

# **Town of Dorset Annual Report 2014**



MAD TOM ORCHARD ~ CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

***Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Floor Meeting***

***Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ~ Voting***

## DEDICATION

### Helen & Terry Tyler:

Helen Tyler was born, one of nine children at the family farm on Nichols Hill in Dorset and has resided in Dorset her entire life. Helen has always been community spirited while flying under the radar. Much of her time was spent helping run her family farm, working at Mack Molding (in her earlier years) and then running Tyler Electric for decades. She became active at the Dorset Church and taught Sunday School for many years. Helen was constantly involved in the Dorset School working on the hot lunch program and many other school functions. She has been a constantly volunteered and supported the Red Cross assisting at each blood drive and giving many gallons over the years herself. Helen also donates much of her time at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Wilson House of East Dorset. She has cooked countless meals for the Vermont State Police, County Sheriffs, and Game Wardens at the Tyler residence, which they nicknamed the "Dorset Outpost". Helen's famous chocolate chip cookies have been sold at many bake sales in the community. She has also baked and volunteered her talents many years at the Dorset Library's Antique Fair, which would often have volunteers starting the day at 4:00am in the morning.

Nathaniel Tyler, was born in New Jersey, but very early in life moved to Dorset, VT. Terry has served the community during his entire life in Dorset. He has served as: Town Moderator, Civil Defense Chairman, Select Board Chair, Auditor, School Director, Fire District Prudential Committee member, and was a constable in Dorset for 22 years. During this time, Helen and Terry also founded Tyler electric, a family business that is now in its 60th year in Dorset. Terry's love of local history and involvement in the community helped to spearhead the Dorset Historical Society. In addition Terry was a founding member of the Dorset Sportsman's Club. A true renaissance man, Terry is well known for his priceless collection of Vermont made firearms, as well as being a steward of many local historic memorabilia pieces. Terry has written three humorous books about the people who have lived in the area during his lifetime. He also co-wrote a book about Vermont Gunsmiths and Gunmakers from more than a century ago. Terry's fantastic collection of guns is now on display at the Shelburne Museum as "Lock Stock & Barrell: The Terry Tyler Collection." Each year at Town Meeting, Terry remains one of the more informed residents who frequent the microphone to question town or school matters. In October of 2015 Helen &



Terry will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and 60 years of living at their home in their well manicured orchard on the Dorset West Road.

***Helen & Terry have both devoted their lives to our community and Dorset is simply a better place because of them. We dedicate this report to Helen & Terry as an expression of our gratitude to their many contributions to Dorset.***



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## Town Office Calendar & Miscellaneous Information

Town Manager's Office ..... Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Town Clerk's Office..... Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Zoning Administrator..... Tuesday to Thursday ~ 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Board of Listers..... Tuesday & Thursday ~ 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Select Board Meetings..... Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office  
 Planning Commission Meetings..... First Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office  
 Zoning Board Meetings..... Second Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. ~ Town Office  
 School Board Meetings ..... Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. ~ Dorset School

Emergency - Fire & Rescue		911	
Shaftsbury State Police		442-5421	<a href="http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/shaftsbury.html">www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/shaftsbury.html</a>
Town Office		(802) 362-4571	<a href="http://www.dorsetvt.org">www.dorsetvt.org</a>
Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti	x3	<a href="mailto:townmanager@gmail.com">townmanager@gmail.com</a>
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Marilyn Kinney	x4	<a href="mailto:dorsetadmin@comcast.net">dorsetadmin@comcast.net</a>
Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault	x2	<a href="mailto:dorsetclerk@gmail.com">dorsetclerk@gmail.com</a>
Assistant Town Clerk	Judy Collins		
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow	x5	<a href="mailto:dorsetza@gmail.com">dorsetza@gmail.com</a>
Board of Listers	Robert Gibney, Peter Trifari, Margot Schoffstall	x6	<a href="mailto:dorsetlister@gmail.com">dorsetlister@gmail.com</a>
Town Office Fax		(802) 362-5156	
Town Garage		(802) 362-5244	
Road Foreman	Jim Hewes	(802) 362-5559	
Animal Control Officer Vermont Game Warden	Ryan Downey Cody Jackman	(802) 375-4035 802-442-5421	
Health Officer	Dolores Marcotte	(802) 362-4571	
Town Constable/Tree Warden	John H. Coolidge	(802) 867-4408	
Dorset Chamber of Commerce	<a href="mailto:chamber@dorsetvt.com">chamber@dorsetvt.com</a>		<a href="http://www.dorsetvt.com/">www.dorsetvt.com/</a>
Schools	Dorset School	(802) 362-2606	<a href="http://www.dorsetschool.org">www.dorsetschool.org</a>
	Burr & Burton Academy	(802) 362-1775	<a href="http://www.burrburton.org">www.burrburton.org</a>
	Long Trail School	(802) 867-5717	<a href="http://www.longtrailschool.org">www.longtrailschool.org</a>
	Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union	(802) 362-2452	<a href="http://www.brsu.org">www.brsu.org</a>
Post Offices	Dorset	(802) 867-5501	
	East Dorset	(802) 362-3233	
Fire Warden	Doug Beebe	(802) 362-4601	
Dorset Library		(802) 867-5774	<a href="http://www.dorsetlibrary.org">www.dorsetlibrary.org</a>
Dorset Nursing		(802) 362-1200	<a href="http://www.dnavt.org/">www.dnavt.org/</a>
	Patti Komline, State Representative	(802) 867-4232	<a href="mailto:pkomline@leg.state.vt.us">pkomline@leg.state.vt.us</a>
	Brian Campion, State Senator		<a href="mailto:bcampion@leg.state.vt.us">bcampion@leg.state.vt.us</a>
	Richard Sears, State Senator	(802) 442-9139	<a href="mailto:rsears@leg.state.vt.us">rsears@leg.state.vt.us</a>



## 2015 Appointed Town Officers

Town Manager .....	Rob Gaiotti
Administrative Assistant & Asst. Zoning Administrator .....	Marilyn Kinney
Zoning Administrator.....	Tyler Yandow, AIA
Select, Planning & Zoning Boards Secretary .....	Nancy Aversano
Health Officer .....	Dolores Marcotte
Animal Control Officer .....	Ryan Downey
Civil Defense Chair .....	Rob Gaiotti
Fence Viewers .....	Chris Brooks, Mike Connors
Fence & Tree Warden.....	Hal Coolidge
Special Constable .....	Harold Beebe
Town Service Officer .....	Ellen Maloney
Energy Coordinator .....	Jim Hand

### **Planning Commission**

Danny Pinsonault, Chairman.....2017	Howard Coolidge .....2015
Brooks Addington, Vice Chairman ..2015	Gay Squire.....2015
Kay Manly .....2017	Brent Herrmann .....2016
Dave Lawrence .....2018	
Carter Rawson.....2018	

All four (4) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

John LaVecchia, Chairman.....2015	Kevin O'Toole .....2017
David Wilson, Vice Chairman.....2016	Ruth Stewart.....2017
Mike Connors.....2016	Dale Baker .....2015
Bill Bridges .....2016	Steve Jones.....2015
Tuck Rawls .....2017	

All three (3) year terms to expire April 30th of the year indicated

### **Conservation Commission**

Malcolm Cooper, Jr., Chairman .....2017	Kevin O'Toole .....2016
Alan Calfee.....2017	Chip Ams .....2016
Vacant... .....2015	

All four (4) year terms expire May 31st of the year indicated

### **Design Review Board**

Bob Escher, Chairman.....2017	Vacant .....2015
Kit Wallace.....2017	James Clubb.....2015
Vacant... .....2015	Lindy Bowden .....2017

All three (3) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

### **Bennington County Regional Commission**

John LaVecchia.....2016	Nancy Faesy .....2016
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All two (2) year terms expire on April 30th of the year indicated

## Elected Town Officers

Moderator, Town..... Kevin O'Toole ..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
 Moderator, School..... Kevin O'Toole ..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015

Town Clerk..... Sandra Pinsonault..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017  
 School District Clerk Sandra Pinsonault..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017

Town Treasurer ..... Melissa Zecher..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017  
 School District Treasurer ..... Melissa Zecher..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017

Select Board  
                                  Chris Brooks..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
                                  Michael Connors..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2016  
                                  Ryan Downey..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
                                  Michael Oltedal ..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017  
                                  Steve Jones..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015

School Board  
                                  Robert Allen ..... 2 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
                                  Jennifer Allen ..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2016  
                                  Vickie Haskins ..... 2 Year Term..... Expires 2016  
                                  David Chandler ..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
                                  James Salsgiver ..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017

Listers  
                                  Margot Schoffstall ..... 2 Year Term..... Expires 2015  
                                  Robert Gibney..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2017  
                                  Peter Trifari..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015

Auditors  
                                  Vacant..... 3 Year Term..... Expires

First Constable  
                                  John H. Coolidge..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015

Town Agent  
                                  Kevin O'Toole ..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2015

Justices of the Peace	Willard (Bill) Bridges	William Melhado
	Willard (Chip) Watson	Patricia Komline
	Howard Coolidge	Katherine Beebe
	Sandra Pinsonault	Roger Squires
	Charles Eichel (Deceased)	Linda Sullivan (Appted)

## **Select Board & Town Manager Report**

In 2014, the Town approved a budget that resulted in a municipal tax rate of \$.1858 cents per \$100. The municipal tax rate in Dorset was among the 15<sup>th</sup> lowest rates in the State and 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the County. The FY16 municipal budget will focus on continued infrastructure and facility improvements, with a focus on the construction of a new salt/ equipment storage building at our Route 30 location.

In 2014, the Town paved Church Street and installed new granite curb to replace the old asphalt curbing. Curbing was extended near the Dorset Inn to improve safety at the Church Street & Route 30 intersection. In addition we paved Benedict Road. In 2015 we have plans to repave Mad Tom Road and construct a retaining wall on Lower Squirrel Hollow Road. In 2014 the Town purchased a new Ford F550 dump truck at a net cost of \$76,000. In 2015 we plan to replace the 2003 Tandem dump truck. Special thanks to Road Foreman: Jim Hewes, and Crew Members: Bill Nichols, Duane Sherman, and Mark Towslee for their dedicated service. Their expertise was put on display with the wonderful job they did on the Church Street road project. The Town continues to benefit from the skills and experience employed by our Road Crew, and we feel strongly that our group is the best around. Residents can submit road related requests and questions via the town's website or by calling 362-5244.

Public Safety has been a frequent topic over the last year. Upon completion of our Town build out study of 2013, it became very apparent that Dorset residents were interested in opportunities for additional law enforcement services. In 2014 the Towns of Dorset and Manchester embarked on a joint Public Safety Study that will review and present information to assist both Towns with opportunities for collaborative efforts in the law enforcement, emergency rescue, and fire services arenas. This study should be completed shortly before Town Meeting and there will be multiple public meetings to review the findings.

In 2015, Dorset will participate in a joint Economic Development study with the Town of Manchester and Manchester Village. The study will be coordinated by the Bennington County Regional Commission and will include market analysis and strategies for developing our local economy into the future. Much of this study couldn't be done without the diligent work by the Dorset Planning Commission. In addition we would like to thank the Garden Club for their continued commitment to the Town as well as Richard Farley and the Wood & Signs crew for donating our new sign at the Town Office. Dorset is fortunate to have groups of residents that volunteer to serve in an effort to make Dorset a great place to live.

In 2014, residents logged 6,200 visits to Emerald Lake, up from the 3,700 visits in 2013. Remember to pick up your 2015 Lake Passes this spring at the Town Offices! Dorset residents continue to be offered discounts for: Manchester Parks & Rec. programs, JISP, Riley Rink programs, and summer programs at the Lawrence School for Young Children.

The Owls Head Town Forest Project was given a big boost in 2014; the Town received federal and state grants totaling around \$400,000. To date the Town has raised \$460,000 of the \$650,000 needed to purchase the Gettysburg Quarry property and create a property maintenance fund. The Town feels strongly that this will be a landmark project for Dorset, and will have an immensely positive impact on our community for future generations. Please visit the Town website for Owls Head Town Forest information and to find a pledge sheet to help us meet our goal.

Be sure to visit [www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org) for any needed Dorset municipal information!

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert Gaiotti, Town Manager



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Dorset-9859543>



## Town Clerk

2014 was another busy year in the Town Clerk's Office. We saw an increase in house sales, as well as refinancing of mortgages. We are continuing with the document restoration in the vault with more to be done in 2015. We are currently working on the preservation of the Grand Lists and have restored them up to 1950. The office continues to serve the residents of Dorset by offering Motor Vehicle renewal service, genealogy assistance, home history research assistance, free notary service and burning permits.

I want to thank my Assistant, Judy Collins, for her continued support and service to the Town. I am currently in my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Town Clerk and continue to love serving the residents of Dorset!

The Town Clerk's compensation plan changed after Town Meeting in March 2014. The position is now salaried and all fees collected are turned over to the Town and are reflected in this year's budget displayed in this town report.

Just a friendly reminder: Please remember to license your dog on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A spay/neutered dog is \$10 and \$14 for an un-spay/neutered dog.

Sandra "Sandy" Pinsonault, MMC/CVC

### 2014 Animal License Report

197 Spayed Female @ \$6 .....	\$1,182	<b><u>Second Class License</u></b>	
133 Neutered Male @ \$6 .....	\$798	Dorset Union Store .....	\$70
20 Males @ \$10 .....	\$200	HN Williams Store.....	\$70
26 Females @ \$10 .....	\$260	Hasgas General Store .....	\$70
		Jiffy Mart.....	\$70
<b>376 Dogs - Total Town Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$2,440*</b>	<b>Total Second Class .....</b>	<b>\$280</b>

\*January 1-March 3 ~ Town Clerk was fee based & retained \$2 per dog on the first 55 dog licenses. \$2,330 was turned over to the Town.

