Department. Brett works one day a week at the Richmond Elementary School as a School Resource Officer and the rest of his time is spent on regular patrol duties. Currently the schools reimburse the town for the officer's salaries for work performed as the school resource officers. Patrolman Lance Martel joined the department in June 2013 after serving as a part time officer for the City of Barre. Patrolman William Bullock joined the department as a part-time officer in 2003 and still serves in that role to this day filling in for other officers and when shift coverage is needed. Bill retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving his country for nearly 30 years. New this year is Patrolman Mat Nadeau who graduated from the full time police academy on May 23, 2014. Since his graduation, Mat has completed all of his required field training and is now serving the town on his own. The department has recently hired Richmond resident John Hamlin as a part-time officer who is now registered to attend the full time academy which starts February 2015. With the resignation of Sergeant Hansell, John will fill a vacant patrolman position. Ms. Dianne Corbett serves as the department's administrative assistant working between 15-20 hours per week while still maintaining her full time job as an emergency communications dispatcher for the Vermont State Police. Dianne meets with the public in the office as well as enters all the data into several different computer programs that the state requires.

This has been a busy year for the police department as far as cases generated. The previous record for cases was 2012 when the department handled 1243 calls for service. This year we handled a total of 1376 calls for service as of December 31, 2014. Last year we made a total of 95 criminal arrests, however as of December 29, 2014 that total has ballooned to a total of 110 arrests with total offenses of 156. Impaired driving arrests for both alcohol and drugs are up. Special attention should go to Patrolman Lance Martel who

works night shift and has made the removal of impaired drivers from our roadways a priority. Lance has broken the single season arrest which was accomplished by former patrolman Andrew Graham. Attached to this report you will see a breakdown of what the department accomplished. The data will show that not only have arrests and cases gone up but so has the amount of traffic tickets as well as written warnings have increased.

The following are some of the types of cases and incidents your officers handled during the calendar year 2014.

- December 22nd, Sergeant Hansell and Patrolman Lance Martel responded to a home on Browns Court for an out of control 21 year old suicidal man. Once on scene the man threatened to kill both officers. After taking him into custody, they discovered he had 3.86 ounces of marijuana packaged for resale. He also had damaged his grandmother's home while being under influence of marijuana and had taken 60 cold tablets. While being transported for processing, he repeatedly smashed his head against the cruiser partition and damaged the rear door when he continued to kick it. He had to be physically restrained by the use of pepper spray and taken to the emergency room for exam and treatment where he became assaultive to hospital staff. After release from the emergency room he was taken to county jail and held on \$10,000 bail. Dealing with this suspect turned into an 18 hour shift for the officers involved.

- January 15th, Patrolman Brett Lindemuth was assisting the U.S. Marshall's fugitive task force in attempting to locate a male subject wanted to assault & robbery as well as an aggravated assault charge. Officer Lindemuth proceeded to the area of River Road near Summers Street when he observed the suspect walking through a parking lot. During the arrest, Officer Lindemuth's cruiser sustained minor damage when it was struck by a civilian vehicle. The male was successfully taken into custody and jailed for lack of \$50,000 bail.

- January 28th, Patrolman William Bullock wrote three search warrants regarding a burglary he investigated at a local business. With assistance from South Burlington, Essex and Williston police all three searches were conducted at the same time resulting in the recovery of stolen property. The 27 yr. old male and his father were located a short time later and arrested. The son was jailed on \$10,000 bail while his father was transported to the emergency room after complaining of chest pains, he later underwent heart surgery for a heart ailment and was arraigned at a later time on burglary charges.

- March 17th, Patrolman Lance Martel responded to an assault call with a machete. Due to the nature of the call two State Troopers also responded. Two intoxicated males argued over a video game when one attacked the other with a machete. The victim locked himself in a bathroom where the suspect hacked away at the door, walls and other locations in the home. The aggressor was taken into custody and jailed on a domestic charge.

- March 25th, Patrolman Lance Martel responded to an armed robbery at the Cumberland Farms store. The robber fled with a small amount of cash. Working with a detective from the Vermont State Police, all leads were followed up on; however not enough probable cause could be established to file charges.

- April 8th, Patrolman Brett Lindemuth responded to a burglary at a business on West Main Street. A suspect was identified through investigation and some property recovered at a Williston business. A 52 year old male was taken into custody several days later and charged with burglary. This male has a long history of burglary and thefts.

- June 29th, Patrolman Rick Greenough and I responded to a body in the water at the gorge. After 3.5 hours, Colchester

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Technical Rescue and Stowe Mountain Rescue were able to remove the 52 year old female from the water. Investigation leads us to believe that this was a suicide.

- August 25th, Patrolman Brett Lindemuth and Mat Nadeau responded to the trailer park for a complaint of a male exposing himself to a number of children ranging in the age from 2-8. The highly intoxicated male (.293%) was arrested and jailed on a charge of Lewd & Lascivious conduct.

- September 2nd, Patrolman Brett Lindemuth and I responded to the Richmond Mobil for a reported suicidal female after the dispatch center received text messages from the woman claiming she was going to kill herself. Upon arriving at the scene the female was located who was with her caregiver at the time who was unaware of the suicidal messages being sent. This woman was under parole conditions that she was not allowed to call, e-mail or text message emergency services to include fire, police and EMS and if she needed help a care taker would make the call. This has been a pattern with this female to make false calls to emergency services to include the night prior which required emergency services to search for her in both Waterbury and St. George, Vermont. On this day, there was no emotional or medical distress, however we did have rescue transport her to the emergency room for an evaluation and she was issued a flash court citation ordering her into court two days later to answer to the charge of violating her parole.

- September 2nd, I responded to the lower gorge off of Dugway Road with fire and rescue for a reported male in physical distress. It turned out the male had been reported missing to the Vermont State Police earlier from Huntington. After 10 years of being sober he went on a two day bender, and was highly intoxicated requiring us to assist him up to the ambulance where he was transported to the emergency room where he had a BAC over .30%. The man was upset with a recent break up and attempted to driver over twelve cases of beer in a short period of time and finished nearly all of it when he was found.

- September 3rd, Patrolman Mat Nadeau was called to Cumberland Farms store about a woman acting suspicious. Upon arrival Officer Nadeau found the woman had four children with her ranging in age from 2-10; who was under the influence of drugs. She was using a combination of Prednisone, Ritalin and Benadryl all at the same time. The woman was taken into custody and a Drug Recognition Trooper was contacted to screen the woman. The operator was taken to the emergency room for a blood sample and charged with DUI/drugs and endangerment of the children. She was transported to ACT 1 in Burlington where she was to be held until sober. Working with the Vermont State Police enough car seats were located so the children could be transported by the woman's boyfriend.

- October 20th, Patrolman Mat Nadeau attempted to make a traffic stop on West Main Street near the Mobil. After activating his emergency lights and siren the vehicle failed to stop and continued onto the interstate northbound before finally pulling over in the Williston Rest Area. Working that night was part time patrol officer Joshua Hansell who was working a DUI overtime detail. Officer Nadeau determined that the operator was both under the influence of alcohol and drugs and his right to operate was criminally suspended. A strong odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle and a small amount was located on the operator when he was being taken into custody and patted down. He refused to give consent for the vehicle and police canine was summoned to the scene. The K-9 alerted on the trunk area of the vehicle and it was seized while a search warrant was applied for. The vehicle was transported to the Williston Police Department and secured in their garage. After the search warrant was granted the following day, a search of the vehicle commenced and over ¾ of a pound of high grade processed marijuana was located. During the vehicle search, there were indications that the

operator was involved in the cultivation of marijuana and a second search warrant was written and approved by a judge for his property located off Sherman Hollow Road. A search of the property was conducted by members of this department Williston Police where another ¼ pound of unprocessed marijuana was located. This entire process stretched over two days. The operator was charged with DUI/drugs, operating while criminally suspended and possession and cultivation of drugs.

- December 3rd, Patrolman Rick Greenough investigated the theft from 14 unlocked vehicles around the center of town. In total over the next couple days a total of approximately 25 unlocked vehicles had been entered with everything from money, electronics and prescription drugs were taken.

- December 7th, Patrolman Brett Lindemuth responded to a home burglary on Hinesburg Road. A 40 year old career criminal was taken into custody and lodged at the county jail and arraigned the following day where he was released on conditions. This is an ongoing investigation into his involvement in several other home burglaries in town. Since his release on our charge he has been arrested again for attempting to break into a home in Waterbury. He was jailed again and released on conditions by the court.

- December 26th, at 2240 hours, Patrolman Lance Martel was called to Cochran Road near Thompson Road for a citizen dispute which turned into a stabbing. The suspects fled and the victim returned home and called 911 with a stab wound to the back. Rescue responded for his injuries and he was transported to University of Vermont ER where he was treated. After a 2 day extensive investigation and with the assistance of Essex PD and Burlington PD along with VT Department of Corrections (FSU) the male suspect was located in Essex Jct., taken into custody. After processing he was jailed at the Chittenden County Community Corrections on charges of Attempted Second Degree Murder, Larceny from Person, Disorderly Conduct which were filed by the Richmond Police Department and a Parole Violation filed by FSU on \$150,000 bail. This suspect has prior convictions of Attempted Second Degree Murder.

These are just a sampling of what your Officers do each day. In the last year we have responded to over a half dozen overdose calls with the drug of choice being heroin. We just last week responded to another overdose involving a woman in her 70's who had overdosed on heroin. We have investigated over 70 traffic accidents and handled over 50 theft complaints most of which have been from unlocked vehicles with property in plain view. During this last fiscal year we were able to secure several grants. Three of the grants totaling \$9,000 were for overtime projects. One was for in-town traffic enforcement and two were for enhanced DUI enforcement, one for in-town and one to support officers in surrounding towns. We also received two equipment grants for \$5,000 and for \$5865 which we used to replace our portable radios with the new narrow band which the state is mandating in the future.

I would like to thank the crew at the highway department for their help in maintaining our cruisers which saves the tax payers money. We purchase our engine oil in bulk, and the highway guys change our oil & filters and perform all our brake work which saves money. I would also like to thank my members of the police department who attempt to give the citizens of Richmond the best service we can. With all the turmoil going on throughout the country, at this time the simplest thank you means so much to the officer's and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan F. Buck
Chief of Police

POLICE STATISTICS 2014

Law Incidents

911 Hang Ups	26
Accidents	86
Agency Assists	327
Animal Problem	22
Assault	6
Burglary Alarm	53
Burglary	8
Citizen Assist	74
Citizen Dispute	28
Dead Body	4
Directed Patrol	20
DLS	28
DUI	18
Family Fight	16
Found Property	15
Fraud	13
Intoxication	6
Juvenile Problems	20
Miscellaneous	56
MV Complaint	148
Noise Disturbance	5
Parking Problem	6
Property Watch	54
Suicide Attempt	4
Suspicious	135
Theft	58
Threatening	10
Traffic Hazard	33
Trespassing	6
Vandalism	9
Vin Inspection	43
Wanted Person	6
Welfare Check	33
Total Law Incidents	1376

Traffic Tickets

Possession of Marijuana	11
I89 Regulations	11
Local Speed	493
Traffic Control	18
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	17
Stop/Yield Intersections	10
Basic Rule	23
Inspection	167
No Registration	46
Fail Carry Registration	33
Display of Plates	15
Operating Without License	20
Driving License Suspended	62
Insurance Certificate	29
Miscellaneous	95
Total Traffic Tickets	1050

Traffic Warnings

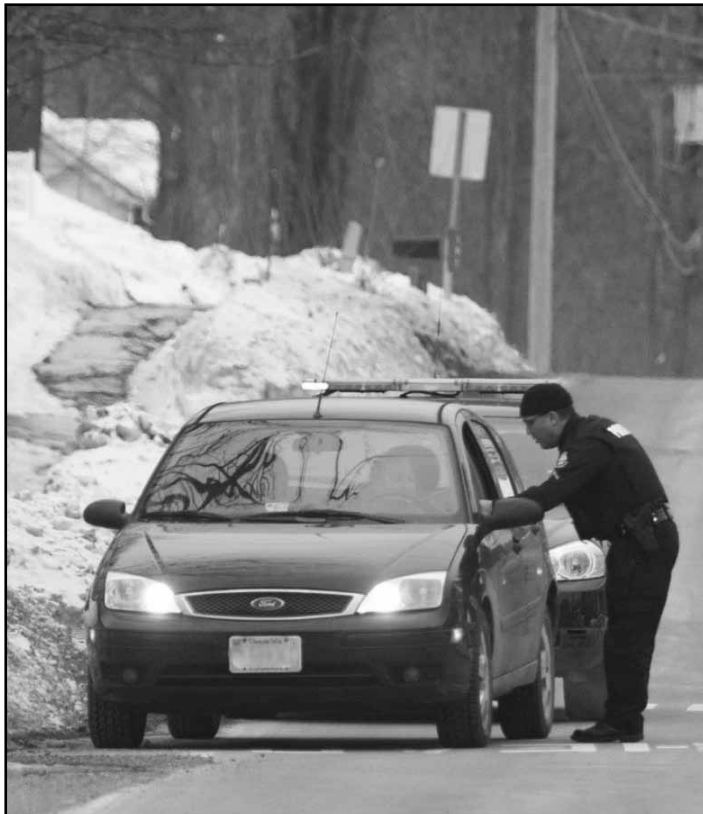
I89 Regulations	32
Local Speed	254
Regulations in Municipalities	13
Traffic Control	90
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	151
Stop/Yield Intersections	33
Signals Required	55
Condition of Vehicle	234
Inspections	149
No Registration	38
Display of Plates	26
No License	12
Insurance	66
Miscellaneous	59
Total Warnings	1212

Arrests/Offenses

C&N	10
DLS	37
DUI	25
Domestic Assault	10
Drug Possession	3
False Pretenses	4
Receiving Stolen Property	5
Reckless Endangerment	6
Unlawful Mischief	5
Violations of Conditions	4
Miscellaneous	47
Total Arrests/Offense	156

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alan	Buck, Chief of Police
William	Bullock
Dianne	Corbett, Administrative Assistant
Richard	Greenough
John	Hamlin
Jacob	Hansell
Joshua	Hansell
Brett	Lindemuth
Lance	Martel
Mathew	Nadeau



RICHMOND EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALE

20 Grades with 20 Steps between Minimum and Maximum
5% Between Grades; 2.5% Between Steps
Approved for July 1, 2009 - (FY 2010)

Grade	Position	Minimum	Maximum
1		\$10.15	\$16.23
2	Grounds Maintenance in Water Resources Equipment Operator & Grounds Maintenance in Highway Library Assistant II	\$10.66	\$17.04
3		\$11.19	\$17.89
4	Assistant to the Chief of Police Office Assistant & Assistant Town Clerk	\$11.75	\$18.78
5	Heavy Equipment Operator in Highway Senior Library Assistant	\$12.34	\$19.72
6		\$12.95	\$20.71
7	Lead Mechanical Operator in Water Resources Lead Process Operator in Water Resources	\$13.60	\$21.74
8	Finance Director & Assistant Treasurer Police Officer Assistant Foreman in Highway Youth Services Librarian Administrative Officer Assistant to the Town Administrator	\$14.28	\$22.83
9	Town Planner Town Clerk	\$15.00	\$23.97
10		\$15.75	\$25.17
11		\$16.53	\$26.43
12		\$17.36	\$27.75
13	Library Director	\$18.23	\$29.14
14		\$19.14	\$30.60
15		\$20.10	\$32.13
16	Highway Foreman	\$21.10	\$33.73
17	Superintendent of Water Resources	\$22.16	\$35.42
18	Chief of Police	\$23.26	\$37.19
19		\$24.43	\$39.05
20	Town Manager	\$25.65	\$41.00

RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT



In 2013-2014 the Fire Department responded to 152 alarms. The breakdown is 11 structure fires, 4 grass/brush fires, 1 trash fire, 6 motor vehicle fires, 3 rescue, 5 service calls, 9 mutual-aid calls, 15 hazardous material calls, 15 carbon monoxide calls, 10 power

line problems, 11 fire alarms, 1 false alarm, 2 good intent calls, and 59 motor vehicle accidents.

The members of the Fire Department on June 30, 2014 are: Chief Thomas Levesque, Asst. Chief Dennis Gile, 2nd Asst. Chief Chris Siple, Captains Michael Carter, Mark Klonicke and Gerald Levesque, Lieutenant Michael Parent, Treasurer Sherry Gile, Firefighters Brian Beane, Richard Dana, Mark Gravel, Joseph Greenough, Terrance Harvey, Michael Hudson, Jacob Kilpeck, James Kilpeck, Luke O'Leary, Thomas Plantier, Arielle Siple, Harland Stockwell and Barry Wood.

During the year two Richmond Firefighters were honored after reaching 25 years of membership in the Department. Richard Dana and Harland Stockwell achieved that milestone. We thank them for their excellent service and hope they remain with us for many more years.

The Fire Department continues to use Shelburne Dispatch as our emergency dispatcher. TDBank in Richmond provides a daytime backup. Thank you once again for an excellent job. Shelburne Dispatch has also agreed to issue burning permits for Richmond. They may be reached at 985-8051.

During the year a committee was formed to seek bids for the apparatus that was approved at the 2014 Town Meeting. We requested bids from 5 vendors. All 5 submitted bids and the bid has been awarded to Toyne Fire Apparatus of Breda, IA with a local representative of Shakerley Fire Truck Sales in Clifton Park, NY. We expect delivery of this apparatus in February of 2016.

Green "911" identifier signs are available from the Fire Department. This is an excellent way to identify your property as responders immediately recognize the sign as a house number. To order your signs please call Firefighter Harland Stockwell at 434-3250. The cost is \$10.00 each.

We are always looking for Volunteers for the Fire Department. The need for daytime work week Firefighters is especially great. Please contact our business line at 434-2002 or any Firefighter to receive an application. The requirements are 18 years of age, good physical condition and the desire to help your fellow citizens in an emergency. This is an excellent way to serve your Community.

REMEMBER OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BETTER WITH YOU IN IT!
Thomas A. Levesque, Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT	
7/1/2013-6/30/2014	
Income:	
Interest Earned	\$ 1.14
July 4th	\$ 2,680.75
T-shirts	\$ 25.50
Soda	\$ 24.00
Maintenance fee reimbursement	\$ 47.00
911 signs	\$ 30.00
Coats	\$ 42.00
Food Income	\$ 50.00
Donations received	\$ 850.00
Total Income	\$ 3,750.39
Expenses:	
Banquet	\$ 1,232.30
PO Box Rental	\$ 48.00
Dues	\$ 328.00
Food Expenses	\$ 1,165.94
Gifts	\$ 57.00
July 4th expenses	\$ 134.55
Miscellaneous	\$ 588.58
Supplies	\$ 150.00
Maintenance fee	\$ 23.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,727.37
Overall total	\$ 23.02
Balance Sheet as of 06/30/2014	
Assets:	
Cash & Bank Accounts:	
Balance TDBank Checking	\$ 558.91
Balance TDBank Savings	\$ 2,607.06
Total Assets	\$ 3,165.97
Liabilities	
Equity	\$ 3,165.97
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 3,165.97
<i>Submitted by Sherry Gile</i>	

RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Thomas	Levesque, Fire Chief
Dennis	Gile, Assistant Chief
Chris	Siple, Assistant Chief
Michael	Carter, Captain
Mark	Klonicke, Captain
Gerald	Levesque, Captain
Michael	Parent, Lieutenant
Sherry	Gile, Treasurer
Brian	Beane
Richard	Dana
Mark	Gravel
Joseph	Greenough
Terrence	Harvey
Michael	Hudson
James	Kilpeck
Jacob	Kilpeck
Luke	O'Leary
Thomas	Plantier
Arielle	Siple
Harland	Stockwell
Barry	Wood

RICHMOND RESCUE, INC.

Richmond Rescue Inc. is a 911 emergency ambulance service established in 1971 to provide emergency and pre-hospital care for the towns of Bolton, Huntington, Richmond and the southern portion of Jericho. Staffed by forty volunteers and three full-time staff, all of whom serve their shifts at the station, we are able to have a crew on the road in an average time of less than two minutes.

During the past year, Richmond Rescue responded to 231 calls in Richmond. Our average response time in your town from dispatch to on-scene arrival was 7 minutes and 23 seconds. The nature of these calls ranged from assisting an elderly person who had fallen back into bed, to resuscitating a driver who had sustained a life-threatening event prior to crashing his car.

The achievement of which we are most proud was being named the 2014 Ambulance Service of the Year by Vermont Emergency Medical Services. With this recognition comes the responsibility of not merely maintaining but improving the quality of services we provide to the communities and individuals who generously support us.

