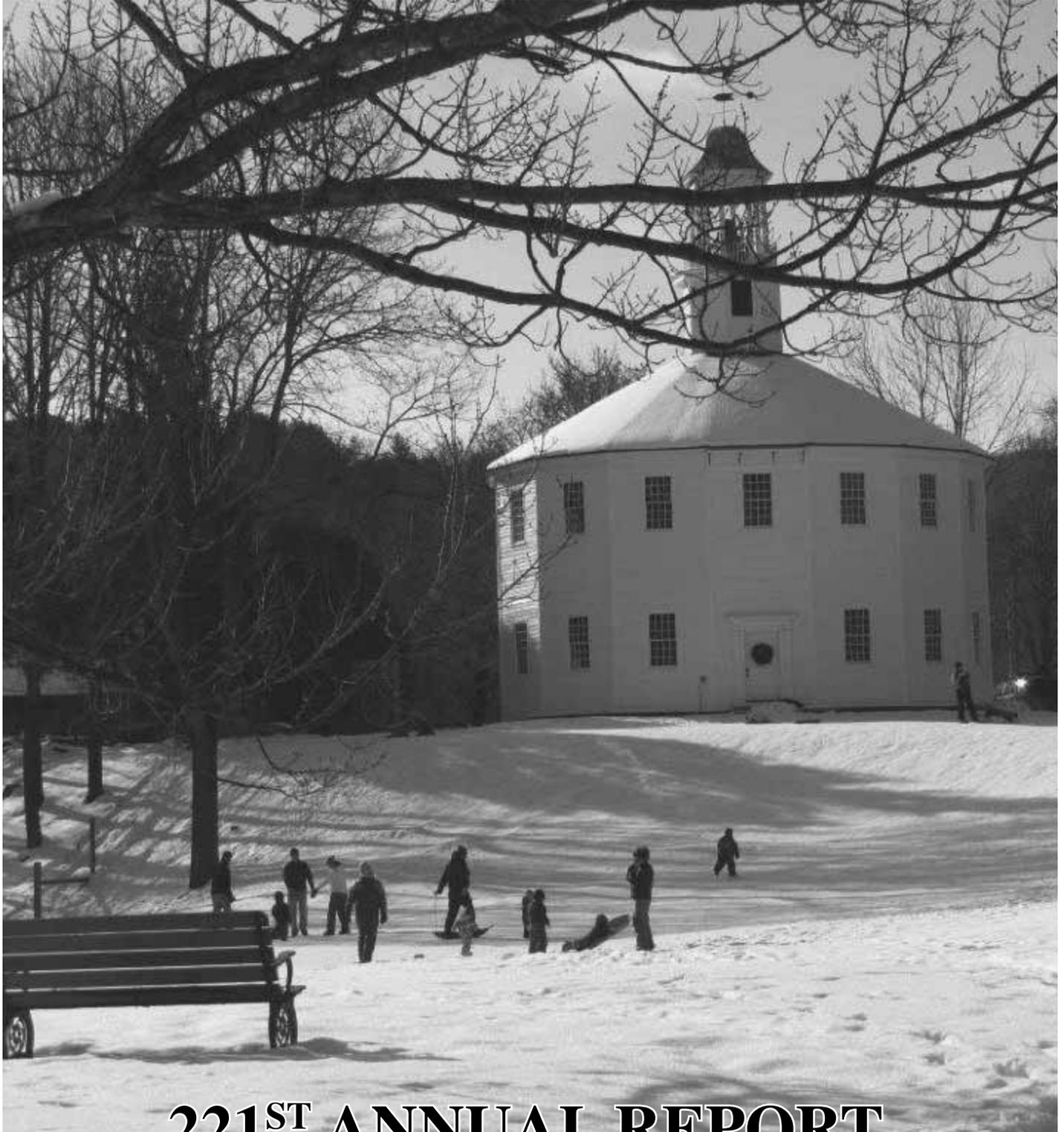
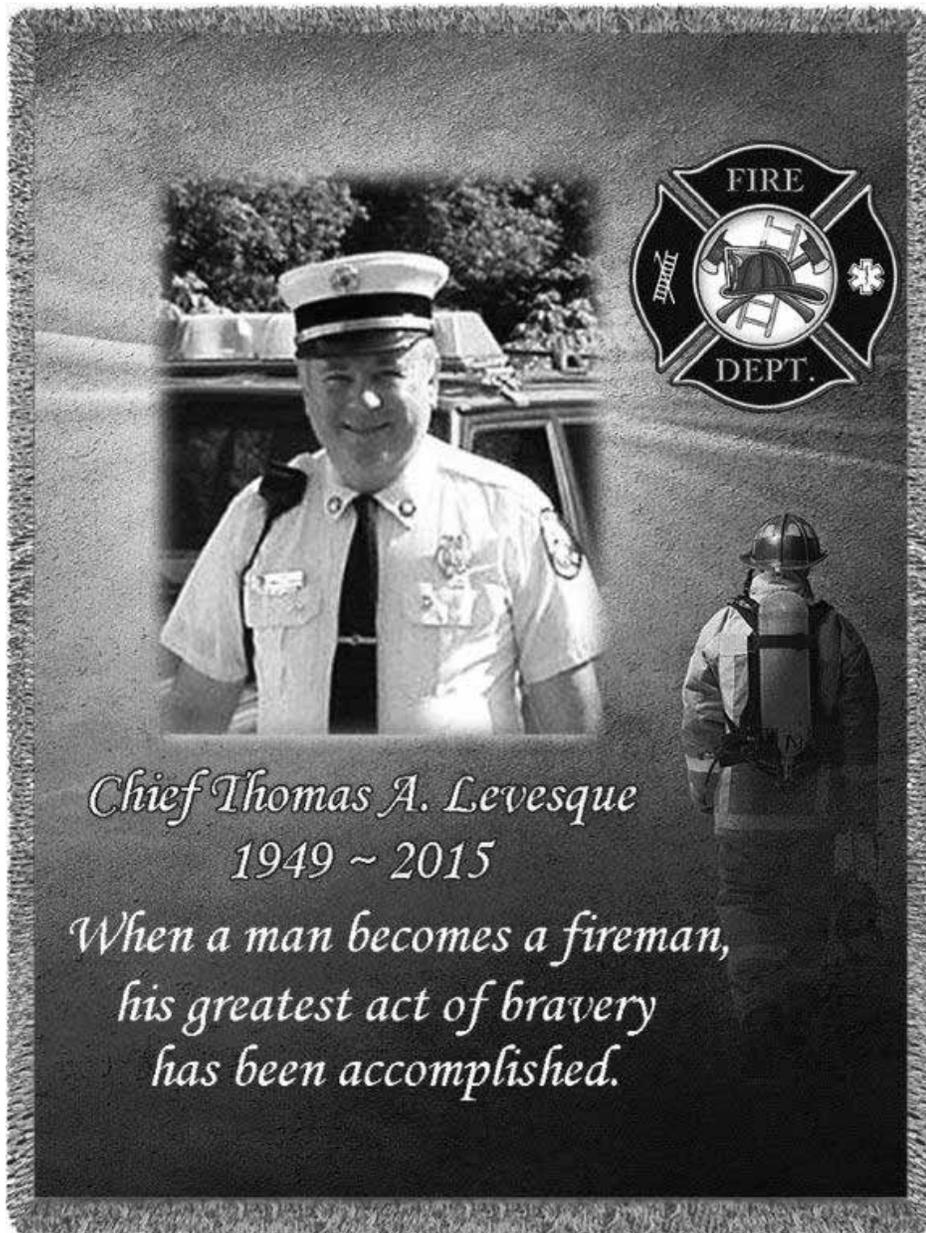


# TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT



**221<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

# We dedicate the 221st annual report to Richmond Fire Chief Thomas A. Levesque 1949-2015



Tom was born in Richmond January 27, 1949 and lived his entire life in our community. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1967. He went on to earn a degree in accounting at Champlain College, which he put to good use working for the Chittenden East Supervisory Union for many years.

Tom was often seen driving around Richmond, keeping an eye on everything. He will be remembered for his maple sugaring interest and those blue ribbons he earned.

Tom had a loyal and dedicated commitment to the Town of Richmond and especially to the Richmond Fire Department. He joined the Fire Department in 1968 and served until his passing, including as Chief from 1989. His leadership within the department will be missed. His dedication to firefighting was evident by the out pouring of responders and citizens who attended his memorial service. It is only fitting to close with the quote he always used in the Fire Department's town report:

**"Remember: Our organization could be better with you in it"**

# ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT  
2014 - 2015

Warning for the  
Two Hundred and Twenty-First  
1795 - 2015

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 1, 2016



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	2016
Town Clerk	Linda M. Parent	3 Year	2016
Town Treasurer	Mark Aridgides	3 Year	2016
Cemetery Trustees	Troy Liberty	resigned	2016
	George Gifford	appointed	2016
	Linda M. Parent	5 Year	2017
	Curran Robinson	5 Year	2018
	Dennis Gile	5 Year	2019
	M Eileen Buxton	5 Year	2020
Constable	Andrew Squires	1 Year	2016
Library Trustee	Karen Tufano	5 Year	2016
	Cammy Richelli	5 Year	2017
	Kristen Hayden-West	5 Year	2018
	Keith Frantz	5 Year	2019
	Laurie Dana	5 Year	2020
Selectboard	Bard Hill	2 Year	2016
	Taylor Yeates	3 Year	2016
	Ellen Kane	2 Year	2017
	David Sander	3 Year	2017
	Lincoln Bressor	3 Year	2018
State Representative	Anne O'Brien	2 Year	2017
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School Directors	John "Chip" Noonan	1 Year	2016
	Lucinda Preston	1 Year	2016
	Michael Marks	2 Years	2017
	Jon Milazzo	3 Years	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
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30PM TBA

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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 - 5:00 PM

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*Thank you to Janet & Rick Bonneau at Winooski Press for their support and assistance in the publication of the Town Report. Thank you to the many citizens that have provided photos for this Town Report.*

***Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk***

# TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

David Sunshine, Chair Michael Donahue  
 Cara LaBounty Ian Bender  
 Matthew Dyer Brad Worthen, Alternate  
 Roger Pedersen, Alternate

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Paul Hauf, Chair Anne O'Brien  
 Denise Barnard Ellen Kane  
 E. Lauck Parke Joy Reap  
 Morgan Wolaver

## JULY 4th PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Bruce LaBounty, Chair Mark Fausel, Vice Chair  
 Brian Tellstone E. Lauck Parke  
 Mark Hughes Joy Reap  
 Sean Foley

## SELECTBOARD

David Sander-Chair Ellen Kane-Vice Chair  
 Bard Hill Taylor Yeates  
 Lincoln Bressor

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harland Stockwell Robin Rabideau  
 Isabelle Rabideau Jan Spence  
 Steve May

## RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Ian Stokes, Chair Martha Marciel  
 John Hammerslough Jean Bressor  
 Tyler Merritt Steve Bower  
 Jim Monahan Veronique Beittel

## WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bard Hill, Chair David Sander, Vice Chair  
 Bruce Bailey Robert Fischer  
 Lincoln Bressor



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?

## Town Center Fund

Beginning balance	\$	92,585
Income from Rents		
CESU	\$	42,318
Post Office	\$	89,200
Interest	\$	414
RATC Nest	\$	444
Misc. Receipts	\$	3,740
Expenses		
Misc. repairs	\$	-
Parking Lot	\$	(123,155)
General Fund	\$	(11,000)
Final balance	\$	94,546

Future Projects include replacement windows, roof repairs and a variety of other renovations - painting, small carpentry repair, etc.

# TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING

RICHMOND, VERMONT

MARCH 3, 2015

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.

**Article 1 To hear & act upon the reports of the School Officers.** The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Duane LaRose, to accept the report of the School Officers. Jon Milazzo, School Board Chair, introduced the following School Board members: Scott Lowe and Catherine Burns. Also representing Richmond Elementary School were Michael Berry-Principal, John Alberghini – CHMS Superintendent, Jeanne Adams – RES Secretary, Robert Fahey – CESU Business Manager, Jennifer Botzjorns-Assistant Superintendent. Milazzo thanked all for their support of the schools. He acknowledged the change in school boards with regard to the merger of the modified school district. Report was accepted by vote of the assembly.

**Article 3. To transact any other school business that may come legally before this meeting.** The article was moved by Ingrid Cichowski, second by Mary Claire Carroll, to open discussion. Geoff Urbanik asked the boards reasoning for the anticipated change in the RES food service. Marie Thomas acknowledged the superior work of RES Principal Michael Berry.

**Articles 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?** The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Ingrid Cichowski, to open discussion. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager gave a power point presentation of the project. Article passed by voice vote of those present.

**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) The article was moved by Donna Saks, second by Francis Churchill, to open discussion. Bruce Bailey asked that all lands receiving Conservation Fund funding be left open to the public.

**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?** The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Mary Claire Carroll, to open discussion. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager gave a power point presentation. Rich Dana, Richmond Rescue President answered questions. Article was passed by voice vote of those present.

**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?** The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Donna Saks, to open discussion. Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager presented a power point explanation of the budget items. After much discussion, regarding the employee health insurance coverage and the need to work on the town center, the budget was passed by voice vote by those present.

**Article 13. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.** The special article 1, regarding the water bond for the extension of water and sewer service along West Main Street was discussed, but was to be voted by Australian

ballot. The Richmond Highway Department was thanked for their service in the upkeep of the town roads. Discussion was given to the planned completion of the Jericho Road water tower in the summer of 2015. Chris Granda was thanked for his five years of service on the Selectboard. There were approximately 225 persons in attendance before lunch, with 75 attending after lunch. This year the 120th Town Report was dedicated to Richmond's First Responders. At the beginning of the Town Meeting, Taylor Yeates, Selectboard Chairperson presented Town Reports to Richmond Police Chief Alan Buck, Richmond Fire Chief Thomas Levesque

and Richmond Rescue President Richard Dana. All first responders present came forward to be recognized. Town Clerk Linda Parent thanked Boy Scout Troop #23 for assisting with Town Meeting. The Town Clerk also thanked Beacon Light Grange #557 for preparing lunch on this Town Meeting Day. Wright Preston moved, second by Bruce Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 1:53pm. So approved by those present.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY2014-2015			
	Tax Rate	Grand List Value	Taxes Raised
Richmond Town Taxes			
Municipal Tax	0.6277	\$ 4,444,163	2,789,601
Conservation Fund	0.0100	\$ 4,444,163	44,442
Education Taxes			
Residential Homestead	1.5334	\$ 3,381,407	5,185,049
Non-Residential	1.5470	\$ 1,078,472	1,668,396
Taxes Billed July 2014			<u>9,687,488</u>
Adjustments to Grand List			(6,830)
Total Taxes Due FY 14-15			<u>9,680,658</u>
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			
Total 14-15 Taxes Collected (Cash Basis)			9,560,186
Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector			125,696
Prepaid Taxes			(3,605)
Abatements			(642)
Rounding			(977)
Taxes Accounted for:			<u>9,680,658</u>
TAX RATES Fiscal Year 14-15			
	Residential Rate	Non-Residential Rate	
Education (From VT Dept of Taxes)	1.5334	1.5470	
Municipal	0.6377	0.6377	
Tax Rates	<u>2.1711</u>	<u>2.1847</u>	

### 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 school records. 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](http://www.richmondvt.gov) – see “2015 Town Audit.”

## SELECTBOARD

### Welcome to the 221st Richmond Town Meeting.

Richmond had a busy year this year. Your Selectboard worked hard to guide Richmond through the events of the past year, taking the time to weigh decisions carefully. The five Selectboard members have all worked hard to ensure the town functions efficiently, responsibly and transparently. I am very proud of the fact that the Selectboard meetings I have chaired have been conducted in a very polite, respectful and cordial manor; even when there were many strong and divided opinions in the room. I will work hard to ensure this trend continues.

We owe a huge thank you to the Town Staff and the many citizen volunteers who work tirelessly year round to make Richmond the wonderful town it is. We are also fortunate to have the management of our Town Manager, Geoffrey Urbanik. Geoff’s experience, expertise and dedication have proven invaluable.

Our police department has worked very hard to make Richmond the safe town it is. Our officers have had a challenging year working hard to stay on top of the regional opiate crisis in addition to their regular duties.

Our Fire Department had an especially tough year, with the untimely passing of our long time Fire Chief Thomas Levesque.

Fire, Police and Rescue continue to struggle working with inadequate facilities. The town realizes the need for construction of a new municipal public safety building that will handle our needs today, and in the future.

Our Highway department has done an exceptional job staying one step ahead of winter weather, with plowing and sanding the roads, repairing the spring storm damage and the ongoing work all summer long with road maintenance.

Richmond was hit especially hard with a localized rainstorm on June 9th. This rain storm hit Dugway Road, Cochran Road, Wes White Hill and Greystone Drive especially hard. Many culverts were destroyed, and there was extensive damage to the roadways. The highway department worked very quickly to restore the roadways. The town has been working to restore the hill slope and roadway on Greystone Drive damaged by the storm. The

Town Manager and the Selectboard have been working with FEMA seeking assistance with these major repairs.

The Town awarded the contract and started construction on the new municipal water storage tank. This project is near completion. This new tank will have an expected service life of one hundred years or more, and will provide both much needed fire protection and better water pressure throughout the water system. Research is still being conducted on the West Main Street water and sewer utility extension. This project has the potential to bring quality water and sewer utilities through the gateway district and beyond, while also bringing more revenue in to the water and sewer system.

The East Main Street water lines will be replaced this year, with a bond question for curbs, sidewalk and storm water system replacement. This project will be coordinated with the State of Vermont rebuilding of US RT. 2. Once completed, East Main Street will have usable sidewalks and the water line reliability issues will be solved.

The old creamery parcel in the center of town has an interested buyer, who is seeking federal funds to clean up the site. The Town is working to improve the site and encourage responsible growth and development on the site.

The Town is going to partner with Green Lantern Group for a net-metered solar project. Green Lantern Group is a local Vermont company. This project will provide a substantial discount for the Town’s electric utility bill, while also using green, renewable energy-further reducing Richmond’s carbon footprint.

The Selectboard worked hard to strike a balance between providing high quality town services while maintaining a strong fiscal responsibility. Your Selectboard has worked hard to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely. Richmond is a wonderful town, and we are very fortunate to be able to live here. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Selectboard.

Be well,  
**David Sander, Chair**

### DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/15

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Credits	Total Outstanding
2006-2007	\$289.02	\$389.00	\$23.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$701.15
2007-2008	\$453.84	\$373.90	\$36.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$864.04
2008-2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2009-2010	\$1,659.33	\$1,423.43	\$132.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,215.51
2010-2011	\$5,174.11	\$3,241.89	\$413.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,829.95
2011-2012	\$12,062.44	\$7,201.81	\$965.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,229.29
2012-2013	\$24,553.93	\$9,754.21	\$1,964.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,272.49
2013-2014	\$33,781.50	\$8,192.08	\$2,702.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,676.18
2014-2015	\$125,696.01	\$8,268.73	\$10,055.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144,020.52
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>\$203,670.18</b>	<b>\$38,845.05</b>	<b>\$16,293.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$258,809.13</b>

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/15**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Credits	Total Collected
2005-2006	\$287.03	\$123.49	\$22.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$433.48
2006-2007	\$410.39	\$351.45	\$32.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$794.67
2009-2010	\$1,823.07	\$558.91	\$145.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,527.83
2010-2011	\$4,489.91	\$2,444.96	\$359.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,294.09
2011-2012	\$21,781.41	\$7,050.39	\$1,742.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,574.34
2012-2013	\$38,069.65	\$10,450.52	\$3,045.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,565.69
2013-2014	\$82,845.75	\$8,854.36	\$6,627.65	\$0.00	\$0.59	\$98,328.35
2014-2015	\$78,841.09	\$826.97	\$4,574.67	\$0.00	\$2,688.86	\$86,931.59
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$228,548.30</b>	<b>\$30,661.05</b>	<b>\$16,551.24</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,689.45</b>	<b>\$278,450.04</b>

**POLICY REGARDING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Property Taxes in General. Property taxes are due each year in four installments: 8/15, 11/15, 2/15 and 5/15. After each installment deadline, late balances will be assessed interest charge based on the principal of the debt. For the first three months of a late balance, 1% will be assessed. Thereafter, 1.5% will be assessed. The following day after the 5/15 installment is due, any remaining balances are then considered delinquent. Delinquent balances are assessed an annual 8% penalty fee in addition to the 1% and/or 1.5% quarterly assessment as described above, per the Richmond Charter.

In all cases, when partial payments are received, interest must be credited first with the remainder being divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty fee.

Late and Delinquent Taxes in General. It is in the best interest of the Town and the tax payer to remain current on all tax obligations. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all late and delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

Late Taxes. Within two weeks after a quarterly tax payment is due, those with late balances will receive a letter from the Finance Assistant or his/her designee that details the amount due.

Delinquent Taxes. Following the final tax due date of May 15th, the Delinquent Tax Collector (“the Collector”) will be given the Warrant listing all delinquent tax payers and the amounts due. Within five days of receiving the Warrant, the Collector will send by return receipt mail a copy of this policy, a Delinquent Tax Agreement and the amount of taxes, penalty and interest due. Within this mailing, the Collector will request that the tax payer submit a suitable Delinquent Tax Agreement (Agreement) within 30 business days to avoid initiation of a Tax Sale.

A suitable Agreement is one that has been accepted and executed with the signature of both the tax payer and the Collector. A suitable Agreement is one that defines a payment schedule which results in all delinquent taxes to be paid in full prior to the 5/15 tax deadline for the following year. At no time can current taxes be late during the term of the Agreement. This will breach the Agreement.

The Collector will also provide a list of programs and

organizations that may help assist the property owner with payment of taxes. The Collector will work with the taxpayer to develop an agreement that can take advantage of relief programs that may take time to implement.

If at any time the executed Agreement is breached by missing a designated payment or other terms of the Agreement, the taxpayer will be notified by return receipt mail and has 30 days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If a suitable Agreement has not been submitted by the tax payer to the Collector within thirty days, the tax payer will be notified by return receipt mail that they have twenty days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If the amount due is \$1,500 or less, the Collector may pursue the matter in Small Claims Court and/or pursue other legal collection procedures in conjunction with the process listed below for Tax Sales.