**Total All Licenses .....** **\$1,085**

### Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2014

#### **First Class License**

Barrows House .....	\$115
Chantecleer Restaurant.....	\$115
Dorset Field Club .....	\$115
Dorset Inn .....	\$115
Inn at West View Farm .....	\$115
Left Hand LLC .....	\$115
<b>Total First Class.....</b>	<b>\$805</b>

### 2014 Vitals

#### **Births**

Males	10
Female	8

#### **Deaths**

Males	8
Females	7

#### **Marriages**

Resident	12
Non-Resident	7

## Board of Listers Report

The Town of Dorset's housing market for the twelve months ending December 31, 2014 recorded 43 houses sold, a decrease of 19%, from the 53 sales of the same period in 2013. Although the sales volume was down, Dorset's 2014 median sale price rose to \$395, 0000, a rise of 9.7%, from the 2013 median sale price of \$360,000. On another positive note, there was a 20% decline in 2014 in the number Dorset's short sales and foreclosures transactions in 2013.

Reflecting Dorset's latest 2014 property values, the chart below shows the progression of changes in our Equalization Grand List values since 2006.

Year	Education Equal- ized Value	Percent Change	CLA
2006	\$669,687,611	0.00%	105.6
2007	\$722,342,055	7.68%	98.98
2008	\$759,750,195	5.18%	95.52
2009	\$765,831,350	0.80%	95.16
2010	\$718,324,319	-6.20%	101.32
2011	\$671,881,913	-6.40%	108.22
2012	\$659,263,558	-1.88%	109.73
2013	\$674,451,706	2.30%	106.91
2014	\$680,229,852	0.86%	105.64

As a Board, we are concerned with the fairness of your assessed value. Every year a property owner has the right to appeal their property value. As a first step, you may contact the Board of Listers to review your property record card. This allows the property owner to see how their property value has been derived and gives the Board of Listers the chance to correct any errors, if found. This should be done before the start of the town's spring grievance period.

The Board of Listers encourages you to contact us with any questions or comments on your property assessment. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. or by appointment. Phone: 802-362-4571 x 6, or E-mail: [dorsetlister@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetlister@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted:

Robert M. Gibney   Margot Schoffstall   Peter Trifari

The Dorset Board of Listers

## Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission Report

A summary of permit applications and board referrals is shown in the table below.

Permit Type	# of Applications		Referred to Planning Commission		Referred to Zoning Board of Adjustment		Referred to Design Review Board	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Building	60	60	0	0	6	4	9	3
Demolition	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change of Use	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0
Boundary Line Adjustment	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	2
Subdivision	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

In 2014, the Planning Commission closed out the Build Out Study funded by a grant from the State of Vermont in 2013 . The results of this study provided valuable information for moving forward with Bylaw changes which as of printing, are in the middle of public hearing. The Commission also worked closely with the Dorset Energy Commission and the Zoning Administrator continued to implement steps making property owners and contractors more aware of the State's Residential Building Energy Standards (VTRBES) and to assist their efforts to be in compliance. Dorset is leading efforts statewide towards these goals.

The Planning Commission spent considerable energy considering options to update zoning in the Village Commercial areas. This has resulted in public hearings on both the new "RC" districts as well as the remaining "VC" district. We are pleased with the generous public participation at these hearings as well as typical Planning Commission meetings.

The Planning commission also reviewed the Town Plan and as the result of two public hearings it has been formally adopted. A current copy is available on the Town's website, [www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org). As an informational note, there are many other documents and applications which are available on the Town's web site. Check there before coming to the Town offices or calling the ZA.

One major commercial project received Site Plan Approval this year. This is for the new Star Wind Turbines manufacturing facility off Tennis Way.



## Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission Report (continued)

The Planning Commission also voted to have the Town apply for official “Village Designation” for the town centers on both sides of town. This will enable non-residential property owners to be eligible for tax breaks for improvements on their property. It cost the Town nothing to put this in place.

Two seats on the Commission were filled this year, one by an incumbent, Dave Lawrence, and the other by a newcomer, Carter Rawson. We welcome them aboard. There are two seats which expire in 2015 and we welcome new applicants. Contact the Zoning Administrator for the proper form to be filed.

The Commission wishes to thank the Energy Commission and Chairperson Ellen Maloney for their continuing tireless work on VTRBES as well as bringing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) projects closer to becoming a reality, now that the program is up and running. The Planning Commission is grateful to the Design Review Board and Chairman Bob Escher for their continuing oversight of the Town’s historic districts. The DRB is currently working on updating the Design section of the Bylaw to reflect recent changes in building materials and technology.

Last but certainly not least, Bill Breed, the Planning Commission Chair whose tenure spanned the better part of 16 years, stepped down. This is a great loss for the town and the Planning Commission. Bill brought many desirable traits to the table including, but not limited to common sense, skill in conducting effective meetings, and a wonderful sense of the town’s history by which current applications and Bylaw changes could be judged. There is no substitute for this level of experience and the Town would like to formally thank Bill for all the hard work done over the course of many years. As the Zoning Administrator my job runs smoother as a result of lessons learned from Bill. One hopes he will continue to be active in Town affairs.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Planning Commission  
Tyler W. Yandow, A.I.A.  
Zoning Administrator



Green Peak Spine

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body, comprised of nine Dorset residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current Board includes Vice-Chair David Wilson, and members-at-large Bill Bridges, Tuck Rawls, Steve Jones, Ruth Stewart, Mike Connors, Dale Baker, and Kevin O'Toole. The Chair wishes to thank everyone for their continued commitment to volunteer their time and talents during the past year.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on an as-needed basis on the second Monday of the month, and hears applications for conditional use permits and variances, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

During 2013 the Board considered six applications. One application for a variance was withdrawn by the applicant and two applications for variances were denied. One application for a variance was denied on the basis that it was unnecessary under the circumstances. One conditional use application was approved with conditions and one application to amend a non-conforming use was approved with conditions.

Respectfully submitted, John LaVecchia, Chairman

## **DORSET DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

In 2014, the Dorset Design Review Board reviewed and approved twelve construction and sign permit applications.

Working with the Planning Commission, the DRB was successful in creating a separate Village Commercial Zone in the Historic District. This was done to protect the district by giving it its own set of rules separate from the other three commercial districts in South and East Dorset.

The DRB was instrumental in getting new a custom informational sign designed and built to be placed on the east end of the green in the spring of 2015. The purpose of the sign is to clean up the random sandwich boards and advertising signs that always show up and clutter the historic green. We would like to thank Kay Manly and Ben Weiss for their support in getting the sign built.

Finally, the DRB would like to extend our appreciation to retiring member Terri Hathaway. Her guidance and expertise helped guide the DRB in making our historic village a special place in which to live and work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Escher, AIA, Chairman  
Peter Palmer  
Kit Wallace

Jim Clubb  
Lindy Bowden

## Dorset Energy Coordinator and Committee

The Dorset Energy Committee (DEC) is a Committee set up by the Dorset Select Board to help our Town and Townspeople become more energy efficient. The Committee is all volunteer – made up of Dorset residents interested in energy related issues, and with an interest in helping neighbors understand how they can improve energy efficiency – thereby saving money and energy resources, while better supporting our local economy. Activities of the Energy Committee in 2014 included:

NEIGHBOR ASSIST – DEC members worked with Dorset residents to assist them in understanding and following a process of improving energy efficiency in their homes. This typically: (1) starts with an energy audit by a certified energy auditor; (2) then moves on to determine a sensible work plan for each specific home & homeowner; (3) includes identifying contractors who can perform the work; (4) ensuring the homeowner can receive any incentives and rebates available; (5) assisting with sorting out financing options. DEC members are happy to help any Dorset resident work through this process. If you are interested, send an email to Jim Salsgiver ([jsalsgiver@hotmail.com](mailto:jsalsgiver@hotmail.com)) and a member of DEC will be in touch with you.

BIKE RACKS – Members of the DEC worked with our Town Manager to purchase and place new bike racks in Dorset and East Dorset. The goal is to make it easier for residents to be able to use a bike to come into Town. This also supports a project by some of our local businesses to ensure that our area is attractive as a destination for the increasing number of bicycle tourists.

TOWN PLAN – The DEC worked with the Town Manager, Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission on the update of Dorset's Town Plan this year. DEC members suggested a number of changes to recognize the benefits of supporting energy efficiency, the majority of which were approved.

THE DORSET SCHOOL SOLAR POWER: - The DEC worked with Jim Hand to complete a project adding solar panels to the roof of TDS which should generate most of the electricity the school uses over the course of a year. The system is not owned by the school, but the school earns credits which reduce its cost of electricity. The project also provides a great learning opportunity for our students.

WORK WITH OTHER LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GROUPS – The DEC worked closely in 2014 with the Bennington County Regional Commission, Neighbor Works of Western Vermont / HEAT Squad, Efficiency Vermont and other area Energy Committees. This has been a good way for DEC to try to bring the best ideas from our region to our Town. We have also started work with all of these groups and Bennington College – to develop a new energy efficiency education program for local contractors and residents.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENERGY STANDARDS – Vermont passed new energy efficiency standards in 2011 which are required to be followed in all residential construction in the State. Last year, the DEC worked with Dorset's Zoning Administrator and Town Manager to amend the Building Permit Application so as to help contractors comply with the Energy Standards and Dorset residents to benefit from substantial savings.



As we noted above, The Dorset Energy Committee is an all-volunteer group of interested residents. If you are interested in joining us, or just keeping up to speed with our activities, please feel free to contact us or ask the Town Manager to let you know about the next DEC Meeting.

Respectfully, Jim Hand, Town Energy Coordinator ~ Committee Members: Jim Hand, Ellen Maloney, Jim Salsgiver, Nancy Faesy, Bill Laberge, Alex Bornstein



## DORSET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It has been another good year for the Conservation Commission. The repair work on the Pinnacle tower was completed thanks to the good work of Greg Easton. The Commission also really appreciates the good work of the town road crew continuing to help clean up the recently cleared view opening to the north. This will make it easier to maintain and keep open. Members of the Commission and other volunteers continue to help with blowdowns and keeping the trails open in the Cutler Forest and The Pinnacle.

This year we have spent a lot of time focusing on the lesser known Town Forest that includes the summit of Dorset's iconic Owls Head Peak. An opportunity has presented itself to allow the town to acquire an adjoining parcel that will simultaneously establish a public trail to the historical Gilbert Lookout and Gettysburg Quarry as well as protect rare and uncommon natural communities providing an important recreational and conservation asset for the Town. The Town has signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the current owner and secured \$398,000 in grant funding to expand the Town forest and protect this important historic woodland property.

To date, the Commission has also raised approximately \$60,000 in funds and pledges from the local community. We have another \$190,000 to raise to complete the purchase. We need the support of everyone in Town for the project. All contributions are tax deductible and can be made through the Town Managers office.

Respectfully Submitted,

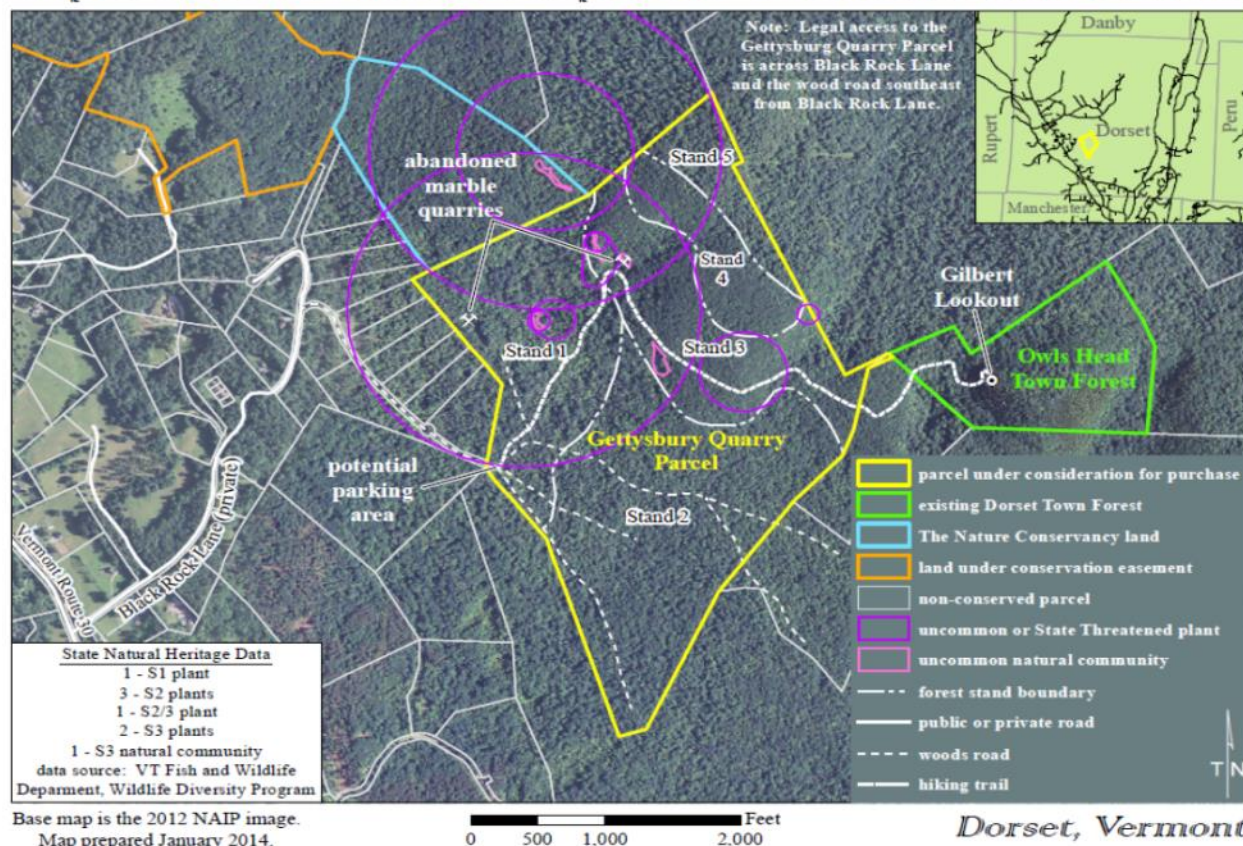
Malcolm Cooper, Chair

Alan Calfee, Vice Chair

Kevin O'Toole

Chip Ams

### Proposed Dorset Town Forest Acquisition - Natural and Cultural Features



## Delinquent Tax Report ~ December 31, 2014

Boynton, Susan .....	\$102.75
Butler, Johnathon .....	\$101.11
C/O Bank of America .....	\$6,630.02
Coughlan, Alban J .....	\$935.50
Dill, Jeffrey .....	\$10,480.99
Emond, Mary .....	\$2,778.66*
Gillispie, Richard .....	\$6,136.96
Goldfield, Michael .....	\$15,289.17*
H&H Homes .....	\$6,888.74
Markham, Grigsby .....	\$3,061.83
Miller, Walter J .....	\$1,936.81*
Ruffa, Julia .....	\$8,496.79*
Schoffstall Estate .....	\$946.94*
Schoffstall, Peter .....	\$3292.96*
Staunton, Sidney Jr .....	\$2,291.19*
Stimson, Ellen .....	\$1,132.52*
Stone, Sharon .....	\$799.86
Weber, Kenneth .....	\$626.04
Total .....	<b>\$71,928.84</b>