In addition to providing emergency care, Richmond Rescue has been an active participant in the health and wellness programs that have increasingly become a part of the mission of rural ambulance services. This year we have:

- Taught CPR, first aid and baby-sitting basics to over 300 individuals.
- Fit and distributed almost 100 children's bicycle safety helmets.

- Checked and adjusted 50 infant and child car seats.
- Conducted blood pressure screenings and provided flu shots.
- Distributed and maintain 4 public access AEDs for cardiac arrest in Richmond Village.
- Made available and will install residential 911 signs for easy house identification.

We have worked hard to earn the trust of those we serve. We were among the first squads in Vermont to meet the requirements for and to implement the newly issued Vermont State EMS Protocols, which allow qualified EMTs to use advanced life saving techniques. By careful fiscal management we have been able to purchase a new ambulance from available capital funds. And a group of dedicated members have re-activated the Camel's Hump Backcountry Rescue Team to assist injured hikers in our area of the Green Mountains.

We are in service twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. We welcome new members and enjoy the enthusiasm of our high school cadet members. Please stop by the station for a visit.

RICHMOND RESCUE INC MEMBERS			
Tim	Bak	Jaymi	Kendall
Jake	Barrington	Marie	Kenney
Chris	Barup	Brad	Ketover
Richard	Bernstein	Doug	Klein
Corey	Bessette	Sarah	Lamb
Chuck	Bolton	Miles	Lamberson
KC	Bolton	Brent	Lamoureux
Jes	Buck	Elizabeth	Landell
Michael	Chiarella	Tyler	Lemay
Camille	Clancy	Gribbin	Loring
Bryna	Considine	Derek	Lubetkin
Lauren	Cournoyer	Emily	Maheux
Brendon	Cousino	Bill	Menning
Aidan	Cummings	Jill	Merkel
Gabe	Cummings	Medora	Plimpton
Richard	Dana	Jeff	Pugh
Dan	Doynow	Michael	Rainville
Joe	Gannon	Maddie	Ruth
Chris	Haggerty	Harry	Schoppmann
Latimer	Hoke	Pavina	Soukamneuth
Emmett	Hoskin	Andy	Squires
Katherine	Huntley	Megan	Stoeckel
Kat	Ioannou	Jon	Torres
Luke	Jackson	David	Vachitis
Stefan	Jacobs	Tyler	Van Backer
Lee	Jones	Tim	Watson
Matt	Jordan	Dan	Wolfson
		Taylor	Yeates

RICHMOND RESCUE INC FINANCIAL REPORT		
Income		
Billing		155,677.67
Training Center		5,458.00
Donations		83,458.59
Donations -Donor Directed		15,045.77
Town Contributions		113,425.00
Investment Income		18,313.34
Total Income		391,378.37
Expenses		
Ambulance		24,408.39
Building & Grounds		6,915.18
Communications/Dispatch		22,497.54
Depreciation Expense		21,187.92
Donor Directed Expenses		7,345.93
Insurance		26,160.00
Medical Equipment		25,043.17
Membership / Uniforms		6,296.32
Office / Administrative		22,274.98
Paramedic Intercept		1,350.00
Payroll		118,388.27
Training		3,953.04
Training Center		6,859.51
Utilities		8,447.05
Total Expense		301,127.30
Capital Fund Transfers		
Ambulance		42,300.00
Building		1,400.00
Communications		5,000.00
Medical Equipment		7,300.00
Total Capital Fund Transfers		56,000.00
Loan Principle - A2 - Ford E450		22,936.27
Surplus / Deficit		11,314.80
Transfer to Capital Reserves		-11,314.80
Balance		0

RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

The library continues to provide the people of Richmond a meaningful resource for recreation, community connection, and lifelong learning.

On site, the library provides a varied collection of over 25,000 items available for loan to adults or youth: fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, audiobooks, video, and even board books. In addition to loaning books, RFL provides ongoing children's story times, summer programs for children, book discussions, presentations, copying and fax facilities, online service, and Internet access via workstations or WiFi.

Last year we had a musical duo from California, a piano concert series, a talk on snowy owls, a slide show on hiking canyons in Utah, a presentation on Andrew Harris, UVM's first black graduate, workshops on energy efficiency, regular community Open Mike sessions, and much more! And, of course, the library is one of the venues for the Richmond Holiday Market and where Santa likes to visit with kids in the morning!

Want to visit someplace fun outside of Richmond? With your library card you can check out one of the passes and get free entry to Vermont State Day Use Parks, Birds of Vermont Museum, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, Vermont History Museum, and Vermont Historic Sites. You can also check out the ECHO Aquarium pass and get discounted admission.

What else can you do with your library card? You can download an eBook or an audiobook via our website where there are links to OneClick Digital and ListenUpVermont - with combined inventory of thousands of titles in addition to over 45,000 Gutenberg eBook titles. Or, enroll in a Universal Class and choose a continuing education course in any one of over 500 topics from Accounting to Cooking to Mathematics to Physics to Pet Care and more. Or, get the password business news and data), Chilton Library (maintenance data for hundreds of vehicles), Gale Virtual Reference Library (over 300 full text reference books), Health and Wellness Resource Center (health research), Powerspeak Languages (online courses for over ten languages), InfoTrac Student Edition (reference and research for K-12 students), and several others.

With library card in hand, you may also borrow from 19 other libraries in the area. If we don't to the Vermont Online Library and access a multitude of databases such as Business Insights (for have an item, chances are a nearby library does and you can just stop by and borrow. If an item is a little farther afield, we can also borrow from other libraries and have something shipped to us on your behalf.

The Community Space on the second floor is used frequently for social, cultural, and educational events in Richmond. This year, the Richmond Senior Center committee has held regular cultural and enrichment events for area seniors. The space has also been used for art classes, playgroup, Tai Chi, yoga, concerts, lectures, dances, and special town meetings. When not being used for library events or town meetings, the community space is made available for a nominal fee to dance and music teachers for recitals and lessons or to individuals for private celebrations.

If you want to stay informed on library activities and new materials, just give us your email address and we'll add you to our email newsletter service or visit the library's website at www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org or like us on Facebook where you can see previews of our monthly art and collection displays and announcements of special events.

We also make it easy for you to discover books and manage your circulations or reserve anything from our collection via our automated library system such as renew, reserve, make lists, make comments, view other library collections.

In the fall of 2012, based on community-wide input, the

2012-2017 Richmond Free Library Strategic Plan was developed; trustees and staff continue to address goals indicated within the plan.

In the fall of 2013, we were also able to obtain a comfortable seating set for the mezzanine that many young people are enjoying and we have new and exciting plans for making the mezzanine more accessible in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

On the nuts and bolts side of things, the library converted its heating system from liquid propane to natural gas in 2013 and we have already seen and hope to enjoy years of savings!

The library building, initially built as a Unitarian Universalist Church, is a well-loved landmark in Richmond and has served the town well: first as a church, then as a school gymnasium and cafeteria, and then as the municipal library. It is important to bear in mind that this structure was first constructed in 1879, and while it has "good bones," it is also an historical building that requires ongoing maintenance and continual improvements. As a public building, the library must meet many mandated safety standards. Each year the library pays for inspections for the elevator, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and sprinkler system and we make sure that the library complies with state and federal safety standards. The elevator services alone account for more than \$1200 of the maintenance budget. And, as any homeowner knows, there are always unanticipated and unavoidable repairs and upkeep to any building. Recent unexpected projects were: (1) the unblocking of the sewer line (requiring excavation and replacement of clay pipe), (2) rebuilding of the stone steps leading from the emergency exit door on Bridge Street, and (3) repair of the radiant heating system of the first floor --- all combined to deplete the reserve fund by several thousand dollars. A major planned expense for the upcoming fiscal year is the slate roof, which has many cracked or missing tiles. It is another expensive, but essential, building expense. In the coming years, the library will have to undertake other planned projects such as (1) carpet replacement, (2) wood floor treatment, and (3) ongoing interior and exterior painting. Our newsletter often highlights new items, programs, and services, but we often don't mention the required upkeep to the physical plant that makes these possible. We want to draw everyone's attention to the fact that our building maintenance and repair is a crucial part of carrying out the many library services.

Please remember that many programs and acquisitions are possible via Friend's funds that supplement the programming budget. The Friends underwrite all activities of the summer reading program (arts and crafts workshops, special performers, and materials). Their main fund raising vehicle is the annual book sale in February. So, please do your book, music, and movie shopping at the sale, or consider volunteering with the Friends. In addition to the wide variety of items available for purchase (including baked goods at the bake sale), many individuals volunteer their time and talents to provide music and entertainment, turning our book sale into a wonderful community gathering.

Thank you to Bridge Street Café, which offered free creamies to summer reading program participants - you will be missed! And thank you also to the Richmond Market for providing end of summer reading party treats!

The Richmond Free Library belongs to us all, so we encourage you to stop by to browse, meet a friend, go online to our website to see our services, and sign up for a library account if you don't have one.

Library Trustees: **Kristen Hayden-West, Laurie Dana, Cammy Richelli, Karen Tufano, Keith Frantz**

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Richmond Planning Commission wrapped up 2013 following a flurry of activity and have made good progress towards addressing the items on their multi-year priority list, established in August 2013. Notable accomplishment include drafting new flood regulations, helping draft interim zoning for the creamery parcel and proposing revised Gateway Commercial Zoning regulations.

In early 2014, representatives of the Planning Commission participated on the Jolina Court Interim Zoning Committee which was charged with drafting interim zoning for the land surrounding the old creamery building in the Village. The Interim Zoning Committee was tasked with developing a set of temporary regulations which would provide increased development flexibility to spur redevelopment of the abandoned facility.

Also, in early 2014, after 6 years the Town said goodbye to Town Planner Cathleen Gent and welcomed Clare Rock to the position. Prior to joining the municipal staff in Richmond, Clare's experience included working in land use regulation and planning at both the local and regional level in central Vermont.

Spring 2014 saw the competition of the feasibility study to examine the best alternatives to improve safety and mobility for bicyclists and walkers along the Route 2 corridor between Richmond village and the Exit 11 park and ride facility. The Town of Richmond received technical assistance from the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization to conduct the study and the final report outlined a conceptual shared use path along Route 2. Unfortunately due to railroad right-of-way restrictions on a portion of the "preferred alternative" path, it maybe sometime before the reality of the path will be realized.

Throughout 2014, the Planning Commission worked to complete the re-write of the Flood Hazard Overlay District Regulations. This being the number work priority of the 7-member board. The flood regulations have been forward onto the Selectboard who are expected to hold a public hearing in January 2015. Major changes to the flood regulations included clarifying which small maintenance and repair projects are exempt from review and the prohibition of the development of new dwelling units in the floodplain. In addition to the flood regulations the Planning Commission also supported the creation of a "Richmond Flood Hazard Overlay District Regulations and Post Flood Procedure" document. This document provides Planning and Zoning staff additional guidance on the administration of the flood regulations to ensure property owners are appropriately informed of flood requirements for the purpose of compliance with the

National Flood Insurance Program.

Additionally new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps finally went into effect for the Town of Richmond in August 2014 following a multi-year update process by FEMA. The Town under took outreach activities to informal property owners of the map changes. Under the new maps more properties and structures are now considered to be located with the special flood hazard area (aka the floodplain) and as a result an increase number of structures and properties will be subject to review under the new Flood Hazard Regulations.

Throughout the fall of 2014 the Planning Commission focused on revising the Gateway Commercial Zoning Regulations. The Planning Commission was encouraged by the Selectboard to complete revisions before the New Year to coincide with the results of the Sewer and Water Expansion Feasibility Study, which also focuses on the Gateway area. The process of revising the regulations elicited a spirited conversation about economic development, the future vision of Richmond and the Town Plan.

The current Town Plan was originally written in 2007 and readopted in 2012 and will expire in early 2017. The process of updating an outdated town plan can take considerable time and resources, especially for a small town. In December 2014 the Town was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant to help with this effort. The process of rewriting the town plan will include community forums and workshops and additional methods of gathering public input to help shape the future vision of Richmond. Community conversations during this process will cover topics such as economic development, flood resiliency, density, traffic and transportation, natural resources, and housing. We look forward to embarking on this project.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Town Center meeting room. As always, Planning Commission meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your input and ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Fausel – Chair, Bruce LaBounty – Vice Chair, Ann Cousins, Sean Foley, Marc Hughes, Bruce LaBounty, Lauck Parke, and Brian Tellstone

ZONING ADMINISTRATION

The Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible for the administrative review, implementation, and enforcement of Town regulations and ordinances related to land development and use. If you have any questions about whether a project or use is subject to regulation, please stop by or call the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town Center for more information and guidance. Permits are required for such activities as new construction, deconstruction of buildings, site alterations (removing/adding fill, digging etc.), renovations and additions, fences, decks/porches, home occupations, signs, and changes of use. This list is not exhaustive, so it's best to look at the regulations or call the Planning and Zoning Office to confirm. Permits applications are available at the Town Center or online at the town website.

If a project is being planned, please note that certain time frames apply. Once a complete application is received, the Zoning Administrative Officer has 30 days to make a decision [VSA§4448(d)]. After a permit application is approved, there is an additional 15-day appeal period where an “interested person” may appeal the Zoning Administrative Officer’s decision, and no work may commence until this period expires [VSA§4465(a)]. Please plan your work with these time frames in mind.

If you have any concerns about construction or activities taking place that are possible zoning violations, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office. Zoning Violation Reporting Forms are also available at the Town Center or online at the town website. You may remain anonymous if you so choose when reporting potential violations.

Additionally, as the Town E-911 Coordinator, the Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible for updating emergency 911 information, including the creation of new roads created by subdivisions and new construction to maintain accurate mail, home delivery and emergency service information. Please remember to post your house number within view from the road to assist emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal Leitner
 Zoning Administrative Officer
 adminofficer@gmavt.net
 802-434-2430

Zoning & Construction Permits By Type	# of Permits 2012	# of Permits 2013	# of Permits 2014
Highway Dept. Access Permit	6	9	7
Highway Dept. Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit	8	9	5
Accessory Dwelling	0	1	1
Accessory Structure	40	30	22
Addition and Renovation	25	30	21
Administratively Created Lot	2	0	1
Boundary Adjustment	0	2	2
Certificate of Occupancy	43	42	34
Certificate of Occupancy – for Tropical Storm Irene damage	3	0	0
Change in Use	6	4	3
Deconstruction of Dwelling/Structure	2	4	0
Home Occupation	1	4	1
Mobile Home Replacement	1	2	2
New Construction Commercial	0	1	0
New Construction Residential Dwelling	9	11	7
Pool	4	2	0
Rebuild Residential Dwelling	3	1	1
Request for Permit Information	15	32	21
Sign	4	2	4
Site Alteration	26	11	9
Zoning Permit – for Tropical Storm Irene damage	22	0	0
Zoning Amendment or Minor Site Plan Amendment	8	1	2
TOTAL ZONING & CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (does not include Highway Department permits)	214	186	143

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Town of Richmond Development Review Board (DRB) conducts public hearings for land development, including applications for conditional use, site plan reviews, land development, and development in floodplains. The DRB also considers appeals of decisions by the Zoning Administrative Officer and variance requests.

Application Number	Parcel Code	Applicant Name	Application Type	Decision
14-006	EM0010	Greensea Systems, Inc	Conditional Use for a Change of Use	Approved
14-011	WM0840	Robert & Joy Reap	Conditional Use of a Change of Use	Approved
14-012	HU3255	Alison L. Anand	Conditional Use for development in the floodplain	Approved
14-013	HU3255	Alison L. Anand	Final Review, 2-lot Subdivision	Approved
14-015	DG1844	Michael & Martha Marciel	Conditional Use for a setback modification	Approved
14-019	BA0024	Bakerville, LLC	Conditional Use for addition of accessory unit	Approved
14-020	WM0282	Grapevine Properties	Conditional Use for the additional dwelling units	Approved
14-027	KR095	Eden Sand & Gravel	Conditional Use for extension on implementing reclamation plan	Approved
14-039	LP0134	Ellen Kraft	Conditional Use for expansion of home childcare to childcare center	Approved
14-063	JR0708 & HS0060	Town of Richmond, Kirk & Morgan, Bessett & Miller	Prelim and Final Review for subdivision of 2 lots to create 1 new lot	Approved
14-132	BR0040	Dennis Bender	Site plan review for a change of use	Approved
14-151	EM0287	Michael Perrault	Conditional use for change of use	Approved

During calendar year 2014, the DRB reviewed applications, conducted hearings, and made decisions for 12 land development applications (which is less than half the DRB's 2013 decisions for 30 applications).

This year the DRB said goodbye to members Fred Fortune and Anne McLaughlin and welcomed Alternate Brad Worthen to more regular meetings and also welcomed new member Cara LaBounty.

Also, in early 2014, after 6 years the Town said goodbye to Town Planner Cathleen Gent and welcomed Clare Rock to the position. Prior to joining the municipal staff in Richmond, Clare's experience included working in land use regulation and planning at both the local and regional level in central Vermont.

The Development Review Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Richmond Town Center Meeting Room and other times as needed. The Development Review Board welcomes and encourages the participation of the Richmond citizens at its hearings. Input from neighbors and interested parties assist the Development Review Board with its analysis of a project and decision-making.

Hearings/meetings are advertised via newspaper, on Town Center meeting bulletin boards, and on the town web site. Additional information for each meeting is available from the Town Planner/Staff to the DRB at the Planning & Zoning Office at 434-2430 or townplanner@gmavt.net. The DRB members are **David Sunshine, Chair; Steve Ackerman, Vice-Chair; Mike Donohue, Cara LaBounty, Brad Worthen, Alternate.**

RICHMOND HEALTH OFFICER

During calendar year 2014 I, as your Town Health Officer, have dealt with several dog bite incidents, two of which required medical attention for the human victim. Over the years, I have developed an informal policy that if a dog is responsible for two dog bite incidents the dog must permanently leave Richmond. For the safety of Richmond residents, especially children, I have required enforcement of this policy.

The Town Manager and I negotiated with a landlord to close an apartment unit due to poor insulation levels. Our inspection of the unit revealed that when the outside temperature was zero, the fully heated interior temperature was only in the 40's and 50's. The landlord agreed to close the rental unit and the tenants were relocated. In the fall of 2013 I was asked by an anonymous resident to inspect the eight unit residential rental property located on West Main Street. In the inspection it was determined that there might be some lead paint associated with exterior paint. The owners agreed to fully encapsulate the exterior paint with new wall and window siding. They completed the exterior remodeling this summer and the apartment complex looks sound and attractive.

Several neighbors at the Greystone development were plagued with a failed septic system at a common leach field area in a residential backyard. After an initial investigation by me, I included the Town Manager and Waste Water Department for advice. It was ultimately determined which resident needed to install a replacement septic system. That upgrade is underway.

If you have any public health concerns in Richmond like those mentioned above, please call me at 434-2789 or at 871-4415.

Wright Preston, Richmond Health Officer

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The mission of the Conservation Commission is to assist residents and town officials in recognizing and protecting the natural, scenic, recreational, historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, and archaeological resources located within the town. The Conservation Commission had a relatively busy year in 2014, and we made progress on a number of fronts.

2014 began with excitement about a new inventory of Richmond's natural resources and with concerns about potential loss of Gillett Pond. In a busy year that saw several members come or go from the Conservation Commission, we again put Conservation Reserve Funds to good use, prepared for a Fund renewal vote slated for March 2015, assisted with coordination of Green Up Day and storm water management outreach activities, continued invasive species control efforts in the floodplain forest and helped monitor Huntington River water quality for another season.

In January, Arrowwood Environmental presented the most comprehensive maps to date of natural communities and wildlife habitats in Richmond and four neighboring towns. These maps and other results of the Science to Action project shine new light on Richmond's most important and most vulnerable natural resources and will be valuable tools for protecting special, natural features as our town strives to grow sustainably. As we look forward to putting these tools to work for the town, we are also planning events to increase awareness and appreciation of the wild creatures and natural communities with whom we share life in this beautiful place.

Just as these new tools for resource protection became available, citizens were learning of a new threat to Gillett Pond – arguably one of Richmond's most beloved natural areas. Owners of the pond's aging stone dam were poised to remove it, as recommended by the State. Huntington and Richmond residents formed a "friends" group in an attempt to save the pond. The Town (Selectboard and Conservation Commission) and many others urged the State to allow time for negotiation of a mutually beneficial solution. Thanks to a groundswell of public support and the efforts of many, a deal appears to have been negotiated that may allow the pond to persist into the foreseeable future.

The Conservation Reserve Fund was tapped twice in 2015. \$6,564 was awarded to Richmond Congregational Church to assist with restoration and protection of stained glass windows on the Bridge Street side of the historic church building. This expenditure was matched by \$12,423 from other funders. Richmond Land Trust successfully applied for \$64,000 in funding (leveraging an additional \$83,250) to acquire 22 acres of wetlands and undeveloped uplands west of Camel's Hump Middle School and the cemetery on U.S. Route 2. Along with protection of the parcel's wetlands and stream corridor the project has great potential to provide the schools and the town with new educational and recreational opportunities – possibly including a winter sliding hill.