Tax Sales. The Collector will begin the tax sale process in accordance with State Statutes to collect the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and allowable fees, as follows:

- a. An Attorney hired by the Collector for such purpose 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 State Statute.
- c. The Attorney will place a lien on the property.
- d. 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).
- e. Cost of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer, according to law.

In the event that no one purchases the lien at the tax sale, or if in the judgment of the Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Tax sales shall be conducted twice a year, if necessary, to ensure agreements are enforced and delinquent balances do not become unduly burdensome on the taxpayer.

**DELINQUENT TAX SALE REPORT**

The Delinquent Tax Collector scheduled three tax sales in this year. All three property owners redeemed their properties in full prior to the scheduled sale. Tax sales will be scheduled for May 2016 and October 2016. Properties that are delinquent and the owners have not

contacted the Delinquent Tax Collector by March 1 of each year will be referred to the Delinquent Tax Attorney for processing. The owner then will be responsible for the tax amount principal, interest & penalty due and all legal fees.

**Town of Richmond  
FY2017 Budget Worksheet  
Approved 1-19-2016**

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY1/17 % Change
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Administration Operations	193,000	197,303	203,000	208,000	2.46%
10-7-10-0-10.01 Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	16,551	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.03 Salaries Elections	2,700	741	2,700	2,700	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.05 Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	14,765	16,775	15,530	15,989	2.96%
10-7-10-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	10,300	8,566	11,165	12,540	12.32%
10-7-10-0-15.00 Health Insurance	40,633	49,573	43,884	43,884	0.00%
10-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	4,100	1,095	1,300	1,300	0.00%
10-7-10-0-17.00 Recognitions/Awards	800	1,000	800	800	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00 Office Supplies	3,250	4,817	3,250	3,250	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.01 Recording Books	3,600	1,937	3,600	3,600	0.00%
10-7-10-1-21.00 Postage - Adm.	7,500	3,034	7,500	7,500	0.00%
10-7-10-1-22.00 Office Equipment	6,000	6,177	6,000	6,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-23.00 Website Administration	1,600	359	1,600	1,600	0.00%
10-7-10-1-24.00 Advertising - Adm.	4,000	3,618	4,000	4,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03 Town Reports	5,000	4,500	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	1,567	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-10-1-29.00 Travel - Adm.	150	217	150	150	0.00%
10-7-10-1-30.00 Telephone	5,000	4,424	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-42.00 Association Dues	500	475	500	550	10.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00 Contract Services Admin	15,500	24,585	15,500	15,500	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.02 Contract Services Animal	2,000	2,963	3,200	3,200	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.03 Contract Services Election	4,700	3,395	4,700	4,700	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.05 Technology	1,000	3,815	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00 Heat	12,000	9,185	11,000	11,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-32.00 Electricity	9,000	9,334	9,200	9,200	0.00%
10-7-10-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	7,800	9,449	4,800	4,800	0.00%
10-7-10-2-34.00 Trash Removal	4,000	1,633	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.00 Building Maintenance	11,000	13,387	11,000	11,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.01 Landscaping & Tree Maint	2,000	1,958	2,000	2,000	0.00%



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10-7-10-3-42.01 VLCT Membership Dues	5,200	5,488	5,345	5,439	1.76%
10-7-10-3-43.00 Legal	7,500	14,572	7,500	7,500	0.00%
10-7-10-3-44.00 Independent Auditors	22,000	13,741	20,000	22,000	10.00%
10-7-10-3-46.00 Engineering Review	3,000	2,217	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-10-3-48.00 General Insure/VLCT PACIF	101,000	115,997	116,000	121,800	5.00%
10-7-10-3-80.00 County Tax	20,700	20,065	22,000	22,000	0.00%
10-7-10-3-80.03 Emergency Management	-	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.12 Transportation Svcs -SSTA	2,300	851	2,300	2,300	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.03 Flags	650	422	650	650	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.15 Front Porch Forum	100	100	100	100	0.00%
<b>Total - Town Administration</b>	<b>549,498</b>	<b>579,536</b>	<b>573,424</b>	<b>588,202</b>	<b>2.58%</b>
<b>Assessors</b>					
10-7-12-0-10.00 Salaries	16,000	-	-	-	
10-7-12-0-11.00 SS/Medicare	1,200	-	-	-	
10-7-12-1-20.00 Office Supplies Listing	850	868	850	850	0.00%
10-7-12-1-27.00 Training/Education	400	240	400	400	0.00%
10-7-12-1-29.00 Travel	400	-	-	-	
10-7-12-1-45.00 Contract Services Listing	17,000	19,739	23,000	21,600	-6.09%
10-7-12-3-47.00 Tax Map Maintenance	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-90-1-91.00 Reappraisal Reserve	5,600	5,600	7,000	7,000	0.00%
<b>Total - Listers</b>	<b>42,950</b>	<b>26,447</b>	<b>32,750</b>	<b>31,350</b>	<b>-4.27%</b>
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>					
10-7-15-0-10.00 Salaries	70,000	55,673	68,500	58,000	-15.33%
10-7-15-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	5,355	4,131	5,240	4,600	-12.22%
10-7-15-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,300	2,084	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.00 Health Insurance	14,000	37	-	-	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.01 Health Insurance Opt-Out	-	4,423	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,100	26	1,100	600	-45.45%
10-7-15-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,400	1,842	2400	2400	0.00%
10-7-15-1-21.00 Postage - PZ	900	339	900	900	0.00%
10-7-15-1-24.00 Advertising - PZ	4,200	2,291	4200	4200	0.00%
10-7-15-1-27.00 Training/Education	250	530	455	455	0.00%
10-7-15-1-29.00 Travel - PZ	600	907	600	600	0.00%
10-7-15-1-42.00 Association Dues	-	80	210	210	100.00%
10-7-15-1-45.00 Contract Services Planning and Zo	3,100	-	3100	3100	0.00%
10-7-15-3-43.00 Legal	7,700	1,935	7700	5000	-35.06%
10-8-90-5-95.08 Regional Planning Dues	5,768	5,746	5,800	5,800	0.00%
<b>Total - Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>118,673</b>	<b>80,044</b>	<b>108,205</b>	<b>93,865</b>	<b>-13.25%</b>

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<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
10-7-20-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	264,000	321,864	239,000	290,000	21.34%
10-7-20-0-10.01 School Resource Officer	-	-	46,000	47,000	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.03 Auxiliary	-	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	11,346	5,000	11,000	120.00%
10-7-20-0-10.99 Overtime	26,000	40,504	32,272	41,314	28.02%
10-7-20-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	23,000	28,720	18,284	28,795	57.49%
10-7-20-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	8,000	15,036	11,000	15,337	39.43%
10-7-20-0-15.00 Health Insurance	61,700	43,194	66,636	40,090	-39.84%
10-7-20-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	1,778	1,800	1,790	100.00%
10-7-20-1-16.00 Uniforms	7,620	8,014	7,620	8,174	7.27%
10-7-20-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,550	2,440	2,550	2,601	2.00%
10-7-20-1-22.00 Office Equipment	2,550	1,898	2,550	2,550	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.01 Computer - Office	5,500	4,022	5,500	4,102	-25.42%
10-7-20-1-27.00 Training/Education	3,060	3,188	3,060	3,180	3.92%
10-7-20-1-28.00 Forensic Testing	-	988	-	-	
10-7-20-1-29.00 Travel	250	897	500	915	83.00%
10-7-20-1-30.00 Telephone	6,120	8,030	6,120	8,181	33.68%
10-7-20-2-99.11 Police Capital Expense	-	27,055	-	-	
10-7-20-3-20.00 Police Supplies	6,304	4,993	6,304	5,093	-19.21%
10-7-20-3-35.00 Equipment Repair	1,500	590	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-50.00 Gas & Diesel	26,500	25,053	26,500	25,554	-3.57%
10-7-20-5-52.00 Police Cruiser Repair	6,120	7,273	6,120	7,419	21.23%
10-7-20-5-52.18 Police Cruiser Equipment	1,530	1,378	7,000	2,500	-64.29%
10-7-20-5-52.19 Police Cruiser Tires	4,080	3,710	4,080	4,080	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.20 Police Cruiser Purchase	41,000	31,461	30,000	28,000	-6.67%
10-7-90-5-93.01 Police Capital Reserve	2,040	2,040	2,040	2,081	2.01%
10-7-90-2-92.03 Police Capital Loan				6,851	
10-8-90-5-95.20 CUSI Domestic Task Force	7,536	7,536	8,000	6,205	-22.44%
Total - Police Department	511,960	603,008	539,436	594,312	10.17%



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<b>LIBRARY DEPARTMENT</b>					
10-7-35-0-10.00 Salaries	128,978	124,912	132,202	133,346	0.87%
10-7-35-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	10,047	9,838	10,318	10,524	2.00%
10-7-35-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,713	4,187	3,787	5,386	42.22%
10-7-35-0-15.00 Health Insurance	1,500	1,529	1,556	1,587	1.99%
10-7-35-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	314	460	469	1.96%
10-7-35-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,000	2,355	2,000	2,400	20.00%
10-7-35-1-21.00 Postage	1,000	1,150	1,000	1,200	20.00%
10-7-35-1-22.00 Computer	2,500	2,334	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-35-1-27.00 Training/Education	300	160	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00 Travel	300	13	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-30.00 Telephone	2,200	2,748	2,500	2,550	2.00%
10-7-35-2-31.00 Heat	4,500	2,854	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-35-2-32.00 Electricity	4,500	5,105	5,500	5,500	0.00%
10-7-35-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	900	1,589	800	1,600	100.00%
10-7-35-2-62.00 Maintenance	10,000	14,473	10,200	15,000	47.06%
10-7-35-2-80.01 TC/Library Bldg Interest	-	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-35-3-20.01 Books	11,750	12,562	12,000	14,000	16.67%
10-7-35-3-45.01 Programs	700	479	700	700	0.00%
10-7-90-2-90.01 TC/Library Bldg Bond Libr	-	-	-	-	
10-7-90-2-92.01 Library Reserve	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library	197,888	199,602	202,123	213,362	5.56%



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<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
10-7-40-0-10.00 Salaries	16,000	15,610	16,000	20,000	25.00%
10-7-40-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	1,300	1,044	1,300	1,450	11.54%
10-7-40-1-18.00 Medical	100	-	100	100	0.00%
10-7-40-1-27.00 Training/Education	500	145	500	2,500	400.00%
10-7-40-1-29.00 Travel	400	-	400	400	0.00%
10-7-40-1-30.00 Telephone	2,600	2,950	2,900	2,900	0.00%
10-7-40-1-95.00 Public Relations	200	299	200	200	0.00%
10-7-40-2-31.00 Heat	2,500	2,815	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-40-2-32.00 Electricity	1,750	1,920	1,900	1,900	0.00%
10-7-40-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,200	1,201	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-40-2-33.01 Fire Protection	-	-	14,570	14,570	0.00%
10-7-40-2-62.00 Maintenance	2,000	1,156	2,000	6,000	200.00%
10-7-40-5-35.01 Radio Repair	2,500	2,542	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-35.03 Radio Dispatch	6,000	4,902	6,000	6,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-50.00 Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	4,200	2,535	4,200	4,200	0.00%
10-7-40-5-51.01 Pump Testing	1,000	-	1,000	1,500	50.00%
10-7-40-5-52.00 Fleet Maintenance	8,000	9,490	8,000	11,000	37.50%
10-7-40-5-52.02 Hose Testing	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-53.01 Equipment Repair	1,500	2,086	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-55.00 Supplies	2,000	1,720	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-57.00 Equipment Purchase	9,600	8,510	9,600	9,600	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.03 2005 Engine Interest	5,000	4,995	4,590	4,590	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.04 2011 Engine Interest	2,350	2,248	1,152	-	-100.00%
10-7-40-5-80.05 2015 Engine Interest	-	-	-	4,650	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.05 2015 Engine Bond	-	-	-	50,100	0.00%
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	50,681	49,500	Complete	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.10 Richmond Rescue	64,100	64,100	66,300	68,289	3.00%
10-7-90-5-93.00 Fire Capital Reserve	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500	0.00%
<b>Total - Fire Department</b>	<b>227,300</b>	<b>219,449</b>	<b>241,212</b>	<b>260,949</b>	<b>8.18%</b>



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<b>RECREATION &amp; TRAILS</b>					
10-7-60-0-10.00 Recreation Salaries	3,000	2,340	3,000	2,600	-13.33%
10-7-60-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	300	179	300	200	-33.33%
10-7-60-1-42.00 Association Dues	250	-	250	250	0.00%
10-7-60-2-32.00 Electricity	750	469	900	900	0.00%
10-7-60-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	800	1,122	1,200	1,200	0.00%
10-7-60-2-34.00 Trash Removal	800	563	800	800	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.00 Park Maintenance	3,500	3,131	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.01 Trails Maintenance	1,000	5,796	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.01 Special Events	250	150	500	500	0.00%
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	44,240	44,240	44,500	44,800	0.00%
Total - Recreation & Trails	55,890	58,990	56,950	56,750	-0.35%
<b>CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
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	200	100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.05 Howard Center	100	100	-	-	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.07 American Red Cross	-	-	-	-	-
10-8-90-5-95.09 Richmond Community Band	400	400	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	9,693	9,693	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.14 VT Ctr for Independent Living	375	750	375	375	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.16 COTS	-	-	500	1,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.17 OCCC	-	-	100	100	0.00%
Total - Appropriations	16,709	17,084	17,068	17,668	3.52%
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>1,720,868</b>	<b>1,784,160</b>	<b>1,771,167</b>	<b>1,856,458</b>	<b>4.82%</b>



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<b>11-7-50 HIGHWAY</b>					
11-7-50-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	238,000	232,855	242,760	252,000	3.81%
11-7-50-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	20,000	15,192	20,000	15,000	-25.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98 Overtime	28,050	30,035	28,611	28,611	0.00%
11-7-50-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	20,000	21,204	22,000	22,000	0.00%
11-7-50-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	12,750	13,996	14,000	15,000	7.14%
11-7-50-0-15.00 Health Insurance	29,303	49,557	31,354	50,500	61.06%
11-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	-	1,435	1,800	1,800	0.00%
11-7-50-0-16.00 Uniforms	2,650	2,915	2,800	2,800	0.00%
11-7-50-1-20.00 Office Supplies	1,500	83	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-1-29.00 Travel	-	4	-	-	0.00%
11-7-50-1-30.00 Telephone	1,900	1,817	1,900	1,900	0.00%
11-7-50-2-29.00 Education / Licenses	400	225	400	400	0.00%
11-7-50-2-31.00 Heat	6,500	8,972	6,500	6,500	0.00%
11-7-50-2-32.00 Electricity	2,400	2,677	2,900	3,000	3.45%
11-7-50-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	2,000	1,755	2,000	2,000	0.00%
11-7-50-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,200	898	1,200	1,200	0.00%
11-7-50-2-62.00 Maintenance	7,000	6,691	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-3-32.01 Street Lights	13,500	14,628	15,500	15,500	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.01 Dump Truck Interest 2012	-	-	620	620	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.02 Equipment Note Interest	7,800	2,727	6,000	1,700	-71.67%
11-7-50-3-80.09 1996 Hwy Garage Interest	4,950	3,899	4,000	2,700	-32.50%
11-7-50-3-80.11 Depot Street Interest	1,600	1,578	1,200	800	-33.33%
11-7-50-3-80.12 Excavator Interest	2,500		1,021	1,021	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.14 2016 Dump Interest	-	-	-	2,401	0.00%
11-7-50-5-35.00 Radio	-	-		-	
11-7-50-5-35.01 Radio Repair	300	276	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00 Gas & Oil	4,200	2,833	3,500	3,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.02 Diesel Fuel	80,000	63,543	80,000	70,000	-12.50%
11-7-50-5-52.00 Fleet Repair Trucks	12,000	45,143	12,000	12,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.01 Excavator Repair	1,500	1,803	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.02 Gang Mowers	500	885	600	600	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03 Winter Maint Attachments	300	312	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.04 Grader Repair	2,000	1,777	2,500	2,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05 Loader	500	841	600	600	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.06 Pickup	500	3,768	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.07 Park Mower	800	2,296	800	250	-68.75%
11-7-50-5-52.08 Roadside Mower	300	526	300	400	33.33%
11-7-50-5-52.09 Tractor	300	-	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.10 Utility Vehicle	1,000	621	1,000	1,000	0.00%

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11-7-50-5-52.18 Tire Chains	1,000	260	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19 Tires	8,000	9,054	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00 Small Equipment Repair	1,000	1,545	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-45.18 Equipment Rental	12,000	11,975	25,000	25,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-46.00 Eng/Consultants - Roads	200	105	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.00 Small Equipment Purchase	7,000	13,189	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.01 Cutting Edges	10,000	10,830	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.03 Welding & Cutting Supplies	1,000	1,066	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04 Equip. Rental Wood Chip	1,600	1,530	1,600	1,600	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.19 Misc. Equip. Parts	1,000	340	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-58.02 Bridge/Culvert Repair	3,200	-	3,200	3,200	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00 Patching	1,000	2,129	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01 Chloride	15,000	15,562	15,000	15,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.03 Gravel	234,000	234,000	221,000	225,000	1.81%
11-7-50-6-60.05 Salt	65,000	76,195	72,200	75,000	3.88%
11-7-50-6-60.06 Sand	48,000	40,576	48,000	48,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.19 Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	310	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.01 Sidewalk Maint/Rental	-	-	-	-	
11-7-50-6-62.02 Sweeping	3,600	3,240	3,600	3,600	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.00 Centerline Paint & Should	2,500	2,991	2,500	3,000	20.00%
11-7-50-6-63.01 Guardrails	3,000	2,027	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.02 Signs	3,000	4,839	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.00 Culverts	5,500	5,851	6,000	6,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.01 Retreatment	290,000	266,122	290,000	290,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.02 Storm Drains	2,800	739	2,500	3,000	20.00%
11-7-90-2-90.09 1996 Highway Garage Bond	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.11 Jericho Road Bond	45,600	45,600	43,200	43,200	0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.13 Jericho Note Interest	26,580	26,580	25,930	25,130	-3.09%
11-7-90-5-90.01 2015 Tandem Dump Truck	25,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	-20.00%
11-7-90-5-90.02 2006 Grader	-	-	Complete	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.03 Depot Street Note 2013	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.05 2014 Loader Interest	-	752	381	-	
11-7-90-5-90.07 2017 Foreman Pickup	Complete	-	-	45,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.08 2014 Loader	22,500	22,500	22,750	Complete	
11-7-90-5-90.01 2016 Dump Truck	-	-	25,000	23,000	-8.00%
11-7-90-5-90.11 2011 Dump Truck	27,470	27,290	27,470	Complete	
11-7-90-5-90.12 2013 Excavator	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.13 Park Mower		-		25,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.15 Project 4a Millet Stormwater	7,800	7,046	7,800	7,100	-8.97%
11-7-90-5-90.16 2012 Tandem Dump Truck	22,438	22,438	22,438	22,200	-1.06%
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	2,000	2,000	37,000	37,000	0.00%

**Town of Richmond  
FY2017 Budget Worksheet  
Approved 1-19-2016**

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	FY1/17 % Change
11-7-90-5-93.03 Rainy Day Reserve	-	-	-	-	0.00%
<b>Total - Highway Department</b>	<b>1,502,691</b>	<b>1,516,148</b>	<b>1,573,735</b>	<b>1,602,633</b>	<b>1.84%</b>
<b>Budget Amounts for Voter Approval</b>	<b>3,223,559</b>	<b>3,300,308</b>	<b>3,344,902</b>	<b>3,459,091</b>	<b>3.41%</b>

Town of Richmond  
FY2017 Budget Worksheet  
Final Draft 1-19-2016

Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Budget FY 2016	Budget FY 2017
<b>10-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>				
Administration Operations	1,470,813	1,498,684	1,475,298	1,553,109
10-6-01-1-01.11 Delinquent Tax	-	49,659	-	-
10-6-01-1-01.12 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000	16,431	10,000	10,000
10-6-01-1-01.13 Delinquent Tax Interest	16,000	24,368	16,000	17,000
10-6-01-1-01.14 Current Taxes - Interest	11,000	8,859	11,000	11,000
10-6-01-1-01.17 State PILOT	-	434	-	464
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	1,700	1,700
10-6-02-2-10.14 Current Use Program	51,000	53,941	62,000	59,800
10-6-02-2-10.15 Per Parcel Revenue for Listing	16,036	16,000	16,036	16,036
10-6-02-2-10.16 Per Parcel Lister Education	399	359	399	399
10-6-10-1-01.11 Zoning Permits/Hearing Fees	16,000	15,604	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	3,241	1,500	-
10-6-10-1-21.01 Town Center Rent - Utilities	11,000	11,000	15,000	15,000
10-6-10-1-21.02 Water & Sewer Insurance Transfer	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
10-6-10-1-30.01 Surplus Funds - recreation	-	-	-	-
10-6-10-1-40.05 Interest on Investments	500	-	500	-
10-6-10-1-98.11 Miscellaneous - Other	-	15	-	-
10-6-10-3-11.10 Beverage Licenses	800	1,085	800	800
10-6-10-3-11.11 Dog Licenses	5,100	4,467	5,100	5,100
10-6-10-3-30.10 Recording Fees	26,000	21,512	26,000	26,000
10-6-10-3-30.12 Vault Time / Copies	4,000	3,696	4,000	4,000
10-6-10-3-30.13 Certified Copies	1,200	1,312	1,200	1,200
10-6-10-3-30.14 Marriage Licenses	200	350	200	200
10-6-10-3-30.15 Vehicle Registration Fees	600	252	600	250
10-6-20-2-01.10 Police - Local Fines	1,000	845	1,000	1,000
10-6-20-2-02.10 Police Receipts	1,200	1,350	1,200	1,200
10-6-20-2-03.00 CESU Contribution - SRO	26,000	29,043	46,000	46,000
10-6-20-2-20.10 Police Overtime Grants	-	11,390	-	10,000
10-6-20-2-20.11 Uniform Traffic Tickets	21,000	35,493	21,000	21,000
10-6-20-2-97.00 Sale of Town Property	1,000	2,080	1,000	1,000
10-6-35-3-00.10 Rentals & Bolton Fees	4,000	7,126	5,000	6,000
10-6-40-1-99.10 Fire Revenue	-	-	-	-
10-6-60-6-00.10 Field Use Fees	500	280	500	500
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>1,720,948</b>	<b>1,852,291</b>	<b>1,771,167</b>	<b>1,856,458</b>
11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax	1,363,061	1,363,061	1,459,085	1,457,983
11-6-02-2-05.10 Highway State Aid	113,500	113,190	113,500	113,500
11-6-50-0-01.10 Overweight Permits	1,000	1,165	1,000	1,000
11-6-50-0-01.11 Access Permits	150	1,040	150	150
11-6-50-1-99.00 Transfer from Cemetery	included in tax	-	included in tax	-
11-6-50-1-30.01 Surplus Funds	25,000	25,000	-	-
11-6-50-1-99.10 Miscellaneous Revenue, Grants	-	-	-	30,000
<b>Total Highway Revenue</b>	<b>1,502,711</b>	<b>1,503,456</b>	<b>1,573,735</b>	<b>1,602,633</b>
<b>Total General &amp; Highway Revenue</b>	<b>3,223,659</b>	<b>3,355,747</b>	<b>3,344,902</b>	<b>3,459,091</b>
<b>(non tax revenue)</b>	<b>389,785</b>	<b>494,002</b>	<b>410,519</b>	<b>447,999</b>