*\*Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2014*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Gaiotti  
Town Manager/ Delinquent Tax Collector

## Treasurers Report

I am currently serving my fourth three year elected term as Treasurer for the Town of Dorset and Dorset School District. As Treasurer, my duties include the review of accounts payable, payroll checks and delinquent tax warrants for the Town of Dorset and the Dorset School.

In addition to an annual external audit (currently conducted by Mudgett, Jennett, & Krough –Wisner, PC) the Town of Dorset has in place internal controls into the municipal finance system; this includes monthly testing of accounts by retired banker and monthly review of balanced bank statements by the Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa W. Zecher



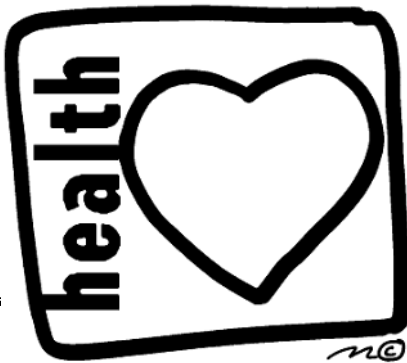
## Animal Control Officer Report

In 2014, the Animal Control Officer received 50+ calls about animal related issues. Common issues were dogs running at large and unlicensed dogs. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for responding to calls about problems with domestic animals and can be reached at 375-4035. If you have a problem with a wild animal, please call the Vermont State Police at 802-442-5421 who will relay your call to the Vermont Game Warden, Cody Jackman . If the Game Warden cannot be reached, the ACO should be contacted in case of an emergency. Rabies is always a concern, so be sure to get your pets vaccinated.

Please remember to license you dog, it's required by Vermont Law. Dog licenses are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, all dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed and have proof of vaccination with the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Downey



## Health Officer Report

In 2014, the Health Officer received over 30+ phone calls with regard to health questions. One incident that was reported required a site visit, regarding tenant-landlord issues. These inspections are done with the Health Officer and the Town Manager. The health officer responds to health and safety complaints and helps residents get in touch with the proper resources to remedy the situation. The Vermont Department of Health provides support to the Health Officer and is a good resource for residents: <http://healthvermont.gov>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolores K. Marcotte



## Vermont Department of Health Report for Dorset

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working for your health every day. Your local Health Department district office is in Bennington at 324 Main Street. Our phone # is 802-447-3531. Come visit, give us a call or go to [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

We deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Alliance for Community Transformations (ACT) was awarded \$ 42,500 to support local tobacco control efforts. The Collaborative coalition was awarded \$142,500 to support tobacco control efforts, reduce substance misuse and support efforts to increase physical activity and healthy nutrition.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families, pregnant women and children up to and including age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Dorset, 34 women, infants and children were enrolled in this program. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014, we responded to 116 cases of infectious disease in Bennington County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; of which \$902,401 was in our district area.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state. In Bennington County, over 100 community members participated in a discussion facilitated by the Bennington County Prescription Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bongartz, District Director, Office of Local Health – Bennington, VT





## **Bennington County Regional Commission**

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC also regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops throughout the region. More information on these programs can be found at [www.bcrcvt.org](http://www.bcrcvt.org).

The BCRC also plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The Commission works with our member towns and villages and these other organizations to implement the ideas and projects that derive from our planning work.

During the past year, the BCRC has completed a draft of a new comprehensive regional plan that will be considered for adoption in 2015. Other important accomplishments have included: implementation of brownfield economic redevelopment plans, a workforce housing plan, local and regional economic development strategies, planning and implementing several important bicycle-pedestrian facilities, a regional rail service plan, hazard mitigation plans for several towns, and river corridor mapping to support flood resilience planning.

The BCRC will continue to provide technical planning assistance to its member municipalities in the coming year. Special initiatives to be undertaken include: completion of a 13-town solid waste implementation plan and development of a new governance structure for solid waste management, a new regional energy planning initiative aligned with Vermont's ambitious energy goals, an economic development strategy for Northshire communities, a downtown redevelopment and marketing plan for Bennington, and special projects in natural resource conservation and healthy community design.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to environmental conservation. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. A recent expansion of the office completed this year accommodates two employees, two AmeriCorps VISTA fellows, and special project staff working on transportation and solid waste initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sullivan, Director



## Solid Waste Implementation

To comply with state requirements, the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury and Sunderland implement actions identified in their Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). This plan was approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in 2008. The Town of Stamford also has a SWIP and the towns of Bennington and Woodford jointly adopted a SWIP. In June of 2014, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources adopted a Materials Management Plan, as required under the Universal Recycling Law. Currently the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford are working together to develop a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan that must be in conformance with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Materials Management Plan. This plan must be adopted by the towns and approved by VT ANR by June 18, 2015.

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) assists these towns in implementing actions identified in their current SWIPs. One major action under this plan is the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) from residents and conditionally exempt generator waste (CEG) generated from small businesses. Proper collection and disposal of these materials protects the environment and public health and safety. This year, BCRC held one event at the Arlington Memorial High School and Middle School and a second at the Dorset School. A total of 303 households from the Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, Sandgate and Sunderland attended the events. Shaftsbury held two events at their transfer station for residents of Shaftsbury, Glastenbury, Pownal and Stamford and a total of 200 households participated. The Town of Bennington held two events for residents of Bennington and Woodford at the Bennington Transfer Station and 162 households participated. The Town of Bennington, BCRC and the Town of Shaftsbury are currently planning household hazardous waste events for May and for October of 2015.

BCRC continues to assist the ISWAP Towns (Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Sandgate and Sunderland) in managing the financial aspects of recycling at the Northshire (Dorset) and Sunderland Transfer Stations. This past year, BCRC also began assisting the Town of Bennington in financial management of recycling and solid waste collection at the Bennington Transfer Station.

The Vermont E-Cycles program, initiated in 2011, allows for free disposal of electronic devices, at sites approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, so these are no longer accepted at HHW events. The Vermont E-Cycling program provides for the collection of computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations exist throughout the state and operate year-round. In Bennington County, sites include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations. Other electronic devices are also accepted at these locations, though there may be a fee to dispose of those items. The Dorset School holds events in the spring and fall. Vermont residents can bring E-Waste to any of the sites listed at <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/ewaste/facilitylist.aspx>.

Vermont ANR has also implemented a plan to accept the return of fluorescent bulbs at various retail establishments throughout the county. Residents can dispose of fluorescent bulbs including compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) at several hardware stores and other retail establishments. Information on this program is available at <http://www.lamprecycle.org/vermont.shtml>.

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization established to represent paint manufacturers (paint producers) to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States including Vermont. Both latex and oil based paint have been collected at HHW events and a special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>. BCRC is working with PaintCare to hold a collection event this spring, so look for notices soon.

We hope to offer compost bins for sale this spring. Visit the BCRC Solid Waste Programs website at <http://bcrcvt.org/Programs/Solid Waste/> where announcements will be posted and where you can find more information on managing solid waste.

For questions, please contact Michael Batcher at BCRC at 802-442-0713 x 2 or [mbatcher@bcrcvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrcvt.org).



## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2014 Overview

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## **POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VERMONT, 05764; PHONE (802) 287-8339; PMNRCD@GMAIL.COM**

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs for landowners and the general public that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. We have been providing environmental education and outreach for over 70 years and currently have office space at Green Mountain College and the Stonebridge in Poultney, VT.

### **District Staff**

District Manager, Hilary Solomon, and Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander, continue to provide outreach to local landowners, schools, and towns. Green Mountain College intern Peyton Jones ran the LEAP program during the summer and helped with many of our projects.

### **Environmental Education Opportunities**

The Conservation District partners with Green Mountain College, the University of Vermont, and NOAA Sea Grant to provide environmental education opportunities to district elementary and high schools. In 2014 we worked with schools in Poultney, Fair Haven, Pawlet, Castleton, and Middletown Springs (and students from most towns in the District). We look forward to working with more schools in 2015.

### **Stormwater Management**

The District is currently working with Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Pawlet to identify, design, or build green stormwater infrastructure in the village center. The District plans to work with Fair Haven, Castleton, and Hubbardton beginning in 2015. We help towns write grants to implement stormwater mitigation projects that also work to protect water quality in the local rivers.

### **Agricultural Programs**

Jennifer Alexander continues to provide agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms. She writes grants for farmers to implement water quality improvement projects on farms and has two aerators available for rent to help improve soil health. She is currently helping farms write nutrient management plans and is assisting with a UVM Extension class, held at Castleton College in January that will result in 16 farmers completing their nutrient management plans.

### **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery**

During the 2014 field season, the District worked with nursery manager Keith Roberts to expand residents' knowledge about the nursery, its location, and provide educational opportunities. Two open houses were held, where native plants were offered to the public at discounted prices.

### **EZ Lawn Hydroseeder**

In 2011, the District bought a hydroseeder that was available for your town to use free of charge during 2012, to seed ditches and slopes after they had been re-graded. That program has continued and the hydroseeder is available to your town for a nominal fee. We hope to partner with more road commissioners and select boards in 2015.

### **LEAP (Lake Education Action Program)**

The District received funding through the NOAA Sea Grant Program to plant shoreline buffers on Lake St. Catherine and pass out information regarding septic system maintenance recommendations. The District hired high school interns, who planted five buffers and two rain gardens on shoreline properties.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain.***



Rutland West Neighborhood Housing  
d/b/a NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont  
Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008  
110 Marble Street  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777  
802-438-2303  
nwwvt@nwwvt.org



NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

**2014** has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

**88** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.

**160** people received pre-purchase coaching and **40** people went on to purchase a home.

**26** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **\$303,914**.

**55** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.

**15** people attended Financial Literacy workshops

**61** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for

**710** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,

**268** families to make energy improvements, and

**45** families were loaned **\$929,093** which enabled them to complete improvements

**In Dorset** fourteen households had energy audits through NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad. Four households completed energy improvements, one with a \$17,150 loan from NeighborWorks. Another family was able to make health and safety repairs to their homes with a Home Repair loan. One household received reverse mortgage counseling. Two families received budget and credit coaching as they prepare to purchase homes of their own. Two families in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling, and continue to receive assistance in working with their lender.

*These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, [nwwvt.org](http://nwwvt.org).*

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

**TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!**

Respectfully,  
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director



# Vermont State Police, C Troop ~ Shaftsbury

(01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014)



Consent Search.....	14
Assault Simple, Not Aggravated.....	1
Burglary Force/B & E—Force .....	3
Larceny from Building .....	1
Larceny ~ All Others.....	7
Forgery ~ Check.....	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle .....	1
Forgery/Counterfeit.....	1
Fraud ~ Bad Checks.....	1
Fraud.....	2
Vandalism.....	3
Weapon Law Violation.....	1
Lewd/Adultery.....	1
Regulated Drugs—Possession of.....	7
Regulated Drugs - Cultivation of.....	1
Controlled Substance/Drug Equip. Violation....	7
Drugs Civil.....	3
Child Offense .....	1
Drive/Operate Under Influence .....	10
Liquor Violation.....	1
Family Disturbance .....	2
Disorderly Conduct ~ Other .....	2
Condition of Release Violation .....	3
Impeding Police Officer .....	1
Phone Offenses.....	1
False Information to Police.....	2
Trespassing Violation.....	3
Fugitive.....	1
Accident - Injury - DMV Report.....	4
Accident - Damage - DMV Report.....	11
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances .....	21
Careless Negligent Motor Vehicle .....	2
Attempting to Elude Police .....	1
DLS Criminal .....	5
LSA Motor Vehicle .....	3
Canine Use (Police Dog) .....	6
Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol.....	1
Abandoned Vehicle .....	2
Alarm.....	131
Ambulance or Medical Assist.....	2
Animal Problem.....	4
Agency Assist.....	15
Attempted Suicide .....	1
Burglary Alarm .....	1
Citizen Dispute .....	10
Citizen Assist.....	43
Communications Offense.....	1

Directed Patrol.....	57
E911 Hangup .....	42
Basic Rule & Maximum Limits.....	1
False Alarm.....	79
Fish & Game Offense.....	1
Intoxicated Person .....	2
Juvenile Problem.....	3
Motorist Assistance.....	10

## Offense Code Total Incidents

MENT	Mental Health Assistance.....	1
MESS	Message Delivered.....	1
MPER	Missing Person .....	1
NDIS	Noise Disturbance.....	5
PSB	Passing school bus .....	2
PSC	Suspicious Person/Circum.....	46
PWAT	Property Watch.....	52
SRCH	Search Warrant.....	2
TCNR	Traffic Crash Non-Report .....	19
THAZ	Traffic Hazard.....	8
UNSP	Unsecure Premises .....	1
UTPB	Utility Problem.....	1
VIN	Vehicle Serial # Inspection.....	5
WELF	Welfare Check .....	13

Total Incidents for Agency:.....700

## Green Mountain National Forest

Thanks to the support of many partners, volunteers, and communities surrounding the Green Mountain National Forest, we were able to accomplish a wide range projects from January 2014 to December 2015.