Green Up Day coordination duties migrated back to the Conservation Commission in 2014. Commissioners Joe McHugh and Ernie Buford helped to organize another highly productive Green Up effort with a big assist from veteran coordinators Martha

Turner, Dean Batt and Amy Powers, but most of the credit goes to all of you who helped clean up our roadsides and to Linda Parent at the Town Center, Pete Gosselin at the Highway Department and many other volunteers who make this annual event run smoothly. Look for a more detailed account elsewhere in the Town Report.

Residents of Richmond and other nearby, Winooski River towns benefited in 2014 from outreach and education efforts by Friends of the Winooski River, who have been working to raise awareness about storm water management. Front Porch Forum posts and Times Ink! articles were supplemented with individual consultations and a popular build-your-own-rain-barrel workshop. The Conservation Commission helped coordinate the Friends' local efforts in 2014 and will continue to provide assistance as their work continues in 2015.

The Great Richmond Root-Out! was on the job again in 2014, continuing efforts to control Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Phragmites, Honeysuckle and Japanese Barberry in the Winooski River floodplain (and adjacent lands). This year the Great Richmond Root-Out! focused on continued cutting and treating of established infestations as well as identifying and eradicating new infestations before they became well-established. Monitoring indicates that our efforts over the past five years have resulted in greater than 95% reductions throughout the project area.

Now in its tenth year, the Huntington River Conservation Partnership (HRCP) continued water quality monitoring on the Huntington River in 2014. With laboratory support from a Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation Larosa Grant, a large number of volunteers from Huntington and Richmond sampled numerous locations along the length of the Huntington River on a weekly basis for bacterial contamination with *E. coli*. Some 20 volunteers, to whom many thanks are owed, collected samples throughout the summer.

We had uncommonly low levels of *E. coli* contamination this past summer in comparison to previous years. There was but one day when bacteria counts were high watershed-wide, at that not anywhere near the high marks we've hit in past years. The dry summer with fewer rain events in the hours before weekly samples were collected would appear to be one of the reasons for low values based on prior results indicating a strong dependence of results on the pattern and timing of precipitation. Details can be found on the website at www.huntingtonriver.org

After a period of difficulty keeping the Conservation Commission fully assembled, we were happy to experience an influx of new members in 2014. Change is not always easy, however, and we wistfully tip our hats to Jayne Sheridan, Joe McHugh and Wright Preston, who have moved on to other endeavors. Many thanks for your service, Jayne, Joe and Wright!

If any of the preceding kindles your interest or if you have your own inspiration for contributing to conservation projects in town, please attend a meeting or consider joining the Conservation Commission. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Richmond Town Center.

Respectfully submitted, the Richmond Conservation Commission:
Ernie Buford (Chair), Alison Anand, Frederick Barrett, Bob Low, Judy Rosovsky, Andy Solomon and Elizabeth Wright.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2014 RHS Officers

Fran Thomas – President

Martha Turner – Vice President

Karen Yaggy – Secretary

Joyce White – Treasurer

Round Church

The Round Church is in good shape structurally as a result of several major projects in the past ten years. It is, however, continually in need of minor maintenance. In 2015 we plan to add several railings, one to the front entrance and two to the north entrance, as well as hydraulics to the hatch cover. We also hope to improve outside lighting by the front door and will need to schedule some inside and outside painting in the near future.

RHS Highlights

February - Annual Meeting and Winter Program - Paul Wood, sponsored in part by the Vermont Humanities Council, presented the program “Inventive Vermonters – a Sampling of Farm Tools and Implements.”

April – “The Day Downtown Richmond Burned,” an article by Martha Turner about the fire of 1908, was published in the Burlington Free Press.

May – Hosted a successful work day at the Round Church to clean the inside of the church, wash windows and spruce up the grounds around the church.

June – With the help of Tim Whiteford, the Historical Society sponsored the first of four summer concerts in the Round Church. The Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble delighted all those in attendance with an evening of wonderful music.

Martha Turner’s “Richmond’s Historic Gem,” an article about the Round Church, was published in the Burlington Free Press.

July – Pipers Den filled the church with a great variety of Irish Music in early July and Jon Gailmor delighted families with a concert especially for young children at the end of the month.

The Historical Society signed a Property Access Easement Deed with the Town of Richmond allowing for improved access to the Richmond Water Resources Pump House via the Historical Society parking lot. The Town will now maintain the entrance from Bridge Street to the parking lot and will continue to mow the grass parking lot into perpetuity.

August – Dan Kennedy performed on the piano with an upbeat, rhythmic brand of contemporary music.

September - Young Tradition Vermont delighted all with traditional fiddle tunes and Bill Ellis showcased his ability as a renowned Blues guitarist in a joint concert.

October – Harriet Riggs’ “Richmond’s Gothic Revival Showpiece”, on the former Universalist Church/RES school cafeteria and gym that is now the Richmond Free Library, was published in the Burlington Free Press.

November – Annual potluck dinner – A showing

of four excellent videos filmed by four local student interns (Matthew Pawlowski, Elizabeth Cummin, Kamli Faour and Ian Orlando) as part of MMCTV’s Memory Map program. The videos relate some of the history of Richmond’s Cochran Road, Main Street, Gillett Pond Road and Bridge St.

December – Annual Round Church Carol Sing – two sessions again led by Tom Walters and friends. Thanks to Tom and friends for helping to continue this tradition, whatever the temperature inside of the church.

Co-sponsored a Round Church New Year’s Eve Concert for the benefit of the Gillett Pond Fund.

Preservation and Display Efforts

Karen Yaggy continues to catalog items from the collection of Harriet Riggs as well as newly donated items such as those received from Janice Stafford, a former RHS president. We are fortunate that our Town Clerk, Linda Parent, has made space available in the Town Vault for a portion of our collection. As space in the vault is becoming limited and we continue to receive items related to the history of Richmond, we find ourselves in need of a permanent space for storage and possible display.

Karen has also created a number of displays for our display case in the Richmond Free Library. Check out the case when you are in the library. The library is also the home to the drum head that was part of a bass drum used by members of the Richmond Cornet Band in the early 1900’s. Donated to the Historical Society by John Petersen, the drum head was restored and then placed in an archival frame.

Round Church Volunteers - Weddings and tourists continue to be the main sources of the income needed to maintain the Round Church. Our volunteer guides from late May until mid-October welcomed visitors from 48 states and 26 countries. Volunteers also assisted at 15 weddings, Thanks to Martha Turner, guide coordinator and Emily Johnson, wedding/church use coordinator for their efforts. **We have an urgent need for someone to take over the position of wedding coordinator**, as Emily will be moving out of state in the near future. The wedding coordinator is responsible for scheduling weddings and the corresponding volunteer host/hostess for each wedding. Without this person it may be difficult for the Historical Society to accommodate weddings, thus impacting our fund balance for maintenance of the church.

The Historical Society is always in need of more involvement by members of the community. Any organization can become stagnant without new members and new ideas. Please contact one of our members if you wish to be involved in preserving and sharing Richmond’s history, guiding or helping with weddings at the Round Church, or in any aspect of the historical society. For more information, visit our website at www.oldroundchurch.com or write to us at rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

RICHMOND RECREATION

The Recreation Committee is working hard to bring tennis courts to Richmond. After a few false starts, we hope to begin the construction of three courts and a practice wall this spring or early summer. In July, Principal Mark Carbone donated land at Camels Hump Middle School. Pete Pochop of Green Mountain Engineering and Greg Rabideau of Rabideau Architects have also donated services. We have applied to several grants, including from the US Tennis Association, the Land and Water Works Conservation Fund, and from Ronald McDonald Charities. If these grants are awarded, we will still rely on generous donations (monetary and otherwise) from citizens of Richmond and Friends of Richmond Tennis (FORT) to reach the estimated \$150,000-\$180,000. Any services or materials will facilitate the realization of this goal and would be greatly appreciated by FORT. Tax-deductible donations can be made to Friends of Richmond Tennis at P.O. Box 123, Richmond VT 05477 and to Go Fund Me at <http://www.gofundme.com/richmondtennis>. For more information or to join the FORT newsletter, please email isabelle.rabideau@gmail.com.

Events are held at Volunteers Green throughout the year. The playground is used by youngsters and their families, along with the picnic tables. The Green hosts youth soccer, baseball and t-ball. The Richmond Farmer's Market brings crowds to the Green June through October. The Richmond Community Band performs at the bandstand for their summer concerts. The entire park is used

for the annual July 4th celebration.

Many people bring their dogs to the park for exercise. Please remember that there is a leash law at the park. Please clean up after your pet. Disposable bags are provided at several stations in park. The used bags may be disposed of in the trash barrels provided.

We appreciate the Richmond Highway Department for maintaining the parking lot and mowing the green. Thank you to Karen and Harland Stockwell for maintaining the restrooms and the concession stand facilities.

Reservations are required to use the band shell and playing fields. To reserve a date and time, please contact our Town Manager, Geoff Urbanik at 4634-5170. There is a small fee for these reservations. Reservations forms can be found at the town office and on the town website www.richmondvt.gov

The most important thing that the committee needs is volunteers! It does take a lot of effort to maintain the park, but many hands make for light work. Does your family enjoy all that Volunteers Green has to offer? If so, please contact us to make a difference in your community.

Isabelle Rabideau, Robin Rabideau, Jan Spence & Harland Stockwell, Recreation Committee

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT FOR RICHMOND, VT

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

Supported healthy schools: Worked with the schools in your community to support the school wellness policies, nutrition, physical activity and substance abuse prevention initiatives.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: Half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 benefit from WIC; Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program. WIC provides individualized nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and a debit card to buy fruits and vegetables. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. In Richmond, 70 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. WIC families supported farmers by purchasing Vermont grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets around Chittenden County by redeeming \$12, 216 in Farm to Family coupons.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014 we responded to 336 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71

of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$4,544,556.55 of which was in your district's area.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction at the State House the District Office and United Way have been in partnership with multiple stakeholders to organize follow-up community conversations on opiate addiction and solutions. The first follow-up meeting on August 5th, was attended by over 100 people from across the county and identified several topics for further education and dialogue.

Emergency Preparedness: The Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was established. This is a group of health care and public health volunteers, who are trained to provide support to the hospital, the Health Department, and communities. The MRC worked with a volunteer group – Chittenden County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide training on emergency preparedness to people over age 65. Contact **Susanna Weller** at susanna.weller@state.vt.us to volunteer with the MRC.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/>

VTDeptHealthChittendenCo and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

GREATER BURLINGTON INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (GBIC)

All of what makes Vermont a special place to live, work, and raise a family depends on a healthy and competitive economy. A quality environment, meaningful social programs, vibrant communities and economic opportunity for current and future generations of Vermonters all hinge on the capacity of the state's economy to generate the required public resources.

Over the past year the Town of Richmond and its residents have benefited in several ways from GBIC's initiatives. GBIC has worked with value-added and manufacturing businesses to ensure that their needs are met and they are able to continue to provide high-paying jobs in Chittenden County. GBIC continues to work with the state and local government to strengthen the local economy and provide jobs for all residents.

GBIC also continued to work closely in cooperation with Vermont Technology Council and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technology to develop the young businesses with dynamic growth potential to provide the future job opportunities for Richmond and the region.

GBIC has worked on several initiatives for benefit of our County and our region. Updating the Chittenden County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy potentially enables Chittenden County organizations and municipalities to apply for and receive up to 50% federal funding for projects that directly aid and support economic development.

GBIC provides the following core economic development programs and services to the municipalities and value-added businesses of Chittenden County.

- Economic Incentives Assistance to Municipalities
- Permit Facilitation Services
- Business retention/expansion support
- Business Resource Forums
- Regional Promotion & Marketing
- Incentive Program Assistance
- VEDA Financing Assistance
- Legislative & Government Advocacy
- Workforce Education & Training
- Business Development Support
- Comprehensive Economic Development
- Business Recruitment Services Strategy

JULY 4, 2014 ~ PARADE & HORSE AWARDS

Parade Awards ~ Sponsored by Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom

- 1st Place ~ Buddy Dubay & the Minor Key
- 2nd Place ~ Dancing in the Streets-Russell, Peet, Alexander & Goudreau
- 3rd Place ~ Rope, Rock & Roll - Cochran Ski Club

Walking Float ~ Richmond Girl Scouts Troop 30349

- Judges Medals ~ Greased Lightning - Matt Felis & Linda Parent
 ~ Town Manager & his Crazy Family- Urbanik Family
 ~ Rocking in the Market- Richmond Corner Market & Beverage

- Honorable Mention Ribbons ~ Friends with Dogs & Goats
 ~ Star Dog
 ~ Girls Hockey Rocks
 ~ Rock & Roll Huge Red Truck

Horse Awards ~ Sponsored by Yogi Wortheim

Draft Trophy ~ Buck & Dick - Kilpeck Family

Pony Trophy ~ Libby - Kate O'Brien

- Riding Horse Trophy ~ Mouse - Emma Robin
 ~ MJ - Lizzie Post
 ~ Lotta Rosen - Lucy
 ~ Paloo - Jeff Davis

- Judges Medals ~ Willow - Margaret Murray
 ~ Silver - Bella Norris
 ~ Pony Bella - Izzy Billingsley

- Honorary Mention Ribbon ~ Pete B - Jen Grenier
 ~ Lilly - Zoey Buffum
 ~ Cricket - Jessie Gasset
 ~ The Dog Lilly Owned - Karroll Murray
 ~ The Goat Bell - Chloe O'Brien



The Resource for seniors and their caregivers in the Champlain Valley

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING, INC. has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 30 years. During this past year, CVAA provided services to 70 older residents of Richmond. CVAA is grateful to the citizens of Richmond for their ongoing support of services for area seniors.

THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND INCLUDE:

MEALS ON WHEELS ~ CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal. This past year 14 Richmond seniors participated in the Meals on Wheels program.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS ~ Richmond seniors attend CVAA community meals and participate in the CVAA restaurant ticket program. In addition to a nutritious meal, the community meal provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone. Over 38 Richmond seniors participated in the community meals program.

CASE MANAGEMENT ~ CVAA Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. France O'Brien, the CVAA Case Manager for Richmond, worked with 29 seniors in your town. France may be reached through the CVAA office at 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AGENCY,
OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,
CALL 865-0360 OR 1-800-642-5119 (VOICE/TTY)
YOU MAY ALSO VISIT US AT: WWW.CVAA.ORG

PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

The July 4th parade theme was "I Love Rock & Roll". The music and floats were great. We even got the Town Clerk out there in a poodle skirt!

The Grand Marshalls of the parade this year were the members of the Camels Hump Middle School and Richmond Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams. After the parade, the celebration continued at Volunteer's Green, with fun, food and music for all. Car show enthusiasts and auction participants had plenty to keep them busy. The Richmond Community Band performed an outstanding concert at the band shell. The fireworks display was spectacular.

Thanks are extended to our major sponsors Richmond Home Supply, Jamieson Insurance, Richmond Market & Beverage, Blue Flame Gas, P&P Septic and Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom. Thanks to Mt Mansfield Community Television for the live broadcast of the parade.

We look forward to the 2015 parade & festivities. Please consider volunteering some time...it is fun. We can always use more help with the coin drop 2 weeks before the 4th...you can be an active part in Richmond's biggest party.

RICHMOND STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Anne O'Brien

There is so much work that happens in Montpelier each biennium it can be tricky for the average person to keep track of it all. During the 2013-2014 session we accomplished many significant improvements for economic development, education, clean energy, and public safety.

- We now have comprehensive universal pre-kindergarten to ensure all Vermont children have access to high quality early education.
- Our minimum wage will increase to \$10.50 over the next four years and give working families a pathway out of poverty.
- Vermont has banned hand held cell phone use while driving
- We enacted the first GMO labeling requirement which will allow consumers to make informed decisions about the food we buy.
- The statute of limitation on certain sex crimes against children was increased to 40 years.

Here are some more of the highlights which may be of interest to you.

GROWING JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The legislature boosted VEDA's Vermont Entrepreneurial Lending Program by \$500,000 to encourage investment in start-up tech and other companies that promote high-value jobs for Vermonters. We also increased funding to Vermont's 12 Regional Development Corporations and the Small Business Development Center, both of which provide assistance to Vermont entrepreneurs starting or growing their own businesses.

The Vermont Enterprise Incentive Fund was created to allow Vermont to act quickly to attract and/or retain companies with substantial statewide or regional employment opportunities.

The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative was increased 5% this session. This initiative invests in Farm-to-Plate, agriculture, and forestry based businesses.

The Downtown Tax Credit Program was increased to continue the growth and revitalization of Vermont's downtowns and villages.

A first-in-the-nation law was passed which will bring specialized insurance companies to Vermont that will increase revenues to the state and create a wide variety of high-value, well-paying financial-sector job opportunities

We paid off a loan owed to the U.S. Department of Labor two years early for money the State borrowed during the great recession to bolster the then-depleted Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, saving Vermont businesses money on Federal Unemployment Tax payments. The Brownfield Economic Revitalization Alliance was launched to quickly and efficiently move complex brownfield projects to redevelopment, fostering new economic opportunities as a result.

Provisions were put in place to protect Vermont's downtowns through smart housing and corridor development, better regulation of floodplain and river corridors, and greater benefits for development-ready downtown projects. Vermont's telecommunications and connectivity goals were updated after three productive years bringing broadband to just about every corner of the state.

TACKLING OPIATE ADDICTION IN VERMONT

The Governor proposed and the legislature supported a significant increase in our investments in drug treatment and addiction recovery to eliminate waiting lists. This helps to achieve the goal of having treatment and recovery services immediately available to every Vermonter in need.

We implemented statewide evidence-based assessments and pre-trial services to move addicted Vermonters who have committed certain crimes to support their habits into treatment when appropriate. The funding permits State's Attorneys to create intervention programs for those arrested, and will allow judges to review assessments and set conditions before trial that include treatment where appropriate. This saves money in the criminal justice system and helps Vermonters get care.

At the same time the new law provides judges with the option of tougher sentencing of individuals transporting drugs into Vermont and for those who use dangerous weapons to break into homes and steal property to support a drug habit.

Stricter standards were created so doctors are able consult the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System to ensure patients are not doctor-shopping to feed prescription opiate addictions.

EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VERMONT'S CHILDREN

A law was passed which expands access to universal pre-kindergarten education to all three and four year-olds so every child in Vermont will have an opportunity to arrive at kindergarten ready to learn. The State of Vermont secured a \$37 million federal grant to support early childhood education programs to help give Vermont kids a strong start.

We have invested in more state support for dual enrollment to allow Vermont students to complete a full year of college during their senior year at no cost. This makes higher education more accessible to Vermont students and more affordable for their parents.

The legislature passed the Vermont Strong Scholars program to pay for up to one year of college-level tuition for any Vermont student who studies at a Vermont college or university and stays to work in an emerging sector in Vermont. Combined with expanded early college and dual enrollment programs, Vermont students can now receive up to two years of free college tuition.

Flexible pathways were created to support secondary school completion and to increase Vermont students' individual options while fostering a connection between school and careers.

CHARTING A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE FOR VERMONT

The legislature voted to expand net metering to allow more Vermont homeowners, businesses, farms and communities to install small-scale solar or other renewables that will cut energy bills, reduce reliance on dirty fuels and create jobs.

There has been more investment in increased energy efficiency in state buildings, a move that will reduce the state's energy bill by between 5 percent and 10 percent every year.

The state reached an agreement with Entergy to close Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant at the end of 2014. Entergy will also set aside a new \$25 million fund to ensure the site is restored after decommissioning.

An agreement was also reached to link Burlington and Montréal with more than 20 charging stations installed along the route that will give electric vehicle drivers assurance that they can charge when needed between Vermont and Québec.

REBUILDING VERMONT'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

This session saw the largest investments in transportation infrastructure in our states history. This was accomplished through a combination of state, federal, and local funds to address the needs of over 100 bridges, perform preventative maintenance on dozens of other structures, and improve more than 370 miles of pavement. We need solid roads and bridges to get to work every day, this is critical for Vermont's economy to thrive.

HELPING VULNERABLE VERMONTERS

A significant accomplishment of this session was the increase in minimum wage. In each of the next four years the minimum wage will increase up to \$10.50 by 2018, giving a boost to thousands of hard-working Vermonters who deserve a paycheck that gives them a fighting chance to get ahead.

We passed the first-in-the-nation ban on predatory lending practices that target seniors' hard-earned pensions. Vermont Rental Subsidy Program was increased to help families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to find permanent housing.