Tax Rate Estimate FY2017				
	Grandlist Estimate	Amount To Be Raised	Tax Rate	
Current Fiscal Year	At Town Meeting 2015 was 4,444,163			
FY 2015 - 2016	7/1/15 \$ 4,477,496	\$ 2,934,383	\$ 0.6554	GF rate for tax billing purposes
		\$ 2,934,383	\$ 0.6554	Total calculated rate
			\$ 0.6554	Town rate/SB Approved 7/1/2015
Next Fiscal Year				
FY 2016 - 2017	4/1/16 \$ 4,484,914	\$ 3,011,092	\$ 0.6714	GF rate for tax billing purposes
(Estimated April 2016 GL)		\$ 3,011,092	\$ 0.6714	Total calculated rate
			\$ 0.6714	Town rate/SB - To be set July 2016
			0.0160	
			2.44%	

Amount to be Raised from FY16 Property Taxes	
\$ 1,856,458	GF Expense
\$ (303,349)	GF Non-Property Tax Revenues
\$ 1,553,109	<b>GF Property Taxes to be Raised</b>
\$ 1,602,633	Highway Expense
\$ (144,650)	HWY Non-Property Tax Revenues
\$ 1,457,983	<b>HWY Property Taxes to be Raised</b>
\$ 3,011,092	<b>Total Amount to be Raised</b>



**TOWN OF RICHMOND  
Reserved Fund Balances June 30, 2015**

	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>
<b>Speical Revenue Funds</b>			
Bridge and Culverts	\$262,445.00	\$2,000	\$264,445.00
Conservation	\$239,179.00	(\$19,760)	\$219,419.00
Recreation Path	\$986.00	\$0	\$986.00
Records Restoration	\$34,020.00	\$10,242	\$44,262.00
Reappraisal	\$102,631.00	\$21,722	\$124,353.00
Lister Education Reserve	\$2,548.00	\$0	\$2,548.00
Railroad Street Planning Grant	\$7,069.00	(\$7,069)	\$7,069.00
Police Reserve	(\$3,435.00)	\$3,435	\$0.00
Library Reserve	\$36,106.00	(\$5,920)	\$30,186.00
Library Fundraising	\$2,120.00	(\$257)	\$1,863.00
Highway Reserve	\$44,614.00	\$25,282	\$69,896.00
Adam Muller Flags	\$9,488.00	\$0	\$9,488.00
Fire Department Reserve	\$83,597.00	\$28,500	\$112,097.00
Fire Impact Fees	\$9,746.00	\$2,318	\$12,064.00
Fire Fundraising	\$3,166.00	\$2,101	\$5,267.00
Friends of the Library	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Rainy Day Reserve	\$66,919.00	\$0	\$66,919.00
Recreation Tree Replacement	\$237.00	\$0	\$237.00
Recreation Fund (Soccer)(Tennis)	\$6,917.00	\$2,854	\$9,771.00
Town Center Debt Service	\$92,585.00	\$1,961	\$94,546.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,938</u>	<u>\$67,409</u>	<u>\$1,075,416</u>

**Permanent Funds**

Cemetery Trust Fund	\$7,493	\$813	\$8,306
Edmunds Trust	\$24,123	\$36	\$24,159
Shonyon	\$6,420	\$10	\$6,430
Cemetery Trust Fund Expendable	\$129,016	\$1,674	\$130,690
TOTAL	<u>\$167,052</u>	<u>\$2,533</u>	<u>\$169,585</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, 2015**

		<b>BUDGET TO ACTUAL</b>		
		Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Property Taxes		\$ 2,870,874	\$ 2,907,338	\$ 36,464
Intergovernmental		184,035	533,876	\$ 349,841
Fees, Licenses and permits		24,350	24,243	\$ (107)
Charges for goods and services		64,700	54,776	\$ (9,924)
Police Revenues		49,200	78,731	\$ 29,531
Interest Income		500	28	\$ (472)
Miscellaneous		5,000	27,604	\$ 22,604
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,198,659</b>	<b>3,626,596</b>	<b>427,937</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General Government		\$ 696,803	\$ 675,415	\$ 21,388
Public Safety		528,234	626,360	\$ (98,126)
Highways and streets		1,211,753	1,251,418	\$ (39,665)
Library		189,888	191,603	\$ (1,715)
Recreation		10,650	12,632	\$ (1,982)
Appropriations		98,143	96,839	\$ 1,304
Capital Outlay		66,000	459,624	\$ (393,624)
Debt Service				\$ -
	Principal	272,108	230,601	\$ 41,507
	Interest	24,200	43,047	\$ (18,847)
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,097,779</b>	<b>3,587,539</b>	<b>(489,760)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES (OR EXPENDITURES)</b>		<b>100,880</b>	<b>39,057</b>	<b>(61,823)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Surplus Funds		25000		(25000)
Loan Proceeds			124,277	124,277
Insurance Proceeds			34,621	34,621
Operating Transfers In			-	-
Operating Transfers Out		(125,880)	(126,521)	(641)
	<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(125,880)</b>	<b>32,377</b>	<b>133,257</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ (25,000)</b>	<b>\$ 71,434</b>	<b>\$ 71,434</b>





## RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

July saw the Chlorine Contact Time project at the water house get underway, the first step in the new reservoir project. The large, long serpentine PVC pipe will allow Richmond to meet new Vermont Water Supply disinfection rules. Access to the water house was also upgraded along with the power – the existing overhead was vulnerable to flooding and weather damage.

August was uneventful as the Board fine-tuned the design and size for the new reservoir. The original 1965 storage sizing (250,000 gallons) assumed the entire volume would be drained in a big fire and drinking water would not be available during an event. New Water Supply rules require full service and fire flows be maintained at all times. After careful consideration of the options over many Board meetings, a 100 year underground concrete 750,000 gallon reservoir was selected. An additional benefit to a large reservoir is fire protection can be expanded significantly beyond the last water system hydrant when the Richmond Fire department completes a supply plan with mutual aid. We also formally launched engineering to tighten up costs for the Gateway expansion project.

In September, our work began in the water department to inventory short-term capital needs to meet new funding requirements for state water money. This is the first step in a planned Asset Management program that will tighten up the budgeting process for capital expenditures in the utility. Richmond is way ahead of the curve nationally with W/S infrastructure upgrades and we want to keep it that way. We have already rehabilitated all of the main trunk sewers and most of the distribution system.

October started with a random Total Coliform hit in the water system and a main transfer pump failed at the WWTF. Otherwise, business as usual with a hint of the winter to come when the temperatures dropped at the end of the month.

November continued cold and gave us our first water leak on Esplanade on the 26th. We saw a December repeat of the leak 200 feet up the same line on the 5th and we implemented all the freeze precautions we used last year just in case another cold winter was on the horizon.

January was surprisingly uneventful as the cold continued and we finalized the bid package for the new reservoir. We also revamped the budget look to provide more detail in the capital funding. Operating costs have been consistent for several years, but capital and reserve needs have been steadily increasing. A surprise this month was the volume of septage from frozen mound systems that increased daily as the frost got deeper.

February started off cold, but things got interesting when a 46 day hard winter freeze started mid-month. Day after day of bone-chilling cold with little snow cover drove the frost abnormally deep. We normally have a few customers trickle the water as an ounce of prevention

against freezing in known trouble spots, but it was woefully inadequate this year. By the end of the month, we were facing a system-wide problem and running hoses from friendly neighbor to neighbor to keep the water on. The boost in septage from frozen private systems increased dramatically as other disposal options froze up. Compared to other communities, we fared extremely well as our main water and sewer lines escaped damage. By the middle of March, the entire state was dealing with the worst freeze in decades and every customer on the system was trickling water to keep the pipes open. Richmond stood alone as even East Main held together and spared us a major break. A special thanks goes out to all the customers that ran the water and cheered up the crew on those long days.

April started with our one and only main water line leak from the deep freeze. As the frost finally started to thaw, so did the line near the bridge. The repair went quickly, but we had to go back in warmer weather and make a new service connection and abandon the pipe. Once again, Richmond set a record with the fewest leaks and lowest expenses through the cold spell, even with the credit the Board gave to all the customers that answered the call to run water and keep the pipes open!

In May, we took advantage of the extra septage revenue and cleaned out the grit from the receiving basins. The Gateway project stepped off with an income survey of Riverview Commons. A lower aggregate income number will potentially increase the amount of grant funding and lower the final customer costs. The reservoir project saw a delay when the bid numbers came in considerably above the Engineer's estimate. Richmond has consistently seen bids below or level with these estimates, but the extraordinarily hard winter and large volumes of big construction projects increased the projected costs for summer work. Thankfully, all the detailed work over the past years on the tank sizing gave the Board confidence that the reservoir project should continue at the higher bid cost. We capped off the year with an award to SDI after friendly negotiation whittled the price down to an acceptable budget range.

### Kendall Chamberlin, Trudy Jones, Allen Carpenter and Brad Snow



**1st Draft FY17 WATER RESOURCES BUDGET**

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
<b>20-6 WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE</b>								
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts (5% adjustment for planned expenses)				\$ 277,072	\$ 291,000	\$ 13,928	5.03%
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	new
	Gateway Water Revenue				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	new
20-6-00-4-10.02	Hook On Fees – Water				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	new
	Fire Service Fees (target 5% of water budget)				\$ 14,576	\$ 14,576	\$ -	new
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293,648	\$ 307,576	\$ 13,928	4.74%
	<b>Water Revenue Increase in %</b>					<b>4.7%</b>		

<b>20-6 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE</b>								
20-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts (5% adjustment for planned expenses)				\$ 363,603	\$ 382,000	\$ 18,397	5.06%
20-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees – Sewer				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	new
	Gateway Sewer Revenue				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	new
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts (100% revenues shown, 50% direct to reserves)				\$ 181,576	\$ 190,000	\$ 8,424	4.64%
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 546,179	\$ 573,000	\$ 26,821	4.91%
	<b>Wastewater Revenue Increase in %</b>				<b>N/A</b>	<b>4.9%</b>		
	<b>Combined Revenue Increase in \$\$\$</b>				<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 40,749</b>		
	<b>Combined Revenue Total</b>				<b>\$ 839,827</b>	<b>\$ 880,576</b>		

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
<b>20-7 WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION (30% WATER, 70% WASTEWATER) EXPENSES</b>								
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries				\$ 147,216	\$ 150,160	\$ 2,944	2.00%
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare				\$ 11,113	\$ 11,200	\$ 87	0.78%
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement				\$ 6,894	\$ 6,900	\$ 6	0.09%
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance				\$ 28,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000	7.14%
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability				\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000	\$ (100)	-9.09%
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms				\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage				\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment/Computers				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense (3% of WA,WO and WWO)				\$ 14,576	\$ 14,576	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-26.02	Subsurface Planning Study				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education				\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training				\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance				\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
	<b>Subtotal Administration</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,099	\$ 243,036	\$ 4,937	2.07%
	<b>Administration Increase in %</b>					<b>2.1%</b>		

<b>20-7 WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>								
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat				\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity				\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License				\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel				\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line				\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
	<b>Subtotal Water Operating</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,800	\$ 56,800	\$ -	0.00%



Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
<b>Water Operating Increase in %</b>						<b>0.0%</b>		
<b>20-7 WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>								
	East Main Replacement Fund (discontinued)				\$ 47,818	\$ -	\$ (47,818)	new
	Short-term (10 year asset) reserve (Engineered, \$20k annually)				\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	new
20-7-90-5-93.01	Distribution System planned expense (Goal 5%/revenue/yr)				\$ 14,000	\$ 14,265	\$ 265	1.89%
	Water Capital Reserve (Goal 5%/revenue/yr)				\$ 14,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 5,000	
20-7-90-2-90-05	Brown's Court -w (2018)				\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Gateway Water Expansion Debt				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	new
	East Main Upgrade est. 35k (West Main note until 2018)				\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	new
	New Reservoir Debt est. \$45k				\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	new
20-7-90-2-90.07	Jericho Road Debt Service-w (2032)				\$ 54,600	\$ 54,600	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Water Capital</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,418	\$ 177,865	\$ 12,447	7.52%
<b>Water Capital Increase in %</b>						<b>7.5%</b>		
<b>Water Operating. &amp; Capital TOTAL</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 222,218	\$ 234,665	\$ 12,447	5.60%
<b>Water Department Administration Cost (Total X 30%)</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,430	\$ 72,911	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL WATER BUDGET</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293,648	\$ 307,576	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Revenue total:</b>						<b>\$ 307,576</b>		
<b>Water Budget Increase in %</b>						<b>4.7%</b>		
<b>Water fund totals on publish date:</b>								
						\$ -		
Short-term (10 year Asset) Reserve 7/2016								
Water Capital Reserve 7/2016						\$ 46,000		

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
<b>20-7 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>								
20-7-82-2-32.01	Electricity				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-2-62.03	Pump Station Maintenance				\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-16.00	Personal Protective Gear				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-31.00	Heat				\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity				\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-34.00	Trash Removal				\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License				\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted				\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted				\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD				\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel				\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance				\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facil Repair				\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair				\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair				\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals				\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals				\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.99	WWTF water bill				\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Wastewater Operating</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206,900	\$ 206,900	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Wastewater Operating Increase in %</b>						<b>0.0%</b>		
<b>20-7 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>								
	East Main Replacement Fund (discontinued)				2,305	\$ -	\$ (2,305)	
	Short-term (10 year asset) reserve (Engineered, ?? annually)				\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	new
20-7-90-5-93.00	Collection System planned expense (Goal 3%/revenue/yr)				\$ 20,000	\$ 21,670	\$ 1,670	8.35%
	Wastewater Capital Reserve (Goal 10%/revenue/yr)				\$ 59,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 24,000	40.68%
	RFL-101 planning-ww (2026)				\$ 12,080	\$ 12,080	\$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)				\$ 13,525	\$ 13,525	\$ -	0.00%
	East Main Upgrade (funded from Collection System planned expense)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	new
<b>20-7 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>								
<b>Wastewater Operating. &amp; Capital TOTAL</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 379,510	\$ 402,875	\$ 23,365	6.16%
<b>Wastewater Department Administration Fee (Total X 70%)</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166,669	\$ 170,125	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER BUDGET</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 546,179	\$ 573,000	\$ 23,365	4.28%
<b>Wastewater Revenue total:</b>						<b>\$ 573,000</b>		
<b>Wastewater Budget Increase in %</b>						<b>4.9%</b>		

Account #	Description	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2013-2014	ACTUALS 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
<b>Wastewater fund totals on publish date:</b>								
	Short-term (10 year Asset) Reserve 7/2016					\$ -		
	Wastewater Capital Reserve 7/2016					\$ 25,772		
<b>Combined Water and Wastewater Budgets Total</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 839,827</b>	<b>\$ 880,576</b>	<b>\$ 40,749</b>	<b>4.85%</b>
					Overall budget increase over last year in %	N/A	5%	
					Overall budget increase in \$\$\$	N/A	\$ 40,749	
					Combined W/S revenue total	\$ 839,827	\$ 880,576	

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES  
IN NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Water and Sewer Fund
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	
Charges for services	839,978
Total operating revenues	<u>839,978</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Administration	237,211
Pump station	3,042
Wastewater department	246,082
Water department	56,229
Depreciation	<u>156,317</u>
Total operating expenses	698,881
Operating income (loss)	<u>141,097</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>	
Grant revenue	-
Insurance reimbursement	-
Transfer In	7,046
Interest income	-
Interest expense	<u>(43,369)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(36,323)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	104,774
<b>NET POSITION, July 1, 2014</b>	<u>4,325,864</u>
<b>NET POSITION, June 30, 2015</b>	<u><u>4,430,638</u></u>

## 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.

Our voter checklist stands at 2827 registered voters. 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.

There were two elections held in 2015. 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	3/3/15	2957	1070	287
East Main Street Water Line	7/14/15	2806	253	66

The one item that slows down the process of counting votes is the random voting of write in candidates. If 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 and reported to the Secretary of State. This can add several hours on an already long day.

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. This year the rabies clinic will be held at the Huntington Fire Station on March 19, 2016. 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 25 Richmond area residents received flu immunizations.

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. 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 Bona, 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**

**RABIES CLINIC**

**MARCH 19, 2016**

**9 AM TO NOON**

**HUNTINGTON FIRE STATION**

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

**VITAL RECORDS**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Births	37	32	37	46	49
Deaths	18	20	29	27	19
Marriages	26	29	32	43	28

*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 2015**

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAME</u>
Bennett, Bryce Virgil	January 16, 2015	Corey & Jamie Bennett
Morits, Elizabeth Alma	January 20, 2015	Alyssa & Dusty Morits
Hanlon, Keagan Jack	January 31, 2015	Ashley & Joshua Hanlon
Pfeil, Nora Faith	February 4, 2015	Hannah & Joshua Pfeil
Brown, Ava Elizabeth	February 19, 2015	Nicole & Christopher Brown, Jr
Bick-Mashteare, Eli Marcus	February 3, 2015	Lienne Bick
Farr, Adalie Marion	February 20, 2015	Erin & Ashley Farr
Williams, Ivy Patricia	March 5, 2015	Megan Clark & Travis Williams
Muir, Jayce Adam	March 6, 2015	Nicole Barnard & Daniel Muir
Gillis, Mason Anthony	March 24, 2015	Jessica Mumley & Richard Gillis, Jr
Foote, River Vinicio	March 25, 2015	Rachel Brodie & Michael Foote
Hudson, Isaac Elleo	April 1, 2015	Sarah & Michael Hudson
Tagliamonte, Forest Lee	April 2, 2015	Andrea Tagliamonte & Peter Brown
Rohlin, Luke William	April 17, 2015	Gillian & Travis Rohlin
Stebbins, Alma Louise	April 17, 2015	Emily & Jonathan Stebbins
Titterton, Russell Bing	April 25, 2015	Kathleen & Kevin Titterton
LaVigne, Marianna Grace	April 27, 2015	Kimberly & Eric LaVigne
Press, Hazel Simone	May 9, 2015	Tanya & John Press
Rucker, Brantley Garrison	May 11, 2015	Leigh & Gary Rucker
Thompson-Rose, Noah Jacob	May 16, 2015	Courtney Rose & Matthew Thompson
Marin, Bodhi Abel	May 16, 2015	Rebecca & Jacob Marin
Carpentier, Chase Wayne	May 25, 2015	Kylie Billado & Ryan Carpentier
Marsh, Wren Harper	May 27, 2015	Alycia & Joshua Marsh
Moultroup, Hank Matthew-John	June 5, 2015	Heather & Matthew Moultroup
Johnson, Frances Jane	June 17, 2015	Elisabeth & Daniel Johnson
Willette, Logan Adam	June 22, 2015	Krystal & Peter Willette
Foster, Austin Thomas	June 28, 2015	Erica Peet & Jody Foster
Bedard, Carter Maxwell	July 2, 2015	Torrie Bedard & Maxwell Dupaw
Aiken, Ingrid Brook	July 6, 2015	Alison & Mark Aiken
Moreau, Emma-Lynn Sue	July 11, 2015	Melissa Skinner & Bryan Moreau
LaPlant, Oakley Thomas	July 17, 2015	Tatum & Trevor LaPlant
Martell, Julia Grace	July 23, 2015	Stephanie & Michael Martell
Brooks, Owen Walter	July 26, 2015	Chelsye & Trevor Brooks
Kenney, Avery Onaga	August 7, 2015	Kyla & Michael Kenney
Wilcox, Bailey Marie	August 14, 2015	Marie-Michele & Benjamin Wilcox
Bessette, Jaxon Wade	September 1, 2015	Kristen & Corey Bessette
Anderson, Henry Mead	September 3, 2015	Cherri & Peter Anderson
Bristol, Anson Case	September 4, 2015	Catherine & Matthew Bristol
Gonyeau, Chloe Addison	September 22, 2015	Tasha Boucher & Jason Gonyeau
Mather Senick, Lucy Kate	September 30, 2015	Katie Mather & Charles Senick III
Robertson, William Elliot	October 3, 2015	Jessica Whitaker & Kenneth Robertson
Leo, Theodore Kye	October 6, 2015	Kelsey Leo
Kellar, Abigail Paige	October 10, 2015	Lauren & Jeffrey Kellar
Campagna, Hadley Elizabeth	October 20, 2015	Erika & Corey Campagna
Mulligan, Adaleen Rose	October 24, 2015	Amy & Daniel Mulligan
Smith, Fox Prall	November 4, 2015	Jamie & James Smith II
Floersch, Lela Rose-Anna	November 4, 2015	Melissa & Nicholas Floersch
Milles, Heikki Charles	November 8, 2015	Kathleen & Taivo Milles
Green, Luke Campbell	December 2, 2015	Carene Campbell & Colin Green

**MARRIAGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2015**

<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>MARRIAGE DATE</u>
Harvey, Kyla S	Kenney, Michael T	January 3, 2015
Maheu, Todd R	Evert, Thomas E	February 7, 2015
Ianelli, Joseph L	Furnia, Carolyn F	February 25, 2015
Georgakopoulos, Patricia	Flowers, Mathew J	March 15, 2015
McCullough, Shawn T	Corona, Estela	May 2, 2015
LaFrance, Lee J	Sylvia, Roxy L	May 8, 2015
Ruth, Maddie L	Grauly, Samuel JW	May 24, 2015
Bouffard, Carley R	Cameron, Thomas L II	August 1, 2015
Guarnaccia, Reina K	Thyng, Benjamin G	August 1, 2015
Cushman, Robert E II	Donaghy, Jessica R	August 8, 2015
Allen, Jocelyn, M	Perren, Chris E	August 15, 2015
Knudsen, Emily J	Katz, Michael B	August 29, 2015
Monty, Timothy A	Smerek, Rebecca M	August 29, 2015
Streeter, Amy L	Osgood, Ryan E	September 5, 2015
Ziskie, Austin N	LaBounty, Kendra L	September 5, 2015
Cronin, Lauren K	Delarda, Christopher S	September 13, 2015
Sarova, Iveta	Parker, Joshua G	September 18, 2015
Swift, Christina A	Tulloch, Kienan M	September 19, 2015
Kennedy, Darren J	Spence, Amber E	September 26, 2015
Goudreau, Samantha J	McGinnis, Michael C	October 3, 2015
Ayers, Tyler K	Kelley, Catherine A	October 10, 2015
Fletcher, Constance E	Moultroup, Bruce H	October 10, 2015
Turner, Megan L	Ellis, Kyle H	October 17, 2015
Torres, Julia C	O'Connor, Meryl C	October 17, 2015
Brodie, Rachel E	Foote, Michael D	October 31, 2015
O'Donnell, Carmen M	Croxford, Jed R	October 31, 2015
Davison, Heather M	Urie, Joel L	November 19, 2015
Cohen, Stephen Andrew	Hass, Stephanie Lynn	December 21, 2015

**DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2015**

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Comes, Ronald J	January 7, 2015	Burlington, VT
FitzGibbons, Marlene M	January 23, 2015	Richmond, VT
Aube, Frederick D	April 28, 2015	Burlington, VT
Kirk, Marvin L	May 3, 2015	Richmond, VT
Strosinski, Helene C	May 12, 2015	Williston, VT
Lovett, Abbott L	May 18, 2015	Richmond, VT
Santor, Elaine B	July 5, 2015	Richmond, VT
Cousino, Brendon P	July 30, 2015	Richmond, VT
Bell, Johanne	August 3, 2015	Richmond, VT
Barwin, Verna F	August 6, 2015	Richmond, VT
Chandler, Jay M	September 3, 2015	Richmond, VT
Andersen, Ingrid T	September 6, 2015	Williston, VT
Wyman, Theodore P	October 4, 2015	Richmond, VT
Matteson, Mary M	October 7, 2015	Richmond, VT
Montoy, Henry PR	October 9, 2015	Richmond, VT
Levesque, Thomas A	October 13, 2015	Burlington, VT
Haylette, Ruth A	October 14, 2015	Williston, VT
Brownell, Helen	October 20, 2015	Burlington, VT
Aldrich, Walter W	October 27, 2015	Williston, VT



## TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2015

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
Agnes E Mitchell Revocable Trust	Emmons, Benjamin	3465 East Main Street
Assell, Robert & Christine	Clark, Michael & Beaudoin, Danielle	354 Hidden Pines Circle
Baker, Allen Jr & Royce, Roxanne	Cherry, William	112 Dutil Lane
Banks, David & June	Habeck, Edward III & Genevieve	2921 East Main Street
Barlowe, George & Jane	Davis, Roy & Bowman, Kelly	84 Wheeler Lane
Bormann, Peter & Heidi	83 Richmond Road LLC	83 Huntington Road
Bowman, Kelly	Kasprowicz, Daryl & Nicole	97 Hapgood Lane
Bradbury, Judith	Eason, Ken & Marleta	68 Lawrence Road
Burke, Robert & Redman, Hilary	Rankin, Darcie & Jed	164 West Main Street
Campbell, Richard & Candice	Doppman, Joseph & Rebecca	1722 Kenyon Road
Cardinal, William & Geri	Carmichael, Alison	17 Burnett Court
Chandler, Janice	Murray, Jason & Natasha	1819 Hillview Road
Cote, Philippe	In Classic Boats LLC	3215 East Main Street
Cousin, Barry & Ann	Tatro, Kristi	253 Valley View Extention
Coutier, Ryan & Slusky, Miriam	Hollenback, Jonathan & Helen	255 Hillview Road
Cowan Realty LLC	Working Class Heros LLC	3214 East Main Street
Davies, Alan & Christina	Smith, Steven & Waninger, Bonnie	82 Bates Farm Road
Debellis, Melita & Mulcahy, Michael	Mather, Kathleen & Senick, Charles III	524 Bridge Street
Doe, Matthew	Foran, John	197 Hilltop Circle
Dott, Laurence & Miranda	Golden, Joe & Desantis, Sarah	1653 Jericho Road
Eden Sand & Gravel Inc	Sylvan Knoll LLC	952 Kenyon Road
Emerson, Carolyn	Ladouceur, David II & Anna	870 Dugway Road
Emerson, John & Theresa	Maynes, Daniel & Casey	317 Robbins Mountain Road
Emmons, Jeremy	Robar, Lillian	332 Summers Street
Erickson, Robert & Lise	O'Connor, Nina	1560 Jericho Road
Estate of Dorothy Martell	Russin, Kyle & Stacy	32 Summers Street
Estate of Jeanne M Duckett	Martin, Sonya	1190 Huntington Road
Estate of Joyce Livak	Eden Sand & Gravel Inc	952 Kenyon Road
Estate of Robert Shearer	New England Federal Credit Union	1484 Jericho Road
Fecteau Residential	Dunbar, Keith & Joanna	3188 Huntington Road
Fecteau Residential	Tinker, Jeremiah	2 Meadow Lane
Fecteau Residential	Longe, Susan	218 Summers Street
French, Scott	Towsley, Kim Marie	129 Lower Circle
Fuller, Dorothy	Therrien, Edward	80 North Road
Fuller, Mark & Deborah	Magnant, Lucas & Katie	2249 Jericho Road
Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mtns	Richmond Land Trust	2428 Wes White Hill
Godbout Design Build Inc	Smith, Jonathan & Jennifer	429 Sadler Meadow Road
Godbout Design Build Inc	Racine, Robin & Poirier, Luann	385 Sadler Meadow Road
Godbout Design Build Inc	Stubbs, Jasoin & Veronica	285 Sadler Meadow Road
Greenfield, Michael & Cotrone, Karen	Ide, Jacob & Amy	379 Westall Drive
Greenwald, Andrew & Morgan	Harnois, Lee & Gannon, Lisa	1588 Wes White Hill
Hafner, Christian & Martha	Laber, Nathaniel & Holly	285 Westall Drive
Harding, W Riyon & Brian	Underwood, Robert & Amy	2244 Hinesburg Road
Hergenrother Construction LLC	Anderson, Erik & Autumn	75 Bradford Terrace
Ide, Jacob & Amy	Prack, Jonathan & Britni	3910 Hinesburg Road
James, David & Martha	Reed, Sonya	54 East Main Street
Jennings, Emma	Morgan, Virginia & Kunze, Jessica	155 Governor Peck Highway
Jewell, Randy & Kelley	Hale, Rebecca & Morway, Carrie	134 Hilltop Circle
Johnston, Frederick	CSH Ventures LLC	50 Windy Woods Road
Keosian, Wanda	Knapp, Jillian	67 Farr Road
LaForce, Dean & Patricia	Fitzpatrick, Brian & Isenor, Stacey	618 Cemetery Road
Lamore, James Sr & Marie	Willette, Peter & Krystal	122 Lower Circle
Larsen, Kelly	Morway, Cameron	57 Summers Street
Liberty, Troy & Lisa	King, Amy	2743 Huntington Road
Logalbo, Sally	Morin, Jared	109 Summers Street
Marquis, Robert & Doreen	Reap, Robert & Joy	258 Wortheim Road

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## TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2015

<u>SELLER</u>	<u>BUYERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
McMahon, M Sara	Corbin, Kevin & Vanessa	369 O'Neil Drive
McMillian, Raymond & Linda	Fernald, Diana & Robert	68 Hilltop Circle
Morgan, Darlene	Thompson, April & Delphia, Colin	708 Jericho Road
Moultroupe, Terry & Dawna	Dunbar, Keith & Joanna	3188 Huntington Road
Norton, Timmy & Melissa	Roberts, Ken & King, Amy	108 Lower Circle
Patalano, Joseph & Alice	Bellerose, Daniel & Holly	2529 Hillview Road
Pearce, Laurie	Jancola, John & Cecilla	86 Old County Lane
Perkins, Timothy & Anita	Sadler, Nathan	274 Hidden Pines Circle
Prentiss, Arnita	Rosenfield, Michael	947 Johnnie Brook Road
Quiet, Adele	Nelson, Steven & Katherine	131 East Main Street
Rankin, Jed & Darcie	Hashem, Anthony & Yuchesyn, Joann	2552 Stage Road
Reap, Robert & Joy	Holt, Bradley & Pelletier, Jason	1931 Hillview Road
Saxon Oaks Co	Robinson, John II & Clarke, Jamie	93 Locust Knoll
Shattuck, Phillip	Smith, James P III & Jamie	537 Hillview Road
Skidd, Philip & Eileen	Bier, Julie	1724 Kenyon Road
Smith, Gloria & Brian	Valentine, Cynthia & Brian	197 Blue Rock Road
Smith, Patrick	Moeira, Rosilda	59 Orchard Lane
Spine, Bernard & Marcia	Dicocco, Shay & Alicia	152 Lily Pond Circle
Squires, Andrew & Carlene	Aumand, Francis X IV	64 High Meadow Lane
Stafford, Janice	Prelco Inc	1287 Snipe Ireland Road
Stone, Dorothy & Carpenter, Elaine	Beckwith, Amy	704 East Hill Road
Town of Richmond	Lamell, Ronald	87 Robbins Mountain Road
Ward, Ellen	Chamberlin, Andrew & Lindsey	98 Durand Road
Wenner, Robert & Purdy, Kathleen	Callens, Trevor & Alana	1973 Huntington Road
Wernert, Martin	Ferris, Roscoe & Chudnow, Jennifer	3204 Cochran Road
WHW Development Corp	O'Neil, Abigail & Scott	140 Wolfe Lane
WHW Development Corp	Sipe, Michael Jr	60 Wolfe Lane
WHW Development Corp	Sipe, Michael & M Patricia	110 Wolfe Lane
Wuenschel, Faith	Moore, Peter & Louisa	1272 Williams Hill Road
Yarbenet, George & Marilyn	George, Debora	2188 Hinesburg Road
Yawney, William & Anne	Kiernan, Casey & Dufour Martinez, Shannon	1500 Hinesburg Road
Zareva, Brian & Sarah	Unger, Joseph & Susan	521 Beaver Pond Road

## DOG LICENSE REPORT

There were 497 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 must keep a copy of the rabies vaccination on file. The fee to license an animal starting January 1, 2016 will be \$15.00 each. After April 1, the fee increases to \$20.00 each. There will no longer be a difference in the fee whether the pet has been spayed or neutered.

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 being registered 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 Chris Laberge of Bolton. He 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. We hate to contact the family if necessary, only to find that the pet has passed away. The Town of Richmond recognizes our part in the welfare of our pet population.

Licenses sold:	Neutered	Spayed	Male	Female	Total
	232	238	15	12	497
Fees collected:	\$2928.00	\$2952.00	\$248.00	\$176.00	\$6304.00
Of the total \$6,304.00, \$1,984.00 was sent to the State of Vermont for required state fees.					

## RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2014-2015 began with an ice storm and ended with record setting sustained subzero temperatures. The ice storm started on December 9th and continued to December 11th. Many trees and power lines town wide were blanketing the roadways from the ice. Many roads were down to one lane. The county was declared a disaster which triggered FEMA and State Aid reimbursement for damages. The Highway crew spent 72 equipment and labor hours cleaning up tree and limb debris throughout the winter. The winter season produced numerous small snow storms. As a result of this mixed winter weather our salt budget was overspent by \$15,000.

The winter season took a very cold turn for the months of January, February, March and April. The lower than normal temperatures for the winter months drove the roadway frost to record setting depths. We had frozen culverts up to 4 feet in diameter. 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; Mike Mashia – operator/grader; Dillon Laforce - operator; Glenn Murray – operator, and George Brownell operator/grounds maintenance. Part-time employee of the department are: Troy Liberty – technical advisor/trouble shooting. Part-time seasonal employees were: Joe Haskins and Logan Liberty - grounds and sidewalk maintenance. In November Steve Towers resigned from the Highway Department for a highway position with the Town of Jericho.

This past summer we were hit again with another series of road washouts. On June 9th we were hit with 3 inches of rain within 45 minutes in the Jonesville area. This microburst of heavy rain washed out Wes White Hill, Dugway Road, Cochran Road, Durand Road and Greystone Drive. Neighboring towns also had isolated washouts that were significant enough to declare the county for FEMA and State Aid. The Highway Department repaired Wes White Hill, Cochran Road, Durand Road and Dugway Road with our labor and equipment. Due to the extent of damage to Greystone Drive an engineered repair plan and bid was required. The bid and contract was completed by S.D. Ireland Industries.

Due to the June road damage our summer work plan was delayed until late August. Highway work from the June washouts included the following:

Wes White Hill - Excavated and removed washed out road materials. Replace road base gravel and compact. Ditched and stone lined sections of roadway. Asphalt patched missing sections of road.

Cochran Road - Excavated and replaced road base two times. Replaced road base gravel. Reinstalled guardrails. Asphalt patched missing sections of roadway. Ditched sections of road.

Dugway Road - Rebuilt large stone headwall. Rip rap several shoulder areas. Replaced two failed road crossing culverts. Replaced road base and top course gravel in washed out areas.

Durand Road - Replaced one failed road crossing culvert. Ditched and reshaped end of road.

Summer work plan included the following:

Johnnie Brook Road - Replaced two road crossing culverts. Ditched sections of road. Rock lined a trouble spot on road. Installed road fabric, six inches of base course gravel and six inches of top course gravel. Adjust driveway aprons to match new finish height of road.

Wortheim Road - Ditched sections of road. Excavated and removed one foot of road surface gravel and imported it to the south end of Hillview Road. Installed road fabric, six inches of

base course gravel and six inches of top course gravel. Adjust driveway aprons to match finish height of road.

Cemetery Road - Replaced one failed road crossing culvert at the Hinesburg intersection.

Mayo Road - Ditched section of road.

Huntington Road - Ditched sections of road. Replaced one failed driveway culvert.

Hillview Road - Elevated the south end of road by four feet at the Huntington Road intersection. Sloped and shaped the shoulders on the elevated section of road. Ditched section of road.

Snipe Ireland Road - Replaced one failed road crossing culvert. Installed road fabric, six inches of base course gravel and six inches of top course gravel to a 1000 foot trouble section of road.

Stage Road - Re-profiled the grade of Stage Road by adding gravel below the interstate crossing to pitch all road drainage to the eastern side of road. Installed rip rap in one eroded area.

Southview Drive - Ditched section of road. Rebuilt shoulder of road with ledge due to a deep washout.

Richmond Fire Station - Ditched and shaped drainage area in front of Fire Station.

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

Other seasonal work includes the following:

- 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.
- Additional ditching and gravel work to be completed in the spring on Snipe Ireland Road.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following:

The paving contract was awarded to Pike Industries of Williston. The paving was postponed until the spring of 2016 due to conflicts with the water reservoir project. Pike did repave the Toscano parking lot this past fall. The structures grant project was awarded to John Scott excavating of Huntington. The large diameter culvert that crosses Huntington Road by the Farr farm was replaced in July.

We applied for the VTRANS State Structures grant as well as the Class 2 Roadway grant. Due to recent awards we were not awarded these grants this year.

The Highway Department had one new equipment purchase this year. The 2008 International tandem dump truck was replaced with an in stock model 2015 International tandem dump truck. The truck purchase was awarded to Clark's Truck Center in Underhill, the plow and body purchase was awarded to Viking Cives of Williston. We greatly appreciate this new dump truck, 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 2016

FISCAL YEAR	Gravel & Fabric	Equipment to Haul Gravel	Culvert repair or replacement	Brush clearing, flagging & ditching	Miles	road and mileage to receive gravel resurfacing
FY 17 Summer 2016	\$225,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	4.05	Williams Hill Road - .20 miles of 1.40 miles; Snipe Ireland Road - 1.05 miles of 2.55 miles; Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles; Hillview Road - 2.3 miles of 2.3 miles
FY 18 Summer 2017	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	3.05	(ONLY RESURFACING NEEDED. ALL GRAVEL ROAD BASES REPAIRED) Kenyon Road - 2.25 miles of 2.25 miles; Cemetery Road - .80 miles of .80 miles
FY 19 Summer 2018	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.80	Roger's Lane - .40 miles of .40 miles; Williams Hill Road - 1.20 miles of 1.20 miles; Dugway - 1.50 miles of 3.35 miles; Lawrence Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Besaw Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Grandview Drive - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY 20 Summer 2019	\$155,000	\$25,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	3.95	Dugway Road - remaining 1.85 miles of 3.35 miles; Wes White Hill - 2.10 miles of 2.10 miles
FY 21 Summer 2020	\$155,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3	Stage Road - 2.80 miles of 2.80 miles; Johnnie Brook Road; Jones Mill Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles
FY22 Summer 2021	\$160,000	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.30	Snipe Ireland Road - 2.55 miles of 2.55 miles; Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles
7-year resurfacing cycle continues						

**TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE**  
January 2016

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount (\$) (inc.2% / year)	Miles Paved or Planned	Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 17 Summer 2016	296,000	2.59	Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Collins Mountain Road - .35 miles of .35 miles; Mountain View Road - .74 miles of .74 miles; Cemetery Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Huntington Road - 1.0 miles of 4.15 miles	Huntington Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2006)
FY 18 Summer 2017	302,000	3.15	Huntington Road - remaining 3.15 miles of Huntington Road	Huntington Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2006)
FY 19 Summer 2018	308,000	2.11	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; Pleasant Street - .12 miles of .12 miles; Farr Road - .12 miles of .12 miles	Developments not grant eligible Heavy road shim needed
FY 20 Summer 2019	314,000	2.80	Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Wes White Hill Road - 1.0 miles of 1.0 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles; Cochran Road - 1.50 miles of 3.68 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2010)
FY21 Summer 2020	320,000	2.68	Cochran Road - remaining 2.68 miles of 3.68 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2010)
FY22 Summer 2021	326,000	2.5	Hinesburg Road - 2.5 miles of 3.90 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2011)
FY23 Summer 2022	330,000	2.67	Hinesburg Road - remaining 1.4 miles of 3.90 miles; East Hill Road - 1.20 miles of 1.20 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2011)
FY 24 Summer 2023	340,000	1.90	Bridge Street - .40 miles of .60 miles; Esplanade Street - .26 miles of .26 miles; Round Church Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Railroad Street - .17 miles of .17 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 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	Village streets not grant eligible Baker Street and Bridge Street sidewalks to be replaced to concrete (last resurfaced 2011)
FY 25 Summer 2024	347,000	2.33	Jericho Road - 2.33 miles of 2.33 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible (.33 miles newly constructed in 2012)
FY 26 Summer 2025	353,000	2.24	Southview Drive - 1.30 miles of 1.30 miles; Joan Avenue - .30 miles of .30 miles; Westall Drive - .35 miles of .35 miles; Westall Extension - .09 miles of .09 miles; Bradford Terrace - .20 miles of .20 miles	Developments not grant eligible
FY 27 Summer 2026	360,000	2.13	Mary Drive - .22 miles of .22 miles; Hidden Pines Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Hidden Pines Circle - .70 miles of .70 miles; Hidden Pines Extension - .11 miles of .11 miles; Governor Peck Highway - .80 miles of .80 miles; Roger's Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles	Developments not grant eligible
FY 28 Summer 2027			NEW 12 – YEAR CYCLE BEGINS	
	3,596,000	27.1	<b>Variable: Loans &amp; Grants; Inflation; Weather &amp; Emergencies; Type of Road Repair Needed</b>	Village streets are estimated at a higher cost due to utilities and paving quantities

## RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Another year has come and gone and as I write this, 2016 is fast approaching. This past year brought our usual staff changes in personnel which I will share with you.

Patrolman Lance Martel left us in May of 2015 and took a patrol position with the Essex Police Department. Lance had joined us as a full time officer in June of 2013 after serving as a part time officer with the Barre City Police Department. In August of 2014 we hired John Hamlin as a part time officer and with the pending departure of Officer Martel we hired him full time. John completed the full time basic academy on May 22, 2015 and has since completed his field training and is currently on patrol in the town. John has lived almost his entire life in the Town of Richmond and graduated from Mt. Mansfield Union High School where he was a member of their wrestling team and then went on to Norwich University where he obtained a B.A. degree in criminal justice.

This year we promoted Officer Rick Greenough to the rank of Corporal. Rick has been with the department since April 2005 and other than retired Chief Joe Miller he has been the longest serving full time member of this department. Rick continues to anchor the department's commitment to the local school as the School Resource Officer at Camel's Hump Middle School where he serves in this function four days a week. When school is not in session he works a normal patrol shift as well as one day a week. We also commit to one day a week at the elementary school where Officer Brett Lindemuth fulfills this duty. The town is reimbursed by the school district for the officer's time spent at each school. Officer Brett Lindemuth joined the department in November 2012 after serving a year as a full time certified officer for the Waterbury Police Department. This year Officer Lindemuth who has the distinction of being the department's top traffic officer will also be promoted to the rank of Corporal. Officer Mat Nadeau joined the department in January 2014 and completed the full time basic academy on May 23, 2014. Since completing his field training, Mat has hit the road running. Working primarily the night shift, Mat has been a thorn in the side of those who wish to drive through town impaired by either alcohol or drugs. Since the first of the year he has arrested over 25 impaired operators and removed them from our roads. Cpl. William Bullock has served the department for 25 years as a part time officer over two different stints and numerous different Chiefs of Police and having served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force. I became your Chief of Police in June of 2011 after serving 32 years with the Vermont State Police, retiring as a Captain. Rounding out our staff is Ms. Dianne Corbett who is our part time administrative assistant working approximately 20 hours per week. Dianne is a long time dispatcher with the Vermont State Police out of the Williston Barracks who recently moved downstairs most of the time as their administrative assistant. We currently have one full time officer's position vacant and are attempting to find a qualified applicant to fill it.