We are proud that the Green Mountain National Forest is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people - people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to visit every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

### Land Acquisition

The Forest accepted a donation of 26 acres of land along the New Haven River in the Town of Bristol.

### Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance

In cooperation with local Towns, Regional Planning Commissions, VTrans, and local contractors the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities. Some highlights are as follows:

Tropical Storm Irene Recovery: All Tropical Storm Irene Recovery projects were completed this year with the opening of the Kelley Stand Road (Forest Highway 6) in the Town of Sunderland. Work was completed in October and included several miles of road reconstruction, one completely new bridge, one new abutment on a second bridge, and in stream work to improve habitat and increase flood resiliency on the future.

Forest Road Transportation Planning: Completed the travel analysis portion of the USDA Forest Service Travel Management Rule, Subpart A (36 CFR 212) for the Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts. This included two public meetings in June (Hancock and Middlebury). A final report is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance: Completed on-going routine maintenance and repairs of Forest buildings and other infrastructure as well as out-year planning, design, and preparation for facility improvements.

Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns: Completed important road improvement and maintenance projects in the Towns of Goshen and Rochester.

Forest Road Improvement Projects: Improved 0.2 miles of National Forest system roads in the Towns of Chittenden and Ripton. This work included the rehabilitation or reconstruction of two stream crossings.

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained 83.35 miles of National Forest System roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Chittenden, Goshen, Lincoln, Hancock, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, Woodford, Winhall, Stamford, Wallingford, and Readsboro. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning, mowing, and brushing.

Road-Stream Crossing Improvements: Completed two Aquatic Organism (Fish) Passage projects in the Towns of Chittenden and Ripton. This work included the removal of deteriorated culverts that created a barrier for aquatic organisms and replaced them with large, more flood resilient structures that allowed for unobstructed passage of aquatic organisms.

Road and Facility Inspections: Completed safety inspections of all road bridges on the forest and dams at Lefferts Pond (Chittenden) and Hapgood Pond (Peru).

### Recreation Programs

The Forest Service Recreation Program acknowledges the outstanding collaborative effort exhibited between numerous partner organizations, volunteers, State and local government representatives, and local businesses to promote and enhance recreational resources on the Green Mountain National Forest. The Forest Service has been attracting more visitors to the region and engaging more local groups and individuals in contributions that promote and enhance recreational opportunities. Enabling the Forest Service to develop and provide quality recreation opportunities are the contributions of hard-working volunteers and longstanding partners such as: Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC), the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), the Green Mountain Club (GMC), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), and the Moosalamoo Association. In addition, new energy with a stewardship ethic is provided by developing partners, including: Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance (RASTA), the Town of Killington, and the Killington Mountain School, Manchester and Mountains Bike Club, Williams College Outing Club, Vermont Trail Trotters, and the Swedish Ski Club. The following highlights capture a few of the successes achieved in the past year:

Forestwide: To gather information from the public the Forest Service initiated a series of open house meetings to develop a forest-wide comprehensive trail strategy for the sustainable management of non-motorized and motorized trails, review potential trail system adjustments and gather comments on specific trails on the Green Mountain National Forest. Meetings were held in August and September in Peru, Hancock, Woodford, Middlebury, Montpelier and Rutland.

**Forestwide:** Many snowmobile, cross country skiing and hiking trail systems across the forest were closed when a powerful, prolonged, heavy wet snowfall along with significant icing damaged trees on December 9-11, 2014. VAST and Catamount Trail Association Clubs volunteered many hours to re-open trails for the season.

**Forestwide:** The Green Mountain Club continued running the Caretakers' Program at high use sites on the AT/LT. Caretakers were stationed at Battell Shelter, Little Rock Pond, Griffith Lake, Stratton Pond, Stratton Fire Tower and Coolidge Ridge Runner. Additionally, the Green Mountain Club managed all privy composters and relocated several pit toilets along the AT/LT.

**Chittenden, VT:** Completed Puss N Kill Trail repairs and bridge replacements with local contractor and Chittenden Dammers VAST club.

**Goshen, VT:** Due to the persistent efforts of the Foote of the Mountain Sno-Travelers VAST Club and the financial support of VAST, replaced the Goshen Dam Trail bridge.

**Granville, VT:** Completed Bowl Mill snowmobile trail relocation with local contractor and Route 100 Snow Travelers VAST club.

**Killington, VT:** Finalized proposal to construct mountain bike trail network in collaboration with the Town of Killington, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Killington Mountain School and a developing VMBA chapter.

**Leicester, VT:** Local VMBA volunteers and Forest Service staff completed vista openings to provide views of Lake Dunmore, Silver Lake and beyond.

**Mendon, VT:** Relocated a portion of the Canty Trail from private to public land and collaborated with Green Mountain Club and the Town of Mendon to develop a parking pull-out for trail access. In addition, completed repairs to the Canty Trail with VYCC crews.

**Middlebury, VT:** Worked with Middlebury College intern and Moosalamoo Association to complete an online, interactive map of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. In cooperation with the Middlebury Bike Club, VMBA, and the Jolly Rovers Trail Crew, hosted a trail workshop to complete tread repairs to the Oak Ridge Trail.

**Rochester, VT:** Collaborated with RASTA to address demands for backcountry skiing opportunities on public land. Developing proposal to add small trail network behind the Rochester Ranger District Office.

**Warren, VT:** Awarded the 2014 U.S. Forest Service Chief's National Honor Award for "Promoting Recreation Opportunities in the Mad River Valley" in recognition of efforts among local businesses, partners and private individuals

to enhance recreation at Warren Falls and Blueberry Lake. In collaboration with the Mad River Riders VMBA Chapter and local businesses, hosted a National Trails Day Event at Blueberry Lake to announce the Phase II construction of the trail network. Completed construction of the Warren Falls parking lot and vista overlook in cooperation with State of Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Warren Public Works Department.

**Bennington, Woodford, and Stamford, VT:** Collaborated with VASA, GMC, VAST, and the Bennington Cycle Club to finalize multi-user trail proposals as part of the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project. CTA volunteers worked with VYCC to construct a 24 foot bridge at Winhall River crossing on the Catamount Trail. They also constructed a 16 foot bridge on North Brookwood Trail at a beaver pond. Other maintenance included installing and reclaiming water bars and ditching, and installing a box culvert at small water crossing near 16 foot bridge.

**Glastenbury, Woodford, Somerset and Searsburg, VT:** The vault toilet at the Route 9 AT/LT parking lot was repaired. The VT Trail Trotters repaired trails, and installed trail signs and markers on the newly designated equestrian trails.

**Londonderry, VT:** CTA volunteers relocated the Catamount Trail from private land to the GMNF and decommissioned an adjacent trail system.

**Manchester, VT:** The Green Mountain Trail Blazers VAST club adopted the Route 11&30 Trailhead and parking lot serving both the Corridor 7 snowmobile trail and the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail. Club members mowed, removed trash, and maintained the information kiosk and bulletin board. VYCC installed a 3-panel information kiosk at Lye Brook Falls Trailhead.

**Mount Tabor and Weston, VT:** VYCC constructed a box culvert on the Catamount Trail.

**Mount Tabor, VT:** completed a three year project to repair the Corridor 7 snowmobile trail and reconstructed the 3 Shanties Bridge damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. Repair and roof replacement was completed on the on vault toilet and information kiosk at the Big Branch Overlook. The Green Mountain Club Volunteer Long Trail Patrol spent one week establishing the relocation of the Old Job Trail.

**Peru, VT:** VYCC opened Hapgood Pond Recreation Area for the season by raking campsites, repairing picnic tables, cleaning vault toilet restrooms, replacing campsite markers and signs, and installing new trail destination signs along the Hapgood Pond Nature trail. VYCC also constructed a 12 foot bridge for a water crossing on the Catamount Trail just north of Little Michigan Trail intersection along with brushing and clearing trees, and cleaning water bars.

The Forest Service upgraded the drinking water system at Hapgood Pond Recreation Area and collaborated with the Manchester and the Mountains Bike Club on a proposal to designate and construct a mountain bike trail network.

The Green Mountain Club Volunteer Long Trail Patrol spent five weeks improving the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long National Recreation Trail between Peru Peak and Styles Peak in the Peru Peak Wilderness.

Pownal, VT: Collaborated with the Williams Outing Club to develop a proposal for the Broad Brook Trail system as part of the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project.

Readsboro, VT: Collaborated with VASA, GMC, and VAST, and to finalize multi-user trail proposals as part of the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project.

Shrewsbury, VT: Reconstruction of the Sargent Brook Bridge that serves as the official Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long Trail National Recreation Trail was completed in the fall through the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned funds. The VYCC worked on the AT/LT just south of Minerva Hinchey shelter. They replaced an 8' and 10' bridge in poor condition and they leveled, and added curbs, to two other 10' bridges. They have done uphill side ditching, benching, rock retaining walls, over 25 rock waterbars, and constructed a rock staircase. They also completed AT/LT tread improvement near Spring Lake Ranch including tread repair near the beacon after a new airport beacon was installed adjacent to the AT/LT. Heavy equipment had to use sections of the AT/LT to access the beacon site.

Somerset, VT: Completed erosion control work and designated a parking area at the Somerset Airfield.

Stratton, VT: VYCC opened Grout Pond Recreation Area for the season by raking all campsites, cleaning out fire rings, repairing picnic tables, replacing all campsite markers and posts, repairing the vault toilet, and cleaning up blow-downs and repairing trail tread on the Pond loop trail sweep. Catamount Trail Association relocated the Catamount Trail to the eastside of Grout Pond and worked with a contractor to repair a section of the Catamount Trail south of Grout pond damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. The University of Vermont Lands program spent one week assessing Stratton Pond recreation area in order to evaluate the overall conditions of the site and to make recommendations for future management of the area.

Weston, VT: VYCC opened Greendale Campground by raking all campsites, cleaning out fire rings, posting seasonal info, opening the gate and replacing all campsite markers. VYCC closed, and restored two dispersed campsites at the end of Greendale Road. The crew brushed and cleared trees, cleaned water bars and re-established drainage structures from the Greendale Trail along with building

ramps on an existing pedestrian bridge.

Wilmington, VT: A GMC trail crew restored a portion of the Binney Brook and Deerfield Ridge Trails.

Winhall, VT: VYCC brushed and cleared trees, cleaned water bars, culverts and ditches on the Catamount Trail.

#### Wilderness:

A team of three Student Conservation Association members worked all summer, spreading their time between Bread Loaf, Bristol Cliffs, Joseph Battell, Big Branch, Peru Peak, Glastenbury, George D. Aiken, and Lye Brook Wildernesses. The crew accomplished work toward meeting the Chief's 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge. In 2014, all wildernesses met the 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the GMNF alongside 20 other partners including local, state and national agencies and non-profit organizations celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act at the Middlebury Bread Loaf Campus. This free event was a day-long celebration including live bluegrass music, conservation and environmental exhibits and a special recognition ceremony.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Quality partnered with the GMNF to collect water samples for Forest's Air Quality Value Plan in Bread Loaf, Bristol Cliffs, Joseph Battell, Big Branch, and George D. Aiken wilderness areas.

#### Special Uses:

68 Land Special Use Permits were administered to standard along with 11 proposals and applications processed to a decision. The applications included one facilitating the permanent replacement of a bridge on State Route 73 in Rochester that was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene, another authorizing access for the replacement of one of the red safety beacons marking high ground in Shrewsbury above the Rutland Airport with a solar powered LED beacon, and a third to facilitate culvert replacement on French Hollow Road in Winhall. 32 Recreation Special Use Permits were managed to standard.

#### Botany Program

Staff and volunteers monitored over 65 populations of 45 species of rare plants Forest-wide, including some populations just off National Forest lands. An SCA crew was hired and trained to monitor all trails in Wilderness, Forest-wide, for non-native invasive plants (NNIP).

For the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project area, staff inventoried over 400 acres for rare plants and NNIP, mostly in the towns of Pownal and Readsboro, including many proposed log roads and landings.

A contractor inventoried 21 wildlife openings (152.4 acres) on the south half of the Forest in the towns of Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, and Winhall, and 15 wildlife openings (59.2 acres) on the north half of the Forest in the towns of Hancock and Granville. Plant walks were held for the public in Hancock, starting at the Town Hall, and in Battell Woods in Middlebury, as well as at White Rocks for Rutland area teens through a Howard Center program.

Aquatic plants were monitored at 6 high elevation ponds in the towns of Wallingford, Sunderland, Stratton, and Woodford.