Investments were made to help support Vermont emergency shelters and increase Family Supportive Housing, which provides case management and aid to homeless families as they find housing. We reformed the state's Reach Up and Reach Ahead assistance programs to help make sure that going to work pays for low-income Vermonter's. A new law ensuring respectful and inclusive language is used in all state statutes for individuals with disabilities helped us to put to rest some old terminology which was offensive.

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PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

This session added protections for Vermonters who are victims of domestic abuse to ensure weapons relinquished by those subject to a relief from abuse order are stored safely and effectively. The law was updated to prohibit rapists from obtaining visitation or custody rights to children conceived as a result of sexual assault.

PROVIDING FOR VERMONT'S VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

We passed a law to lower the disability threshold for veterans to obtain a free hunting or fishing licenses. There is now an expedited process for issuing professional licenses to members of the Armed Forces and their families, allowing easier licensing for veterans and supporting military spouses whose careers have been relocated because of their family's service to their country. There is a new Vermont driver's licenses and non-driver ID cards designating veteran status. Healthcare and public education systems that are accessible and affordable for all Vermonters are two major challenges that continue. We will keep at it. It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please contact me anytime at 434-4250 or aobrien@leg.state.vt.us.

**SAVING A TREASURE ~
GILLETT POND**

Gillett Pond has long been a haven for wildlife, and a scenic and recreational treasure for people throughout its surrounding communities. Recently, however, the Pond's owners, the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, decided to divest themselves of the property and their rights to its historically important dam. That led citizens of Richmond and Huntington to create the Friends of Gillett Pond (FoGP) to ensure the future of the Pond.

In 2014, the Richmond Land Trust in partnership with FoGP signed an agreement with the Girl Scouts to purchase the Pond, adjoining land and dam rights with the goal of conserving the area and preserving public access. Initial fundraising began during the year and as of this writing the purchase is scheduled for February, 2015.

The next step will be to come up with a plan and estimate for repairing the 100+-year-old dam that the Pond needs to survive. Funding for dam repair will include requests to Richmond's and Huntington's conservation funds, grant applications and public contributions. In the meantime, FoGP and the Richmond Land Trust thank all who have already contributed to preserving this precious natural and recreational resource for future generations. Details and information on contributing can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/GillettPond> <http://tinyurl.com/fofgp> submitted by: Friends of Gillett Pond

Visiting Nurses Association

The VNA cared for 83 people in Richmond during our past fiscal year (July 2013– June 2014) with the following services:

VNA PROGRAM OR SERVICE	VISITS	DAYS	HOURS
Nursing	305		
Physical Therapy	258		
Speech Therapy	12		
Occupational Therapy	58		
Social Work, Social Service	77		
Licensed Nursing Assistant			87
Waiver Attendant			552
Personal Care Attendant			313
Hospice and Palliative Care		86	
Total	710 Visits	86 Days	952 Hours

Cost of Providing Care	Amount
Total cost of VNA services provided in Richmond	\$153,944
Amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contracts and patient fees	\$144,253
Remaining care expense	\$9,693

Thanks to the generous support of individual donations, private foundations, the United Way, and cities and towns across Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, the VNA is able to provide care to all who need our service. Thank you for your fiscal year 2014 donation of \$9,834.

Contact the VNA 802- 658-1900 www.vnacares.org info@vnacares.org



LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

The Lake Iroquois Association was founded in 2007 to address the issue of water quality in the lake. This has been addressed through a combination of research, education and action plans to combat the influx of nutrients and additional invasive species into the lake. Through grant writing, volunteer efforts, and the support and cooperation of towns bordering the lake, a number of initiatives have taken place.

Among them, the project to improve drainage at the beach area continues to move forward. Grant money has been set aside, along with funds from the LIA, to carry out construction of a beach drainage plan in the spring of 2015. This will vastly improve storm water drainage during heavy rains, and prevent sections of the beach from washing into the lake.

A *State of the Lake* report has been compiled under the leadership of board member Dan Sharpe. It is an attractive, colorful and informative booklet that articulates the condition of the lake water over time, the health of the various tributaries which flow into the lake, and other significant data that will help to justify grant applications and provide towns with information around which to plan.

Our greeter station continues to provide education and boat inspections during summer weekends. Each year well over 1000 boats are inspected either entering or leaving the state fishing access. This last summer, one of

our greeters found Zebra Mussels on a boat being inspected. This invasive is common in Lake Champlain but so far has been prevented from infesting Lake Iroquois. This incident underlies the importance of the greeter program as a deterrent to the movement of invasive species.

The biggest issue facing the lake is its high nutrient content and the overwhelming invasion of Eurasian water milfoil. In the past five years, the presence of this weed has gone from being apparent in a few select places in the shallow areas of the lake to covering a wide swath of the lake bottom. The LIA Board is investigating the best ways to manage the proliferation of milfoil. There are no easy options. The solution to this major threat to this important recreational resource will necessitate the full cooperation of the towns bordering the lake.

The LIA has already taken the lead in researching best options by funding a professional survey of the lake. This survey, required by the state before any action can be taken, will provide a detailed analysis of the full extent of the problem and will recommend best practices going forward. We will then work with the towns and all stakeholders to determine the next steps in combatting this problem. We hope to have recommendations and begin discussion of possible solutions by early 2015. Only a long term, multi-party effort can keep this beautiful lake as a viable recreational resource.

LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT (LIRD)

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land, continues to serve the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment and walking trails. The beach area also continues to host birthday parties and other individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff continue to represent the bulk of our annual expenses. Water quality sampling continues on a weekly basis and results are within state limits for beach facilities.

The LIRD has been awarded an Ecosystem Restoration Grant to implement an ecological landscape design that was completed with a grant from last year. This project will be completed in the spring of 2015 and before we are opened for the season.

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. We will open for the 2015 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

- Bruce Hoar**, Chair – Richmond
- Dana Bingham**, Vice Chair – St. George
- Hans Dyhrman**, Secretary – Williston
- Michelle Fischer**, Treasurer – Hinesburg

WESTERN SLOPES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

A non-profit organization providing educational, networking and market opportunities. WSBA (formerly RABA) now encompasses Bolton, Richmond, Huntington – as well as Jericho and Underhill. WSBA offers year-round seminars and hosts events such as the Richmond Holiday Market and the Love Local wedding business event. WSBA boosts community in many ways, including its annual MMU graduate scholarships. For more info or to become a member contact: **Nick deTarnowsky** blueskyvtweddings@gmail.com Website: www.westernslopesvt.org



CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a 29-member board consisting of one delegate from each of the County's 19 municipalities; four at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental conservation, business, housing/socio-economic; and representatives from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Burlington International Airport (BIA) and a rail representative.

The CCRPC appreciates the opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. The CCRPC is a cooperative regional forum for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional planning issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and VTrans.

In FY15, the CCRPC will invest more than \$5 million dollars in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resource, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages \$4.5 million in federal and state investment with \$240,000 in municipal dues and another \$275,000 in local match for specific projects—a 9:1 return on investment.

TOWN OF RICHMOND ACTIVITIES

In FY2014, the CCRPC provided the following assistance to the Town of Richmond:

- Population forecasts - Provided estimates of future population consistent with past trends and ECOS growth strategy.
- LEOP - Offered assistance with the local emergency operations plan (LEOP) and provided all pertinent emergency planning, training, and grant opportunities.
- Staff assisted with information and details regarding new rules for Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) and flood resiliency planning requirements.
- Planning and zoning assistance for creamery site.
- Provided ongoing support and technical assistance for the ECOS-funded Science to Action project (Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond) which will inventory wildlife habitat, wetlands, uplands, natural communities and working lands, produce maps and draft bylaws to protect those resources, and offer technical assistance and education to town staff and residents in advancing goals related to those resources.

The CCRPC provided the following transportation assistance to the Town of Richmond:

- Traffic Counts
 - o Intersections: <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/data/traffic.php?town=RICHMOND&yrs=A&year=2013&count=TM>
 - o Roadways (AADT): <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/data/traffic.php?town=RICHMOND&yrs=A&year=2013&count=ATR>
 - o Bicycle & Pedestrian: <http://www.ccmpto.us/data/bikeped/>

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP – projects included in the State's Four Year Construction Program)

- US 2 Paving (Bolton-Richmond)
 - o \$8.8 million to pave 0.8 miles east of Williston town line extending 7.4 miles
- Richmond BR 32 on US 2 over Snipe Island Brook
 - o \$200,000 for FY15 preliminary engineering
- Richmond Park and Ride
 - o \$1.5 million for expansion of the existing park and ride lot

Scoping

- Richmond Route 2 Path Study – Project underway
- ### Transportation Demand Management
- Regional Transportation Demand Management pilot project (Go! Chittenden County) with local and regional transportation partners including:
 - o Expansion of TDM services through Campus Area TMA (CATMA) – Project underway
 - o Bike commuter workshops and walk/bike site assessments by Local Motion – Project underway

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ECOS Plan Annual Report – The ECOS Plan's first annual report on progress was made in January and can be found at ecosproject.com. The ECOS Plan is the combined Regional Plan, Transportation Plan, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Chittenden County.
- Emergency Management – The CCRPC assists all municipalities with updating basic emergency operations plans (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/em/>) and staffs Local Emergency Planning Committee 1 (LEPC 1) which consists of representatives from businesses, local government, emergency response organizations and citizen groups of Chittenden County municipalities <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/em/lepc/>.
- Regional Energy and Climate Action Planning – The CCRPC Board adopted the Chittenden County Regional Climate Action Guide in May 2014. <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/2014/03/climate-action-guide/>
- Transportation Improvement Program – The Federal Fiscal Year TIP for 2015 through 2018 was adopted by the CCRPC at its July 16, 2014 meeting (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/tip>). The TIP is a prioritized, multi-year list of transportation projects in Chittenden County. To receive federal funds, each transportation project, program or operation must be authorized through the TIP. The FY15-FY18 TIP includes nearly \$240 million in federal dollars for transportation projects within the county.
- CIRC Highway Alternatives Task Force – CCRPC staff, VTrans and the "CIRC Communities" (Colchester, Essex, Essex Junction, and Williston) completed a series of projects and planning activities which will aid in meeting the original Purpose and Need of the CIRC Highway Project, which broadly stated are mobility, congestion, transportation demand, safety, livability, and economic development. (<http://www.circ-taskforce.org/>)
- Transportation Demand Management – The CCRPC, along with regional and state partners, launched Go! Chittenden County, a one-stop-shop for information and advice about our region's transportation resources (www.gochittendencounty.org). The CCRPC participated in the 11th annual Way to Go! Commuter Challenge (www.waytogovt.org) the week of May 12-16 to encourage alternative transportation (non-single occupant vehicle travel) and demonstrate the environmental and financial benefits. Work also began on updating the regional

Intelligent Transportation System Plan which describes how to best use telecommunications and computing technology to boost the efficiency of roadway, transit and emergency and maintenance vehicle response systems, and provide timely information on travel options.

- Diversity & Equity – The CCRPC graduated its first class of participants from “Leadership for People of Color,” a leadership development program designed to prepare participants to become more actively involved in the decisions that impact our community. The CCRPC is updating the Public Participation Plan, which is focused on diversity and equity, and a public hearing is planned for October 2014.
- Regional Technical Assistance – Includes GIS mapping, model municipal plans, bylaw and ordinance revisions, Act 250 application reviews, grant administration, build-out analyses, orthoimagery acquisition, and improving the VT Online Bridge and Culvert Inventory Tool (<http://www.vtculverts.org/>). The CCRPC also provides Transportation Technical Assistance, Scoping and Corridor Study programs to help individual communities address their transportation issues. Regionally significant projects in 2013 included: the Railyard Enterprise Project and North Avenue Corridor Study (Burlington); I-89 Exit 17 (Colchester); Exit 12/Grid Streets and VT 2A/Industrial Avenue to James Brown Drive (Williston); VT 116 Corridor Study (Hinesburg) and Park & Ride Planning in Williston, Essex, Jericho, Underhill and Colchester.
- Education & Training – The CCRPC provided training on State Designation Programs and Affordable Housing. With local and state partners the CCRPC hosted the statewide 2014 Walk/Bike Summit in Burlington, attracting more than 200 participants. The CCRPC also continued hosting meetings and online webinars open to municipalities and regional partners covering topics such as Street Design for Form-Based Codes, Emerald Ash Borer, Innovative Tools to Measure Access to Op-

portunity, Strategies to Enable Winter Cycling and Walking, America’s Changing Demographics, NACTO Urban Design Guide, Green Parking, Sustainable Urban Mobility and Placemaking, VOBCIT/VT Culverts (<http://www.vtculverts.org/>), iPads in Public Works, Public Works Winter Forum and more.

- Neighbor Rides -- Nationally, one in five seniors aged 65 and older does not drive due to poor health, limited mobility, safety concerns or lack of access to a personal vehicle. Within Chittenden County, research done by UVM medical students found that among seniors who have limited or no access to a personal vehicle, 40% have difficulty getting to important daily activities and 69% sometimes or always delay their medical appointments due to transportation challenges. To help address this issue, the CCRPC is partnering with the United Way of Chittenden County, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, SSTA, CCTA, Fanny Allen Foundation, FAHC, UVM Center on Aging, and the Department of Vermont Health Access to implement the Neighbor Rides program. Since spring 2013, Neighbor Rides partners have been integrating volunteer drivers into human services transportation to add to the fleet of contracted vans and sedans in order to increase access to transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities by offering a lower-cost mode of transport. <http://www.unitedwaycc.org/volunteer/neighbor-rides-2/>

Town of Richmond Representatives to CCRPC

- CCRPC representative – **Chris Granda**
- CCRPC alternate – **Geoffrey Urbanik**
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – **Geoffrey Urbanik**
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – **Clare Rock**

For further information about the CCRPC please visit <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/> or contact CCRPC Executive Director, **Charlie Baker**, cbaker@ccrpcvt.org, 802-846-4490 x23.

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Riverview Cemetery was organized in 1856. It is located on eight acres on Route 2, west of the village. The Highway Department has done an excellent job of mowing and trimming at the cemetery. There are many grave sites available in the newer part of the cemetery. To inquire about the Cemetery or to purchase a burial site, please contact Linda Parent, Town Clerk. We try to enforce the rules of the Cemetery when it comes to decorating the cemetery plots. There is a written book with all Cemetery information in it, which is available at the Town Clerks office. Planting of flowers is permitted, but shall be contained within the 14” in front of the base of the monument. Artificial flowers are prohibited and will be removed by a cemetery designee. Trees and shrubs may not be planted in the Cemetery. Dogs are not allowed to roam the cemetery at any time. Signage has been posted this year to stress that the Riverview Cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. There is no legitimate reason for anyone to be in the cemetery after dark. Police are taking notice.

Included in the price of a burial plot is perpetual care for the grave stone. Many of the older stones have been worn and damaged over time. It is important to remember that cemeteries should not be used as playgrounds. Through the years many tombstones have been damaged by children climbing on them.

We would like to especially thank Mr. Scott Brown, a former Richmond resident, who has invested many dollars to have stones cleaned and repaired. Time and weather take their toll on the grave markers. The work that Mr. Brown has donated improves the beauty of the cemetery tremendously. Mr. Brown has also had stones cleaned and repaired at the Village Cemetery and the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cemetery. We gratefully thank him.

There is a lot of history and information to be found in our local cemeteries. There are several cemeteries in the Town of Richmond. Holy Rosary Cemetery is located at the end of Tilden Avenue. More information on burials there may be obtained at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church office. There are three cemeteries that no longer accept burials. They are St. Mary’s Cemetery located on Cochran Road, the Village Cemetery located on Bridge Street and the Hill Cemetery located on Cemetery Road. People doing genealogy research are welcome to stop by the Town Clerk’s Office. We will help you find where your relatives are buried. If anyone has any questions regarding the cemeteries, please contact a Cemetery Commissioner. Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners: **M. Eileen Buxton, Dennis Gile, Troy Liberty, Curran “Spike” Robinson and Linda M. Parent**

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to maintain these paths, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths.

The weather has been relatively kind this year. However, there were often downed trees, erosion, and other weather-related problems to be fixed, as well as maintenance of trails, bridges, etc. If you see a problem on any trail, let us know! The trails are even more enjoyable if you have helped out as a volunteer.

We continue to work with landowners to establish designated public-access trails. The Preston Forest Legacy land between Cochran and Thompson Roads now has an Upper Loop in addition to the Lower Loop trail, accessed from Cochran Road. This huge resource was generously made available for public use by the Preston family. These loops include three sections on private land, by generous agreements with the adjacent landowners. Note that logging on the Preston Forest Legacy land has required trail closures, please observe any 'Trails Closed' signs.

The Committee made a major redesign and update of the Richmond Trails maps with addition of the two loops on the Preston Forest Legacy land and trails established and maintained by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. The new maps are available at the Town offices and the Town's web site.

We have continued to work toward improved accommodation for non-motorized travel on West Main Street and Route 2 to the Park and Ride. The scoping study that investigated possibilities for improvement has presented a final report and recommends that shoulders be widened to three or four feet minimum when the scheduled rebuild of the roadway occurs. We wrote to the Select Board about the possible changes to zoning in the Gateway, emphasizing possible negative impact of additional traffic and ingress/egress to Route 2, and suggesting possible actions: (1) improving Route 2 between the Park and Ride and the Village to accommodate non-motorized travel; (2) including a separate 'frontage' road for safety and congestion reasons, noting that this might provide options for dedicated bike and pedestrian paths or lanes.

We hosted guided hikes on three of the trail systems. This was a great opportunity to let people know about these beautiful recreational resources in the Town.

Expenditures of our allocated \$1000 this year covered substantial ditching and drainage work on Old Jericho Road Trail, printing of the new Richmond Trails map, and various materials and supplies for trails maintenance and repair.

Thanks, as always, to landowners and to guardians of

conserved lands who facilitate public access to trails. Also, special thanks to work crews from Boy Scouts Troop 23 (led by Jon Low), Todd Liberty (excavator work), two people who made trail signs, and numerous Richmond residents who have responded to calls for volunteers to work on the trails. Committee member Tyler Merritt has put exceptional effort into establishing trails on the Preston Preserve. We have enjoyed excellent collaborations with the Richmond Land Trust, the Western Slopes Business Association, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Cross Vermont Trails Association, Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation and Local Motion.

Trails Committee members during 2014: John Hamerslough, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ian Stokes (chair), Martha Marciel, Steve Bower, Tyler Merritt, John Flanagan, Colin Green, Jackson Bressor, Jean Bressor, and Callie Ewald. Ashley Lucht served as Selectboard Liaison.

Let us know if you can help – watch for notices of work parties on Front Porch Forum. Contact the Committee with any questions or suggestions at trails@gmavt.net.



The Richmond Front Porch Forum continued to be heavily used over the past year. Local FPF members share about 300 postings each month with neighbors through their FPF. Topics include lost dogs, plumber recommendations, break-ins, snow tires for sale, borrowing ladders, speeding on town roads, and much more. The Richmond FPF started in 2006 and adds more participants and more postings every year. FPF has expanded to serve every town in Vermont, and the Richmond FPF continues to be one of the best used. FPF features a community calendar for Richmond, as well as the ability for members to see postings in FPF in neighboring towns. See more at FrontPorchForum.com

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder
FrontPorchForum.com
802-540-0069

Connect with more neighbors in 2015!
Send them to FrontPorchForum.com to join... now available
in every VT town.

MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION, INC.

MMCTV is the community access station on Comcast Cable Channel 15. We reach Richmond, Jericho and Underhill.

Based in Richmond, MMCTV provides some 350 hours a year of ultra-local programming –including key local government meetings – by our staff and local producers. We are on 24/7 and primarily air our own programs and those of other PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) channels in Vermont and the country. We provide free training and equipment to individuals, schools and nonprofits in our area to produce shows. Some locally-produced shows include Ask the Experts with Anne O’Brien, The Cuban Bridge and Farmers Talk.

A nonprofit, MMCTV has been providing coverage of local events since 1997. MMCTV is always looking for volunteers and underwriters.

You can post events on our community bulletin board. All our local productions are online at <http://vimeo.com/mmctv>

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CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

CUSI is a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing criminal response to reports of sexual assaults, serious child abuse and child fatalities. For over 20 years, the primary focus has been to protect and support all children, adults and families. CUSI defined what is now known as a true multi-disciplinary team (MDT) method to investigating crimes of this nature. The multidisciplinary team is the heart of CUSI and is composed of eight police detectives, a unit director, and victim advocate, in-house investigator with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and a dedicated prosecutor from the Chittenden County State’s Attorney’s Office. We work jointly with mental health providers, medical providers and Department of Corrections. In addition CUSI houses and supports the *Chittenden County Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)*.

The Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), working in tandem with CUSI is a 501c3 nonprofit entity offering a range of services to children and families affected by these crimes. The primary goal of The Children’s Advocacy Center is to ensure that children are not further traumatized by the interventions system designed to protect them. This program has many benefits, with an approach that allows for faster follow-up to child abuse reports, more efficient medical and mental health referrals, fewer child interviews, more successful prosecutions, and consistent support for child victims and their families.

CUSI and the *CAC* investigate these crimes in Chittenden County which consists of a population of approximately 158,000. On the average CUSI investigates 250 cases a year, nearly 65% of those cases involve child victims. In recent years we have noticed an increase in the complexity of cases given the large increase in computer usage and other devices.

The types of cases include: sexual assaults, lewd and lascivious conduct, serious child abuse, child deaths, sex offender registry violations and child pornography

CUSI works closely with the statewide *Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)*, *Hope-works*, and the *Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program* at the medical center, including the *Childsafe Clinic*. We continue to work with other collaborative partners throughout the county and our state as well.

In addition, CUSI provides trainings and other resources to area departments. Ongoing efforts include prevention education and outreach to citizens of Chittenden County.

RICHMOND AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

We have exciting happenings down at the Richmond Community Center (RATC).

Our biggest news is that Minor Key (MK) utilizes the Center for their practices. To those not familiar with Minor Key, they are a vibrant and talented group of young people who perform at venues around the state. Buddy Dubai, a teacher at Poker Hill School, leads the Minor Key with his great energy, musical talent and love for kids. Erin Wagg, who is a vital part of MK has done a phenomenal job at the Center, creating space for Minor Key and other music groups to gather.

Fisher Wagg, a very talented musician, (and former MK star) has plans to run with this idea. He has a vision of the Center being a niche for small band performances. Paige Schoppmann, has organized poetry slams for a few years now and we are honored to host her future poetry slams. These are fun nights that showcase great local talent! Look for notices of upcoming events at the Richmond Community Center and any other performances by our above-mentioned talented neighbors.

The Community Center can be used for a variety of purposes. We were pleased to be part of Western Slopes' very successful Holiday Market, accommodating a number of talented artists with their beautiful and varied crafts. The transformation into a craft haven is always fun and beautiful.

We are fortunate to collaborate with Marie Thomas and Our Community Cares Camp. OCCC uses the Center for some of their summer camp activities and we share space throughout the year. OCCC shares their games, game tables and furnishings to help create a truly fun and cozy space for all ages. We look forward to future collaboration with Marie Thomas and Our Community Cares Camp, both such a vital resource for our community

The Community Center continues to be used for meetings, parties, practices, movie nights, etc. There is a fridge, a bathroom and multiple spacious rooms. The center can be a quiet space with ample tables for meetings, writing or crafts. It can be a fun and lively center with game tables, keyboards and drums. With notice, the set up can be moved to accommodate specific groups and their needs. Please keep the Center in mind for individual or small (under 40 people) group gatherings. There is no fee. Donations are always welcome. As always we are open to new ideas and resources to make the Richmond Community Center a place for all members of our community.

Please email Theresa Luca Gilbert (treeluca@gmavt.net), Marie Thomas ([pmthomas@gmavt.net](mailto:pnthomas@gmavt.net)), or Stacey Symanowicz (Staceysymanowicz@yahoo.com) to inquire about usage or to share your ideas.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

Preliminary numbers for our FY'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over 2,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 244 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 10 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and 16 peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 196 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 122 individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 392 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '14, 2 residents of Richmond received services from the following programs:

- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) (resident on waiting list for assistive technology)

- Information Referral and Assistance (IR&A)

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

RICHMOND COMMUNITY BAND

The Richmond Community Band enjoys performing for the public and hope all will attend the various concerts to hear to hear a mix of marches, big band, Broadway medleys and more. RCB membership is open to musicians of all ages and members range from middle school students to senior citizens. Musicians from towns other than Richmond are welcome to join us.

Johannes Garrett is our conductor and director. Johannes earned his Master's in Music Performance and has also played with the band since he was in fifth grade. Judy Fitzgerald and Paul Garrett serve as our music librarians. They spend many hours compiling and organizing the music we perform.

Rehearsals begin in April at Camels Hump Middle School to prepare for the first performance at the town's Fourth of July Celebration. The RCB rides and plays on a float and then performs a concert at the Volunteer's Green. Over the rest of the summer several more concerts are planned for your listening enjoyment. Thanks to the support of the town, all RCB concerts are free and open to the public, so please look and listen for us each summer!

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION:

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICERS include: Chair Paul Stabler of South Burlington; Vice Chair Michelle DaVia of Westford, and Secretary/Treasurer Alan Nye of Essex. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS include Paul Stabler, of South Burlington, Michelle DaVia of Westford, Alan Nye of Essex, Craig Abrahams of Williston, and Chapin Spencer of Burlington. CSWD GENERAL MANAGER is Thomas Moreau.

FINANCES:

The unaudited FY14 General Fund expenditures were \$8.31 million and the revenues were \$9.23 million. This represents a \$63,000 decrease in expenditures (0.9%) and an \$834,000 (9.9%) increase in revenues compared with the FY13 General Fund operating results. The primary factor in the expenditure decrease is the lower costs associated with persistent herbicides in Green Mountain Compost (GMC) products in FY14 as compared with FY13. These lower costs were partially offset by cost increases in several other programs, most notably the Drop-Off Centers (DOC) and the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Of the \$834,000 revenue increase for FY14 over the prior year, \$530,000 is Solid Waste Management Fee revenues. While the tonnage of material subject to this fee increased only 1% over FY13, the revenue is up almost 20%, because the per-ton rate was increased from \$22.06 to \$27.00 effective September 1, 2013 (two months after the start of FY14). Also, DOC revenues were \$190,000 higher (11%) in FY14 vs. FY13, primarily due to tip fee rate increases that went into effect at the start of FY14.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

In FY14, CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) to continue to work on the Consolidated Collection proposal that weighs the advantages and disadvantages of municipal contracts for trash collection in Chittenden County and hold public information meetings with citizens and our member communities; 2) to work in the Vermont Legislature towards the passage of Act 175 that mandates the recycling of certain construction and demolition materials that have established markets and meet minimum tonnage and proximity to facilities requirements; 3) to assist in the passage of a battery product stewardship bill by the Vermont Legislature that will facilitate the recycling of these items throughout the state; 4) to complete work on a consultant study evaluating residential curbside collection of organics in terms of economic and environmental impacts for various scenarios; 5) to oversee a contract to upgrade the equipment at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and to negotiate a revised operations contract; 6) to implement a higher solid waste management fee (5-year projection) due to lower trash volumes subject to our fee; 7) to prepare a succession plan for a new General Manager due in early 2016; and 8) to initiate a new 5-year strategic plan.

ONGOING OPERATIONS:

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,116 tons of recyclables, a decrease of 0.38% from FY13, and 6,326 tons of household trash during FY14, a 0.11% increase from FY13.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management. In FY14, 40,465 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents a 1.43% increase from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$93.75 per ton, which is a 1.96% decrease over last year's average.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY14, 9,435 households and 670 businesses brought in 605,817 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 63,390 pounds (6,339 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", 8,082 pounds of leftover products given away through the "Hazbin" reuse program, and 128,000 pounds (12,800 gallons) of latex paint processed for recycling in Canada and Illinois.

FY14 was a good year for CSWD's COMPOST facility. Spring 2014 marked the first time in over a year that bulk compost was available for sale to the public following the discovery of persistent herbicides in compost in 2012. Customers reported great results from growing in the new batches of compost and topsoil. Staff continued

their efforts to research and educate around the presence of persistent herbicides in commercial composts everywhere. Ongoing testing and recipe modifications have translated into abundant saleable very high quality material. FY14 marked the launch of bag-your-own compost which extends the convenience of purchasing compost to customers with smaller gardens and no means of hauling large volumes. Compost inputs have continued to increase steadily as awareness around compost continues to spread and large generators are mandated to divert materials through Vermont's new Universal Recycling law. FY15 will mark a return of compost to garden centers as well as a return of the complete bagged product line. A total of 9,684 tons of material was accepted for composting in FY14 which included 3,629 tons of diverted food.

CSWD brokered 13,784 wet tons of sewage sludge for our member communities in FY14, which is 1.7% more material than last year. Most of the sewage sludge generated from the Essex Junction WWTF was landfilled over FY 14 due to a plant upgrade. The City of South Burlington's thermo-meso anaerobic digestion, 2PAD system, generated class "A" product which was distributed to local farms for land application, beneficial reuse, starting in October of FY 14. CSWD entered a 5-year contract with Casella Organics to send at minimum 78% of the sludge brokered by the district to a beneficial reuse facility called Grasslands, located in Chateaugay, NY. The BIOSOLIDS program is also looking at a sludge characterization study to optimize the beneficial reuse of the districts material for the future of the program.

MARKETING –

CSWD participated in a state-wide working group that developed symbols and language for communicating Act 148 mandates consistently statewide. The group was made up of Solid Waste Management (SWM) entity staff, ANR staff, and interested stakeholders, including some haulers. ● We turned our attention to upgrading our event waste reduction toolkit to include more clear information, better tools, and fresh ways of getting people interested in putting on waste-free events. ● Every two years we send out an encyclopedic booklet detailing how to best dispose of recyclables, compostables, reusables and trash. The 2014-2016 book went out at the end of June, 2014. ● We focused on how to revive the Green Mountain Compost brand after a two-year hiatus on the heels of the discovery that persistent herbicides had found their way into our compost. That two years was spent working with state and federal regulators, the chemical industry, and experts from around the country to set up a firewall of sorts to prevent a reoccurrence. Our transparent treatment of the issue has helped maintain our customers' trust. Our new protocols, testing, and on-site growth trials have yielded compost that we can stand behind with confidence, leaving us well positioned to reenter the market in Fall 2014. ● Our part-time Web & Marketing Specialist position became full-time, which led our current specialist, Veronika Travis, to depart so she could focus more fully on her career path as a pastor. We wish her well as we crack into over a hundred resumes to find the best fit for the position.

A variety of EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and tools are available to assist residents, schools, municipalities, organizations, and businesses to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The CSWD Hotline (872-8111); Website: (www.cswd.net), e-newsletter, presentations, technical assistance, displays, workshops, facility tours, informational brochures, recycling bins and compost collectors (9,100 distributed), signage, discount compost bins, special event container loans, and grants (\$8,500 awarded) are part of this positive community outreach.

Thousands of employees, residents, students, and others were impacted by CSWD's business, school and youth, and community outreach programs.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT efforts, which have dual goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and landfilled along with making programs more convenient and cost-effective, focused on recycling and composting incentives and collection, trash collection systems, and markets for recyclables.

CSWD provides funding and staff time to support GREEN UP DAY efforts in Chittenden County. In May, 38 tons of litter, 2,648 tires, and 6.5 cubic yards of scrap metal were collected. CSWD covered the \$6,200 cost for recycling the tires and waived its fee on disposed litter. CSWD also contributed \$4,050 to Green Up Vermont on behalf of its member municipalities for bags, posters, and promotion. THE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FUND helps members keep their communities clean and litter free throughout the year. \$4,600 were expended by CSWD's member municipalities.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape, waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. This year marked the 44th anniversary of Green Up Day which brings thousands of volunteers throughout the state to remove litter & trash from our roadways, waterways & public places. The success of Green Up for Vermont in Richmond depends upon two essential ingredients. The combined efforts of individuals, civic groups and the Richmond Highway Department who volunteer their time and the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont make it all possible.

This year the cleanup event was organized by the Conservation Commission. Thanks to Ernie Buford and Joe McHugh working with the Richmond Highway Department, 2.25 TONS of trash and 273 discarded tires were removed from the roadside.

Mark your calendars May 2, 2015, the first Saturday in May. Put on your gloves, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us to make Richmond even more beautiful!

HALE AND HEARTY SENIOR CLUB

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond is open for membership to all residents who are 60 years old or older. The spouse of a member is eligible for membership regardless of age. The Club provides a chance for seniors in our community to meet and socialize and to share concerns on areas of mutual and community interest. The programs that are offered at our meetings vary in content from topics concerning healthy living, or community concerns, to entertaining and fun filled evenings. Each year we try to arrange a trip that members will enjoy. This past year we took two bus trips. The first one was in June to the Coolidge Homestead and the second was in September to the North Country and a cruise on Lake Memphremagog.

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond meets the second Wednesday of each month from September through June in the Holy Rosary Church Hall at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper, business meeting and program.

We currently have a membership of 70.

Current officers are **Lee Jones**, President; **Jeff Hard**, Vice President; **Velma Plouffe**, Secretary; and **Mary O'Neil**, Treasurer.

Submitted by

Lee Jones, President

OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP, INC.

creating a caring community where every child can find success!

Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) celebrated six years of providing local children with four weeks of summer meals and enrichment camp. OCCC's mission is to address food insecurity and the accompanying achievement gap that are exacerbated in the long summer vacation. OCCC offers food to over 230 children each July from Chittenden East towns and a summer enrichment camp to around 100 children in grade k – 8. OCCC offers a job training program to teens aged 14 – 16 as junior counselors or culinary interns. In 2014, OCCC served over 5, 500 meals during the month of July. The need has not declined for summer programs that include both food and mental stimulation.

OCCC has two different programs – one for k – 6, and the other for upper middle school students. The older camp is called the Leadership Adventure Camp and it is designed to meet the needs of young teens, with activities and discoveries appropriate to their age and interests.

OCCC partners with many organizations and businesses to offer a wide range of activities and high quality, tasty meals from local sources. VYCC interns taught the Learning Kitchen, where youths learn the basics of cooking and get to bring home the ingredients for a family meal. CHMS makes space available for the camp and allowed use of the climbing wall for two weeks. Mike Comeau of the Richmond Market searched for deals and local sources of food and delivered everything with a smile. The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) visited for the 6th year and gave two new books to every camper and CESU summer program student. These are just a few of the partnerships that help make OCCC special.

OCCC is able to present a high quality summer experience, with arts, crafts, gardening, cooking, music and games due to the generosity of local individuals, organizations and businesses. OCCC flourishes because so many people contribute to the success through donations of money, time or materials. Local foundations such as Ben & Jerry's, Northfield Savings Bank, Richard and Deborah Tarrant Foundation, the Eastman Fund and the Fanny Allen Foundation also supported the camp financially. OCCC also benefitted from a fund raisers created by Tickled Pink and Champlain Valley Union High School. The USDA reimburses OCCC for meals served. Breezy Hill Marketing hosts our website at www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org. OCCC is a member of Western Slopes Business Association (WSBA) and benefits from mentoring opportunities.

OCCC has developed a good reputation for quality service to youth and has been praised by the Vermont Department of Education, Hunger Free Vermont and others. OCCC was visited by several state representatives and senators last summer as well as an aide from Congressman Welch's office.

Please like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OCCCVT>. You can donate online on our Facebook page or website. Or mail donations to OCCC.P.O. Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477. All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact us at occc@gmavt.net or call at 434-6006 if you would like any information about the camp or would like to volunteer or partner with the camp. Become part of the OCCC community!

OCCC Board of Directors: **Mark Carbone, Mike Dooling, Linda Parent, Mary O'Neil, Karen Clark, Marie Thomas and Connie van Eeghan.**

VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps put over 315 young people to work this year. We created 244 paying jobs, and 69 students earned academic credit by participating in our programs.

Those youth completed 88 conservation projects throughout Vermont and grew 300 farm shares for food-insecure neighbors!

Along the way, Corps Members developed skills and adopted values that will guide their futures. Here are two examples:

"I wake up each morning with purpose and drive. Without my VYCC experience, I can't say that I'd be the open-minded, dedicated and content person that I am now." – Kayla

"I've not only learned important skills pertaining to environmental conservation, but the skills necessary to be a great leader and a positive member of a community." – Ruth

Richmond is a place these young leaders now associate with great learning. We know Richmond to be a warm and generous community. In 2014, Richmond residents volunteered, hired our crews, shopped at our farm stand and holiday auction, rented space, and made generous donations that support our programming.

MMU, Friday Night Food Affair, Our Community Cares Camp, Jericho Settlers Farm, Maple Wind Farm, Richmond Elementary School, Richmond Market, and Richmond Family Medicine were all partners in our work to serve our youth and community, and preserve our natural resources.

2015 is our 30th anniversary. We hope you will join us in a year-long celebration of young people and their ability to effect lasting positive change for our environment and communities.

Thank you!

ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM and NEIGHBOR RIDES

The Elderly and Disabled Persons (E&D) Transportation Program provides various types of "door-to-door" transportation trips including travel to for critical care Non-Medicaid, Non-Medicaid medical, senior meal programs, adult day services, shopping, vocational, and social/personal needs for the elderly (age 60+ years) and people with disabilities. This program is funded by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, with municipal partners including the Town of Richmond. In Chittenden County, the Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) operates through the Chittenden County Transportation Authority. The E&D grant program covers 80% of the transportation cost and the Town of Richmond covers 20% of the cost for each ride, with each rider making a donation for the ride. For Richmond residents, SSTA provides the transportation services for this program. For

COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

The Community Senior Center is a 501c3 with the following two part mission:

I. To develop and maintain an active senior citizen program in the Richmond area (including Richmond, Huntington and Bolton) that creates an atmosphere which provides opportunities for socialization, encourages older adults to use their skills, develop their potential, apply their wisdom, and continue their involvement in the community.

II. To create programs that will be inviting and enjoyable, including nutrition, recreational activities, entertainment, educational information, health and well being, designed to sustain independent living and to foster lifelong learning and growth.

During 2014, the Board has continued to make progress toward finding a location for a Senior Center to be built. Until a site is found, the Planning Committee of the Community Senior Center offers monthly programming. In 2014, the following programs were presented at the Richmond Free Library:

A Travelogue About Bhutan by Jim Hagan

Communicating with our Animal Friends by Julie Soquet

A Visit to the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery to see an exhibit by Harald Aksdal and a talk by the artist.

Native Plants and Butterflies by Marijke Niles

Self Guided Autobiography by Margaret Harmon

The Native Americans in our Backyards by Beverly Little Thunder

The Story of Cochran's Ski Area by Barbara Ann Cochran

Visions of Art and Railroad by Mark Smith

There was also a movie series once a month during the winter.

In addition, Elaine Greenberg Piano Associates held a recital as a special fundraising event.

For more information about the Community Senior Center, contact **Mary O'Neil** at kerry@gmavt.net.

information about signing up for rides, please contact SSTA at 878-1527.

Neighbor Rides is a strategic initiative of United Way of Chittenden County (UWCC) supported by a dynamic group of community partners to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. Neighbor Rides uses volunteer drivers to stretch transportation dollars further by decreasing the cost per ride. While some passengers will continue to need trips in a lift-equipped van with a professional driver, many are mobile enough to receive rides from volunteers. Volunteer drivers have the potential to increase the number of rides passengers receive since they generally are less expensive than a ride in a contracted van, sedan, or taxi. For more information contact Alyson Platzer at United Way of Chittenden County: 802.861.7833; Alyson@united-waycc.org

RICHMOND LAND TRUST



For our non-profit, all-volunteer land conservation organization, 2014 was a year of huge opportunities, on a scale unmatched since 1997 and our launch of the West Monitor Barn renovation project.

We started the year looking at a chance to obtain a property that, for 20+ years, we'd seen as having tremendous potential for our town. Shortly thereafter, yet another, equally exciting opportunity presented itself. Though each would require a daunting, six-figure fundraising campaign, we decided to take on these challenges.

Thankfully, and due to the truly remarkable support from our community, as this Town Report goes to press we are within a whisker of reaching our goal for one project and have surpassed the critical first milestone for the other.

Willis Hill

The first project was the purchase and conservation of Willis Hill, a 20-acre parcel at the western gateway to the village and that backs up to the elementary and middle school playing fields. Due to its potential as an outdoor education and recreation center, we have longed for decades for a chance to acquire and conserve it.

Last year, the Willis family, the property owners, opened up that opportunity. They offered the land to us at a very favorable price so it could be conserved for the entire community's benefit.

Enthusiastic support from the schools and local residents prompted the Town to put \$64,000 from the Conservation Reserve Fund towards the project. That show of support led the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to contribute \$67,000. And then the generosity of individuals throughout the community took over.

Soon we had enough to close on the property. But with work needing to be done to create a public sledding hill on the land, fundraising continued. As of early January we stood just \$2,000 away from the \$186,500 goal.

Gillett Pond

The second project brought the opportunity to acquire a treasured area landmark, Gillett Pond. A year ago, its future looked questionable. Evaluation of the historic stone dam holding back the pond was raising liability issues. Its owner, the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, was forced to consider removing the dam and draining the pond.

Not surprisingly, an amazing group of community members from both Richmond and Huntington quickly formed the Friends of Gillett Pond. The goal: find a way to rescue the dam and hence the pond.