It has been another busy year for the department; however I don't think we will break last years all time high for calls at 1376. This will be determined in the next couple of weeks when Dianne does the year end statistics which will be attached to this report which you can compare with last year when we totaled 156 arrests/Offences, wrote 1050 traffic tickets and 1212 written warnings.

The following are some of the cases we handled in 2015 and will give you somewhat of an idea what your police department handles.

- January 4, 2015@ 21:23 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau was investigating a traffic accident on Hinesburg Road near Fays Corner when he was advised of a second crash into a tree by Mansfield Way. At the second scene he was able to identify the male operator who was currently under criminal suspension. This male is well known to the police department and has been arrested by us approximately

a dozen times in the past 18 months on a variety of charges. In this case he was cited into court to answer a charge of operating a motor vehicle while criminally suspended. On January 7, 2015 this same individual was charged with petit larceny and sale/possession of stolen property. Back in November of 2014 he stole two firearms from a vehicle involved in an accident and later sold both rifles. This suspect pleads out later in the year and was sentenced to work crew which he did not complete and was arrested on a warrant by us late in 2015.

- January 31, 2015@ 23:10 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau was sitting on Bridge Street when he observed a vehicle pull out of Cumberland Farm Store committing a traffic violation. He pulled out and attempted to stop the vehicle by the firehouse when it accelerated and passed another vehicle. With blue lights and siren the vehicle refused to pull over and continued east on Main Street in excess of 90 miles per hour. Officer Nadeau came across the vehicle after it crashed near Jones Mill Road and the operator then fled on foot. Witnesses to the event estimated the vehicle was travelling near 120 miles per hour prior to crashing. Assistance was requested which included a K-9 from the State Police as well as additional Troopers. As the K-9 was tracking the suspect the male was located in the woods by Stage Road where he was now asking for help. It seems when he fled the scene he lost his boots in the snow and was now barefooted and in pain from the cold. He was taken into custody and treated at the scene by Richmond Rescue. The 20 year old male was charged with DUI, and attempting to elude, careless and negligent operation as well as issued traffic tickets for possessing and consuming alcohol by a minor. He was taken to the county jail and held on \$2,500.00 bail.

- February 10, 2015@ 16:14 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth attempted to stop a vehicle on Hinesburg Road near Old Farm Road; however the operator decided to flee. He was pursued down Kenyon Road and reached speeds up to 70 miles per hour. He eventually stopped when he reached Summer Street. The operator's right to operate was criminally suspended and the male passenger had an outstanding arrest warrant. The operator was charged with operating after suspension, attempting to elude law enforcement, careless & negligent operation and violating his conditions of release. A judge was contacted for bail but declined to have him lodged due to new state policy so he was flash cited into court. His male passenger was jailed on the outstanding warrant.

- March 12, 2015@ 13:50 hours, Cpl. William Bullock responded to a home burglary where the suspects forced their way into the home and stole numerous items of value. Information was obtained and one adult male and one adult female were identified as being responsible. Search warrant was applied for during this case and stolen property was later recovered. Both suspects have fled the state and arrest warrants were requested.

- March 30, 2015@ 14:59 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth was contacted by a concerned citizen that an intoxicated female was leaving Bolton Valley headed to Essex. He observed the vehicle on East Main travelling at 61 in a posted 50 zone and stopped the car. The female operator showed signs of intoxication and was screened prior to being taken into custody. After speaking with an attorney she submitted to an evidentiary breath test which registered a BAC of .25%. She was an admitted alcoholic and she was transported to ACT 1 in Burlington where she requested a second test which registered a BAC of .281%. She was cited into court to answer a charge of DUI #2 and released into the care of ACT 1 where she was to be held until sober. It is important to note that this case was a result of a citizen calling in and giving us the information. We CAN NOT do this job well without the help of our citizens.

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- May 2, 2015@ 18:02 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau was notified after citizen complaints were called in that a probable intoxicated driver was headed west bound on East Main Street. Officer Nadeau observed the vehicle as it approached Bridge Street and a traffic stop was conducted. The 57 year old male operator had multiple open alcohol containers in the vehicle and appeared to be intoxicated and was screened for such. The operator eventually gave an evidentiary breath test which registered a BAC of .201%. This was the operator's 4th offense of DUI making it a felony and he was taken to the county jail and held on \$5,000.00 bail and was not to be released until he blew zeros. He was to appear in court to answer the charge the following Monday morning.

- May 19, 2015@ 13:30 hour, myself and Officer Brett Lindemuth responded to Bridge Street for a disorderly female who was walking along the street and into businesses kicking objects, yelling and swearing. This was our first encounter of many from May until August with this subject. The female was in crisis and in need of medical intervention. On all encounters we contacted the crisis team; we took her to the emergency room for screening and in several cases we ended up taking her to jail because she ended up being charged with crimes as her behavior became more violent the longer she was off her medication. From May to August we dealt with her approximately a dozen or more times and charged her in five of the cases to include punching a rescue member and kicking a mental health worker in the groin at this office. Burlington Police dealt and arrested her on two other occasions. It all came to an end in August when she walked into a Bridge Street business, assaulted an employee and while myself and Officer John Hamlin tried to take her into custody she kicked me repeatedly and attempted to bite my arm on three occasions. We again called crisis who had dealt with her on numerous incidents, but they wanted us to take her to jail. Myself and Cpl. Rick Greenough decided to take her once again to the emergency room for evaluation but once there she had to be put into a five point restraint because of the biting and kicking of staff. We again tried to deal with crisis, but the worker wanted us to take her to jail. Frustrated and knowing that jail was not the answer, Cpl. Greenough approached the E.R. director who he knew, explained what we had been dealing with for three months and the Director overruled the crisis worker and had her committed for the minimum 72 hours. They later went to court and applied for and extended commitment order. After a month of treatment she is now back on medication and appears to be leading a normal life style. I have seen her on several occasions since August and there have been no issues. This scenario is not uncommon for law enforcement to handle and it would be easy to blame the crisis worker, but the truth of the matter is that there are not enough beds or money currently in the system to treat the mentally ill or those addicted to drugs or other substances.

- June 10, 2015@ 14:57 hours, Cpl. Rick Greenough received a complaint of three adult males entering the Winooski River at Route 2 and Cochran Road in the now raging river in a small inflatable raft and a case of beer. Just the day before the heavy rains took a toll on the town's road washing out several along with culverts. About an hour later, Rick located the three coming out at Volunteers Green. The vessel was a 10' inflatable child's pool which they duct taped several pool noodles too for stability. When he located them the beer was gone and there wasn't a life jacket in the group. Rick gave the pool owner a ticket for no life jackets. This is not something we handle everyday!

- June 11-13, 2015, Officer Brett Lindemuth had been following up on several residential burglaries that happened during the fall of 2014. After several trips to the Stowe area and a successful search warrant executed by Stowe Police over 1,700 pieces of stolen jewelry were recovered of which 71 pieces were identified by our victims. Brett prepared charges against a 40 year old male

for several counts of burglary and he was arraigned in Washington Superior Court. This gentleman had over 15 separate burglary charges filed against him that occurred in several different counties and is currently jailed. His motivation for the crimes was to obtain money to support his addiction to heroin.

- July 5, 2015@ 18:48 hours, members of the police department, rescue and fire responded to the Huntington Gorge for another drowning victim. On July 6th the 22 year old female victim was recovered by members of Colchester Technical and Stowe Mountain rescue. This was the 26th victim at the gorge since June of 1950.

- September 3, 2015@ 17:29 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau responded to Gov. Peck Road for an unresponsive male as he was the closest available first responder. When Mat arrived he discovered a 54 year old male lying on the ground next to a vehicle. The male was blue in color and not breathing. His 29 year old son who was intoxicated could not render any aid. Mat began performing CPR on the male and continued until Richmond Rescue arrived at the scene. The gentleman had overdosed on heroin and had to be administered multiple doses of Narcan to revive him. Because Mat did not use any protective gear while performing CPR and rescue breathing he needed to be examined at the emergency room for possible exposure to blood borne pathogens. The 29 year old son was also arrested by Mat and charged with DUI prior to him going to the emergency room with Williston Police doing the processing for us.

From August 1st to the end of October 2015 we had responded to at least seven overdose cases with five being from heroin and two from opiate pills. In one case on October 9th, two home owners returned home after a short trip to town to find the flooring sub-contractor unresponsive. Their attempts at CPR were not successful and heroin as well as a needle was located on him. During the event a member of Richmond Rescue was stuck by a needle that had been located on the man's body and that member was examined at the emergency room. On October 19th@ 12:10 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth and myself responded with Richmond Rescue to The Park & Ride located near exit 11 for another overdose. The 22 year old female who had a friend and her infant child with her had overdosed on heroin which required three doses of Narcan on scene to revive her as well as additional Narcan once she was taken to the emergency room. Based on information we gathered during this investigation we applied for a search warrant for a Main Street apartment. The search warrant leads to the arrest of three adults, one of which had been convicted in Vermont on 1st degree murder and was out on parole. All three have their cases pending in court at this time; however the gentleman on parole has had it revoked and is currently in jail. Earlier on the same day we had a burglary come in at 04:14 hours at a local business and when the suspect was apprehended a few days later he was in possession of a small amount of heroin as well as four hypodermic needles. He was jailed on a burglary charge as well as possession of heroin. As you can see heroin has become an issue in the Town of Richmond! Currently there are not enough treatment beds to meet the demands of those that truly want to be helped. Currently when we arrest someone for a crime the judge will order that they seek treatment and they are deferred to drug court. I do not have any issue with those people that want the help; however I do take issue with the current program when we arrest the same individual repeatedly for different crimes and they are not held accountable but simply told to seek treatment and re-released to victimize the public over again. This will not change until you, the public demand a change.

These are just a few of the types of cases your police department handles. The accompanying charts show that we handle everything from assaults, burglary, death investigations, car crashes, thefts, DUI's, drug and a wide array of assorted other calls on top of performing traffic duties.

- During this past year we were successful in writing and

receiving several different federal grants. Three of the grants were for overtime details regarding DUI and occupant protection which totaled approximately \$12,500 which is reimbursed to the town for salaries. We also wrote and received two equipment grants, one for \$5,000 through Governor’s Highway Safety which allows us to buy police related equipment such as radars, road flares, etc. and a Homeland Security grant for approximately \$8,400 which is being used to replace two eight year old cruiser computers, docking power station and stands. On all these grants we have to initially spend the funds first and then we request reimbursement and the town is later sent a check to cover the cost. These don’t really show up in the police budget but are listed separately in a revenue spread sheet.

This year Cpl. Rick Greenough put us on-line using Facebook in attempt to help keep the community informed. I would like to thank my officer’s and Dianne for their work this year as well as the Highway Department that helps maintain our cruisers!

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Alan F. Buck Chief of Police**

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

**POLICE STATISTICS 2015**

<b>Law Incidents</b>	
911 Hang Ups	24
Accidents	87
Agency Assists	213
Animal Problem	26
Assault	2
Burglary Alarm	71
Burglary	11
Citizen Assist	43
Citizen Dispute	32
Dead Body	2
Directed Patrol	41
DLS	24
DUI	24
Family Fight	16
Found Property	19
Fraud	16
Juvenile Problems	24
Miscellaneous	61
MV Complaint	170
Noise Disturbance	7
Parking Problem	13
Phone Problem	9
Property Watch	72
Sex Offender Reg	10
Suspicious	137
Theft	37
Threatening	8
Traffic Hazard	26
Trespassing	10
Vandalism	19
Vin Inspection	52
Wanted Person	4
Welfare Check	9
<b>Total Law Incidents</b>	<b>1319</b>

<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	
Basic Rule	22
Cell Phone	99
Condition of Vehicle	9
Display of Plates	10
Driving License Suspended	37
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	22
Fail Carry Registration	39
I89 Regulations	13
Inspection	171
Insurance Certificate	40
Local Speed	561
Miscellaneous	47
Misuse of Plates	8
No Registration	42
Obstructed Windshields	15
Operating Without License	15
Possession of Marijuana	13
Signals Required	7
Stop/Yield Intersections	7
Traffic Control	34
<b>Total Traffic Tickets</b>	<b>1211</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	
Cell Phone	29
Condition of Vehicle	215
Display of Plates	27
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	100
Failure to Carry Reg	9
I89 Regulations	7
Illumination	9
Inspections	140
Insurance	126

<b>Local Speed</b>	<b>291</b>
Miscellaneous	34
No License	13
No Registration	26
Signals Required	44
Speed	7
Stop/Yield Intersections	30
Texting Prohibited	8
Traffic Control	60
<b>Total Warnings</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>Arrests/Offenses</b>	
C&N	5
DLS	27
DUI	37
Agg Assault Police Officer	1
Drug Possession	7
False Info to Police	3
Simple Assault	3
Cruelty to Child	2
Unlawful Mischief	3
Violations of Conditions	3
Miscellaneous	14
Disorderly Conduct	2
Heroin Delivery	2
Home Improvement Fraud	2
Wanted Person	1
<b>Total Arrests/Offense</b>	<b>112</b>

# RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT



In 2014-2015 the Fire Department responded to 153 alarms. The breakdown is 5 structure fires, 4 grass/brush fires, 1 trash fire, 5 motor vehicle fires, 4 rescue, 2 service calls, 17 mutual-aid calls, 6 hazardous material calls, 11 carbon monoxide calls, 12

power line problems, 12 fire alarms, 1 false alarms, 10 good intent calls, 58 motor vehicle accidents, 2 bad detectors, 1 Flood.

The members of the Fire Department as of June 30, 2015 were: Chief Thomas Levesque, Asst. Chief Dennis Gile, 2nd Asst. Chief Chris Siple, Captains Michael Parent, Mark Klonicke and Gerald Levesque, Lieutenant Jake Kilpeck, Treasurer Sherry Gile, Firefighters Brian Beane, Richard Dana, Joseph Greenough, Michael Hudson, James Kilpeck, Luke O’Leary, Arielle Siple, Harland Stockwell, Barry Wood and Braden Yeates.

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.

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.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2014-6/30/2015	
<b>Income:</b>	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.80
July 4th	\$ 4,777.75
Sticker Sales	\$ 43.00
Soda	\$ 34.35
Donations received	\$ 575.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,430.90</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Banquet	\$ 1,170.00
Dues	\$ 360.00
Food Expenses	\$ 375.06
Cash & ATM	\$ 1,005.00
July 4th expenses	\$ 1,270.73
Miscellaneous Business Expense	\$ 72.40
Office Supplies	\$ 27.00
USPS Box Rent	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,330.19</b>
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.71</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as of 06/30/2015</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash & Bank Accounts:	
Balance TDBank Checking	\$ 2,663.82
Balance TDBank Savings	\$ 1,602.86
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,266.68</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-
<b>Equity</b>	\$ 4,266.68
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,266.68</b>
<i>Submitted by Sherry Gile</i>	

**REMEMBER OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BETTER WITH YOU IN IT!**

**Dennis L. Gile, Fire Chief**



## RICHMOND RESCUE, INC.

On July 30, 2015 Richmond Rescue member and EMT Brendon Cousino was killed while driving on the interstate. Brendon was a kind, empathetic, and dedicated volunteer who devoted more than seven years serving our communities. Brendon’s loss has affected all who read the story of his life and family, but the outpouring of support for the Cousino family is a profound statement on the positive impact his life had on all those around him. We will forever remember Brendon’s steady presence, patient teaching style, strong loyalty, and bright smile.

I want to thank the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department for their support of our squad during the immediate aftermath of Brendon’s loss. Their assistance in organizing his funeral procession and providing logistical support were meaningful to the entire squad.

Through this difficult year our service to the Town of Richmond never halted. We are proud to serve as your primary provider for emergency pre-hospital medical care. To provide perspective on our operations the following statistics reflect fiscal year 2015:

- Total requests for service: 549
- Requests in Richmond: 220
- Requests to Interstate 89 in Richmond: 31
- Average Ambulance Response Time to Richmond: 7:47 minutes
- Active number of volunteers: 39
- Total volunteer hours: 25,327

We are committed to continuing to improve our “second call taken” percentage. By training more respond-

ers who live in Richmond we are able to accept calls for service when our primary crew is already involved with a separate incident. In an emergency this saves valuable time and provides additional value for your annual contribution.

Since January 1st we have been providing paramedic level care. This transition to a higher level license provides you delivery of complex medical interventions, advanced cardiac care, and hospital strength pain management. The transition positions Richmond Rescue as one of the highest level providers in the county.

We continue to offer free car seat fittings, E911 driveway signs (\$10), and CPR/First Aid classes. Please contact our station any time at 802-434-2394 or email director@richmondrescue.org to arrange for these services.

Finally, we are always recruiting volunteers. Are you interested in serving your community while learning a new skill? Visit our website, richmondrescue.org, to learn about the volunteer opportunities available.

It has been a pleasure working with the Town of Richmond this past year and we look forward to our continued service.

**Taylor F.J. Yeates President, Richmond Rescue, Inc.**



*Brendon Cousino*

RICHMOND RESCUE INC. FINANCIAL REPORT	
<b>Income</b>	
Billing	173,801
Donations	67,705
Sale of Asset (Ambulance A1)	16,000
Town Contributions	116,595
Training Center	12,670
Investment Income	8,365
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>395,135</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Ambulance Maintenance	14,966
Building & Grounds	11,376
Transfer to Capital Reserve	54,346
Communications/Dispatch	19,454
Depreciation Expense	42,196
Donor Directed Expenses	1,028
Insurance	35,555
Medical Equipment	14,057
Membership / Uniforms	7,679
Office / Administrative	19,830
Paramedic Intercept	2,025
Payroll/Benefits	135,578
Training	3,432
Training Center	15,396
Utilities	7,904
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>384,822</b>

## RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

We believe two things; libraries are experiencing a paradigm shift, and libraries are as important as they have ever been in their history. Libraries around the world are shifting from being quiet repositories of information to active, participatory community hubs. We too have been busy making changes that reflect local community need in light of larger, world trends. An increase in user numbers tell us that we are meeting those needs, and in some new ways.

In January of 2015, as a result of hearing requests for smaller meeting spaces, the Library completed the renovation of the mezzanine. The Library lost a large storage space but gained a wonderful lounge suitable for meetings up to 20 individuals as well as two smaller rooms for work or study or teaching. This project was underwritten by the Richmond Free Library Development, Inc. and the Friends of the Richmond Free Library. Please come and visit this new space if you haven't already!

The Library actively collaborates with a variety of groups in the community to offer programs for all ages. These include the Community Senior Center, the Green Mountain Audubon Society, the Green Mountain Club, Building Bright Futures, English Country Dance, Keeping Track, Very Merry Theater, Our Community Cares Camp and others. In addition, the Library offers two book discussions each month, story times (including Early Bird Math for the development of mathematical literacy), weekly drop-in knitting, special speakers from the Vermont Humanities Council, concerts, and more. In the last year, the Library hosted 86 programs for adults attended by 1200 individuals and 139 programs for youth, attended by 2018 individuals.

Each summer, the Friends of the Richmond Free Library underwrites our summer programming which we plan in accord with the year's theme as chosen by the Collaborative Summer Reading Program Consortium. The 2014 theme focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Richmond kids were able to gain knowledge of earthquakes (and structural stability), volcanoes, and bubble physics. Ben Kinnaman of GreenSea and his assistant Britt Kinnaman, introduced many to Doodle Bot, which wowed the crowd by writing us messages. In 2015, we kicked off the Superheroes theme with help from our Neighborhood Heroes - Richmond Rescue, the Fire Department and the Police Department. Community children were able to tour the vehicles, examine gear and ask important questions. Stay tuned for the 2016 theme!

Thank you to Sweet Simone's and the Richmond Market for providing end of summer reading club treats!

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. Patrons can also 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. Explore your family tree with access to Heritage Quest. Or, get the password to the Vermont Online Library and access a multitude of

databases such as Business Insights (for 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. (We can give you a list!) If we don't have an item, chances are a nearby library does and you can visit that library to borrow the item. If an item is a little farther afield, patrons can request that the item is made available to them through interlibrary loan.

In addition to events open to all, the Community Space on the second floor is available for use (at a nominal fee) by private parties - student music recitals, dances, baby showers, birthday parties, business meetings and so on. Revenue raised by these rental fees is returned to the Town's General Fund to offset building maintenance expenses.

If you want to stay informed on library activities, new materials and upcoming initiatives, 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](http://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, view other library collections and if you have a patron account: manage renewals, reserve items from our collection, make title lists, comment, and suggest purchases--all from the comfort of your own home via [rfl.kohavt.org](http://rfl.kohavt.org).

Many programs, projects and acquisitions are possible via Friends of the Library funds that supplement the Library's budget. Their main fundraising vehicle is the annual book sale in February. Plan to do some book, music, and movie shopping at this fun annual sale and community gathering which also features ongoing music by talented area musicians. You might also buy a raffle ticket and maybe win a great prize from our generous local businesses. We accept the donation of your gently used items throughout the year. Please consider volunteering with the Friends who can always use more hands.

The Richmond Free Library belongs to us all, providing the community with the resources and space for recreation, connections, and lifelong learning. We encourage you to stop by to browse, meet a friend, attend an event, go online to our website to see our services, and sign up for a library account if you don't already have one.

Yes, times have changed. The method and ease with which we all access information has demanded some new thinking within our walls and made it possible for us to extend our reach beyond our walls. Our numbers are strong, though and tell us that we have what it takes to remain faithful to the public library mission that has served this community since 1885, while welcoming innovation as it comes.

It is easier than ever to find something you like at the library which truly offers something for everyone, from babies to seniors! Our friendly staff, comprised of Rebecca Mueller, Director, Wendy de Forest, L.J. Kopf, Douglas Barnes, Sarah Dumas and Joan Cleary are always willing to assist and are open to suggestions.