As a result of grant funds received by the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association (a collaborative group, of which the GMNF is a founding member):

- A coordinator was hired, who surveyed for NNIP along over 20 miles of town and state roads in Goshen and Rochester.
- Garlic mustard pulling events, some involving volunteers, resulted in the removal of 10 small infestations of garlic mustard in Rochester.
- Early Detection Rapid Response was employed to control 12 other infestations of NNIP, largely in Rochester.

Receipts retained from Stewardship Contracting were used to hire the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) to pull wild chervil along ten miles of Forest roads in Granville, and three miles along FR 54 in Lincoln and Ripton. Contractors were hired to treat NNIP infestations at Pine Valley Parking Lot in Woodford, Silver Lake Road in Salisbury, Rob Ford Meadows in Granville, and several locations in Dorset and Peru.

#### Forest Vegetation Management

2014 was another busy year for a growing timber and vegetation management on the Green Mountain National Forest. In federal fiscal year 2014, the Forest sold approximately 9,565 CCF or 6 million board feet of timber, which is approximately 20% more than in recent years. Of this volume, 7,578 CCF was sold in calendar year 2014. Below is a list of specific accomplishments:

- The GMNF awarded the Grouse Stewardship contract in Granville. This is an Integrated Resource Stewardship Contract (IRTC) intended to improve forest health and wildlife habitat. IRTCs include restoration service work items as well as timber removal. These contracts allow the Forest to accomplish restoration work while contributing to the local economies by using timber revenues to fund work through local contractors and other partners such as the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp.
- Sale preparation activities, including timber marking, were completed for the Tucker Brook timber sale and sale preparation was started for the Albert timber sale. Both of these sales are located in Granville and

are associated with the Upper White River Integrated Resource Project. Sale preparation was also completed for the Mad Tom and Pumphouse Stewardship contracts associated with the Dorset-Peru Integrated Resource Project in Peru.

- Completed sale preparation activities for the Moose Campground timber sale in Goshen and Leicester.
- Administered contracts to prepare sites for reforestation on 230 acres and stand improvement thinning on 118 acres to improve forest health of young stands forest wide.
- Provided maple tapping opportunities through six individual permits in the towns of Lincoln, Stockbridge, Pomfret, Wilmington and Mount Tabor. Tapping operations on these permits included over 4,000 taps.
- Continued work on completing about 4,000 acres of forest inventory South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project in Woodford, Stamford, Readsboro, and Pownal.
- Initiated forest inventory data collection for the West Branch/ Liberty Hill project in Rochester.
- Sold permits for approximately 447 cords of firewood, 220 Christmas trees, 1 ton of conifer boughs, and 200 lbs. of mushrooms for public consumption.
- Continued working in restoring native trees, Butternut and American chestnut, with research partners. Continued efforts to locate beech trees that appear to be resistant to beech scale insects, therefore reducing damage and possible death from beech bark disease complex. A database and index of pictures of candidate trees was developed and these trees are being "challenged" through exposure to the scale insect. Genetic material from candidate trees can be collected to propagate resistant trees. In the future, these could be planted in to replace trees affected by the disease.
- Partnered with State of Vermont County foresters on a variety of natural resource management activities.
- Coordinated invasive insect surveys and control efforts through a "Don't Move" firewood program and with the forest health experts from the Durham, NH Field Office of the State and Private Forestry Branch of the USDA Forest Service.
- Worked with the State of VT, Division of Forests Parks & Recreation in planning and implementing "Ash Awareness Week" to increase public awareness of forest health risks associated with the non-native invasive insect, emerald ash borer. No infestations have been identified in the state at this time, but experts expect to detect the insect in the near future. The Forest helped to establish "trap trees" to detect the presence of the emerald ash borer in cooperation with forest health experts from the Durham, NH Field Office of the State and Private Forestry Branch of the USDA Forest Service. These sites were located at higher risk sites on the GMNF including campgrounds.

## Environmental Planning

In calendar year 2014, Forest staff completed 30 site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decisions and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the GMNF Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Highlights to note include the decisions to authorize restoration of roads to a natural condition within the Breadloaf and Joseph Battell Wilderness areas in the towns of Ripton, Granville, Hancock, and Rochester; and activities to restore a stretch of the West Branch White River along highway 73 in the town of Rochester. We also reached a major milestone with the formal initiation of the environmental analysis for the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project in the towns of Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Stamford, and Woodford. The project proposal that includes integrated resource management activities such as timber harvesting to improve forest health and enhance wildlife habitat, aquatic habitat and soil restoration, increased recreation opportunities, improvements to the road system, and protection or enhancement of heritage resource sites was distributed for public comment in October. Continued public involvement will continue throughout 2015 with a final environmental assessment anticipated for completion later in the year. Finally, the ongoing litigation of the Deerfield Wind (Energy Development) Project located in the towns of Searsburg and Readsboro ended in December with the U.S. District Court decision that ruled in favor of the Forest Service. The appeal period for this court decision ends February 23, 2015. The construction of 15 wind tower sites and associated infrastructure is anticipated to begin in late 2015.

## Watershed Improvement

- Trail relocations to reduce the risk of stream sedimentation, and erosion control were completed to improve soil conditions on the Appalachian/Long trail.
- Trail tread and drainage improvements to the Deerfield Ridge Trail in the towns of Wilmington and Searsburg
- Installed bottomless culverts at two locations on Forest Roads in Chittenden (Hayes Brook) and Ripton (Brandy Brook).
- The USFS shared in the cost of culvert replacements with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, White River Partnership and the Town Rochester (Howe Brook) and in (Lockwood Brook) with the Friends of Mad River in the Town of Fayston. The culverts increase flood resiliency and aquatic organism passage.
- A culvert was replaced with a bridge in Mount Tabor. Several culverts were removed and not replaced in Wilderness Areas in the Towns of Rochester and Ripton, allowing aquatic organism passage within the stream reaches in Wilderness Areas.
- Large woody debris placed in Mettawee River (Dorset), Middle Fork Middlebury River (Ripton),

Hayes Brook (Chittenden), Batten Kill (Arlington), and an Otter Creek tributary (Mount. Tabor)

- Channel Restoration in Roaring Branch in the Town of Sunderland coincided with the reconstruction of Kelly Stand Road.
- Assisted the Poultney-Mettawee Conservation District in planting trees along the Mettawee River in Pawlet and West Pawlet.

## Watershed Improvement Inventories

Additional field inventories were completed in 2014 to identify watershed improvement needs in the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project area, in parts of the Towns of Woodford, Stamford, Readsboro, and Pownal. Inventories showed that there are many old roads and trails in need of erosion and sediment control work, and in some cases, closure and rehabilitation. Many of these roads and trails are not official travelways, and have not been maintained by the Forest Service. Over the next two years, the Forest Service plans to continue ongoing work with the public to decide which roads and trails should be managed for long-term recreational use. After this is done, then the most appropriate erosion and sedimentation control, and rehabilitation measures to implement will be determined.

## Soil Monitoring

Soil Disturbance Monitoring was conducted on active timber sales in the towns of Lincoln, Hancock, Winhall, and Peru, to assess soil disturbance levels associated with vegetation management projects.

Soil and water assessments were completed around Stratton Pond, and its trails and dispersed recreation sites, in Stratton, VT

## Forest Ecosystem Research and Monitoring

The following is a list of research and monitoring activities conducted on the Forest:

- Gus Goodwin in partnership with Don Ross and Jen Pontius of UVM, Scott Bailey of the FS Northern Research Station, and Larry Becker and Marjorie Gale of the Vermont Geological Survey – continuation of the development of a geospatial model of soil parent material chemistry and mineralogy on the GMNF. Sampling took place in the Towns of Bethel, Bristol, Chittenden, Granville, Hancock, Jamaica, Lincoln, Manchester, Mendon, Middlebury, Mount Tabor, Ripton, Rochester, Rupert, Sunderland, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Warren, Weston, and Woodford.
- Paul Schaberg, Northern Research Station – continuation of cold tolerance study of American chestnut planted at Fays Meadow in Brandon.



- Sandy Wilmot and Barbara Schultz of the VT Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation and Jen Pontius of UVM – collaboration to expand on existing long-term monitoring plots to establish a network of long-term forest health monitoring plots across VT that can be measured yearly to improve assessments of changes in species demographics, mortality, and stress symptoms across Vermont's forested landscape. Plot locations have been approved in the Towns of, Leicester, Rupert, Salisbury and Winhall, at the same locations as previously established monitoring plots.

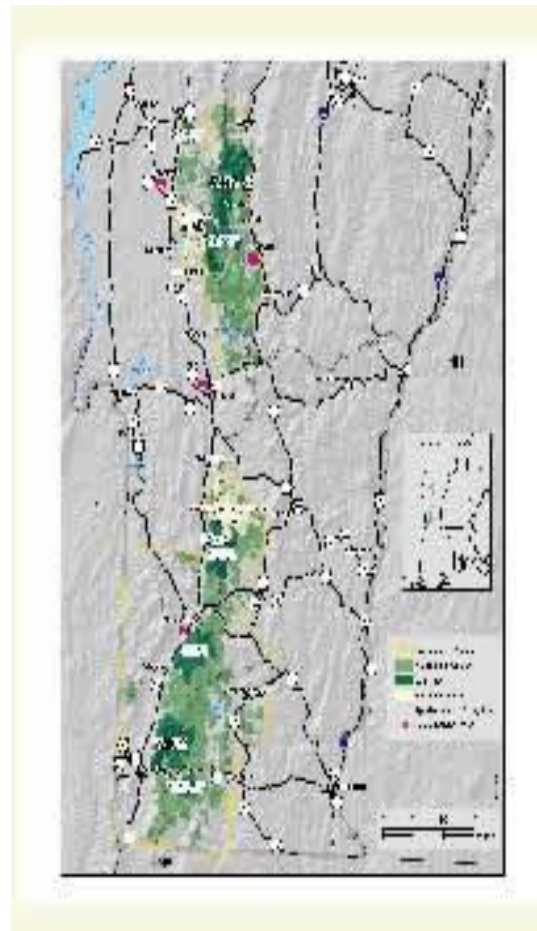
### **Fire Activities**

Prescribed fire was used to reduce hazardous fuels and maintain upland openings for wildlife habitat. Approximately 138 acres were burned in the towns of Mount tabor, Peru, Weston, Winhall, Woodford and Stratton.

Smokey Bear attended several events this past year to spread the wildfire prevention message and support conservation education. Smokey's appearances included: his own 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at Fenway Park; Vermont State Fair- Kid's Day, Rutland, VT; Harvest Festival in Pittsford, VT ; Wilderness 50th Anniversary in Rip-ton, VT; Home Depot, Rutland, VT; Orwell Elementary School, Orwell, VT; Green Mountain College kids exploration day, Poultney, VT.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure.

Forest Service Offices in Vermont: Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 PM.



The Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) encompasses more than 400,000 acres in southwestern and central Vermont, forming the largest contiguous public land area in the State.

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Hapgood Pond Recreation Area

# Budgeted Appropriations



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

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

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

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

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





## East Dorset Fire District #1

This past year East Dorset Fire Dept. has had 125 calls averaging roughly 26,568 man hours. This does not include hours for training or fund raising.

The calls are broken down as follows:

Car accidents.....	5
Co-Alarms.....	1
Animal rescue.....	1
Trees and wires down.....	3
Brush fires.....	2
Smoke alarms.....	5
Good intent .....	2

Mutual aid calls were:

Dorset .....	76
Danby .....	23
Manchester .....	6
Wallingford.....	1

Not only do we do firefighting and car accidents, we also do cold water rescue, snowmobile rescue and woods rescue. As always we are looking for new members.

The officers this year are:

Chief- John Niles,

1<sup>ST</sup> Assistant-Howard Towsley

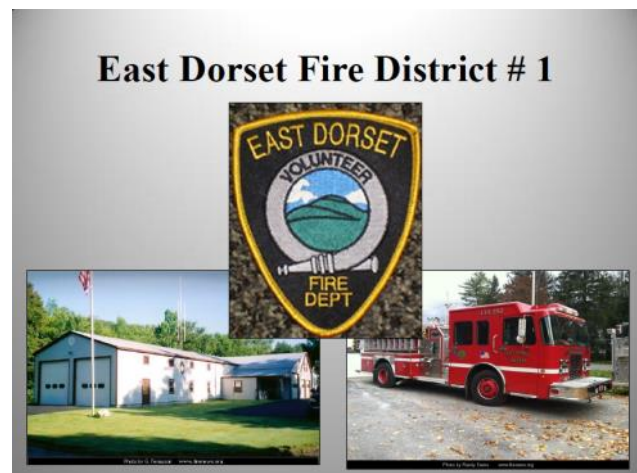
2<sup>ND</sup> Assistant- Chip Straub

Rescue Capt.- Mike Thompson

Capt-Cameron Perham

Capt- Randy Young

Respectfully submitted,  
John Niles  
Chief



## EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1-FIRE DIVISION

		2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 BUDGET
FIREHOUSE				
2000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,727	\$ 7,500
2100	UTILITIES	\$ 5,600	\$ 6,973	\$ 7,000
2200	SUPPLIES	\$ 250	\$ 100	\$ 250
APPARATUS				
3000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,953	\$ 10,000
3001	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,376	\$ 15,000
3002	FUEL	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,031	\$ 5,000
3003	RADIOS	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,702	\$ 3,000
3005	TRUCK SINKING FUND	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
3006	TRUCK PAYMENT	\$ 35,017	\$ 35,017	\$ 35,017
PERSONNEL				
4000	PROTECTIVE GEAR	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,830	\$ 7,000
4001	AIR BOTTLES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
4002	DUES/TRAINING	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,436	\$ 1,500
4004	MEALS	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,409	\$ 1,500
4200	FEC	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,650	\$ 8,500
ADMINISTRATION				
5000	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,800
5001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 300	\$ 392	\$ 900
5005	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$ 100	\$ 57	\$ 100
5200	INSURANCE	\$ 18,500	\$ 17,345	\$ 18,500
5202	FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,273	\$ 1,500
TOTAL		\$ 134,567	\$ 140,368	\$ 134,067



## Dorset Fire District #1

### Dorset Fire District #1



The Dorset Fire District responded to 105 calls during 2014. Call break-down as follows:

Accident with Injuries	7	Manchester	2
Brush Fires	2	Pawlet	1
Burnt Food	10	Rupert	2
Chimney Fires	3	Smoke Condition	4
CO2 Alarm	6	Wires down	2
CO2 problem	3	Trees Across Road	1
East Dorset	20	Pole Fire	1
EMS Assist	3	Structure Fire	1
Fire Alarms	23	Trees on Wires	2
911 phone standby	1	Electrical problem house	2
Good Intent Call	4	Water Problem	1
Hazmat	2		
Stove Grill fire	2		

For the year, the firemen had 882.5 hours of in-house training with some firemen taking an additional 54 hours of fire school training. There are also two firefighters attending the Firefighter 1 course this year.