The Friends of Gillett Pond engaged RLT to partner with them in this effort. Together we started negotiating with the Girl Scouts to buy and conserve the property. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of the Girl Scouts, we quickly reached an agreement that was beneficial to both organizations. However, we had a very short time window to raise the funds needed to complete the deal.

The response from the community was overwhelming. We quickly reached and surpassed the \$90,000 needed to purchase the 88-acre property and cover closing expenses.

The additional contributions have now given us a modest start towards the next big milestone -- raising the estimated \$240,000 needed to protect the pond for the long-term by repairing or replacing the dam. Work is now underway to come up with a plan and more exact figure for that.

Protecting the floodplain forest

Meanwhile, under the outstanding leadership of Jon Kart, we continued efforts to control the spread of non-native invasive plants in the rare natural community we own and manage along the Winooski River.

These efforts have reduced by 95% the garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, phragmites, honeysuckle and Japanese barberry that threatened to overrun the native plants and destroy the unique area's ecological health. And a fledgling forest of native trees planted near the Beeken Preserve's parking area in 2012 continues to thrive.

A special place

Project successes like these wouldn't have happened in many towns. But in 2014 Richmond again proved itself different.

Our town has a strong and active contingent of people who recognize the need to conserve and steward open space. They understand the value of amenities such as nearby wildlife habitat, outdoor learning laboratories, recreational opportunities, local farming, links to our historic heritage, and scenic beauty.

The depth of support for land conservation is evidenced not only by the individual contributions our latest projects received but also by the ongoing support voters have given the Town's Conservation Reserve Fund each time it has come up for renewal.

As supervised by the Conservation Commission and Selectboard, the Fund has enabled the Richmond Land Trust and other community organizations to act quickly and decisively to capture opportunities like Willis Hill and Gillett Pond. By helping private non-profits such as ours conserve properties for community uses, it has also helped keep publicly accessible land on the tax rolls.

The future will undoubtedly bring more opportunities, perhaps even greater than those of 2014. On Town Meeting Day, we hope voters give the Fund their support for another five years. Though the impact on our tax bills is small – just a penny on the tax rate – the effect of so many people pulling for conservation is huge.

In appreciation

In closing, I'd like to thank our many members for their continuing loyalty. We also thank all the supporters of the Conservation Reserve Fund, and the Conservation Commission and Selectboard for administering the fund so well these last 10 years. We also extend our thanks to the Trails Committee for their steadfast, tireless work clearing trails through our preserves.

And, of course, we are honored and deeply appreciative of the generosity shown by the many individual donors to last year's two premier projects, as well as the wonderful commitment of the Willis family, Friends of Gillett Pond and Girl Scouts to making those projects succeed.

If you'd like to get involved with local land conservation, please contact our chair, Fritz Martin, at fpmartin@mac.com. Running a busy organization like ours takes many different kinds of talent and we're sure we can put yours to excellent and fulfilling use.

And if you'd like more information on our work, or want to contribute to our projects or ongoing land management expenses, please visit richmondlandtrust.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fritz Martin, Chair

RICHMOND SCHOOL BOARD

At the time of the drafting of this report, the student population of the Richmond Elementary School (comprising of pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students) was approximately 271 students; the building design capacity is approximately 300 students (based on VT AOE recommendation). The PreK-4 student population over the past five years is as follows:

- 2010-2011 – 326 Students
- 2011-2012 – 296 students
- 2012-2013 – 289 students
- 2013-2014 – 271 students
- 2014-2015 – 271 students

2014 – 2015 Budget

On November 4, 2014, the communities of Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill ID and Underhill Town voted to form the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD). This new school district and MMMUSD school board will serve and govern Huntington Grades 5-12 and Bolton (Smilie Memorial School), Jericho (Jericho Elementary), Richmond (Richmond Elementary), Underhill ID School District (Underhill ID Elementary), Underhill Town (Underhill Central School), Mt Mansfield Union School District (Browns River Middle, Camels Hump Middle and Mt. Mansfield Union High Schools) grades PK-12.

The proposed budget for Richmond Elementary School for the fiscal year 2015-2016 is therefore incorporated into the recommended MMMUSD 2015-16 school budget developed by standing elementary school boards from towns that approved the merger and the Mount Mansfield Union School District. The information on and the details of this budget can be found in the Richmond Town Annual Report under the Chittenden East Supervisory Union report.

The budget was created to meet the quality needs and demands of the whole MMMUSD community and students through the combined resources provided. The MMMUSD

Board also acknowledges that there are high expectations with the MMMUSD, both regarding student performance and student well-being, and that trying to meet these expectations cannot be done without the appropriate resources.

Moreover, the MMMUSD Board knows it must operate within the strains created by the challenging economic climate both at the local and state level, as well as the factors influencing the taxpayer. Thus, the MMMUSD Board has developed the budget, and made projections, with strong consideration of the challenging economic conditions.

The RES Board will become officially non-operational on June 30, 2015 due to the merger vote and the creation of the MMMUSD. However, the RES Board reminds all parents, guardians, and citizens of their continued stake in local education. We advocate the involvement and volunteerism of parents and families in their children's education and to foster relationships between home, school and community that will enhance the education of all our students.

Thank You

In closing, the current members of the RES Board and all the Richmond members of the MMMUSD Board extend their gratitude to all Richmond residents for their continued support of the educational and fiscal environment at Richmond Elementary School and the new MMMUSD. The RES and MMMUSD Board members are proud to serve a unified community where the educational experience being provided is respected and valued.

RES Board Members

Jon T. Milazzo

Scott Lowe

Cath Burns

Wendy Gagliardi



RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT CARD



Richmond Elementary School is in its fourth year of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) implementation, focusing on bolstering our targeted and intensive supports for scholars. Throughout the year, Wendy Touchette, RES Student Life Coordinator, works with classrooms, school teams and families to design instructional culture models that lead to student success in and out of the classroom. By continuing to build a strong sense of community students continue to show an increased level of independence and success. For more information and updates about PBIS please visit our website

at <http://richmond.k12.vt.us/> or the Vermont PBIS website at <http://www.pbisvermont.org/>.

1:1 Computing Initiative

RES has begun implementation of a 1:1 Chromebook initiative starting in the 3rd grade classrooms. The 1:1 program allows seamless integration, quickly and easily, to help prepare students for life in the 21st century. Students are able to create and share work in ways that were previously not possible. The Chromebooks provide enhanced opportunities for project based learning and collaborative experiences across the district and world. The technology provides a flexibility in individualizing instruction, learning and supports. 1:1 devices also minimize simply teaching discrete technology skills (navigating windows, using a Word Processor, etc.) as those skills are embedded in projects and lessons; instead students experience and interact with their world throughout their learning experience.



Accountability Results

Standardized test results are used to inform not only our instruction, but also our approaches to learning and success for individual students. We examine trends in the information to better inform our work with students. For example, this past month we reviewed the NECAP Science Release Tasks and Support Materials to observe any trends in misconceptions made by our scholars. Using the assessment targets of Physical Science, Earth/Space Science, Life Science and Inquiry, teams placed common misconceptions into these categories and created action steps around upcoming instruction.

Richmond Elementary School
 New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Results for 2013 - 2014 School Year*

2013 - 2014 NECAP Whole School	Math		Reading		Science	
	RES	VT	RES	VT	RES	VT
Proficient With Distinction	35%	**	33%	**	2%	**
Proficient	42%	**	47%	**	48%	**
Partially Proficient	14%	**	16%	**	39%	**
Substantially Below Proficient	9%	**	5%	**	11%	**

* Test results represent students in grades three and four who took the NECAP.

** VT did not report scores, because dozens of VT schools test-piloted the new SBAC test instead of doing NECAPs.

2013 - 2014 NECAP Disaggregated by Sub-Groups	Math					Reading					Science				
	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantaged	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantaged	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantaged
Proficient With Distinction	35%	28%	41%	0%	6%	33%	43%	24%	0%	13%	2%	0%	4%	++	++
Proficient	42%	49%	36%	24%	48%	47%	38%	54%	35%	45%	48%	50%	46%	++	++
Partially Proficient	14%	20%	10%	24%	23%	16%	17%	14%	41%	23%	39%	44%	35%	++	++
Substantially Below Proficient	9%	3%	13%	53%	23%	5%	1%	7%	24%	19%	11%	6%	15%	++	++

++ too few students tested to report

NECAP Results - % students who met or exceeded the standard over time	2009 - 2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Math	84%	78%	81%	75%	77%
Reading	85%	85%	84%	81%	80%
Science	69%	77%	71%	66%	50%

NAEP Results - % of Vermont students who met or exceeded the standard over time	2005	2007	2009	2011
Math	43%	49%	50%	49%
Reading	38%	41%	42%	41%

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is administered in grades four and eight in Reading and Mathematics biennially to a representative sample of Vermont students. No scores for individual students or schools are generated and no accountability measures are tied to performance.

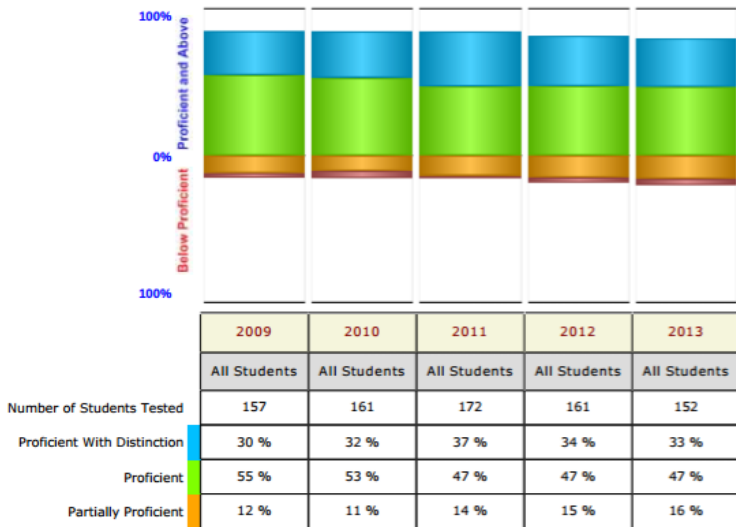
Adequate yearly progress (AYP) is the measure by which schools, districts, and states are held accountable for student performance under Title I of the **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)**, the current version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Richmond Elementary School was identified as not making AYP in Mathematics and Reading for the first time in 2014 (based on 2013 results). For more information please visit:

R.E.S. Specific Results http://education.vermont.gov/documents/SCH_AC243_14.pdf

Memo from the Vermont Secretary of Education http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Letter_to_parents_and_caregivers_AOE_8_8_14.pdf

Highly Qualified Teacher Status - All teachers at R.E.S. are considered highly qualified for their assigned positions.

English Language Learners - Richmond Elementary School has less than 2% of its population in this category that receive services and supports locally.

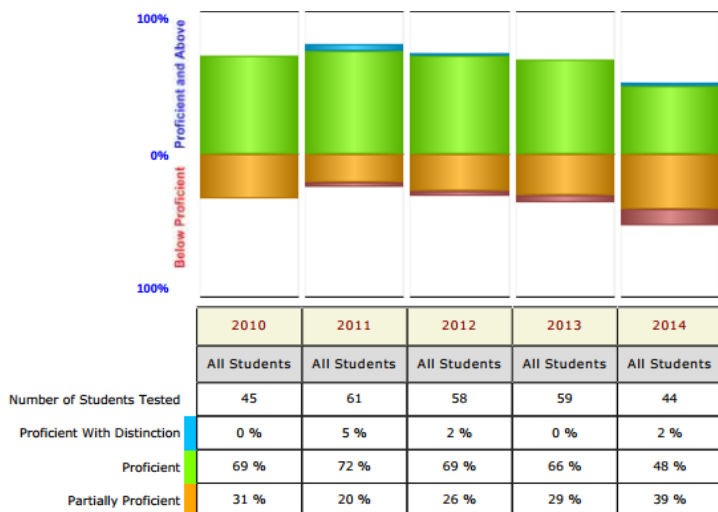
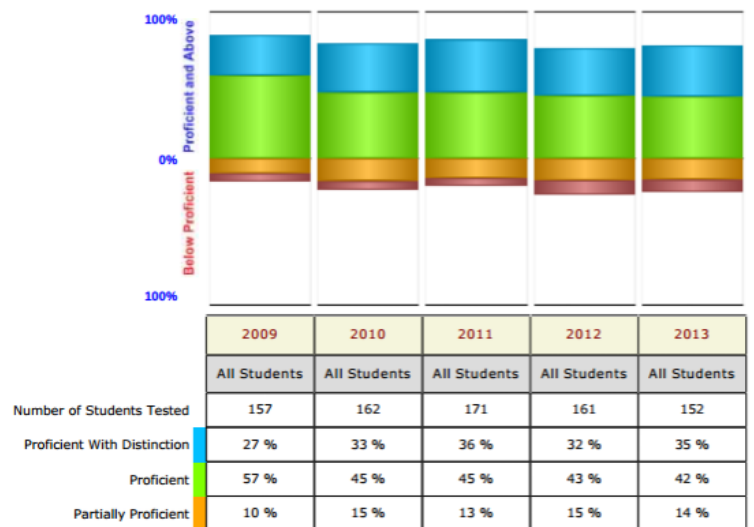


NECAP Reading Grades 3-8 2009-2013 Results, Trends and Actions

Using this data and other sources to guide our work, CESU K-4 educators are working in partnership with Beth Moore, a nationally respected staff developer from Teacher’s College at Columbia University. Using a lab-site model of professional development, teachers work alongside Beth as she models the Writer’s Workshop Units of Study for Narrative, Informational and Opinion Writing developed through Columbia University. Following up on this work, CESU Literacy Specialist, Pam Foust, meets with grade level teams to further improve instruction through a lesson study model.

NECAP Math Grades 3-8 2009-2013 Results, Trends, and Actions

Following last year's alignment of the CESU K-2 Math Curriculum to the Common Core State Standards, this year K-4 Math Professional Developer, Christian Courtemanche, led the district math committee on aligning the 3rd and 4th grades' assessments and instruction to the CCSM. Through district in-services across the year, this revised curriculum has been unpacked by all classroom teachers, allowing for better understanding of the changes and implications for instruction. There has been a specific focus on how to support areas of student misunderstanding in math through revised assessments, student interviews, and fluency work. Teams of teachers then plan activities for students to work through these misconceptions.



NECAP Science Results Grade 4 2010-2014

The Science Committee worked with the CESU K-8 Science Professional Developer to begin the process of aligning the CESU curriculum to the Next Generation Science Standards. This alignment process will continue over the course of the next three years, as units will be revised and developed to attend to the inclusion of engineering, technology, and the application of science in the K-12 science curriculum. The committee is deeply looking at the conceptual shifts in the NGSS, examining best practices that reflect the interconnected nature of science as it is practiced and experienced in the real world, and preparing students for the next generation workforce.

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

School: Richmond Elementary School
S.U.: Chittenden East 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: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 200 but <300
(40 schools in cohort)

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Windsor State Street School	PK - 6	273	16.40	1.50	16.65	182.00	10.93
	Oak Grove School	PK - 6	274	13.70	1.00	20.00	274.00	13.70
	Hardwick Elementary School	PK - 6	275	19.80	1.00	13.89	275.00	19.80
	Richmond Elementary School	PK - 4	275	19.20	1.00	14.32	275.00	19.20
← Larger	Pownal Elementary School	PK - 6	276	18.80	1.00	14.68	276.00	18.80
	Dothan Brook School	PK - 5	281	23.90	1.00	11.76	281.00	23.90
	Summit Street School	PK - 3	292	19.40	1.00	15.05	292.00	19.40
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			250.20	20.73	1.06	12.07	235.48	19.51

School District: Richmond
LEA ID: T166

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: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 200 but < 300
(16 school districts in cohort)

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

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
2 out of 16

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

Smaller →	Chester-Andover USD #29	PK-6	268.88	\$9,714
	Hardwick	PK-6	270.05	\$11,897
	Pownal	PK-6	273.65	\$10,100
	Richmond	PK-4	284.01	\$10,211
	Vergennes UESD #44	PK-6	298.82	\$11,337

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

243.53 **\$11,716**

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	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
T107	Johnson	PK-6	233.05	14,388.35	1.5186	1.4995	109.56%	1.3687
T183	Shaftsbury	PK-6	240.67	11,617.46	1.2262	1.3070	108.79%	1.2014
T092	Hardwick	PK-6	252.49	14,075.16	1.4856	1.4967	89.09%	1.6799
T166	Richmond	PK-4	253.87	14,983.85	1.5815	1.5017	97.93%	1.5334
T159	Pownal	PK-6	263.27	14,024.66	1.4803	1.4446	104.90%	1.3771
T234	Westminster	PK-6	270.68	16,555.07	1.7473	1.7102	100.85%	1.6958
U044	Vergennes UESD #44	PK-6	284.69	12,808.28	1.3519	-	-	-

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.

CHITTENDEN EAST SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

January 15, 2015

New School District – Mt. Mansfield Modified Union

School District (MMMUSD)

On November 4, 2014, the communities of Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town and Underhill Incorporated District voted to unify and create a new preK-12 school district. The Town of Huntington did not approve the voluntary school district merger article and continues as a preK-4 school district and member of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. Huntington holds representation and is part of the new Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District for grades 5-12.

In the near term, the MMMUSD’s priorities are to present a sound 2015-2016 preK-12 budget to voters and work with teachers and support staff to negotiate contracts that expire June 30, 2015. In addition, the MMMUSD Board of Directors will be developing a: vision for the new school system, strategic plan and methods of effective community engagement. An overarching goal is to advance policies that allow the district to respond to the priorities, aspirations and needs of the school community.

For MMMUSD information, please go to --- MMM School District webpage.

qualified private preschool programs

- Families choosing a qualified preschool provider will receive a \$3,000 voucher to support 10 hours per week for 35 weeks of early education

For more information on preschool in CESU, please go to Universal Pre-K in CESU or contact Lianne Petrocelli at 802-434-2128 or lianne.petrocelli@cesuvt.org.

Curriculum

In 2014, Chittenden East Supervisory Union renewed our focus on improving learning for all young people in all schools. We have district wide curriculum teams in English language arts, fine arts, health, mathematics, performing arts, physical education, science, social studies, and world languages. Teams meet on a regular basis to evaluate curriculum, teaching and learning for children pre-K through 12th grade. From this work we design professional development with district-wide specialists in literacy, math, science and technology. We provide district-wide training during inservice days and have embedded professional development during the school day. Our professional faculty and staff are also able to enroll in courses at institutions such as the University of Vermont, St. Michael’s College or Southern NH University.

The Common Core State Standards have been approved by Vermont. As a Supervisory Union, through the work of our curriculum teams, we have aligned our classroom materials to

the standards. Our ongoing efforts this past year highlight pedagogy--how we deliver the curriculum. We focused on math menu, writer’s workshop, and looking at data to improve teaching.

One term you may hear a lot in the news these days is STEM or STEAM. This refers to science, technology, engineering, art and math. The renewed focus on STEAM encourages schools to fully integrated engineering, technology and art into our math and science curriculum. The Next Generation Science Standards have provided a road map for our work forward in integrating high quality lessons. An example of this work includes using an “anchor task” where young people are provided a perplexing real example--such as why a glass breaks when an opera singer hits a particular note. This anchor task then drives our class work through modeling, studying, experimentation, science meetings and more exploring. Students come to understand sound waves and how they move to cause the glass breakage. This is an example where we rely on guiding standards, create district wide curriculum, then practice lessons, teaching and learning.

A similar example illustrates our work with the Common Core Writing Standards. A consultant from Teacher’s College

November 4, 2014 School District Merger Vote Results

Town/School District	Yes	No	Town/School District	Yes	No
Bolton	324	120	Richmond	1043	570
Huntington	285	521	Underhill ID	564	186
Jericho	1240	334	Underhill Town	772	274
			Total	4228	2005

Universal Preschool – Act 166

Chittenden East Supervisory Union’s member districts devoted time over the course of the past three years to discuss and study the influence preschool has on children, families, education and the economy. After examining relevant data and processing the effects of quality preschool, the consensus of most board members and members of the school community is that preschool offers long lasting educational, social and economic benefits. This analysis and conversation lead the MMMUSD and Huntington School District to add universal preschool in their 2015-2016 budgets and move forward with implementing Act 166 next school year. Based on current budget information provided by the State of Vermont and local modeling, expanding preschool programming increases enrollment and has a suppressing or decreasing influence on tax rates. This is because preschool students are part of a school district’s equalized pupil count. Cost per equalized pupil is a major factor in determining tax rates.