Feel free to speak with any member of the Trustees about the Library: **Kristen Hayden-West, Chair, Laurie Dana, Cammy Richelli, Karen Tufano, and Keith Frantz.**

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Richmond Planning Commission is in the process of re-writing the Richmond Town Plan. With funding assistance from a municipal planning grant the Town hired consultants with Community Workshop LLC to help with the project. A steering committee was formed to help guide the process which has focused on broad public engagement.

In the late winter / early spring the planning project “Richmond: Our Town; Our Future” got underway. In spring / early summer an online and paper survey was created to gather input on Richmond’s future. Steering committee and planning commission members hosted regular tables at the farmers market to share information about the project. Volunteers marched in the 4th of July parade and also hosted a table at the after-parade festivities in the park. A chalkboard was also set up at the Town Center building and at the Richmond Market to gather people’s wishes for Richmond. Volunteers also conducted interviews with Richmond residents.

By late summer, over 390 surveys were completed providing a tremendous amount of feedback to help shape a vision statement. In August the Steering Committee and the Planning Commission worked together to review all the feedback and identify core themes of the vision statement. In September a Vision Forum was hosted at the Camels Hump Middle School to gather community feedback on the work so far.

In the fall a draft vision statement was rolled out and circulated in the community and amongst town

boards and committees. And by early winter the Planning Commission voted to support the vision statement as a foundation for the town plan.

As 2015 is drawing to a close, efforts are in the works to host a series of planning nights through January and February 2016 to discuss elements of the vision and identifying ways to achieve the vision. It is anticipated to have a draft town plan ready for reviewing May 2016.

For more information about the Our Town, Our Future planning project please visit the website or join us on Facebook. To receive email newsletters about upcoming events join over 150 others who are on the list. <http://richmondvtfuture.weebly.com/>

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,  
**Clare Rock, on behalf of the Planning Commission and Steering Committee**

**Planning Commission: Bruce LaBounty – Chair, Mark Fausel – Vice Chair, Sean Foley, Marc Hughes, Lauck Parke, Brian Tellstone and Joy Reap.**

**Steering Committee: Alison Anand, Ian Bender, Grace Biggio, Heidi Bormann, Brad Elliot, Jeff Forward, Chris Granda, Katie Loesel, Kristin Novotny, Marshall Paulsen, Wright Preston, Joy Reap and Kyle Youngberg**

## 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.



## 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.

<b>Zoning &amp; Construction Permits By Type</b>	<b># of Permits 2013</b>	<b># of Permits 2014</b>	<b># of Permits 2015</b>
Highway Dept. Access Permit	9	7	6
Highway Dept. Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit	9	5	8
Accessory Dwelling	1	1	2
Accessory Structure	30	22	24
Addition and Renovation	30	21	20
Administratively Created Lot	0	1	4
Boundary Adjustment	2	2	9
Certificate of Occupancy	42	34	25
Change in Use	4	3	4
Deconstruction of Dwelling/Structure	4	0	4
Home Occupation	4	1	2
Mobile Home Replacement	2	2	6
New Construction Commercial	1	0	1
New Construction Residential Dwelling	11	7	15
Pool	2	0	0
Rebuild Residential Dwelling	1	1	2
Request for Permit Information	32	21	39
Sign	2	4	6
Site Alteration	11	9	9
Zoning Amendment or Minor Site Plan Amendment	1	2	0
<b>TOTAL ZONING &amp; CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (does not include Highway Department permits)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>172</b>

## 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.

During calendar year 2015, the DRB reviewed applications, conducted hearings, and made decisions for 14 land development applications, two more than the total of 12 decisions made during 2014.

This year the DRB welcomed Ian Bender and Matthew Dyer and Alternate Roger Pederson. Also, in July 2015, the new Zoning Administrative Office, Niels Rinehart, took over the staff position for the DRB from Town Planner, Clare Rock.

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 Zoning Administrative Office/Staff to the DRB at the Planning & Zoning Office at 434-2430 or adminofficer@gmavt.net. The DRB members are **David Sunshine, Chair, Ian Bender, Matthew Dyer, Mike Donohue, Cara LaBounty, Brad Worthen (Alternate), and Roger Pederson (Alternate).**

Application Number	Parcel Code	Applicant Name	Application Type	Decision
14-129	BR0286	Town of Richmond	Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
14-154	JR0700	Town of Richmond	Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-001	WM0830	Robert and Joy Reap	Adaptive Reuse Review incl. Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-019	OB0046	Elysse Parent and Eric Wood	Special Flood Hazard Area Review, incl. Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-030	RG0092	Patterson Fuels, Inc. 92 Rogers Lane, LLC	Special Flood Hazard Area Review, incl. Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-036	KR1773	Bruce and Elizabeth Singer	Special Flood Hazard Area Review incl. Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-045	WM0560	Richmond Land Trust	Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-054	PA0343	Patricia Gilbert	Preliminary and Final Subdivision Review (4 lots)	Approved
15-075	KR0952	Dawn Tatro/Sylvan Knoll Subdivision	Preliminary and Final Subdivision Review (9 lots)	Approved
15-079	CE0290	Dennis and Connie Doherty	Preliminary and Final Subdivision Review (3 lots)	Denied
15-080	SI1930a	Preco Inc.	Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-100	WF0060	Michael Sipe	Conditional Use and Site Plan Review	Approved
15-114	CE0290	Dennis and Connie Doherty	Preliminary and Final Subdivision Review	Approved
15-115	WH0115	Thomas and Catherine Desautels	Site Plan Review	Approved

### RICHMOND HEALTH OFFICER

During calendar year 2015, as your Town Health Officer, I encouraged the Richmond Selectboard to create an ordinance for dealing with dangerous and vicious dogs. The ordinance was adopted, after hearings, on August 17, 2015.

As Health Officer, I inspected a number of apartments in town and found some to have substandard conditions. Landlords generally take the necessary steps to bring the apartment and apartment building into compliance.

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 Richmond 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.

In 2015, the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF) was up for renewal. This fund was started in 2005 and was renewed in 2010. The RCC held two information meetings, one in conjunction with the Town of Richmond. The CRF was renewed, and we appreciate this support from town residents. Documents pertaining to the RCC can be found on the town website, under the Boards and Minutes tab, at <http://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-minutes/conservation-commission/>, including a Power Point presentation describing what the RCC has achieved in recent years. Applications for funds from the CRF can be submitted in letter form to the RCC chair.

In February of 2015, The Richmond and Bolton Conservation Commissions, The Richmond Climate Action Committee and Alison Anand of Alison's Aquatic School sponsored a fantastic slide show by Sue Morse, the noted wildlife photographer. Then in March, our long time chair, Ernie Buford, chaired his last meeting. We miss Ernie and wish him well, and we'd like to acknowledge his contributions to the RCC, including 12 years as chair. Thank you Ernie!

Bob Low continued to help organize water sample collections on the Huntington River. Measurement of phosphate levels was undertaken for the first time, to begin to assess phosphate runoff as it affects the watershed and

Lake Champlain. This effort is maintained in conjunction with the Huntington River Conservation Partnership and is in its 11th year.

In early May the RCC again helped to coordinate Richmond's Green Up Day. Thanks to all of the energetic and helpful volunteers who participated in this successful event, including Pete Gosselin and the highway department crew, and the town clerk's office, and all of the people who came out on a beautiful day to help Richmond shine. We picked up 209 tires and 1.4 tons of garbage. Good job! In addition to Green Up Day, this fall, in conjunction with the Friends of the Winooski River, the RCC helped to coordinate a River Clean Up Day. A small but enthusiastic group of volunteers helped to clean up the Winooski River, and hearty thanks to all who participated in that event. Thanks are again due to the highway department, for letting us drop our collections off with you. If you missed or loved the first one, look for another river clean up date this September.

In more administrative endeavors, we have been meeting with Town Planner Clare Rock in regards to the natural resource section of the town plan. This summer, representatives from the RCC and the Richmond Trails Committee met with the Bolton Conservation Commission to discuss fiddlehead overharvesting along the Winooski River. Please note that in the town of Richmond commercial fiddlehead harvesting is prohibited, and please respect posted harvesting limits. Let's keep our ostrich fern/silver maple floodplain forests intact and healthy.

And thanks to Geoff Urbanik, Linda Parent and Carol Mader, for answering our many questions throughout the year, and supporting all of our projects.



Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced the roll-out of the new Elections Management Platform. This platform has three main parts:

- Elections Management System (EMS) – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- New Online Voter Registration Tool – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- New “My Voter Page” – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request

an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Secretary Condos states, “I am very excited to announce the roll-out of Vermont’s first online voter registration system. One of my primary goals as Vermont’s chief election officer is to increase voter participation. I am confident that our new online voter registration system and the ‘My Voter Page’ tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in our elections.”

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

## RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### 2015 RHS Officers

**Fran Thomas** – President

**Martha Turner** – Vice President

**Karen Yaggy** – Secretary

**Joyce White** – Treasurer

### Round Church

Thanks to the excellent blacksmithing skills of Judson Yaggy, we were able to add a new handrail to the front entrance of the church and two new handrails to the north side. The handrails were crafted to match the existing ones. Hydraulic lifts were added to the hatchway cover at the back of the building making it much easier to lift in order to access the pump room.

The Historical Society has begun discussions with the Town of Richmond on the renewal of the 40 year deed, which will expire in the Fall of 2016, for the ownership of the church.

### RHS Highlights

**January** – Free Press History Space article– “On Gillett Pond.”

**February** - Annual Meeting and Winter Program – Karen Yaggy presented “Potpourri of Richmond’s History” – a slide show and talk on bits and pieces of Richmond’s History.

**April** - Free Press History Space article on “What the Railroad Brought to Richmond.”

**May** – Program – “Eddy Family of Spirit Mediums” given by Jason Smiley

-Held 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** – Hosted a concert in the Round Church by the choral group Village Harmony.

-Participated in the Western Slopes Business Association 1st Annual Craft Fair on the Round Church Green

**August** – Free Press History Space article: “Baseball Roots Run Deep in Richmond.”

-The choral group Social Band put on a concert in the Round Church

**September** – annual Old Round Church Pilgrimage hosted by the Richmond Congregational Church

**October** – Jim Woodman demonstrated his gravestone restoration techniques on two Civil War veterans’ monuments in the Village Cemetery.

**November** – Annual potluck dinner with a slide show presentation on the 1864 St. Alban’s Raid by Ted Tedford, author of Incident at St. Albans.

-Burlington Free Press History Space article: “A Richmond Salute to Veterans.”

**December** – held two Christmas Carol Sings in the Round Church led by Tom Walters and friends - much warmer than in years past.

-**Annual Round Church New Year’s Eve Concert** sponsored by the Richmond Market and Beverage for the benefit of the Round Church. The concert featured Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie as well as Marie Johnson, Hannah Beth Crary, Bill Ellis and the Zeichners. Thanks to Mike Comeau at the Richmond Market & Beverage for the sponsorship of the evening, the Congregational Church for use of their space and to Tim Whiteford for securing such great musicians.

### Preservation Efforts

The Historical Society was the recipient of a number of boxes of items from the estate of longtime Richmond resident Joyce Livak. Several members of the Historical Society have been sorting through the material and cataloging those items that are pertinent to the history of Richmond. Thanks to the Livak family for their donation. We have also received items found in an attic in Winooski pertaining to the Whitcomb family and several items courtesy of Phyllis Sherman.

We encourage Richmond families to consider donating items that are pertinent to Richmond’s history to the Historical Society.

**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 all 50 states and 27 countries. Volunteers also assisted at 8 weddings, Thanks to Martha Turner, guide coordinator, and Mary Ann Barnes and Maria Brown, wedding and church use coordinators, for their efforts. Mary Ann and Maria responded to our call for help with weddings and are a welcome addition to the Historical Society Board. We continue to see a decrease in the number of weddings held in the Round Church and thus a loss in the revenue necessary to maintain the church and pay the insurance bill, which continues to increase each year. Not having a reception space on site and the addition of several combination wedding and reception venues to our area are some of the factors that have contributed to this decline.

**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](http://www.oldroundchurch.com) or write to us at [rhs@oldroundchurch.com](mailto:rhs@oldroundchurch.com).

## RICHMOND RECREATION

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, as well as making sure the trash is disposed of. 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 434-5170. 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](http://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 volunteer to make a difference in your community.

### **RECREATION: A SOURCE AFFORDING RELAXATION & ENJOYMENT**

There are plenty of chances for recreating in Richmond. Whether you play soccer, ski, skate, fish, canoe, run or draw on the sidewalks there is something for everyone to do in Richmond. Cochran's Ski Area teaches skiing and a love for the mountain. The ball fields are always busy with baseball, soccer, t-ball, Frisbees and kite flying. The children's area at Volunteers Green is always busy with children enjoying the climbing structure and swing sets. Dogs frolic, runners run & bicyclists' bike. Sledding is done at the Round Church & Willis Hill. Winter skating is available at Gillette's pond and the Volunteers Green. Swimming takes over in the summer in the many waterways and pools. Throughout this report you will find contributed photos of residents finding ways to relax and to enjoy everything that Richmond has to offer.



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT FOR RICHMOND, VT

Your local health 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 twelve district offices around the state, including the Burlington District Office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

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

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

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: Half of all Vermont families with pregnant/ postpartum women and children to age 5 benefit from WIC; Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Richmond, 80 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per

person per month. 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: In 2014 we responded to 454 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$4,219,687.60 which was in your district's area.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Chittenden County's Medical Reserve Corps. The Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps 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 has supported the Burlington District Office at several events and trainings during 2015. If you are interested in becoming an MRC volunteer you can register at <http://www.oncallforvt.org/>

In addition, since July 2013, \$131, 751.00 funding of supported emergency preparedness capabilities at University of Vermont Medical Center.

# PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

The July 4th celebration went off without a hitch this year. There was a great parade, which was broadcast live on MMCTV.

The Grand Marshall of the parade this year was our Town Clerk, Linda Parent.

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, Greensea Systems, P&P Septic and Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom.

We look forward to the 2016 parade & festivities. Please consider volunteering some time... a good time is had by all. 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.

## JULY 4, 2015 ~ PARADE & HORSE AWARDS

Parade Awards ~ *Sponsored by Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Cochran's Ski Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Country Kids
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place ~ Children of Tomorrow

Walking Float ~ Mike Parent & Camel

- Judges Medals ~ Richmond Land Trust  
 ~ B's & Swampers  
 ~ Swimming Forever  
 ~ Prosper Punkin Chuckin

Honorable Mention Ribbons ~ Hot Dog Dogs  
 ~ Musket Man  
 ~ Richmond Area Little League

Horse Awards ~ *Sponsored by Yogi Wortheim,*  
*In loving memory of Abbott Lovett*

Draft Trophy ~ Buck & Dick - Kilpeck Family

- Riding Horse Trophy ~ Silver - Bella  
 ~ Beau - Teri  
 ~ Remi - Kelsey Millard  
 ~ Lily - Katelyn  
 ~ Michael - Lizzy

- Judges Medals ~ Paloo - Cass  
 ~ Lucy - Lotta Rosen  
 ~ Country - Sue Tice  
 ~ Peter - Jen

Honorary Mention Ribbon ~ Chief - Mike Ovitt  
 ~ Tomahawk - Johannes  
 ~ Lily - Katelyn

Mud Truck Award ~ Trophy - Run Stick B's  
 ~ Ribbon - Jeep Girl



**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 85 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 12 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 50 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. CVAA case managers have worked with 38 seniors in Richmond. Information can be received through the CVAA office at 865-0360

**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**



## Visiting Nurses Association

The VNA cared for 96 people in Richmond during our past fiscal year with the following services:

VNA PROGRAM OR SERVICE	VISITS	HOURS
Nursing	619	
Physical Therapy	341	
Speech Therapy	4	
Occupational Therapy	120	
Social Work, Social Service	159	
Licensed Nursing Assistant		367
Waiver Attendant		41
Personal Care Attendant		114
Hospice and Palliative Care		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,243 Visits</b>	<b>522 Hours</b>

Cost of Providing Care	Amount
Total cost of VNA services provided in Richmond	\$266,788
Amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contracts and patient fees	\$251,357
<b>Remaining care expense</b>	<b>\$15,432</b>

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 2015 donation of \$9,693.

Contact the VNA 802- 658-1900 [www.vnacares.org](http://www.vnacares.org) info@vnacares.org

## RICHMOND STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Anne O'Brien

This year, Legislators wrestled with difficult choices that transcended party, geography, demographics, and interests. The needs of all Vermonters and our communities were balanced carefully with compassion for our common future. That was clearly reflected in the unanimous and bipartisan vote from the House Appropriations Committee. These responsible investments represent our collective commitment to a stable future.

- We continued our commitment to existing health-care programs, which are seeing direct and immediate cost savings for Vermonters who are choosing to stay home during illness and in the last months of their lives.

- We significantly increased the child protection workforce to keep our children safe.

- We modified the Reach Ahead program to provide a second year of 100% childcare subsidy to help people move out of poverty and relying on public assistance to self-sufficiency.

- We continued our commitment to the rural economy by funding our working lands initiative. We continued investments in tourism to enable this sector of the economy to grow.

- We fully funded the Education Fund transfer to prevent additional burdens on property tax payers.

- We provided communities with an opportunity to manage the future of the services delivered through Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and created more equity in funding of dispatch services by postponing the elimination of two public safety answering points. (We rejected the Governor's proposal to eliminate PSAPs without the engagement of impacted communities.)

- We increased Judiciary funding by over \$2 million to assure that our courthouse doors will be open every day. We committed to work with the judicial branch to consider reforms that bring about greater efficiency and effectiveness – including the way security is funded and provided and individuals in custody are transported.

- We created a partnership between the Department of Buildings and General Services (the largest property owner in the state) and Efficiency Vermont to reduce energy use at state-owned properties. This creates long-term, sustainable savings in the operation of property and helps reduce our carbon footprint.

- We made investments in the criminal justice system to reduce the number of people incarcerated or detained and increase the success of individuals leaving incarceration. One hundred fewer people were sent to out of state prisons in the current fiscal year and we have set a goal of reducing that number by another 100. We provided funding for additional housing and continued funding of successful programs slated for elimination. We accomplished these aims and saved \$2.6 million in Department spending.

- We supported the Community High School of Vermont (CHSVT) to assure Vermonters in the custody of the

Commissioner get a high school degree and have the skills to succeed. We eliminated redundancy by permitting people participating in other alternative justice programs to use services offered by CHSVT.

- We level-funded the Arts Council and the Humanities Council because of the significant educational, cultural and economic value that these councils bring to our state.

- We preserved funding for the Commission on Women so that work toward gender equity and justice may continue.

- We continued to honor and support our veterans by increasing funding of the Veterans' home in Bennington, creating a National Guard tuition assistance program through VSAC, and expanding the Veterans' Cemetery in Randolph while reducing its operating expenses.

- We preserved our commitment to affordable housing, support for community planning and municipal planning grants, and investment in our working landscape through continued funding of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

- We provided funding of dual enrollments, enabling Vermont high school students more educational opportunities and the accumulation of college credits.

- We protected the low-income heating assistance program (LIHEAP) by directing revenues in excess of anticipated receipts go first to LIHEAP.

There are actually 26 pages of description of all that occurred in this session! This just gives a snapshot of highlights. Please contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns or need assistance from any government agency. It is my great pleasure and honor to serve as Richmond's State Representative.



## RICHMOND AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

The RATC is open for nonprofit groups and members of the community. Thanks to Erin Wagg for creating our website <http://richmondcommunityc.wix.com/ratc> Please visit the site and our calendar to see if there is space available for your business meetings, parties, discussion groups, etc.

Please note some very important regularly scheduled meetings:

AA open meetings 7 o'clock on Thursday evenings.

NAR - ANON meetings are at 6:30 on Tuesday evenings.

The Nar-Anon meeting was created in response to the ongoing heroin problem in this area. Here is a word from concerned Richmond resident Linda Donovan, who organized the meetings.

"If there is a drug problem in your home or with a friend, the Chittenden East Nar-Anon Group may be able to help you solve it. Nar-Anon helps the family or friend of the user attain serenity and a more normal life, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. Anonymous and confidential, weekly meetings. If you are interested in being part of the group and attending meetings, or just want to learn more, write Linda Donovan at [lindadonovan421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadonovan421@yahoo.com)"

Our RATC hosts the Richmond Holiday Market. We are a welcoming space for several musical groups who use the Center for their practices. The RATC is enjoyed by members of Our Community Cares Camp during their summer session and offering workspace during the year. OCCC has been very generous in furnishing the center with comfy furniture and game tables for kids.

There are wonderfully talented people providing great services in our town and it's our pleasure to be part of that. If you are interested in being a part of the Richmond Area Community Center or if you have ideas or questions, please email [richmondcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:richmondcommunitycenter@gmail.com).

The RATC is sustained solely by donation. If you would like to make a contribution to keep this resource available to the community, please send it to: RATC PO Box 285 Richmond, VT 05477

## 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 Strategy
- Business Recruitment Services



## LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

In recent years we have gathered data on nutrient levels in tributaries, written grants to remediate streams to reduce storm runoff, run a greeter program, and numerous other initiatives. These efforts continue and are aiding in improving water quality of the lake. However reducing the infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be a difficult problem.

There is no magic bullet to get rid of the milfoil. It will not go away, but it can be reduced and managed. It takes consistent effort and funding over many years to reduce and control milfoil. This year, we created a working group, led by board member Jamie Carroll, to research options and develop a management plan. This group has spent many hours studying and talking with people from other lakes who have done battle with milfoil. We have also had guest speakers, including one from Lake Dunmore which has very well developed milfoil management efforts, and we sent a team to visit that lake and observe milfoil harvesting. We continue to work with state agencies to explore different methods of management and we met with stakeholders to explain the problem that we face and the various methods we are studying.

Throughout this process, one thing has become clear: any method of abatement will be very expensive. However, we know that milfoil will not simply go away and so we are optimistic that we will come up with the best solution for our lake. We have studied suction harvesting,

### 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 had been awarded an Ecosystem Restoration Grant to implement an ecological landscape design. We are happy to report that this project has been completed and should help with Beach Erosion and Shoreline Erosion as well. The project was completed in the fall of 2015.

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. We will open for the 2016 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

**Steve May – Richmond**

**Jeff Davis, Treasurer – Hinesburg**

**Dana Bingham, Vice Chair – St. George**

**Hans Dyhrman, Secretary - Williston**

use of chemicals, hand pulling, and the use of barriers secured to the lake bottom. All methods have benefits, and all have liabilities. We are meeting with the various stakeholders, including the surrounding town select boards to discuss these options in detail, and look at methods of fundraising. We are in it for the long haul!