The Dorset Fire District serves over 1,000 property owners as well as oversees the water system for Dorset with approximately 180 customers. Our annual meeting is held on the second Monday in May – **May 11, 2015.**

Respectively submitted, Jack Stannard  
Prudential Committee Chairman





**DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1**

		<b>2013-2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014-2015 BUDGET</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
	<b>Fire Tax</b>	\$ 213,191	\$ 230,630
	<b>Fire Tax - Delin- quent</b>	\$ 18,985	
	<b>Interest Income</b>	\$ 226	\$ 200
	<b>Town Appropria- tion</b>	<u>\$ 1,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		\$ 233,602	\$ 232,030
<b>Expenditures</b>			
	<b>Clerk Fees</b>	\$ 9,480	\$ 10,080
	<b>Dues &amp; Subscrip- tions</b>	\$ 1,003	\$ 1,050
	<b>Education &amp; Reten- tion Plann</b>	\$ 20,197	\$ 25,000
	<b>Electric</b>	\$ 3,038	\$ 3,000
	<b>Fireman's Dinner</b>	\$ 3,404	\$ 3,500
	<b>Fireman's Training</b>	\$ 2,137	\$ 3,500
	<b>Gas/Diesel Fuel</b>	\$ 2,843	\$ 4,500
	<b>Generator</b>	\$ 25,503	\$ -
	<b>Heating Oil</b>	\$ 3,998	\$ 3,500
	<b>Insurance</b>	\$ 14,116	\$ 15,000
	<b>Maintenance - Equipment</b>	\$ 7,163	\$ 7,000
	<b>Maintenance - Fire- house</b>	\$ 4,835	\$ 32,500
	<b>Maintenance - Vehi- cles</b>	\$ 14,293	\$ 13,000
	<b>New Equipment</b>	\$ 41,275	\$ 42,000
	<b>New Truck Payment</b>	\$ 35,746	\$ 36,000
	<b>Postage/Printing</b>	\$ 1,767	\$ 1,600
	<b>Professional &amp; Clerk Fees</b>	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000
	<b>Sinking Fund</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
	<b>Supplies</b>	\$ 708	\$ 800
	<b>Telephone</b>	<u>\$ 2,749</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$ 215,455	\$ 232,030
<b>Net Revenue**</b>		<b>\$ 18,147</b>	

**\*\*this amount is transferred into the Truck Escrow Fund**



## Manchester Rescue Squad

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Manchester Rescue Squad (MRS) is a private non-profit organization that provides primary EMS coverage to Manchester, Dorset, Danby, Mt. Tabor and parts of Winhall as well as mutual aid coverage to neighboring EMS services.

We provide the communities we serve with paramedic level service and strive to keep abreast of the ever changing medical technology available for the pre-hospital setting. MRS prides itself with having the most technologically advanced equipment available.

In addition to providing emergency medical coverage, mutual aid to neighboring EMS services and scheduled medically necessary transfers when available, MRS also provides education to the community in the form of CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillation) and First Aid courses.

Call per town fiscal year 2013-2014

Manchester	815	Bennington	27
Dorset	148	Londonderry	10
East Dorset	58	Pawlet	5
Danby	78	Peru	3
Mount Tabor	14	Rutland	5
Winhall	20	Stratton	3
Rupert	5	Wallingford	1
Arlington	9	Total	1201

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Casey, CCEMT-P  
Chief Operations Officer



Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000-1 · Current Income

4000 · Patient Med Ins Receipts 431,783.21

4005 · Patient Direct Payments 28,828.51

4010 · Municipal

4010-1 · Manchester 10,000.00

4010-2 · Dorset 18,000.00

4010-3 · Danby 1,500.00

4010-4 · Mt Tabor 900.00

4010-6 · Rupert 750.00

4010 · Municipal - Other 27,000.00

Total 4010 · Municipal 58,150.00

4013 · Annual Fund 104,637.82

4022 · Subscriptions - Donations 22,879.00

4025 · Subscriptions 70,825.00

4031 · CPR Classes 1,274.50

4500 · Ambulance Coverage 2,870.00

Total 4000-1 · Current Income 721,248.04

4015 · Memorials 435.00

4020 · Gen Contributions 575.00

4100 · Interest Earned 3.23

4150 · Investments

4110 · Investment Income - STCG 21,157.88

4151 · Endowment-Interest 10,872.56

4152 · Investments-Dividends 9,241.01

4153 · Market Changes -6,259.06

4150 · Investments - Other 122.74

Total 4150 · Investments 35,135.13

4400 · Fund Raising - Ambulance 0.00

4550 · New Income

4503 · Contributions other 19,418.00

4551 · Annual Fund x2 -19,418.00

Total 4550 · New Income 0.00

Total Income

757,396.40

## Manchester Rescue Squad

### Expense

#### 5000.1 · Administrative Expense

5010 · Wages (Medical Staff)	556,203.49
5015 · Holiday Pay	11,155.13
5020 · Overtime	94,055.61
5030 · Vacation	16,202.46
5100 · Building Maint/Cleaning	1,912.97
5150 · Building Cleaning Supplies	797.03
5505 · Employee Medical Insurance	43,819.97
6001 · Insurance EXP	
6004 · Workmen's Compensation	35,545.40
6007 · Public Officials	2,148.00
6008 · Prop/IM/Crime	668.80
6009 · Auto	3,958.80
6010 · Employment Practices	1,000.00
6011 · General Liability	4,268.80
6019 · Excess	5,441.00
6001 · Insurance EXP - Other	353.95
Total 6001 · Insurance EXP	53,384.75
6012 · Functions	
6014 · Meeting Exp, food	34.85
Total 6012 · Functions	34.85
6020 · Misc-reimb.sub mutual aid	410.91
6049 · Professional Services	
6050 · Accounting	1,800.00
6051 · Legal	1,015.00
6052 · Billing - medical services	61,792.99
6054 · Prof Organizations	150.00
6055 · Bookkeeping	8,225.00
6056 · Medical for staff/vol	600.00
6565 · Simple IRA - Company	3,900.00
Total 6049 · Professional Services	77,482.99
6300 · Office Supplies/Softwear	
6305 · Equipment	1,626.87
6310 · Software	160.49
6315 · Equipment Contracts	2,460.00
6300 · Office Supplies/Softwear - Other	1,371.95
Total 6300 · Office Supplies/Softwear	5,619.31

## Manchester Rescue Squad

6311 • Office Supplies - General	1,000.68
6400 • Subscription - Fundraising	2,459.00
6560 • Payroll Expenses	34,028.25
6750 • Utilities	
6755 • Electricity	4,511.12
6760 • Water	635.94
6765 • Heat	14,290.42
Total 6750 • Utilities	19,437.48
5000.1 • Administrative Expense - Other	-233,233.08
Total 5000.1 • Administrative Expense	684,771.80
5080 • Payroll Service charge	1,118.55
5490 • Grounds/Snow/Sewer - MTO Charge	6,100.00
6000.01 • Direct Service Expense	
5200 • Crew Expense	
5210 • Member Appreciation Program	340.00
Total 5200 • Crew Expense	340.00
5300 • Communications/Repairs	
5310 • Radio	3,200.00
5330 • Cellular	1,499.61
5340 • Telephone/Internet	2,248.56
Total 5300 • Communications/Repairs	6,948.17
5700 • Medical Equipment	
5701 • Medical Equipment Contracts	4,391.10
5702 • Medical Equipment Repairs	258.00
5703 • Medical Equipment - Monitors	-22,887.88
5700 • Medical Equipment - Other	32.95
Total 5700 • Medical Equipment	-18,205.83
5710 • Medical supplies	
5711 • Oxygen	2,023.10
5710 • Medical supplies - Other	28,494.17
Total 5710 • Medical supplies	30,517.27
5800 • Education	
5805 • Volunteer Course Expense	1,017.96
5845 • EMS Conference	75.00
5855 • Instuctors Expense	450.00
Total 5800 • Education	1,542.96



## Manchester Rescue Squad

6033 · Educational Supplies	
6034 · Medical Training Supplies	594.00
6035 · CPR Class Supplies	<u>1,267.55</u>
Total 6033 · Educational Supplies	1,861.55
6500 · Staff Recruitment	223.00
6680 · Travel & Meeting Expense	
6685 · Travel	358.75
6690 · Conference/Convention	<u>0.00</u>
Total 6680 · Travel & Meeting Expense	358.75
6700 · Uniforms	7,735.04
6800 · Vehicles Maintenance/Repairs	
6810 · Diesel Fuel Usage	23,650.14
6820 · Repairs & Maintenance	<u>11,880.64</u>
Total 6800 · Vehicles Maintenance/Repairs	<u>35,530.78</u>
Total 6000.01 · Direct Service Expense	66,851.69
6002 · Interest EXP	1,286.83
6003 · Investment fees	
6006 · Foreign Tax Fees - Investments	41.91
6003 · Investment fees - Other	<u>5,301.12</u>
Total 6003 · Investment fees	5,343.03
6016 · EXP Contributions/Donations	250.00
6017 · Public Relations/Fundraising	134.87
6100 · Subscriber Mutual Aid	100.00
6330 · Postage & Printing	1,455.09
6331 · Fund Raising Postage & Printing	1,180.19
6450 · Depreciation & Amorization	45,573.00
6996 · Bank Service Charges	<u>388.69</u>
Total Expense	<u>814,553.74</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-57,157.34</u>
Net Income	<u>-57,157.34</u>

## Dorset Old Cemetery Report

The historical cemeteries around Dorset were taken care of by many volunteers again this year. We would like to extend a special thanks to them for helping to keep Dorset's old cemeteries mowed and in great shape. The volunteers are:

David Bentley	Bob Alper
David Lawrence	Harold Beebe
The Dorset Road Crew	The Emerald Lake State Park Crew
Mark Alspaugh	Charles Galante

These volunteers have taken care of the following 10 Historical Cemeteries in Dorset:

Danby Mtn Rd (Hazelton)	Bowen Hill Rd (Dayton)
North Dorset (Whitney)	Bowen Hill Rd (Clifford)
Dorset Hollow (Armstrong)	Route 7 (Curtis)
Dorset Hill Rd (Old Catholic)	Dorset Hill Rd (Collson)
Dorset Hill Rd (McDonald)	Morse Hill Rd

<b>Balance on Hand (1-10-2014)</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
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Received from Town	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Cash	<u>\$900.00</u>

Expenses:

Maintenance 5 Small Cemeteries	\$300.00
Dorset Hill Large Cemetery	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$450.00</u>

<b>Balance on Hand (1-15-2015)</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Douglas Beebe

# Voter Approved Appropriations



Dorset Library



East Dorset Cemetery Association



Bennington Coalition for the Homeless



SOUTHWESTERN  
VERMONT  
COUNCIL ON AGING



Dorset Marble Preservation  
Association, Inc. (DMPA )

## Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ)



Over this past year, CRJ expanded services to people throughout Bennington County. Our newest DLS diversion program helped over 35 people with suspended driver's licenses get legally back on the road and on payment plans so they can pay down their fines. Over 190 adults and 30 juveniles were given the opportunity to make amends to their victims and the community through our alternative restorative court diversion and reparative programs. Nearly 150 young people with civil underage drinking or possession of marijuana violations participated in substance abuse intervention and education programming supporting them to get the help they need and not to reoffend. And over 110 other individuals received CRJ services through our after-school, mentoring, skill development, truancy and home-based case management programs.

The positive impacts our programs have on the community are numerous. By supporting at-risk teens through our many skill development and prevention programs helps save communities countless dollars in the future. Cases diverted through the traditional justice system to our Court Diversion Program, Adult Reparative Program and Juvenile Restorative Panels frees up court's time allowing it to deal with more serious offenses and saves valuable tax payer dollars. Young adults reentering the community from incarceration are taught the skills they need to get their lives on the right track and become productive members of the community. Victims are empowered to have a voice in the system and receive restitution for their losses and have the harm caused to them repaired. Nearly 50 volunteers drive our community restorative justice programs taking the burden off our already stressed criminal justice system. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about our programs or various volunteer opportunities to visit our website at [www.bcrj.org](http://www.bcrj.org).

CRJ is sincerely grateful for your continued community support and partnership.

<b><i>FY 2014 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT</i></b>		
<b>Revenue:</b>	State Grants	300,564
	Other Grants	750
	School Funding	25,250
	Fees- Diversion/TASP	32,822
	Town Funding	5,850
	Contributions, Fundraising	1,922
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>367,158</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Personnel	268,036
	Facilities	23,492
	Operations	52,662
	Ins/WC	6,875
	Volunteer training	3,105
	Prof Fees	12,988
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>367,158</b>

Respectfully Submitted

Leitha Cipriano, Executive Director



# BROC

*Community Action in Southwestern Vermont*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2014

October 1, 2013–September 30, 2014



INSPIRES



IMPROVES



ENCOURAGES



HELPS

### Community Services & Outreach

9,354 individuals accessed many services, including:

2,238 individuals received household budget counseling.