Implementation of Act 166 (Universal Preschool) in the 2015-2016 school year will provide the following:

- Preschool funding for children ages 3-5
- Parents/Guardians can choose school-based or

works with teachers on a particular concept in writing such as focusing in on a moment in time for a narrative piece. The consultant models the lesson with teachers, illustrates how to provide feedback in small groups, and then the trainer and teachers observe a class where the new methods are modeled. Our professional developer and a consultant from Teacher's College have worked closely with lesson studies and a teacher-coach model in the classroom. In mathematics, we are gradually integrating the new Common Core Standards into our teaching. The gradual, sequential integration allows a smooth transition.

We continue to focus on creating a vibrant, relevant, and meaningful curriculum across content areas and grades and to horizontally align our work. For example, a child in third grade whether he or she is in Bolton, Jericho or any town, receives the same quality materials, instructional strategies and learning support. We have also aligned our work vertically. For example, fifth grade teachers know what fourth graders learned and what their children will learn in sixth grade. The vertical alignment allows for sequences of increasingly challenging material, while also revisiting concepts that thread through all grades.

A large number of elementary and middle school teachers enrolled in a summer writer's workshop course. This class taught teachers how to instruct specific "mini lessons" on a small part of quality writing. Teachers also took courses in math menu and technology to better integrate, differentiate and reach all learners. Finally, we continue our work on positive behavior interventions, responsive classroom and social cognition to meet the diverse social and emotional needs of our children. We continue to strive for quality curriculum, instruction and assessment in all of our content areas.

Policy

The CESU Policy Committee has reviewed all our policies and as we begin the work with a new Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District, we are recommending that all policies are either retired, reviewed for action, or rolled over to the new governance arrangement. In particular, we will consider policies that are over 15 years old for either retiring or updating. This past year we updated Student Clubs and Activities, Alcohol on School Property, Use of Security Cameras, Library Materials Selection, Interscholastic Sports, and Federal Child Nutrition Act/Wellness policies.

To align, retire or adopt policies we review federal and state law, Vermont Agency of Education and the Vermont School Boards' Association model policies that are vetted by attorneys, and then adapt the policy so it is specific to our needs. This past year we also updated the policy webpage which is much more user friendly, listing every policy in the following categories: Board Operations, Personnel, Students, Instruction, School-Community Relations and Non-Instructional Operations. The policy committee meets monthly and all meetings, dates, minutes and agendas are posted on our website. As always we welcome public participation and input.

Special Education

The CESU Special Education Department strives to meet the unique needs of eligible students, while providing accountability and cost effectiveness. The development of the FY 2016 Special Education Budget began as it does each year in September. Building Principals begin by assessing the needs of their existing special education eligible students while identifying the needs of next year's incoming students. Using this information they complete a "Services Plan Worksheet" which is submitted to the Special Services Director. This worksheet outlines the anticipated staff, related services, supplies, equipment and tuitions for the upcoming school year. Once all schools have submitted their Service Plan Worksheet, the information is collated and combined by the Special Services Director to form Draft 1 of the CESU Special Education Budget.

The FY 2016 CESU Special Education budget reflects an overall increase of \$358,075 or 4.03%. The expenditure increase is driven by several factors; the most significant is increased tuition cost (\$389,426). These costs are for special education eligible students who, based on their special education needs, require a placement outside our supervisory union.

The Special Education revenue includes a carry forward of \$327,000 and an anticipated increase to revenues of \$358,075. The local assessment is expected to decrease by \$577. Federal funding for IDEA-B is expected to increase by 18% from last year's projections. "Other State" revenue is projected to be approximately \$260,000. This revenue covers 100% of the cost for students who are "State Placed" in foster care homes within our supervisory union. In addition, another \$205,000 is projected for students' programs that exceed \$50,000. Once these costs exceed this threshold, they are reimbursed at 90% of the program cost.

The CESU Mansfield Academy program, which began as a high school alternative program, is now in its fifth year of serving students in grades K-12. This program allows students who cannot participate within the regular educational setting to continue to be educated locally. It also connects children and families to critical resources and supports available within the Chittenden County area. The Mansfield Academy elementary program (grades K-4) is located at Jericho Elementary School (JES). The move to JES, from the previous commercial space on Rt. 15 has reduced costs and benefited students by offering resources not readily available at the former setting, such as a gym, cafeteria, library and playground. The Mansfield Academy program serves approximately 20 students in grades K-12.

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Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 2015-16 Proposed Budget Central Office

To align with the VT Agency of Education data reporting, all costs for school district annual audits will be assessed to districts through the Supervisory Union. School districts will no longer contract for their annual audit as the Central Office of the Supervisory union will have that responsibility. This accounts for 4.34% of the increase.

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenses						
Salaries	826,181	797,050	840,455	881,218	40,763	4.85%
Insurance	149,489	161,488	162,816	157,432	(5,384)	-3.31%
Social Security	60,813	60,974	64,295	67,413	3,118	4.85%
Group Life Insurance	1,729	1,820	1,820	2,005	185	10.16%
Retirement	25,219	27,669	31,319	28,029	(3,290)	-10.50%
Workers Compensation	5,073	4,866	5,547	4,847	(700)	-12.62%
Unemployment Comp	1,257	1,764	550	572	22	4.00%
Tuition Reimbursement	7,208	5,298	5,298	5,298	-	-
Record Check	50	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit Administration	916	690	690	690	-	-
Training/Staff Development	270	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
Professional & Tech Services	68,536	6,840	7,000	66,000	59,000	842.86%
Contract Negotiations	2,456	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	-
Legal Services	2,520	6,700	6,700	6,700	-	-
Cleaning Services	5,337	4,930	4,930	4,930	-	-
Repair & Maintenance	5,942	5,750	5,750	5,750	-	-
Rent	42,318	43,926	43,926	43,926	-	-
Prop/Liab Fidelity Insurance	480	305	305	305	-	-
Postage & Telephone	11,272	11,878	11,500	11,500	-	-
Printing	3,240	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	-
Advertising	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	-
Travel/Conferences	13,337	15,300	15,300	15,300	-	-
Supplies	11,683	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	-
Electricity	3,966	4,056	4,056	4,056	-	-
Books/Periodicals	1,013	800	800	800	-	-
Computer Software	34,511	34,212	35,000	19,451	(15,549)	-44.43%
Equipment	9,783	9,180	9,180	9,180	-	-
Dues & Fees	12,818	5,581	7,581	7,581	-	-
Contingency	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-
P/Y Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Development	9,428	4,380	4,130	4,130	-	-
Curriculum Development	4,940	11,250	11,500	11,500	-	-
LSB Grant	1,393	1,300	1,300	1,300	-	-
E Rate Grant	61,040	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-
Grants - Other	15,597	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 1,399,815	\$ 1,303,007	\$ 1,359,748	\$ 1,437,913	\$ 78,165	5.75%

Budget w/o Audit Cost :	\$ 1,378,913	\$ 19,165	1.41%
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Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 2015-16 Proposed Budget Central Office

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Direct Assessment w/o Audit Cost : \$ 1,375,719 \$ 96,107 7.51%						
Revenues						
District Assessments	\$ 1,376,366	\$ 1,318,052	\$ 1,279,612	\$ 1,434,719	\$ 155,107	12.12%
Interest Earned	\$ 2,204	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	-
Misc Other Income	\$ 1,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
LSB Grant	\$ 2,124	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -	-
Erate Grant	\$ 68,933	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	-
Grants	\$ 8,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Carry Forward	\$ (42,683)	\$ (48,245)	\$ 46,937	\$ (30,006)	\$ (76,943)	-163.93%
Total	\$ 1,416,746	\$ 1,303,007	\$ 1,359,749	\$ 1,437,913	\$ 78,164	5.75%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 16,932	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 0		

Estimated Central Office Assessment

The Central Office assessment increase is a result of including all school district audit costs and a smaller surplus than expected. The percent difference between Huntington and MMMUSD is due to a relative change in enrollment.

	FY 2015 Percentage	FY 2015 Assessment	FY 2016 Percentage	Estimated FY 2016 Assessment	\$ Increase	% Increase
w/o Audit						
Huntington	5.09%	\$ 65,075	4.90%	\$ 67,476	\$ 2,401	3.69%
MMMUSD PreK-4	29.99%	\$ 383,761	29.99%	\$ 412,609	\$ 28,848	7.52%
MMMUSD 5-12	64.92%	\$ 830,777	65.10%	\$ 895,634	\$ 64,858	7.81%
	100.00%	\$ 1,279,612	100.00%	\$ 1,375,719	\$ 96,107	7.51%
			Salaries	Audit	Op Exp	Total
Huntington			\$ 56,152	\$ 7,000	\$ 11,324	\$ 74,476
MMMUSD PreK-4			\$ 343,365	\$ 35,000	\$ 69,244	\$ 447,609
MMMUSD 5-12			\$ 745,329	\$ 17,000	\$ 150,305	\$ 912,634
			\$ 1,144,846	\$ 59,000	\$ 230,873	\$ 1,434,719

Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 2015-16 Proposed Budget Special Education

See CESU written report for budget details.

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures						
Instructional Services	\$ 6,362,850	\$6,172,278	\$ 6,345,945	\$6,699,636	\$ 353,692	5.57%
Salaries*	3,845,543	3,807,194	3,851,394	3,831,600	(19,794)	-0.51%
Benefits	1,795,444	1,860,555	1,865,991	1,787,676	(78,315)	-4.20%
Instructional Services	35,524	32,700	30,600	60,700	30,100	98.37%
Inclusion Services*	0	70,066	135,652	152,981	17,329	12.77%
Other Purchased Services	10,052	13,800	1,750	12,500	10,750	614.29%
Tuition	659,844	369,803	430,338	819,764	389,426	90.49%
Supplies	12,671	13,870	20,200	22,775	2,575	12.75%
Equipment	3,772	4,290	10,020	11,640	1,620	16.17%
Professional Services	3,075	7,200	0	0	0	-
Social Work Services	166,980	179,467	162,323	166,294	3,971	2.45%
Health Services	2,284	7,500	0	0	0	-
Psychological Services	211,939	193,624	233,237	256,444	23,207	9.95%
Speech & Lang Services	745,299	737,994	787,136	717,209	(69,926)	-8.88%
OT Services	99,127	101,727	101,741	86,633	(15,108)	-14.85%
PT & Other Support Services	53,587	52,570	52,149	56,263	4,114	7.89%
Prof Develop/ Mentoring*	73,206	38,780	66,500	31,500	(35,000)	-52.63%
Program Interventionists*	180,984	175,147	148,300	162,185	13,885	9.36%
Technology*	46,880	47,000	47,686	59,029	11,344	23.79%
Administration Services	213,209	220,391	228,594	234,163	5,568	2.44%
Admin Support Services	116,446	144,097	120,798	127,652	6,854	5.67%
Fiscal Services	7,938	8,200	9,000	0	(9,000)	-100.00%
Facilities	36,597	45,140	40,320	38,000	(2,320)	-5.75%
Transportation	98,020	108,779	95,972	107,249	11,278	11.75%
Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	-
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total Special Ed	\$ 8,418,422	\$8,239,894	\$ 8,439,701	\$8,742,258	\$ 302,557	3.58%

*Restated to match breakout in FY15.

EEE/Preschool	\$ 371,000	\$ 381,519	\$ 445,467	\$ 500,985	\$ 55,517	12.46%
Total	\$ 8,789,422	\$8,621,413	\$ 8,885,168	\$9,243,242	\$ 358,075	4.03%



Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12
2015-16 Proposed Budget
Special Education

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Revenue						
Fund Balance Carry Forward	\$ (745,849)	\$ (238,047)	\$ (359,132)	\$ (327,000)	\$ 32,132	-8.95%
Essential Early Ed (EEE)	186,192	186,192	192,126	196,188	4,062	2.11%
IDEA -B	605,057	563,400	531,508	628,816	97,308	18.31%
IDEA -B Proportionate Share	2,834	0	0	3,645	3,645	-
IDEA-B Preschool	13,559	13,800	13,800	13,559	(241)	-1.75%
State Block	931,958	931,958	937,549	944,294	6,745	0.72%
State Extraordinary	180,529	113,100	116,034	205,165	89,131	76.82%
State Expenditure Reimb.	3,180,044	3,411,842	3,346,221	3,294,539	(51,682)	-1.54%
Other State	90,197	31,865	80,348	257,900	177,552	220.98%
Other State EEE	1,424	0	0	0	-	-
BEST Grant	0	11,551	5,500	5,500	-	-
Excess Costs from LEAs	3,094	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	-
Prior Year	2,091	0	0	0	-	-
Miscellaneous Local	577	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-
Local Assessment	3,205,756	3,205,752	3,556,214	3,555,636	(577)	-0.02%
Tuition Mansfield Academy	55,507	0	75,000	75,000	-	0.00%
Medicaid Preschool	0	0	238,550	277,052	38,502	16.14%
Medicaid	396,865	380,000	141,450	102,948	(38,502)	-27.22%
Total	\$ 8,109,835	\$8,621,413	\$ 8,885,168	\$9,243,242	\$ 358,075	4.03%

Estimated Special Education Assessment

District	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Budget	\$ Change	% Change	% Share
Huntington	\$ 182,930	\$ 174,880	\$ (8,050)	-4.40%	4.92%
MMMUSD PreK-4	\$ 1,066,522	\$ 1,065,930	\$ (592)	-0.06%	29.98%
MMMUSD 5-12	\$ 2,306,762	\$ 2,314,826	\$ 8,064	0.35%	65.10%
	\$ 3,556,214	\$ 3,555,636	\$ (577)	-0.02%	100.00%

Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 2015-16 Proposed Budget Transportation

A significant factor in the increase in the transportation budget is the inclusion of a bus purchase that was taken out of the 2014-15 budget. The addition of the bus purchase to this budget gets CESU back to a typical annual rotation of three buses.

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015- 16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures						
Salary	\$ 930,065	\$ 860,234	\$ 910,359	\$ 957,177	\$ 46,818	5.14%
Insurance	378,992	355,482	358,230	368,881	10,651	2.97%
Social Security	69,644	65,807	69,642	73,224	3,582	5.14%
Retire/Work Comp/Unemp	73,109	93,117	93,803	67,221	(26,582)	-28.34%
Professional Services	1,650	500	500	4,000	3,500	700.07%
Other Cleaning Services	7,600	6,247	6,247	6,247	-	0.00%
Repairs & Maintenance	318	200	200	200	-	0.00%
Busing Contracts	5,029	10,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
Fleet Insurance	20,195	22,571	21,391	13,573	(7,818)	-36.55%
Communications	2,830	4,475	4,475	4,475	-	0.00%
Advertising	-	750	750	750	-	0.00%
Travel/Training	829	2,200	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
Supplies/Parts	116,808	107,102	113,233	120,482	7,249	6.40%
Fuels	211,269	240,960	248,523	246,063	(2,460)	-0.99%
Software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Equipment	4,486	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Bus Replacement	171,268	170,000	172,600	255,000	82,400	47.74%
Miscellaneous	5,330	4,000	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	-25.00%
Resident Transport	2,001,421	1,949,645	2,016,453	2,132,794	116,341	5.77%
Non Resident Transport	44,832	-	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%
Total	\$ 2,046,253	\$ 1,949,645	\$ 2,028,453	\$ 2,144,794	\$ 116,341	5.74%
			Excluding Third Bus:	\$ 2,062,394	\$ 33,941	1.67%
Estimated Revenue						
Carry Forward	\$ (7,244)	\$ 53,909	\$ (92,908)	\$ (82,636)	\$ 10,272	-11.06%
Vo-Tech Reimbursement	61,936	58,000	58,000	58,000	-	0.00%
Special Ed Reimbursement	-	32,727	24,000	-	(24,000)	-100.00%
Non Resident Transport	15,088	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	12,625	12,712	21,712	21,712	-	0.00%
Sale of Bus	-	4,000	4,000	12,000	8,000	200.00%
Grant	10,591	-	-	-	-	-
Elementary Assessment	447,076	447,073	503,412	533,929	30,517	6.06%
Secondary Assessment	\$ 1,341,228	\$ 1,341,223	\$ 1,510,237	\$ 1,601,788	\$ 91,551	6.06%
	\$ 1,881,300	\$ 1,949,644	\$ 2,028,453	\$ 2,144,794	\$ 116,341	5.74%
Net	\$ (164,953)	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

Estimated Transportation Assessment

The percent difference between Huntington and MMMUSD is due to the relative change in enrollment.

District	FY 2015 Percentage	FY 2015 Elementary Percentage	FY 2015 PK-4 Oct 1 Enroll	FY 2016 Elementary Percentage	FY 16 Estimated Assessment	% Increase
Huntington	\$ 75,041	14.91%	137	14.24%	\$ 76,038	1.33%
MMMUSD PreK-4	\$ 428,371	85.09%	825	85.76%	\$ 457,892	6.89%
MMMUSD 5-12	\$ 1,510,237				\$ 1,601,788	6.06%
	\$ 2,013,649	100.00%	962	100.00%	\$ 2,135,718	6.06%
Elementary	\$ 503,412				\$ 533,929	
MMMUSD	\$ 1,510,237				\$ 1,601,788	
	\$ 2,013,649				\$ 2,135,718	

Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District

Established: December 18, 2014

2015-16 Budget Information

for

**Smilie Memorial School, Jericho Elementary, Richmond Elementary,
Underhill ID Elementary, Underhill Central School,
Browns River Middle School, Camels Hump Middle School,
Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

On November 4, 2014, the communities of Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill ID and Underhill Town voted to form the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District. This new school district will serve and govern the current town school districts of Bolton (*Smilie Memorial School*), Jericho (*Jericho Elementary*), Richmond (*Richmond Elementary*), Underhill ID School District (*Underhill ID Elementary*), Underhill Town (*Underhill Central School*), Mt Mansfield Union School District (*Browns River Middle, Camels Hump Middle and Mt. Mansfield Union High Schools*) in grades pre-K through 12 and Huntington students grades 5-12.

The newly formed school board held an organizational meeting on December 18, 2014. Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe, opened the meeting, swore in community members who were elected in November to serve on the new MMMUSD Board and officially recognized Mt. Mansfield Modified Union as a Vermont school district. In addition, a treasurer, clerk and annual meeting moderator were elected from the floor and an annual meeting date established on the fourth Thursday in February. Secretary Holcombe highlighted the historical significance of the new school district as well as her support for the work of the Voluntary Merger Committee and enthusiasm for the potential of the preK-12 school district.

The MMMUSD School Board wasted no time in beginning its work. On December 20th, the new board gathered at Camels Hump Middle School to discuss roles and responsibilities, set priorities for the next six months, elect officers and initiate the process of forming a new governing body. The Vermont School Boards' Association supported the board in facilitating the meeting. The retreat was productive and resulted in the following:

- Jon Milazzo (*Richmond*) was appointed Chair. Andrew Pond (*Bolton*) was appointed Vice Chair. Diane Kirson-Glitman (*Jericho*) was appointed Clerk.
- Peter Geiss (*Underhill*), Beth Racine (*Underhill*), Kevin Campbell (*UID*), Dave Clark (*Huntington*), Michael Marks (*Richmond*) and Edye Graning (*Jericho*) were appointed to the Finance Committee.
- Andrew Davis (*Jericho*), Peter Geiss (*Underhill*), Michael Marks (*Richmond*) and Jon Milazzo (*Richmond*) were appointed to the Negotiations Committee. Huntington School District Representative, Edmund Booth is also a member of the Negotiations Committee.
- The Board will meet the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please go to www.cesu.k12.vt.us to view the meeting schedule, meeting minutes, budget information and other information related to the new school district.

In addition to short-term priorities, the MMMUSD Board will be working on a vision, strategic plans/priorities and community engagement plan. The new board will be focusing on optimizing resources and providing a high quality and responsive education to students in preschool through 12th grade. MMMUSD is positioned to advance the needs and priorities of all stakeholders.

The MMMUSD budget information in this report represents the proposed budget for 2015-2016. The budget supports and funds the education of students in the new Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District.