Other activities involved attending statewide meetings (our vice president, Roger Crouse, is on the board of directors of the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds), rewriting the homeowners manual of best lake front management practices, distributing an updated directory of homeowners, and working with the Lake Iroquois Boaters Association on safety issues. A number of buoys were placed at spots 200 feet from shore to remind boaters that State law requires boats travel at 5 MPH or less within this zone.

The greeter program was active on weekends during the summer to inspect boats for plant life both entering and leaving the lake. Close to 1000 boats were “greeted” and nearly 100 boats were found to be carrying invasive species. We have written a grant to fund a high powered, hot water wash station for boats entering and leaving the fishing access.

The LIA has also worked with the Lake Champlain Committee to sponsor blue-green algae training and identification. Chip and Jo Wright began monitoring the south end of the lake as part of the LCC monitoring program. In other partnerships, the LIA worked with the State Fish and Wildlife Department to help with the upgrade of the fishing access, and worked with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District to improve the drainage at the beach. All of these cooperative efforts will serve to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the lake and improve water quality in the lake. It has been a really busy year for LIA, and next year looks like more of the same. Our thanks for town support now and in the future.

**Submitted by Pat Suozzi, President, Lake Iroquois Association**

### WESTERN SLOPES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (WSBA)

Businesses, individuals and organizations from Bolton, Huntington, Richmond, Jericho and Underhill are welcome to join this association that nurtures the dynamic, diverse business and professional communities of our region. WSBA offers networking/educational opportunities and sponsors events aimed at generating business for our area such as the Richmond Holiday Market (December) and the Round Church Arts Festival (June). Each year WSBA offers two Entrepreneur scholarships for graduates of Mt. Mansfield Union High School.

**Contact: Nick deTarnowsky**

P.O. Box 569, Richmond, VT 05477

Tel. (802) 434-4483

website: [www.westernslopesvt.org](http://www.westernslopesvt.org)

## CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a cooperative regional forum for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. Its vision is to be a pre-eminent, integrated regional organization that plans for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods while improving the region's livability. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best regional and transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

The CCRPC is governed by a 29-member board consisting of one representative from each of the County's 19 municipalities; transportation representatives from VTrans, Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Burlington International Airport (BIA) and a rail industry representative; and, at-large members representing the interests of agriculture; environmental conservation; business; and housing/socio-economic. The legislative body of each Chittenden County municipality selects its own representative and alternate. The full Commission selects the at-large representatives.

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. In FY15, the CCRPC invested about \$5 million in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resources, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages \$4.7 million in Federal and State investment with \$245,000 in municipal dues and another \$300,000 in local match for specific projects—a 9:1 return on investment.

Town of Richmond representatives to the CCRPC Board and other committees in FY15 were:

- CCRPC representative – Chris Granda
  - CCRPC alternate – Geoffrey Urbanik
  - Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Geoffrey Urbanik
  - Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Clare Rock
- Specific activities the CCRPC is engaged in with the Town of Richmond, as well as some of CCRPC's regional activities, are discussed in the following sections.

### TOWN OF RICHMOND ACTIVITIES

In FY2015, the CCRPC provided assistance to Richmond on the following projects and initiatives:

- Staff assisted with information and details regarding new rules for Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) and flood resiliency planning requirements, and facilitated discussion with State and Federal officials for damage assessments and hazard mitigation grant possibilities after the June storms.
- Planning and zoning assistance, and facilitated Brownfields grants from Rutland and Northwest Regional Planning Commissions for final environmental assessments to ground truth redevelopment costs at the Richmond Creamery site.
- Provided assistance with draft public works specifications

- Richmond Route 2 Path Study completed – this study examined potential alignments of a shared use path from the Village and the Park and Ride at Exit 11.

### RICHMOND PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

- Richmond BR 32 on US 2 over Snipe Island Brook
- \$1.3 million for bridge preservation activities
- Legislative Forum – Hosted a Legislative Forum in December to discuss priority issues of jobs & the economy; smart growth; state & municipal budgets; and water quality. Developed positions on integrated permitting reform and water quality (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/aboutus/policies/>)
- ECOS Plan Annual Report – The 2014 Annual Report is a summary that highlights a number of regional accomplishments, trends, and high priority actions. The ECOS Plan is the combined Regional Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Chittenden County. The ECOS Scorecard is our new online platform that hosts the ECOS Partners' shared measurement system that monitors how Chittenden County is doing with regard to achieving our shared ECOS goals. (<https://app.resultsscorecard.com/Scorecard/Embed/8502>)
- Emergency Management – CCRPC, with Local Emergency Planning Committee 1 (LEPC 1 <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/em/lepc/>), served as a key conduit between the City and the State in sharing damage assessment information after disasters, helped with emergency preparedness for hazardous materials incidents, hosted workshops on a wide array of emergency preparedness topics, and facilitated Incident Command System training.
- Transportation Demand Management – The CCRPC, along with regional and state partners, continued hosting Go! Chittenden County, a one-stop-shop for information and advice about our region's transportation resources ([www.gochittendencounty.org](http://www.gochittendencounty.org)). The CCRPC promoted the 12th annual Way to Go! Smart Trips Challenge ([www.waytogovt.org](http://www.waytogovt.org)) the week of May 4-15 to encourage sustainable transportation (non-single occupant vehicle travel) and demonstrate the environmental and financial benefits.
- The Intelligent Transportation System Plan was drafted which describes how to best use telecommunications and computing technology to boost the efficiency of the transportation system for passenger cars, trucks, busses, emergency and maintenance vehicles, and provide timely information on travel options.
- Diversity & Equity – The CCRPC updated the Public Participation Plan (PPP), which focused on diversity and equity. We are currently soliciting assistance from outside organizations to help with implementing the PPP for specific projects. (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/aboutus/public/>)
- 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/>). We also provide Transportation Technical Assistance, Scoping and Corridor Study programs to help individual communities address their transportation needs.
- Education & Training – The CCRPC held the Develop-

ment Review Board Summit, and hosted a Regional Highway Safety Forum with VTrans. We surveyed municipal interest in shared services and explored opportunities to implement. We continued hosting meetings and online webinars open to municipalities and regional partners covering topics such as Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide, Emerald Ash Borer, Modeling a Carbon Tax's Impact on State Economies, New Tools for Estimating Walking and Bicycling Demand, Putting Equity on the Map: Innovative Tools to Measure Access to Opportunity, VOBCIT/VTCulverts (<http://www.vtculverts.org/>) and more.

- ERAF - Staff assisted with information and details regarding new rules for Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) and flood resiliency planning requirements.
- Neighbor Rides – Since Spring 2013, CCRPC has been investing in Neighbor Rides to integrate volunteer drivers into human services transportation 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/>)
- Traffic Count Program – <http://vtrans.ms2soft.com/>

**For further information about the CCRPC please visit <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/> or contact CCRPC Executive Director, Charlie Baker, [cbaker@ccrpcvt.org](mailto: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 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.

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. The work on the restoration of the stones is being done by James Woodman and Deborah Hardy. Thank you.

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.

This year long time Cemetery Commissioner Troy Liberty resigned as he moved out of town. George D. Gifford was appointed to replace him. We thank Troy for his years of service.

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, George Gifford, Curran "Spike" Robinson and Linda M. Parent**

## RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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

We meet on the third Tuesday each month at the Town Center. Stop by and get involved! Minutes of our meetings are posted at the Town web site. Maps of Richmond Trails are available at the Town offices and the Town's web site, as well as Western Slopes web site. Again this year we hosted guided hikes on three of the trail systems. This provided a great opportunity to let people know about these beautiful recreational resources in the Town.

The weather has been relatively kind again 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. Logging on the Preston Forest Legacy land last winter required trail closures and some subsequent re-routing of the trail, and we installed colored markers to identify the two trail loops. The Johnnie Brook Trail was our focus this year for brush clearing, bridge repairs and other trail improvements.

We have provided input to the Richmond Town Plan Steering Committee, emphasizing that muscle-powered transportation and recreation are important and desirable.

We are working with the Richmond Land Trust, the Conservation Commission and Bolton's Conservation Commission to draw attention to the threat to the ostrich ferns on the Rivershore Trail caused by over-harvesting and commercial harvesting of fiddle-heads. Next spring it is planned to contact retailers, restaurants, the media, as well as trail users to try to address this problem. Also, we are working with the Land Trust and others trying to prevent the problems of invasive species such as knot weed, garlic mustard and poison parsnip on the trails and road shoulders.

Expenditures of our allocated \$1000 this year covered brush hogging, trail shaping and bridge work on the Johnnie Brook Road Trail and various other materials and supplies

for trails maintenance and repair.

Many Town residents support our work. We received an unexpected financial donation from good friends on Hidden Pines Circle. Several people donated weed whackers that we are fixing to help us with trail maintenance. Thanks, as always, to landowners and to guardians of conserved lands who facilitate public access to designated trails. Also, special thanks to work crews from the Congregational Church, Todd Liberty (excavator work), Karen Yaggy for trail signs, and to Pete Gosselin (Highway Foreman) for helping us deal with a huge downed tree, trail erosion, and for major improvements at the southern access to the Johnnie Brook Trail. Numerous Richmond residents have responded to calls for volunteers to work on the trails. 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 2015: **John Hamerslough, Martha Marciel, Steve Bower, Tyler Merritt, Jean Bressor, Callie Ewald, Jim Monahan, Véronique Beittel, Ian Stokes (chair), John Flanagan, Colin Green and Jackson Bressor. Ashley Lucht and Lincoln Bressor 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](mailto: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](http://FrontPorchForum.com)

**Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder**  
[FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com)  
 802-540-0069

**Connect with more neighbors in 2016!**

Send them to [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com) to join... now available in every VT town.



*Members of the Trails Committee (and family) at a sign for a trail now named "Merritt Parkway" on the Preston Preserve, in recognition of Tyler Merritt's leadership in the planning and construction of the trails.*

## 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'15 (10/2014-9/2015) show VCIL responded to over 2,250 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 313 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 16 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 221 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 68 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 103 individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 481 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '15, 3 residents of Richmond received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(\$4,310.00 spent on home modifications)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(\$487.50 spent on meals for residents)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)  
(\$1,360.00 spent on assistive technology)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&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](http://www.vcil.org).



## 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.

## **BOLTON, RICHMOND, HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER**

The Community Senior Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was founded in 2010 by a small group of Huntington, Richmond and Bolton residents who understood the importance of creating a place for people to continue to thrive, contribute and have a sense of wellbeing as they get older. The mission of Community Senior Center (CSC) is to provide opportunities for seniors to connect with others, learn new things, pursue creative interests, be healthy and fit, and discover meaningful ways to contribute to the community. We've been working to find a central physical space for the Center, and, in the meantime, have been offering free monthly lifelong learning programs at the Community Room in the Richmond Library. The programs cover a variety of topics, are publicized through the Times Ink and Front Porch Forum and attract a wide range of people from the three towns we serve. If you are interested in getting involved in any way please contact **Velma Plouffe at 434-3504**.

## **RICHMOND COMMUNITY BAND**

The Richmond Community Band enjoys performing for the public and hope all will attend the various concerts to hear a wide range of music. Selections run through many genres, including classical band rep, pop and jazz medleys, and even some Broadway melodies. 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.

In addition to the performances the band takes part in over the summer, this last year members of the band came together to play during the WSBA Richmond Holiday Market, playing Christmas and Holiday music.

Rehearsals begin in April at Camels Hump Middle School to prepare for the first performance at the town's Fourth of July Celebration. On the Fourth, 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!

## **MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION, INC.**

MMCTV is your community access station on Comcast Cable Channel 15, reaching Richmond, Jericho and Underhill and online at [www.vimeo.com/mmctv](http://www.vimeo.com/mmctv). Our recent projects include streaming more events live and offering a summer middle school video camp.

Based in Richmond since 1997, our 501(c)3 nonprofit provides some 350 hours a year of ultra-local programming, including key local meetings and cultural events. We are on 24/7 and primarily air our own programs and those of other PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) channels in Vermont. Interested in getting in-

## **COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER**



The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) provides emergency shelter, services, and housing for people who are homeless or marginally housed in Vermont. COTS advocates for long-term solutions to end homelessness. We believe in the value and dignity of every human life, that housing is a

fundamental human right, and that emergency shelter is not the solution to homelessness.

COTS serves more than 2,800 individuals and families in Chittenden County each year who are homeless, formerly homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. During the last state fiscal year, COTS provided emergency shelter or homeless prevention services to 32 residents of Richmond, including 8 children.

### **Overall, this past year, COTS has:**

- Provided a safe, warm place to stay for 61 families (including 108 children) at our emergency family shelters;
- Served 665 individuals at our Daystation, a daytime shelter offering a free daily meal and access to additional support services;
- Offered supportive services through our case management team for 342 families and individuals in shelter and the community;
- Helped 423 low-income households (925 individuals; 367 of whom were children) experiencing financial crisis avert homelessness and stay in their housing or become rapidly rehoused;
- Provided overnight emergency shelter and a refuge from the streets for 234 individuals.

We thank you for your fiscal year 2015 donation of \$500 which helps ensure that our programs remain open and available to homeless children and adults with no place left to turn. We are grateful for your support as we continue to serve those in our community who are homeless or who are at great risk of becoming homeless.

For more information about COTS or to inquire about volunteer opportunities call (802) 864-7402 or visit our website: [www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org)

involved? We are always looking for volunteers and underwriters and can help anyone produce their very own TV show. Some locally-produced shows include Ask the Experts with Anne O'Brien and The Cuban Bridge. We also work closely with schools and non-profit organizations, and post events on our Community Bulletin Board.

Contact: **Angelike Contis, Executive Director**

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## 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 FY15 General Fund expenditures were \$8.6 million and the revenues were \$9.9 million. This represents a \$310,000 increase in expenditures (3.7%) and a \$684,000 (7.4%) increase in revenues compared with the FY14 General Fund operating results. Of the \$310,000 increase in expenditures for the year, approximately \$226,000 was associated with wages and benefits, as the District increased total Full-Time Equivalents by 3.89 from the prior year – 1.66 FTE for compost, 1.0 FTE for Administration, and smaller increases for several other programs. Additionally, the Printing and Advertising expenditures increased about \$70,000 in FY15 vs. FY14, due to resumption of marketing for compost products after the FY14 herbicide-related hiatus, as well as increased educational efforts surrounding Act 148 implementation. Of the \$684,000 revenue increase for FY15 over the prior year, \$356,000 was generated by the compost program, with full resumption of product sales in FY15 (compared to limited sales in FY14), as well as \$40,000 increase in feedstock tipping fees. Other significant revenue changes in FY15 were: \$135,000 increase in paint product stewardship revenue (Hazardous Waste Program), and a one-time revenue of \$150,000 from litigation settlement.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

In FY15, CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) completed work on the Consolidated Collection proposal that weighs the advantages and disadvantages of municipal contracts for trash collection in Chittenden County. The conclusion was to put any implementation decision on hold as we encountered some significant pushback from the solid waste haulers and some of the public. The Board asked staff to investigate alternative methods to achieve the same goals; 2) worked with the private sector to implement Act 175 that mandates the recycling of certain construction and demolition materials. A 17% reduction in the amount of construction/demolition materials landfilled was observed in the first six months; 3) prepared and adopted a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan that puts Chittenden County on a track to reduce our municipal waste disposal rate from the current 3.1 to 2.7 pounds per capita per day; 4) developed and adopted 34 revisions to the CSWD Solid Waste Management Ordinance, including a residential unit-based pricing plan for trash collection; 5) prepared a succession plan for a new General Manager due in early 2016; and 6) continued developing 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 3,095 tons of recyclables, a decrease of 0.70% from FY14, and 6,343 tons of household trash during FY15, a 0.30% increase from FY14.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management. In FY15, 39,940 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents a 1.30% decrease from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$91.60 per ton, which is a 2.3% decrease over last year's average.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY15, 9,758 households and 673 businesses brought in 604,103 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 67,790 pounds (6,779 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", 5,413 pounds of leftover products given away through the "Hazbin" reuse program, and 101,850 pounds (10,185 gallons) of latex paint processed for recycling in Canada.

FY15 was a busy year for CSWD's COMPOST facility. FY15 saw a return of bulk and bagged product to garden centers for the first time since FY12 and bagged compost products were introduced for sale at CSWD drop off centers across the county. The compost facility continues to operate with a significant subsidy and did not meet sales projections for volumes sold of either bulk or bagged products. Bag your own Raised Bed Mix was made available for the first time and was met with great customer enthusiasm. The quantity of diverted food residuals being composted continues to climb steadily with FY15 totals coming in 23% higher than the previous year. A total of 10,254 tons of material was accepted for composting in FY15 which included 4,414 tons of diverted food residuals, 3,754 of which was traditional food scraps.

CSWD brokered 13,821 wet tons of sewage sludge for our member communities in FY15, which is 0.27% more material than last year. Most of the sewage sludge generated from the Essex Junction WWTF was landfilled through the end of winter of FY 15 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, through FY 15. The BIOSOLIDS program is looking at a sludge characterization study and analysis of disposal alternatives to optimize the beneficial reuse of the districts material for the future of the program.

MARKETING – The 2014-16 Chuck It Guide was sent out at the end of June, 2014, chock-full of information about the new waste reduction laws, particularly Act 148. Press releases, ads, and social media were harnessed to help residents and businesses understand the changes. This effort was redoubled in 2015 as more Act 148 mandates kick in, as did Act 175 (the Construction & Demolition recycling law) and CSWD's own ordinance changes. Our Web & Marketing Specialist position became full-time, with new staffer Jonny Finity creating successful video and social media projects for waste reduction and Green Mountain Compost brand awareness efforts. Our first recycling commercial spot ran in April on major networks and in movie theaters. The Drop-Off Compost Challenge, run at all DOCs, has been well received and continues to garner interest and participation in residential food scrap diversion.

A variety of EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and tools were 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 (over 10,000 distributed), signage, discount compost bins, special event container loans, and grants (\$26,748 awarded) are part of this positive community outreach. Tens of thousands of employees, residents, students, and others were impacted by CSWD's business, school and youth, and community outreach programs.

Educational programs were complemented by the ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM with generator, hauler, and facility compliance checks and follow-ups. New procedures and policies were developed in response to CSWD Ordinance amendments and Act 148 requirements. In addition, 79 haulers, processors, scales, and transfer stations were licensed.

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, 31.7 tons of litter, 2,258 tires, and 3.5 cubic yards of scrap metal were collected. CSWD covered the \$5,332 cost for recycling the tires and waived its fee on disposed litter. CSWD also contributed \$8,200 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. \$3,321 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 Judy Rosovsky and Andrew Solomon working with the Richmond Highway Department, 1.4 TONS of trash and 209 discarded tires were removed from the roadside.

**Mark your calendars May 7, 2016, 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 Richmond 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 in areas of mutual and community interest. The programs that are offered at our meetings vary in content from topics concerning healthy living and community concerns to entertaining and fun filled evenings. Programs last year included "The Matter of Balance", "File of Life", "History of Maple Sugaring", "MMCTV", "Australia", "Long Trail Therapy", "RSVP and Foster Grand-parenting" and an "Update on the Senior Center". Each year we try to arrange at least one trip that members will enjoy. This past year we visited Wilson Castle and Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor and Hildene (the family home of Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son) in Manchester.

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 73.

Current officers are Raymond Desilets, President; Mike Storrs, Vice President; Velma Plouffe, Secretary; and Mary O'Neil, Treasurer.

**Submitted By Raymond Desilets, President**

## OUR COMMUNITY CARES

### CAMP, INC.

**creating a caring community where every child can find success!**

Our Community Cares Camp is very grateful for the support of the Richmond community in helping us give local kids a chance at an enriching summer experience filled with good food, good friends and fun.

2015 was another successful season for Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) and the Leadership Adventure Camp (LAC). We had more campers, more counselors and more interns than ever! Of 102 registered campers, 39 were from Richmond. Also, nine interns and 14 employees are Richmond residents. Highlights of the camp included:

- Nearly 6,000 meals served to children attending CESU summer academic programs, OCCC & LAC and Friday Pizza time at local libraries.
- Clif Day – always a hit with the kids. Two new books for each child.
- Swimming at Alison's Aquatic Academy- donated by Alison Anand
- Community Service week by the LAC with a senior citizen luncheon
- Music program – ukulele, keyboard, drums with Buddy Dubay
- Marble maze challenge
- Cooking for all age groups

OCCC addresses several essential needs including 1) supplemental nutrition in the summer, 2) enriching activities to help stem the summer academic slide, and 3) the opportunity gap by giving kids access to art, music, sports, cooking, gardening and strong community support. Research by people such as Robert Putnam, a Harvard Social Scientist, indicate that quality time with caring adults and access to enrichment activities will help children from less affluent families have more choices in life, and a greater chance for success.

The OCCC internship program is a great way for young teens to get a first "real job" experience. This summer we had eight former campers as interns and next year we hope to hire at least two former campers as counselors. Many younger campers look forward to the day when they can be junior counselors. The intern program is open to all teens starting at age 14. A great way to be introduced to the working world while giving back to your community and develop leadership skills and self confidence.

Community support is integral to the success of the program. OCCC needs to raise \$80,000 to cover all expenses for the month long camp. Financial contributions of any amount from a broad range of donors insures that the camp will continue into the future. You can donate online at [www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org](http://www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org) or mail a check to OCCC, P.O. Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477-0503. Thank you for your investment in the children of your community.



# VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS



2015 marked the 30th anniversary of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and was our tenth year headquartered in Richmond. This year, we served approximately 350 young people through paid work and credit-bearing experiences. Those youth improved our shared public lands and communities by completing high-priority conservation projects and by growing organic produce and poultry for 400 Vermont families in need.