3,709 individuals received case management.

11,422 emergency food shelf assists were provided.

12,307 USDA Commodities packages helped supplement food budgets.



905 households needed Crisis Fuel assistance and 1,289 households needed emergency energy support.

286 households had their tax return prepared by BROC for FREE!

729 individuals received some form of housing or homeless assistance.

147 people were provided with clothing or furnishings.

995 individuals were referred to get registered to vote.

424 households were helped navigate the Vermont Health Connect system.

### Economic & Workforce Development

168 individuals worked toward their dream of business ownership or expansion through business plan development, capital acquisition and cash flow assistance, financial and personnel management services.

73 people received transitional employment skills training.

24 individuals enrolled in the IDA matched savings program to save for home ownership, post-secondary education or business start-up.



*Rays of Sunshine opening*

### Weatherization and Energy Conservation

237 housing units were weatherized and made safe and more affordable.

85 furnaces or boilers had a clean and tune performed. 103 heating systems were replaced.

BROC staff helped train weatherization crews at a sister agency, working on 11 homes in southeastern Vermont.



*Multi family units weatherized in Bennington*

### Nutrition Education (Child and Adult Care Food Program)

61 child care provider homes received partial reimbursement for serving nutritious meals and snacks to children in their care, as well as nutrition advice from staff. Our program provided 19,074 meals to approximately 610 children.



CREATES  
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### BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of BROCC's Board of Directors, we are grateful for the continuing support and trust that our partners, donors and funders place in us. We welcome Carol Flint as our new Executive Director who brings many years of leadership and experience with community action to our agency.

We are pleased to recognize the outcomes and achievements of our employees in Bennington and Rutland who have worked so hard to benefit the low-income community and support BROCC's mission.

We know that our new location in Rutland will allow us to provide better services and we look forward to expanding partnerships in the communities we serve.

*Mary Jean Inglee*

### BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont Statement of Activity

For the Year Ending September 30, 2014

#### Revenue & Support

Grants	\$5,417,412
Contributions	85,747
Commodities	87,123
Rental Income	129,544
Store Revenue	32,913
Service Provider Income	45,971
Contracts	330,567
Other	130,338
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$6,259,614</b>

#### Expenses

Community Services	\$2,140,551
Community Development	303,807
Economic Development	266,260
Weatherization	2,827,032
Nutrition Education	434,268
Other Programs	167,113
General & Administrative	68,227
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,207,258</b>

2013 - 2014

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Jean Inglee, President  
Cinda Danton, Vice President  
George Sabol, Treasurer  
Gina Vickers, Secretary  
Ray Haynes  
Penny Willette  
Muriel Rice  
Christina Swidrak  
Christopher Hoyt  
Kelly Moriarty  
Rev. David Bort

### OUR MISSION

BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont is committed to empower, support and educate individuals and families in a manner which fosters personal growth, responsibility, and self-sufficiency through family stabilization and development; education, training, and job creation; affordable housing; and expanding community awareness and advocacy in a nurturing environment of respect and dignity ever mindful of cultural diversity.

### Message from Executive Director

I am so pleased to be here at BROCC as your new Executive Director. This year has brought many changes to BROCC. We've said goodbye to Linda Rooker, our previous Executive Director. We've acquired a new building at 45 Union Street in Rutland from Green Mountain Power. The beautiful new building will hold all of our administrative offices and programs for Rutland County in one location. We have a beautiful Weatherization Garage providing storage for inventory and Weatherization trucks. And, best of all, there is plenty of parking.

The numbers speak for themselves. We continue to provide services for basic needs for thousands of people in Rutland and Bennington counties. We help with food, fuel, job search, workforce development, financial empowerment, weatherizing homes, energy coaching, providing nutritious meals for children in child care, health care navigation services, housing assistance, business coaching and counseling, business plan development and more. Together, with our community partners, we work to help people improve their lives and their futures.

2015 brings many challenges including reduced or level funding for many of our programs. We plan to listen carefully to the people we serve in order to best focus our resources. During 2015, we will be focusing more on coordinating and integrating programs and developing additional programming to reduce poverty. The strengths and talents of BROCC's employees are our greatest asset. Together, we will continue to advocate for the needs of low income Vermonters.

*Carol Flint*





## **Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless**

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (BCCH) gratefully acknowledges the Town of Dorset's support for Bennington County families and individuals experiencing homelessness. BCCH strives to prevent and end homelessness by providing emergency overnight shelter, short term emergency housing, transitional housing, long-term intensive case management, and supportive services for all people seeking to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. BCCH works cooperatively with partner agencies, local NGO's, and the faith community to coordinate services for families and individuals seeking support to transition from homelessness to sustainable housing.

During FY 2014, BCCH served over 400 families and individuals. Almost 40 percent of those served were the children of homeless parents. The drop-in center is open 7 days a week during the day for clients to prepare a meal, use the computer to search and apply for available job opportunities, have a shower, or meet with a case manager. In the evening, this same location serves as the emergency overnight shelter.

BCCH currently houses 45 people each evening in our three shelter facilities: Good Shepherd Overnight Emergency Shelter, Thatcher House short-term emergency housing units, and McCall Street transitional apartments. All three locations serve families with children as well as couples and single adults.

Less than half of the BCCH annual budget is made up of state and federal aid. The remainder of the budget is made up of town funding appropriations, foundation grants, and donations from businesses and individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Avaloy Haynes Lanning  
Executive Director  
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless  
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Bennington, VT 05201

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802-753-7205

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless			2015 Operating Budget					Current and Prior Years				Comments/Notes	
Bennington , Vermont			Good	Thatcher	McCall	Fundraising	G & A	Total 2015	2014	Fy14 Actual	2013		
a/c #	G/L Account	Shepherd	House	House	House			Opr Budget	Budget	thru March	Actual	2012	Actual
<b>Operating Income:</b>													
35221	EOE T/A Grant						\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 10,500		
35231	HUD-VSHA/COC				\$ 50,505			\$ 50,505	\$ 41,225	\$ 45,104	\$ 20,608		
37201	OE0-ESGP	\$ 38,500	\$ 38,500					\$ 77,000	\$ 56,853	\$ 42,640	\$ 93,836	\$ 47,350	
37202	HUD-SHP							\$ -			\$ 45,934	\$ 99,980	
37203	FEMA	\$ 4,500						\$ 4,500		\$ 9,889	\$ 3,788		
	HPRP							\$ -				\$ 33,759	
37221	VT Community Foundation		\$ 5,000					\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000		
37301	Dept of Corrections							\$ -	\$ 77,916	\$ 13,478	\$ 28,008	\$ 89,211	
38101	Town Appropriation					\$ 27,500		\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 10,470	\$ 29,550	\$ 29,920	
38201	United Way							\$ -			\$ 1,000		
38202	Fundraising-Annual Giving							\$ -		\$ 14,696	\$ 3,113	\$ 13,946	
38203	Donations-Corporate							\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 16,863	\$ 1,300	\$ 830	
38212	Donations-Monetary					\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,120	\$ 36,800	\$ 5,305	
38206	Donations-Individual							\$ -	\$ 21,831	\$ 1,635	\$ 14,392	\$ 15,132	
38207	Fundraising							\$ -	\$ 15,650	\$ 14,591	\$ 229		
38501	Grants (BROC)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000					\$ 10,000		\$ 664		\$ 10,813	
38209	Donations-In Kind					\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000		\$ 150			
38210	Fuel Subsidy	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,666				\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,318	\$ 8,967		
38315	Resident Rent & Fees		\$ -	\$ 7,500				\$ 7,500	\$ 25,332	\$ 10,551	\$ 76,312	\$ 69,410	
38321	Miscellaneous Income							\$ -		\$ 12	\$ 465		
38511	Foundation Grants					\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 5,556	\$ 100		
38801	Gain/Loss on sale of Asset							\$ -		\$ (4,343)	\$ 364		
	Total Income	\$ 49,667	\$ 50,167	\$ 59,671	\$ 102,500	\$ 60,000	\$ 322,005	\$313,807	\$206,644	\$380,266	\$415,656		
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>													
61201	Salaries-Regular					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 45,774			
61202	Salaries-Direct Care	\$ 45,464	\$ 29,321	\$ 42,500	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 129,785	\$ 69,942	\$ 44,828	\$109,311	\$234,014		
61203	Salaries-Overnight						\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407	\$ 25,077			
62122	Contracted Services							\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 590		
63101	FICA Match	\$ 2,819	\$ 1,818	\$ 2,635	\$ -	\$ 775	\$ 8,047	\$ 6,816	\$ 2,866	\$ 11,105	\$ 14,509		
63102	MEDI Match	\$ 659	\$ 425	\$ 616	\$ -	\$ 181	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,594	\$ 670	\$ 2,597	\$ 3,393		
63511	State U/E	\$ 1,031	\$ 665	\$ 964	\$ -	\$ 283	\$ 2,943	\$ 6,156	\$ 2,352	\$ 5,467	\$ 5,907		
63521	Workers Compensation	\$ 1,023	\$ 659	\$ 956	\$ -	\$ 281	\$ 2,919	\$ 9,809	\$ 6,453	\$ 5,853			
64101	Legal & Accounting			\$ -		\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,734	\$ 12,044			
64105	Consulting Services					\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		\$ 1,000	\$ 2,270			
65110	Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,600	\$ 900			\$ 700	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,440	\$ 1,903	\$ 5,153			
65120	Postage	\$ 100			\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 387			
65210	Equipment Maint/Repairs	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 52	\$ 328			
65220	Equipment Depreciation					\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 247	\$ 331			
65230	Equipment Rental					\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,200	\$ 821	\$ 1,111			

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless				2015 Operating Budget				Current and Prior Years				Comments/Notes	
Bennington, Vermont		Good Shepherd	Thatcher House	McCall House	Fundraising	G & A	Total 2015 Opr Budget	2014 Budget	FY14 Actual thru March	2013 Actual	2012 Actual		
a/c #	G/L Account												
65232	Storage Rental						\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,630			
65320	Computer Expenses	\$ 385	\$ 385	\$ 385			\$ 1,155	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 717			
65410	Meetings/Trainings					\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 107	\$ 335			
65420	Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 275			
65441	Insurance D&O					\$ 1,427	\$ 1,427	\$ 1,248	\$ 680				
65442	Insurance General Liability	\$ 769	\$ 769	\$ 769			\$ 2,307	\$ 8,478	\$ 2,759	\$ 5,369	\$ 21,499		
65450	Office Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 200			\$ 500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ 557	\$ 2,501			
65456	Fundraising Expenses				\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 946				
65460	Interest Expense						\$ -	\$ 4,753	\$ 11				
65465	Finance/Penalty Fees						\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 557	\$ 1,763			
65471	Bank Fees						\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 2	\$ 474			
65480	Staff Recruiting/Advertising						\$ -	\$ 80					
	Resident, Rent, Security Dep, Utilities, etc						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,485		
66101	Program Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ 1,500	\$ 2,095	\$ 98	\$ 1,524	\$ 20,683		
66105	Client Expense						\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 358			
66811	Printing Expense					\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ (2,082)			
67120	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150			\$ 450			\$ -			
67130	Vehicle Depreciation						\$ -			\$ 589			
67150	Vehicle Insurance	\$ 779					\$ 779			\$ -			
67211	Staff Travel Reimbursement	\$ 500	\$ 100				\$ 600		\$ 485	\$ 757	\$ 30		
67212	Staff Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 600					\$ 600		\$ 603	\$ 1,409			
68101	Building Rental	\$ 20,700	\$ 23,100			\$ 3,300	\$ 47,100	\$ 44,400	\$ 33,300	\$ 58,467	\$ 46,601		
68200	Property Taxes			\$ 4,200			\$ 4,200	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,826	\$ 3,717	\$ 3,684		
68310	Electricity	\$ 3,836	\$ 8,500	\$ 4,000		\$ 1,500	\$ 17,836	\$ 11,540	\$ 10,557	\$ 16,156	\$ 13,000		
68320	Heat/Fuel	\$ 4,500	\$ 8,900	\$ 12,000		\$ 3,800	\$ 29,200	\$ 23,100	\$ 25,313	\$ 34,402	\$ 24,789		
68331	Water/Sewer	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,600		\$ 1,000	\$ 7,700	\$ 10,750	\$ 5,166	\$ 9,561	\$ 4,269		
68332	Trash Removal	\$ 700	\$ 750	\$ 1,500		\$ 300	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,490	\$ 2,673	\$ 5,494	\$ 4,468		
68333	Other Utilities						\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 940	\$ 7,671		
68410	Building Repairs/Maint	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 3,000			\$ 4,000	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,967	\$ 33,481	\$ 6,446		
68510	Building Depreciation			\$ 17,340			\$ 17,340	\$ 17,344	\$ 11,381	\$ 15,175	\$ 17,344		
68520	Leasehold Improve Depr						\$ -		\$ 247	\$ 1,157			
68610	Building Insurance	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 802		\$ 170	\$ 1,372		\$ 450	\$ 347			
68620	Mortgage Interest			\$ 6,800			\$ 6,800		\$ 5,312	\$ 5,478	\$ 4,998		
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 89,514	\$ 80,942	\$100,817	\$ 1,150	\$ 58,718	\$ 331,141	\$301,919	\$ 182,110	\$428,815	\$454,392		
	Admin Allocation												
	Total Expenses	\$ 89,514	\$ 80,942	\$100,817	\$ 1,150	\$ 58,718	\$ 331,141	\$301,919	\$ 182,110	\$428,815	\$454,392		
	Operating Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (39,847)	\$ (30,775)	\$ (41,146)	\$ 101,350	\$ 1,282	\$ (9,136)	\$ 11,888	\$ 24,534	\$ (48,549)	\$ (38,736)		