John R Alberghini, Superintendent of Schools

Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District 2015-16 Proposed Budget

	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Proposed Budget 2015-16	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures						
Instructional Programs *	\$ 17,500,948	\$ 17,347,311	\$ 17,404,438	\$ 18,041,600	\$ 637,162	3.66%
Special Education	\$ 8,279,467	\$ 8,414,185	\$ 8,641,612	\$ 8,725,636	\$ 84,024	0.97%
Career and Technical Education	\$ 1,228,261	\$ 1,063,358	\$ 1,309,800	\$ 1,397,665	\$ 87,865	6.71%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 226,075	\$ 241,236	\$ 242,446	\$ 243,482	\$ 1,036	0.43%
Health, Guidance & Support Services	\$ 1,494,338	\$ 1,603,838	\$ 1,589,352	\$ 1,646,189	\$ 56,837	3.58%
Professional Development	\$ 322,925	\$ 311,772	\$ 302,740	\$ 277,246	\$ (25,494)	-8.42%
Media Services	\$ 1,198,120	\$ 1,361,696	\$ 1,447,727	\$ 1,486,784	\$ 39,056	2.70%
Board of Education	\$ 47,390	\$ 86,673	\$ 86,673	\$ 86,673	\$ -	0.00%
Chittenden East Supervisory Union	\$ 1,305,118	\$ 1,275,401	\$ 1,243,263	\$ 1,405,913	\$ 162,651	13.08%
School Administration	\$ 1,508,305	\$ 1,537,883	\$ 1,599,186	\$ 1,527,759	\$ (71,426)	-4.47%
Secretarial Services	\$ 910,972	\$ 918,401	\$ 947,822	\$ 949,546	\$ 1,724	0.18%
Fiscal Services	\$ 149,469	\$ 224,510	\$ 225,428	\$ 204,028	\$ (21,400)	-9.49%
Op/Maint of Plant	\$ 3,650,022	\$ 3,427,975	\$ 3,463,402	\$ 3,611,213	\$ 147,811	4.27%
Transportation Services	\$ 1,721,424	\$ 1,720,879	\$ 1,940,687	\$ 2,080,404	\$ 139,717	7.20%
Food Services	\$ 45,721	\$ 35,388	\$ 28,648	\$ 14,827	\$ (13,821)	-48.25%
Other Fiscal Services	\$ 22,344	\$ 26,650	\$ 24,000	\$ 63,516	\$ 39,516	164.65%
Contingency	\$ 4,156	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ -	0.00%
Debt Services	\$ 1,301,241	\$ 1,280,843	\$ 1,137,310	\$ 1,099,410	\$ (37,900)	-3.33%
Transfer to Reserve	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expenditures PreK-12	\$ 40,916,294	\$ 40,920,499	\$ 41,677,033	\$ 42,904,391	\$ 1,227,358	2.94%
Huntington Expenditures Grades 5-12. Based on proportion of equalized pupils.			\$ 3,338,776	\$ 3,476,610	\$ 137,834	4.13%
* Preschool Partnerships included under "Instructional Programs."			\$ 11,200	\$ 327,000	\$ 315,800	2819.64%
Note: Chittenden East Supervisory Union increase includes the addition of district audit costs as an assessed cost as per reporting requirements; Transportation increase includes the restoration of the third bus purchase as per the bus replacement schedule; Other Fiscal Services includes additional Food Service Program Support.						
Revenue						
State and Federal						
Education Spending Revenue	\$ 33,041,416	\$ 33,262,215	\$ 34,579,798	\$ 35,920,652	\$ 1,340,854	3.88%
Career & Tech Ed Transfer	\$ 620,878	\$ 573,948	\$ 667,924	\$ 661,556	\$ (6,368)	-0.95%
Tech Ed Spending Grant	\$ 21,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Small School Grant	\$ 42,632	\$ 42,910	\$ 48,838	\$ 42,632	\$ (6,206)	-12.71%
Transportation	\$ 732,861	\$ 682,859	\$ 586,704	\$ 586,704	\$ -	0.00%
Drivers Education	\$ 14,733	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	0.00%
HS Completion Program	\$ 38,329	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.00%
Special Education						
Block Grant	\$ 888,749	\$ 884,197	\$ 889,811	\$ 892,740	\$ 2,929	0.33%
Intensive	\$ 3,048,761	\$ 3,244,748	\$ 3,211,539	\$ 3,155,593	\$ (55,946)	-1.74%
Extraordinary	\$ 172,405	\$ 107,560	\$ 110,132	\$ 179,734	\$ 69,602	63.20%
EEE	\$ 161,575	\$ 159,938	\$ 164,270	\$ 164,270	\$ -	0.00%
IDEA-B	\$ 577,829	\$ 535,808	\$ 504,477	\$ 570,851	\$ 66,374	13.16%
IDEA-B Preschool	\$ 11,796	\$ 11,854	\$ 11,799	\$ 11,799	\$ -	0.00%
Medicaid	\$ 377,418	\$ 361,391	\$ 338,221	\$ 338,474	\$ 253	0.07%
Title 1	\$ 216,882	\$ 186,847	\$ 160,552	\$ 130,855	\$ (29,697)	-18.50%
Title 1 Improvement	\$ 2,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Local:						
Impact Fees	\$ 55,409	\$ 52,981	\$ 23,668	\$ 20,668	\$ (3,000)	-12.68%
Tuition	\$ 205,504	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000	\$ 150,000	\$ (158,000)	-51.30%
Interest	\$ 32,557	\$ 137,500	\$ 33,000	\$ 35,700	\$ 2,700	8.18%
Other	\$ 244,636	\$ 9,750	\$ 9,100	\$ 7,600	\$ (1,500)	-16.48%
Grants						
Other: Prior Year Adjustments	\$ 1,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Lease Proceeds	\$ 4,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Transfer from Reserve	\$ 40,934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 7,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 40,867,221	\$ 40,920,499	\$ 41,677,037	\$ 42,904,392	\$ 1,227,355	2.94%

An independent audit of the accounts and financial statements of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12, for the period ending June 30, 2014, was conducted by Fothergill, Segale and Valley, CPAs. The report is available online at the CESU website www.cesu.k12.vt.us.

Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District 2015-16 Budget Proposal

Significant Increases & Reductions

Preschool Partnerships	+ 315,800	109 partnerships
Health Care: Premium Increase and Coverage Changes	+ 106,900 + 189,300	Premium Increase 4.5%
Operations/Maintenance of Plant	+ 133,500	Restored FY15 cuts; adjust utilities & services costs
Vocational Education	+ 87,900	Tuition Rate Increase
Transportation Assessment	+ 82,400	Added back 3 rd bus purchase
CESU Assessment	+ 77,000	Lower Surplus than anticipated
Long Term Substitutes	+ 46,400	Estimated need
Staff Reductions	- 280,500	2.2 FTE Teacher; 1.5 FTE Support Staff; 1.0 FTE Admin Vacancy
Tuition Reduction	- 40,000	Phase out of School Choice Tuition
Debt Service	- 37,900	Bond Retirement
Other Additions & Reductions	546,558	Primarily Wage, Dental and Food Service Support Increase
Total Net Increase	\$1,227,358	

Homestead Tax Rate Calculation for Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill and Underhill ID

	<u>FY 15</u>	<u>FY 16</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Education Spending (excl Huntington 5-12)	\$32,418,781	\$33,599,243	3.64%
÷ Equalized Pupils	2,272.52	2,270.35	-0.10%
= Ed Spending/EP	\$14,266	\$14,799	3.74%
÷ Base Ed Amount	9,285	9,459	1.87%
= Spending Adjustment	153.64%	156.46%	1.83%
× Statewide Tax Rate	\$0.98	\$1.00	2.04%
= Eq. Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.51	\$1.56	3.91%
Less Eight Cent Incentive:	\$1.51	\$1.48	-1.40%

Homestead Tax Rate Calculation for Huntington

	<u>FY 15</u>	<u>FY 16</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Education Spending (Huntington 5-12 only)	\$2,828,941	\$2,982,964	5.44%
÷ Equalized Pupils	205.10	204.30	-0.39%
= Ed Spending/EP	\$13,793	\$14,601	5.86%
÷ Base Ed Amount	9,285	9,459	1.87%
= Spending Adjustment	148.55%	154.36%	5.81%
× Statewide Tax Rate	\$0.98	\$1.00	2.04%
= Eq. Homestead Tax Rate 5-12	\$1.46	\$1.54	3.91%
Composite Eq. Tax Rate for FY16 = 38.99% PK-4 Rate + 61.01% 5-12 Rate			
Eq. Homestead Tax Rate PK-4	\$1.49	\$1.53	2.73%
Composite Eq. Tax Rate PK-12	\$1.47	\$1.54	4.71%

Actual Homestead Tax Rate (After CLA Adjustment)

Town	Equalized Tax Rate	÷ CLA	= Estimated Actual Tax Rate	Change from FY15
Bolton	\$1.6304	102.57%	\$1.5895	-6.75%
Huntington	\$1.5401	102.64%	\$1.5005	4.01%
Jericho	\$1.4846	98.76%	\$1.5032	-0.22%
Richmond	\$1.4846	99.25%	\$1.4958	-2.45%
ID (J)	\$1.4846	98.68%	\$1.5045	-0.94%
ID (U)	\$1.4846	101.55%	\$1.4619	-0.26%
Underhill	\$1.4846	101.86%	\$1.4575	3.10%

Estimated Tax Rates for the all Towns of the Chittenden East SU

	Bolton	Huntington	Jericho	Richmond	ID – Jericho	ID – Underhill	Underhill
<i>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate before CLA adjustment (see note below)</i>							
2014-15	\$1.716	\$1.471	\$1.502	\$1.502	\$1.517	\$1.517	\$1.445
2015-16	\$1.630	\$1.540	\$1.485	\$1.485	\$1.485	\$1.485	\$1.485
Change	-0.086	0.069	-0.018	-0.017	-0.032	-0.032	0.04
<i>÷ Common Level of Appraisal</i>							
2014-15	100.68%	101.95%	99.72%	97.93%	99.87%	103.48%	102.18%
2015-16	102.57%	102.64%	98.76%	99.25%	98.68%	101.55%	101.86%
<i>= Estimated Actual Homestead Rate</i>							
2014-15	\$1.705	\$1.443	\$1.506	\$1.533	\$1.519	\$1.466	\$1.414
2015-16	\$1.590	\$1.501	\$1.503	\$1.496	\$1.505	\$1.462	\$1.458
Change	-0.115	0.058	-0.003	-0.038	-0.014	-0.004	0.044
<i>Change in Total Annual Taxes based on each \$100,000 of house site value</i>							
Change	-\$115	\$58	-\$3	-\$38	-\$14	-\$4	\$44

Note: Eight cent incentive applies to all towns except Huntington. Bolton’s FY16 tax rate changes more than 5% compared to FY15 and is capped at a 5% decrease.

REPORT OF THE MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #17

Browns River Middle School

It was a good year at Browns River Middle School, enrollment continues to be steady with the current number of students at 419. The average class size for BRMS is 20.9 students. We have many exciting initiatives at BRMS, the following examples illustrate some of the work we are undertaking with our students,

- **One to One Laptop Initiative for 7th and 8th Grade:** Browns River Middle School continues to increase the integration of digital devices into curriculum for all students. Next year, BRMS will be close to the goal of providing all students with a digital device

- **Writing:** As a school district, we are transitioning to a new writing curriculum which aligns to the Common Core Standards. We have adopted the Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study. Our work is exciting and includes changing our teaching practices and what our students are learning. This new writing program is providing a more rigorous and challenging learning experience for all of our students at BRMS.

- **PBIS CARES: BRMS** is in the fourth year of work with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which is being incorporated into our already existing CARES model (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control). This model is meant to be a proactive approach to our school-wide discipline program, and it is designed to reinforce the positive behaviors of students. At the same time, it serves as a support to students who need extra assistance to reach the school wide expectations of CARES. Our goal with PBIS is to improve student performance and foster positive school climate through consistent implementation of expectations, communication, and accountability.

Camels Hump Middle School

An exciting year at Camels Hump Middle School was highlighted in July when CHMS was recognized, along with 48 other schools nationally, as a Green Ribbon School for “exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education, including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), green careers and civics”, in a ceremony in Washington D.C. U.S Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, identified CHMS as a leader in energy efficiency and cost reductions in his speech during the ceremony. Two other projects of note at CHMS this year were as follows,

- **Common Core Implementation:** CHMS teachers are working diligently to implement instructional practices and curricular adjustments to meet the demands of the Common Core. During the summer of 2014, over a

dozen CHMS writing teachers participated in a week long summer Writers Workshop course.

- **UVM Extension Partnership:** During the 2013-2014 school year Camels Hump in partnership with UVM Extension initiated a family education program, PROSPER (Promoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience). This program is designed to connect local communities with their universities and assist them in implementing programming that will increase student problem solving and communication abilities, while promoting the success of youth in communities. We continued work on this project this year and are excited by the opportunities presented to students and families.

Mt. Mansfield Union High School

The 2013-2014 school year was a very productive for Mt. Mansfield Union High School. During the past year two hundred and twenty-six students graduated, we were named an Energy Star School, our Girls Alpine Ski Team won a state championship, we had nineteen All-State Musicians, and 84% of our students who took AP Exams scored a 3 or higher. We also have continued to utilize a reflection cycle to examine our curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices as well as our school improvement initiatives. We would like to highlight two of the initiatives that we have focused on this year,

- **Math Common Core Implementation:** The math department has undertaken redesigning all math courses as part of the implementation of the standards and concepts emphasized in the Common Core. To date, we have created an entry level course called Algebra Prep and redesigned our Algebra I and Geometry courses. Algebra II and Pre-Calculus will be addressed this summer and Calculus adjusted the following year. We believe the areas of focus in the Common Core math curriculum will produce a college and career ready graduate.

- **Personalized Learning Plans:** As part of the Education Quality Standards approved in April of 2014, all 7th and 9th graders will need Personalized Learning Plans (PLP) at the start of the 2015-2016 school year. A committee of high school and middle school teachers and administrators has been working to design the process and product that will make up a PLP. This has been an exciting project and one that we look forward implementing.

BRMS - Kevin Hamilton, Principal
Elaine Archambault, Asst Principal

CHMS - Mark Carbone, Principal
Lashawn Whitmore-Sells, Asst Principal

MMUHS - Mike Weston, Principal
Richard Wright, Asst Principal
David Marlow, Director of Student Activities

**OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015
RICHMOND, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond, Vermont and the Town School District of Richmond, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 9:00 AM to transact business on the following articles.

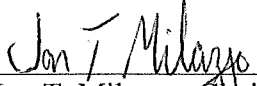
The voters are further warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 to vote the following by Australian ballot:
School Officers, Town Officers, Article #9 Funding of Conservation Reserve Fund

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

- Article 1.** To hear and act upon the reports of the School Officers.
- Article 2.** To transact any other business that may come legally before this meeting.
- Article 3-7.** To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot.
(To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the Richmond Selectboard to negotiate and enter a Tax Stabilization Agreement for Economic Development purposes to reduce or cap municipal taxation as a redevelopment incentive, for the properties commonly known as the Creamery, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 2471, for a term not to exceed ten years?
- Article 9.** Shall the Town of Richmond continue funding the Conservation Reserve Fund established by the voters in 2005, and renewed in 2010, for the purpose of preserving water quality, providing outdoor recreational opportunities, protecting wildlife, and conserving important natural, agricultural and historic resources, with funding maintained at one cent on the Municipal Tax Rate for five years beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016? One cent on the tax rate, which is equal to \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed value, will yield approximately \$44,400 for the Reserve Fund in fiscal year 2015-2016. The Selectboard will administer the fund after considering recommendations by the Conservation Commission. Any acquisition of a parcel of real estate by the town, meaning acquisition of a whole parcel and not solely its development rights, requiring in excess of \$20,000.00 from the reserve fund, will require approval of the voters.
(To be voted by Australian ballot)

- Article 10.** Shall the Town of Richmond vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3840 to exempt the real estate of Richmond Rescue, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years beginning with the 2015-2016 fiscal year?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$3,300,502 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?
- Article 12.** To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Richmond School Board



Jon T. Milazzo, Chair




Scott Lowe, Clerk

Catherine Burns




Wendy Gagliardi

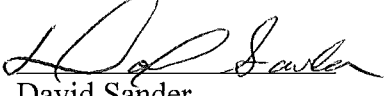
Richmond Selectboard



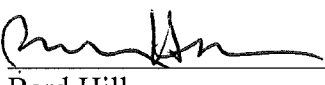
Taylor Yeates, Chair



Chris Granda, Vice Chair



David Sander



Bard Hill



Ellen Kane

Received for record this 23rd day of January, 2015

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SPECIAL NOTES

Last day for **new voter registration** is Wednesday, **February 25, 2015 until 5:00 PM**

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **5:00 PM on Monday, March 2, 2015.**

Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District: The legal voters of the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at the Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on **Thursday, February 26, 2015** commencing at **6:30 PM** for the purpose of explaining the 2015-2016 proposed budget.

Richmond Selectboard: The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on **Monday, March 2, 2015** commencing at **6:00 PM**, for the purpose of explaining the 2015-2016 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Camel’s Hump Middle School Gymnasium in the Town of Richmond on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid (estimated to be \$1,125,000), be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of extending municipal water and sewer lines into the Gateway Zoning District and westerly as far as the Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at Camel’s Hump Middle School Gymnasium in the Town of Richmond at seven o’clock (7:00) in the evening, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Richmond duly called, noticed and held on January 20, 2015. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Richmond on January 21, 2015.

ATTEST: Linda M Parent
Linda M. Parent
Town Clerk

Chris Grand
Ann
Ellen Kane
[Signature]
Selectboard

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING RICHMOND, VERMONT MARCH 3, 2015		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		
<p>A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●</p> <p>B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.</p> <p>C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">MODERATOR</p> <p>One Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>CLINT BUXTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Five Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>LAURIE DANA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>Two Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>SCOTT LOWE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>Three Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>LINCOLN D.H. BRESSOR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARY HOULE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST CONSTABLE</p> <p>One Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>ANDY SQUIRES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>Two years remaining of a 3 Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>Two Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>ELLEN KANE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>Three Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>JON T. MILAZZO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p>One year remaining of a 3 Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Five Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>M. EILEEN BUXTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNION DIRECTOR</p> <p>Three Year Term vote for not more than one</p> <p>JOHN "CHIP" NOONAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	
ARTICLE		
<p>ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Richmond continue funding the Conservation Fund established by the voters in 2004 and in 2010, for the purpose of preserving water quality, providing outdoor recreation opportunities, protecting wildlife, and maintaining important natural, agricultural, and historic resources with funding maintained at one cent on the Municipal Tax Rate for the next five years beginning with the year 2015-2016? One cent on the tax rate, which is equal to \$100,000 of assessed value, will yield approximately \$44,400 for the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The Conservation Board will administer the fund after considering recommendations by the Conservation Commission. Any acquisition of a parcel of real estate by the town, meaning acquisition of the whole parcel and not solely its development rights, exceeding in excess of \$20,000, shall require the reserve fund, will require approval of the voters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>		

OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN OF RICHMOND SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 3, 2015
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
<p>TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●</p>
ARTICLE I
<p>Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid (estimated to be \$1,125,000), be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of extending municipal water and sewer lines into the Gateway Zoning District and westerly as far as the Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If in favor of the bond issue vote YES <input type="radio"/> If opposed to the bond issue vote NO <input type="radio"/></p>

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Assistant Town ClerkMartha Laing 434-2221
Constable.....Andrew Squires 434-2533
Delinquent Tax Collector Laurie Brisbin 434-2221
Financial Assistant Connie Doherty 434-2221
Fire ChiefThomas Levesque
434-2002 (non-emergency)
Highway Road Foreman Peter Gosselin 434-2631
Library Director Rebecca Mueller 434-3036
Police ChiefAlan Buck
434-2156 (non-emergency)
Richmond Town HistorianHarriet W. Riggs 434-2556
Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik 434-5170
Town PlannerClare Rock 434-2430
Water Resources Superintendent Kendall Chamberlin
434-2178
Zoning Administrative Officer Neal Leitner
434-2430

APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS

Animal Control Agent..... Pam Alexander 922-5997
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Chris Granda 318-3013
Chittenden Solid Waste District..Adam Sherman 338-7415
Alternate..... Logan Brown
Civil Defense Director Thomas Levesque 434-2002
Energy Coordinator..... Jeffrey Forward 434-2344
Emergency Management Coordinator Thomas Levesque
434-2002
Fire Warden.....Harland Stockwell 316-1979
To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch 985-8051
Inspector of Wood & Coal Jeffrey Forward 434-2344
Lake Iroquois Committee Bruce Hoar 434-4197
Town Fence Viewers.....Toby Buxton 434-4850
Jared Katz 434-4995
Carole Furr 434-4601
Town Health OfficerWright Preston 434-2789
Town Service OfficerMartha Laing 434-5689
Tree Wardenvacant

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Superintendent CESU John Alberghini 434-2128
Principal, MMUHSMichael Weston 899-4690
Principal, CHMS..... Mark Carbone 434-2188
Principal, RES..... Michael Berry 434-2461

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1-802-828-3322
Lt. Governor Phil Scott
1-802-828-2226
Secretary of State Jim Condos
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U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
863-2525 1-800-642-3193
U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders
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U.S. Representative Peter Welch
1-888-605-7270

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Chittenden County

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Philp Baruth, Burlington (D) 503-5266
Virginia Lyons, Williston (D) 863-6129
Diane Snelling, Hinesburg (R) 482-4382
David Zuckerman, Hinesburg (D) 598-1986

Chittenden 4 Representative

Anne O'Brien
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