Thank you, Richmond, for volunteering, hiring our crews, shopping at our farm stand and holiday auction, renting space, and making generous donations that support our programming. Here is a “Before and After” from 37 of this year’s Corps Members – change you helped make possible for our youth:

Before VYCC, I had only been camping once for a night. / I was in an unhealthy relationship. / I was angry, bored, and disinterested. / I lacked drive and direction. / I was dependent on technology. I took a lot of things for granted. / I tended to think more about myself rather than the people around me. / I would spend the day in my room and play video games. / I felt I had no control of the direction my life took. / I solved most of my problems through anger. / I took too many shortcuts when working. / I was

doubtful of my ability to persevere through difficult circumstances. / I was addicted to my cell phone. / I would judge and stereotype. / I was having trouble quitting smoking. / I had no idea what it meant to be passionate and proud about my work. / I was very focused on I looked like. / I was anxious and had low confidence.

Since joining the VYCC these former aspects of myself have reversed. When I go home I’m going to end an unhealthy relationship. / I have better interpersonal and communication skills. / I am less likely to take things for granted. / I am less self-centered. / I’ve realized community is the most important thing. / I have learned better and more positive ways of solving problems. / I have become more patient, open minded, respectful, and thoughtful. / I appreciate the beauty of a well-maintained trail. / [I know] I’m not promised anything in life and I have to work hard to get the things I want. / My confidence has grown dramatically. / Any goal I set can be reached. / I can put my phone down and still enjoy the day. / I have learned how harmful stereotypes are. / I love living in direct connection to our natural world. / I feel stronger and healthier than I ever have. / Opportunities are everywhere. I will forever be grateful and proud of myself for joining VYCC. Wishing all our neighbors a wonderful 2016!



## ELDERLY and DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM and NEIGHBOR RIDES

The Elderly & Disabled Persons (E&D) Transportation Program provides various types of door-to-door transportation trips including travel for Non-Medicaid / Non-Medicare medical appointments, senior meal programs, and adult day services 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. The E&D grant program covers 80% of the transportation cost and Richmond covers 20% of the cost for each ride. Each rider is asked to make a donation for the

ride. For Richmond residents, SSTA provides the transportation services for this program. For more information, please contact SSTA at 878-1527.

Neighbor Rides is a strategic initiative of the United Way of Chittenden County supported by a group of community partners in an effort to help meet the needs of the elderly and disabled. Neighbor Rides uses volunteer drivers to stretch transportation dollars by lowering the costs per ride. For more information, please contact the United Way of Chittenden County at 861-7833.

## RICHMOND LAND TRUST



Last year was one of the most gratifying yet for our non-profit, all-volunteer land conservation organization.

We began with opportunities to protect two outstanding places. Each is – and now will continue to be – a treasure

in its own right.

Gillett Pond is a scenic, 88-acre skating, paddling and fishing destination beloved by generations of community members. Willis Hill, located on Rt. 2, backing up to the elementary and middle schools, and encompassing a rich wetland, stood ready to serve as a serious sledding hill for the entire town, and a rich educational resource for students of all ages.

All we needed was money – a total of more than \$200,000. And we had just two months to raise it. Never before had we been faced with a challenge of this size. But the community responded. Donations came not just from Richmond but also from Huntington, Bolton and beyond – even from folks who had left town and moved far away.

Clearly, the value of these projects was self-evident. People just got it. That wouldn't have happened everywhere, but people here love their community and they know when to pull out the stops to preserve special place

### Saving Gillett Pond



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The highly successful fundraising to purchase Gillett Pond was a joint effort between RLT and Friends of Gillett Pond. Soon after acquiring the parcel, RLT and Friends formed a committee of Richmond and Huntington residents to come up with a plan for dealing with the aged stone dam holding back the pond waters.

Enough donations were received to hire Waterbury engineers Weston and Samson to design a replacement for the dam. The groups reviewed preliminary design alternatives in the fall of 2015, and we expect a final design and construction estimate as early as February, 2016.

It's already clear that modern safety regulations and deepening bedrock will dictate a much higher and wider structure than the current dam. Consequently, the costs will be substantial, requiring a new round of fundraising across our communities.

We invite you to follow the project's progress on the RLT website ([richmondlandtrust.org](http://richmondlandtrust.org)) and that of the Friends of

Gillett Pond ([huntingtonvt.org/community/fire-department-2.html](http://huntingtonvt.org/community/fire-department-2.html)). And we thank the Friends for all their work on the project, and look forward to working with them to ensure people can enjoy many more years of fun, recreation and inspiration at the pond.

### Making the most of Willis Hill

We're not sure who got "first tracks" on Willis Hill in 2015 but whoever it was certainly enjoyed a fast, long ride down and a sweeping run-out at the base.

Currently, parking for the hill is in the school parking lots during off-hours. During the year the Town and state approved our plan for a small parking lot on the property, accessible from Rt. 2. School busses will also be able to use the lot to park safely off Rt. 2 should the schools ever need to be evacuated while their driveway was blocked.

During the year, RLT donated to the school district a slice of land immediately adjacent to the athletic field so the field can be expanded. We're also working with teachers and school officials to help them use the property for everything from outdoor science instruction to cross-country running trails.

### Voters renew commitment to conservation

On Town Meeting Day, Richmond voters overwhelmingly endorsed renewal of the Town's Conservation Reserve Fund, and by the widest margin ever.

Since its inception, the Fund has been key to the Town's ability to shape and contribute to important conservation projects – and, in the bargain, attract greater sums of money from other funding sources. We thank all the voters who recognized the environmental, recreational and economic benefits that conservation brings to our beautiful community.

### Our heartfelt thanks

None of what we accomplished in 2015 or earlier in our 28-year history would have been possible without the support of Richmond residents, whether they like to hike, hunt, ski, fish, swim, skate, canoe, kayak or simply love letting nature be nature. We saw that support in many ways, from the many individual donations for both Gillett Pond and Willis Hill, and also for the Town's use of the Conservation Reserve Fund to help in the purchase of Willis Hill.

We extend special appreciation to the Richmond Trails Committee. Next time you see a section of the path cleared on the Rivershore Trail or any of the trails through our preserves, chances are there's a saw-toting member of the Trails Committee to thank. We are extremely grateful for all the help that group provides.

### Getting personally involved

All of us who volunteer for RLT find it exceptionally satisfying to work on projects that will mean so much not only for current people in our community but also generations to come.

Whether we're figuring out how to save a beautiful pond, create a landmark recreational area, helping private landowners protect wildlife habitat or fertile farmland, ridding a forest of invasive plants, or simply ensuring long-term public access to our town's most special places, the work we do is immensely satisfying. And lastingly significant as well.

If you'd like to explore how you could help with local land conservation, please contact me at [fpmar-tin@mac.com](mailto:fpmar-tin@mac.com). 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](http://richmondlandtrust.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
**Fritz Martin, Chair**

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# Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District

## Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Annual Report

All town residents will receive a Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD) Annual Report through the mail. The report will include a proposed 2016-17 school district budget, tax rate information, supervisory union expenses and other district information for the operation of the eight schools in the district.

- *Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)*
- *Jericho Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill ID Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Underhill Central School (PK-4)*
- *Browns River Middle School (5-8)*
- *Camels Hump Middle School (5-8)*
- *Mt. Mansfield Union High School (9-12)*

The MMMUSD Annual Report can also be found at your local town office, public school or online at [www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us). If you have questions, please contact the MMMUSD/CESU Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at [cesu.office@cesuvt.org](mailto:cesu.office@cesuvt.org).

### FY15 School District Audits

6/30/15 Richmond Town School District Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/richmondauditfy15>

6/30/15 Chittenden East School District Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuauditfy15>

6/30/15 Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/mmUSD17auditfy15>

# Richmond Elementary School



Richmond Elementary School has continued to work hard toward improving learning opportunities for all our scholars. We constantly seek out the best pedagogy in reading, mathematics, science as well as within our continued implementation of

writer's workshop in grades kindergarten through fourth. Now in our fifth year of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) implementation, we also seek to excel in creating strong social emotional supports for all scholars, making our learning environment safe and successful.

Richmond Elementary School has increased its access for the preschool population, housing a regional full-day four year old preschool, full-day care for preschool students and our consistently strong half day programs for three and four year old scholars. Having our youngest learners in our school everyday has increased our ability to work with families and students early in their educational career. It has been truly exciting work and we will continue to create pathways to success for preschool through fourth grade students.



In the coming year, we look forward to increasing our systemic supports for preschool age students and families, implementation of reader's workshop, refinement of writer's workshop, exciting shifts in science and mathematics instruction and further development in our collaborative and embedded models of professional development for educators.

We're always grateful for the support of our learning community and look forward to years of learning together.

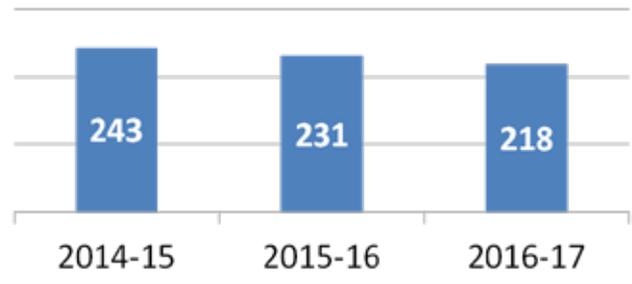
Michael Berry, Principal



Grades: PK – 4  
Total Faculty FTE: 30.95  
# ESP Staff: 24  
# Students PK-4: 277  
# PK Partnerships: 31  
K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 16.50  
Standardized Test Results Link:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>



## K-4 Enrollment Trend



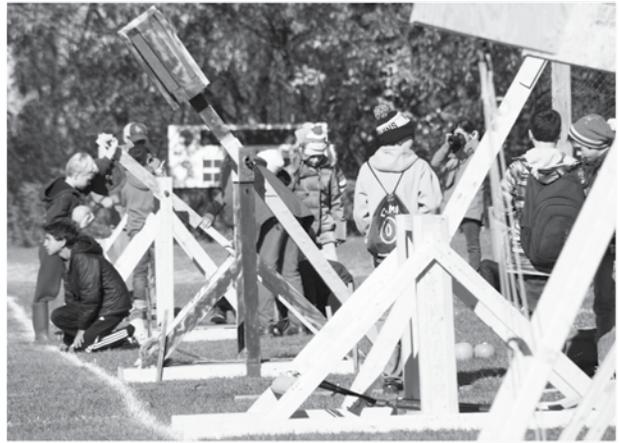
**Richmond School District 2014-15 Audit can be viewed at:**

<http://go.cesuvt.org/richmondauditfy15>

## Camels Hump Middle School



Camels Hump Language Arts teachers continue to work diligently implementing instructional practices and curricular adjustments in response to the guidelines associated with Writers Workshop and the standards of the Common Core. Our students demonstrate strong science proficiencies as demonstrated by our NECAP assessment scores being one of the best in the State of Vermont. CHMS teachers of Mathematics are working with the District math professional developer to increase instructional pedagogical methodology and intervention strategies. We continue to develop our co-teaching structure and response to intervention programs to meet the needs of all learners. During the 2014-2015 academic year, CHMS also initiated a number of new programming options for students and families such as our partnership with UVM Extension,

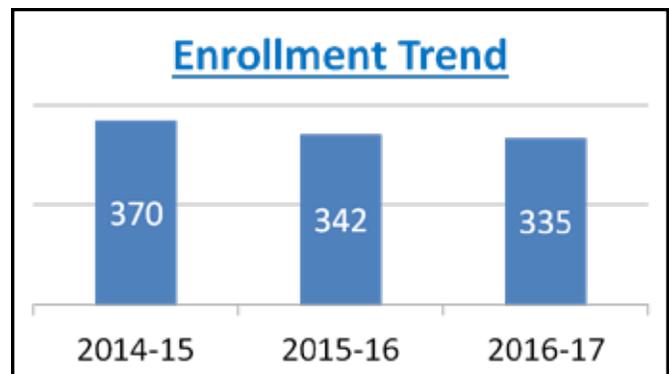


Grades: 5-8  
Total Faculty FTE: 37.14  
# ESP Staff: 23  
Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio: 19.00  
Standardized Test Results Link:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>



and the PROSPER (**P**romoting **S**chool-community-university **P**artnerships to **E**nhance **R**esilience) program.

Mark Carbone, Principal



## Mt. Mansfield Union High School



This has been a year of reflection and progress at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. The staff has been working on designing and implementing two state re-

quired programs: Personal Learning Plans and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. The goal of these programs is to create a learning environment that produces a motivated learner who is prepared for career and college upon graduation. This goal lines up with MMUHS's mission to produce graduates who are prepared with the skills and knowledge to be effective engaged citizens. This work has been completed in committees, also we have been utilizing the time provided by the 2 hour delay Wednesdays to further the development of these new programs. Additionally, our curriculum groups continue to work to refine and adjust our instructional and assessment practices based upon a close examination of current student data. This work is allowing us to meet students at their level and bring them forward in a manner that is appropriate.

The 2014-2015 school year was also a year of student success for Mt. Mansfield Union High School. During the past year, two hundred and twenty four students graduated, we had thirteen All-State Musicians, and 88% of our students who took AP Exams scored a 3 or higher. We also have over forty clubs and activities, thirty-one interscholastic athletic teams, and an active theatre department (4 separate shows last year). MMUHS students excel in the classroom, on the stage and in the athletic environment. Students



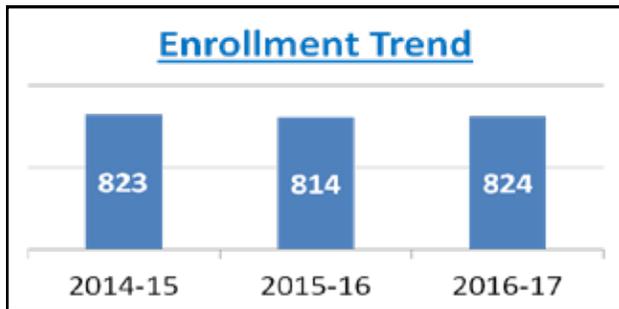
also excel in the community as part of the school wide Day of Service or as one of the 100+ members of the Leo Club, an organization focused on doing community service.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mike Weston, Principal  
Rich Wright, Assistant Principal



Grades: 9 - 12  
 Total Faculty FTE: 67.30  
 Classroom Teacher FTE: 43.60  
 # ESP Staff: 56  
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 18.67:1  
 Standardized Test Results Link:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>



**Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17**  
 2014-15 Audit can be viewed at:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/mmud17auditfy15>

**OFFICIAL WARNING**

**MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**February 25, 2016 & March 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District comprising the voters of the town school districts of Huntington (Grades 5-12), and Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on **Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.** to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:  
a Moderator for one year,  
a Clerk for one year,  
a Treasurer for one year.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union 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?
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the Board of School Directors to provide a mailed Notice of Availability of the Annual Report to residents in lieu of distributing the Annual Report?
- Article 5: Shall the purpose of the repair and capital expenses fund be expanded from capital projects at Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Camels Hump Middle and Browns River Middle School to authorize spending for repair and capital related projects at all school facilities within the Mount Mansfield Modified Union District?
- Article 6: Shall the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District create a repair and capital expenses fund in accordance with 24 VSA§2804, and to appropriate thereto such sums as approved in future annual budgets?
- Article 7: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2016-17 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 8: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

**\*\* Annual Meeting & Budget Informational Meeting \*\***

**February 15, 2016, 6:00 pm, Camels Hump Middle School  
February 18, 2016, 6:30 pm, Browns River Middle School  
February 25, 2016, 6:30 pm, Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

**March 1, 2016 -- Australian Ballot Question**

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$43,168,293, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2016-17 fiscal year?  
 It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,049 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.47% higher than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District.

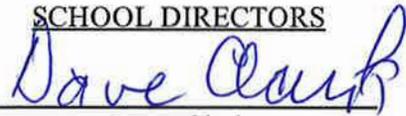
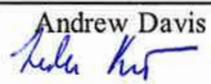
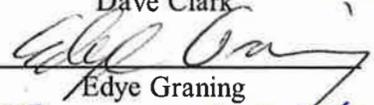
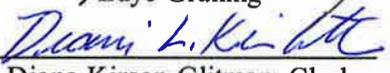
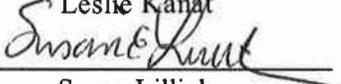
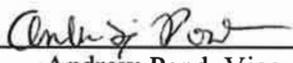
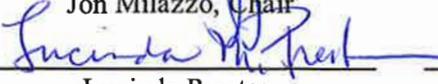
The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on February 15, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm, Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on February 18, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm, and Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 25, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2016-17 proposed budget.

**Polling Places**

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am - 7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016.

	<u>SCHOOL DIRECTORS</u> 	
Kevin Campbell	Dave Clark	Andrew Davis
		
Peter Geiss	Edye Graning	Leslie Kanat
		
Breck Knauft	Diane Kirson-Glitman, Clerk	Susan Lillich
		
Michael Marks	Jon Milazzo, Chair	John Noonan
		
Andrew Pond, Vice-Chair	Lucinda Preston	Beth Racine

Received for record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2016, A.D.

 Clerk, Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District

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 1, 2016, 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 Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making stormwater improvements and replacing sidewalks and curbs on East Main Street, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000)?

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, February 29, 2016, 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 19, 2016. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Richmond on January 20, 2016.

ATTEST:

Linda M Parent  
Linda M. Parent  
Town Clerk

[Signature]  
Eileen Kane  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Selectboard

**OFFICIAL WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2016  
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 1, 2016, 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 1, 2016 to vote the following by Australian ballot:  
MMMUSD School Directors, Town Officers and East Main Street Stormwater Article

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

- Article 1.** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state & federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making stormwater improvements and replacing sidewalks and curbs on East Main Street, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000)? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 2.** To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot. (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 3.** Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$3,459,091 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?
- Article 4.** To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

  
David Sander, Chair

**Richmond Selectboard**

  
Bard Hill

  
Lincoln Bressor

  
Ellen Kane, Vice Chair

  
Taylor Yeates

Received for record this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016

  
Linda M. Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SPECIAL NOTES

Last day for **new voter registration** is Wednesday, **February 24, 2016 until 5:00 PM**

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **5:00 PM on February 29, 2016.**

**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 25, 2016** commencing at **6:30 PM** for the purpose of explaining the 2016-2017 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, February 29, 2016** commencing at **6:00 PM**, for the purpose of explaining the 2016-2017 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN OF RICHMOND  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2016**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

**ARTICLE 1**

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000), subject to the receipt of available state & federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making stormwater improvements and replacing sidewalks and curbs on East Main Street, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000)?

If in **favor** of the bond issue vote **YES**   
If **opposed** to the bond issue vote **NO**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
RICHMOND, VERMONT  
MARCH 1, 2016**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>One Year Term</p> <p><b>CLINT BUXTON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTBOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>BARD HILL</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Five Year Term</p> <p><b>ELLEN CRARY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>LINDA M. PARENT</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTBOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Two Year Term</p> <p><b>STEVE MAY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST CONSTABLE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>One Year Term</p> <p><b>ANDY S. JONES</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>MARK ARIDGIDES</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than one</p> <p>Five Year Term</p> <p><b>GEORGE GIFFORD</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">vote for not more than two</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>JOHN "CHIP" NOONAN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>LUCINDA PRESTON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>



**REPUBLICAN PARTY  
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT  
MARCH 1, 2016**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval ● to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval ● to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE

**FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Vote for NOT more than ONE

JEB BUSH of Florida	<input type="radio"/>
BEN CARSON of Florida	<input type="radio"/>
CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey	<input type="radio"/>
TED CRUZ of Texas	<input type="radio"/>
CARLY FIORINA of Virginia	<input type="radio"/>
JOHN R. KASICH of Ohio	<input type="radio"/>
RAND PAUL of Kentucky	<input type="radio"/>
MARCO RUBIO of Florida	<input type="radio"/>
RICK SANTORUM of Virginia	<input type="radio"/>
DONALD J. TRUMP of New York	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Assistant Town Clerk.....Martha Laing 434-2221  
Delinquent Tax Collector.....Laurie Brisbin 434-2221  
Financial Assistant.....Connie Bona 434-2221  
Fire Chief.....Dennis Gile  
434-2002 (non-emergency)  
Highway Road Foreman.....Peter Gosselin 434-2631  
Library Director.....Rebecca Mueller 434-3036  
Police Chief.....Alan Buck  
434-2156 (non-emergency)  
Richmond Town Historian.....Harriet W. Riggs 434-2556  
Town Manager.....Geoffrey Urbanik 434-5170  
Town Planner.....Clare Rock 434-2430  
Water Resources Superintendent.....Kendall Chamberlin  
434-2178  
Zoning Administrative Officer.....Niels Rinehart  
434-2430

## APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS

Animal Control Agent.....Chris Laberge 598-1698  
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission  
Bard Hill 434-5672  
Ellen Kane 434-4356  
Chittenden Solid Waste District...Adam Sherman 338-7415  
Civil Defense Director.....  
Energy Coordinator.....Jeffrey Forward 434-2344  
Emergency Management Coordinator.....Geoffrey Urbanik  
434-5170  
Fire Warden.....Harland Stockwell 316-1979  
To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch 985-8051  
Weigher of Coal.....Jay Furr 434-4601  
Lake Iroquois Committee.....Steve May  
Town Fence Viewers.....Jared Katz 434-4995  
Carole Furr 434-4601  
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood.....Jon Kart  
999-7515  
Town Health Officer.....Wright Preston 434-2789  
Town Service Officer.....Martha Laing 434-5689  
Tree Warden.....Matthew Leonetti 760-7577  
Richmond Rescue Representative.....Veronique Beittel  
881-4814

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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

## STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Peter Shumlin  
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VT State House 15 State St Montpelier 05633

Lt. Governor Phil Scott  
1-802-828-2226  
VT State House 15 State St Montpelier 05633

Secretary of State Jim Condos  
1-800-439-8683  
128 State St Montpelier VT 05633

U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy  
863-2525 1-800-642-3193  
119 Main St Floor 4 Burlington VT 05401

U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders  
1-800-339-9834  
1 Church St Floor 3 Burlington 05401

U.S. Representative Peter Welch  
1-888-605-7270  
128 Lakeside Ave Ste 235 Burlington 05401

## State Senators ~

### Chittenden County

Tim Ashe, Burlington (D) 318-0903  
Philip Baruth, Burlington (D) 503-5266  
Virginia Lyons, Williston (D) 863-6129  
Michael Sirotkin (D) 999-4360  
Diane Snelling, Hinesburg (R) 482-4382  
David Zuckerman, Hinesburg (D) 598-1986

## Chittenden 1 Representative ~

Anne O'Brien  
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