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless		2015 Operating Budget				Current and Prior Years				Comments/Notes
Bennington , Vermont	Good Shepherd	Thatcher House	McCall House	Fundraising	G & A	Total 2015 Opr Budget	2014 Budget	Fy14 Actual thru March	2013 Actual	
a/c #	G/L Account									
	Residents/Beds	6	7	4		17				
		35.3%	41.2%	23.5%		100.0%				
		Enter only the Percentage (%) to allocate Annual wages:				Annual				
Staff Positions:		Shelter	Thatcher	McCall	Fundraising	G & A				
Case Manager, 30hrs/wk	T.S.	44.10%	30.70%	25.20%			\$ 26,520	100.00%		
Resident Manager, 40hrs/wk	S.F.	33.50%	50.00%	16.50%			\$ 28,080	100.00%		
Executive Director	??				25.00%	75.00%	\$ -	100.00%		
Support Worker 24hrs/wk		100.00%					\$ 13,104	100.00%		
							\$ -	0.00%		
							\$ -	0.00%		
							\$ -	0.00%		
							\$ -	0.00%		
							\$ -	0.00%		
Example:		33.30%	33.30%	33.40%			\$ -	100.00%		
							\$ 67,704			
		35.030%	22.592%	32.747%	0.000%	9.631%	100.000%			
State Unemployment		\$ 1,031	\$ 665	\$ 964	\$ -	\$ 283	\$ 2,943			
Workers Compensation		\$ 1,023	\$ 659	\$ 956	\$ -	\$ 281	\$ 2,919			



## **Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center**

The Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), part of the Corporation for National and Community Service-Senior Corps, is a nation-wide program for people age 55 and older who wish to make positive impacts in the communities in which they reside. Through meaningful and significant use of their ~ Skills-and knowledge, they volunteer their services to programs and non-profits in the local area. At Green Mountain RSVP we view our senior population as our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong through volunteerism.

RSVP has been helping local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and placing volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Bennington County. Our volunteers address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors. They include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, tax assistance, supporting blood drives and transportation. For instance in our companionship & wellness programs we offer 13Bone Builder classes throughout Bennington County serving over 400 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in the Dorset area have served hours delivering for Meals on Wheels, supporting local Elementary schools with tutors and mentors and supporting local residents with hospice services. They also taught Bone Builder classes, benefiting many area residents, along with numerous other community priorities throughout Bennington County. GMRSVP volunteers from Dorset donated well over 280 hours of service over the last year. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Bennington County in the upcoming year.

You are always welcome to contact us in our Bennington office at (802) 447-1546 and speak to our coordinator Cathy Aliberti or reach me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 447-1545. We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank-you for your continued support of our program.

Sincerely,

Elaine Haytko

GMRSVP Director

ehaytko@svcoa.net

Green Mountain RSVP - SVCOA Fiscal Year 10/1-9/30

Bennington County

**Revenue**

Federal Grant	\$47,994
State Fund	12,591
Town Funds	\$16,425
Other Fund Raising	\$762
Total Revenue	\$77,772

**Expenses**

Salaries	\$49,945
Fringe	\$15,077
Lng Dist Travel	\$266
Local Travel	\$797
Supplies	\$1,329
Maint/Tech Support	\$797
Accountant	\$399
Communication	\$1,329
Postage	\$532
Rent	\$3,827
Utilities	\$266
Reporter	\$239
Background Checks	\$266
Meals	\$133
Volunteer Insurance	\$1,243
Volunteer Travel	\$133
Recognition	\$1,196
Total Expense	\$77,772





**SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT  
COUNCIL ON AGING**

**Report to the Citizens of Dorset**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Dorset in 2014:

***Senior Meals:***

The Council helped provide 1,110 meals that were delivered to the homes of 9 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". We also supply "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. In addition, 31 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 836 meals were provided.

***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management staff helped 23 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

***Other Services and Support:***

1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues through our Elder Care Clinician and Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor; 8) Transportation assistance for rides to meet an elder's medical and social needs; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing care to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

## Southwestern Vermont Council On Aging

### Income

	<u>FY14 Actual</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>
Federal	\$1,704,587	\$1,583,408
State	\$1,107,871	\$1,071,041
Town	\$63,080	\$49,183
Donations	\$18,619	\$12,500
Interest	\$3,021	\$3,000
Other	\$496,577	\$542,464
Total	\$3,393,755	\$3,261,596

### Overhead Expenses

Administrative Salaries	\$183,648	\$201,798
Rent & Utilities	\$112,809	\$103,868
Maintenance Building (Landlord expense)		
Maintenencia Grounds (Landlord Expense)		
Insurance	\$15,753	12,201
Office Expenses	\$45,561	\$37,950
Telephone, Internet & Postage	\$29,380	\$34,588
Printing (Not separated out - minimal)		
Other Expenses - Audit	\$6,200	\$6,200
Total	\$393,351	\$396,605



SOUTHWESTERN  
VERMONT  
COUNCIL ON AGING



## Project Against Violent Encounters

In 2014, PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking to citizens throughout Bennington County. These services include: 24 hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, case management, emergency financial assistance, legal assistance, access to emergency and transitional housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, and community and in-school education.

PAVE's mission is to end domestic and sexual violence. Over the past year, our dedicated employees and volunteers provided safety, support and services to approximately 600 women, men, and children. Ten Dorset residents received comprehensive services including ongoing case management, safety planning, criminal, civil and legal advocacy, housing advocacy and economic empowerment services.

*Project Against Violent Encounters*  
services for survivors of domestic & sexual violence

Our supervised visitation program provided eighty-nine children safe access to over

3,284 hours of visitation with non-custodial parents. Through our emergency and transitional housing programs we provided 26 adults and 19 children with 3,254 nights of shelter services.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming throughout Bennington County to adults and young people, pre-school through college. During the past year we provided these programs to over 4,100 children, teachers and other adults. We have expanded our outreach efforts to include presentations and videos on cable access television, our website ([pavebennington.org](http://pavebennington.org)) and social media including YouTube.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. We will continue to offer quality services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and respond to each town's desire for a healthy and violence free community.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Campbell,  
Executive Director

				Jul '13 - Jun 14
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4010 • Contributions</b>				
	<b>4020 • Contributions - Individuals</b>			13,522.63
	<b>4030 • Contributions - Businesses</b>			8,653.33
	<b>4040 • Contributions - Groups</b>			994.33
	<b>4045 • Contributions - Towns</b>			7,450.00
	<b>Total 4010 • Contributions</b>			30,620.29
	<b>4060 • Client Payments</b>			2,397.50
	<b>4100 • Grant Income</b>			387,682.35
	<b>4200 • Contracts - State</b>			15,838.90
	<b>4400 • Cash Reserves</b>			0.00
	<b>4500 • Deferred Grant Income</b>			7,066.18
	<b>4550 • Interest Income</b>			249.72
	<b>4600 • Misc Income</b>			481.82
	<b>Total Income</b>			444,336.76
<b>Expense</b>				
	<b>60001 • Salaries</b>			194,363.48
	<b>60002 • Employee Benefits</b>			53,260.05
	<b>60014 • Operations Expense</b>			21,774.33
	<b>60015 • Program Services</b>			119,050.84
	<b>60023 • Occupancy Expense</b>			45,368.35
	<b>60029 • Equipment Expense</b>			3,400.05
	<b>60062 • Board Fundraising Expense</b>			6.74
	<b>Total Expense</b>			437,223.84
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>			7,112.92
	<b>Net Income</b>			<b>7,112.92</b>



*An Interfaith Community Program*

## Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor is a non-profit program that brings together dedicated volunteers to help our older or disabled neighbors remain independent and in their own homes for as

long as possible. Volunteers provide non-medical assistance with daily activities instrumental to independent living. In addition we provide social programs that keep people connected to each other and the community.

In 2014 Neighbor to Neighbor assisted 86 care recipients living throughout the Northshire area. 63 volunteers gave over 6,800 hours of their time helping others in need. 11 Dorset residents were assisted with transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other errands, food preparation, light chores, and friendly visits. We scheduled several social events, lunches and movies and collaborated with local schools and youth groups.

All of our services are offered free of charge. We have worked diligently to build financial sustainability through fundraising events, publicity, education, and private and corporate donors. We are in our 10th of operation. The success of the program shows the vital needs we are addressing in the communities we serve. On behalf of the Steering Committee, our volunteers and most especially those we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor offers a sincere thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Coss  
Program Director  
Neighbor to Neighbor

**7/1/2014 to 6/31/2015**

### Income

Grant Award	\$8,000.00
Fundraising	\$10,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$10,000.00
Foundations/Corporate	\$15,000.00
Interest Income	\$100.00
In-Kind Contributions (rent & conf. Rm.)	\$20,000.00
In-Kind Donations	
Support from towns	\$3,000.00
Support from houses of worship	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$67,100.00</b>

### Expenses

Salaries	\$30,000.00
Holiday Wages/ <u>bonus</u>	
*Fringe Benefits & WC	\$3,200.00
Education/Conferences	\$100.00
Travel Local/Regional	\$200.00
In Kind Contributions	\$20,000.00
In Kind Donations	
Supplies/Recruit/Training	\$600.00
Printing/Publicity/Advertising	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$500.00
<u>Petty cash</u>	\$50.00
Fundraising expenses	\$2,500.00
<u>Care Recipient Events</u>	\$2,300.00
Insurance: Liability	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$500.00
Computer Tech Support	\$500.00
Fuel Assistance, fuel for volunteers willing to drive CR's	\$600.00
to appointments over 30 miles, one way	
Contingency 3% of budget	\$1,951.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,001.00</b>

## **DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The year 2014 was again one of significant and varied activity for the Dorset Historical Society. In the fifty first year since our founding, your Historical Society continued to play a major role in the cultural calendar of the Dorset community.

Our Third Thursday monthly luncheon lectures which cover many topics of local historical interest continues to attract capacity crowds at Bley House. Our exhibits this year included Dorset Patents 1836-1987, our Elsa Bley retrospective, a depiction of the newly discovered Kent Neighborhood Historic District, the forth installment of Huntington Gilbert photos from the early twentieth century, Old Paper: Treasures from our archives, 1787-1835, Christmas music through the years at our annual Holiday House in December, and our permanent displays of the Dorset Marble Industry, Fenton Pottery, and Jessica Bond's artistry. At this year's Vermont History Expo we collaborated on an exhibit celebrating the founding of the Southern Vermont Art Center.

On a beautiful day in early July we again hosted an appreciative Dorset crowd at our annual ice cream social, many of whom were supporting members. Our annual membership appeal this year attracted 241 families. Visitors signing the guest book at Bley House totaled 248 from 31 states and 6 foreign countries. Our ongoing collaboration with students at the local schools continues as well.

In 2015 we will have several new exhibits at Bley House.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<u><b>REVENUE</b></u>		
Membership Income	\$27,966.00	\$24,000.00
Museum Proceeds	2,064.00	2,210.00
Special Gifts	1,400.00	500.00
Dorset Town Grant	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$38,930.00</b>	<b>\$34,210.00</b>
<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>		
Programs and Exhibits	\$ 4,397.00	\$ 6,200.00
Newsletters	3,145.00	3,200.00
Administration	10,335.00	12,605.00
Facilities	5,195.00	8,800.00
Utilities	<u>2,785.00</u>	<u>2,900.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,857.00</b>	<b>\$33,705.00</b>
NOTE – Dorset Town Support	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
	(provided)	(requested)

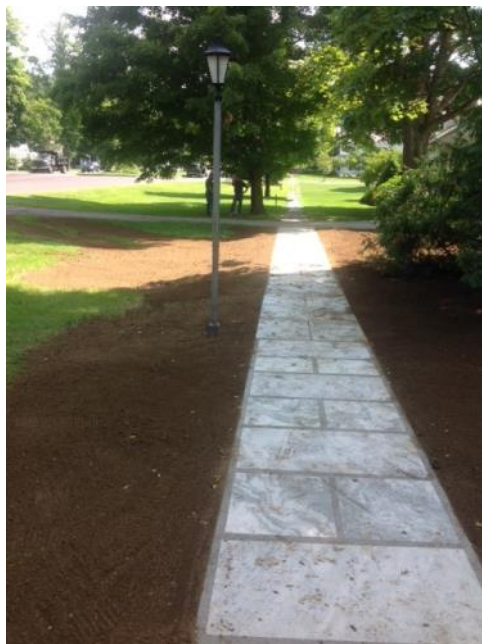
## **Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)**

The Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA) was formed in April of 2014 with the purpose "...to improve the condition of the marble sidewalks of Dorset, in order to promote their use and enjoyment by pedestrians." The DMPA is a registered tax-exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Service.

Members of the Board include Roger Squire, President; Bonnie Burke, Secretary; William Childs, Treasurer, Malcolm Cooper, Steve Bryant and Bob Escher.

Over the winter and spring the DMPA will be meeting to prioritize projects in Dorset and East Dorset, and to begin a fund-raising campaign. The condition of many of the sidewalks are often hazardous even under the best of conditions and particularly so in winter. The uneven surfaces make it impossible to clear them mechanically often forcing pedestrians to use roadways for walking. A sample of what the DMPA is aiming for has been constructed adjacent to the Dorset church.

As of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the DMPA has raised \$14,382 in voluntary contributions and has expended \$13,560 in the construction of the sample sidewalk mentioned above.





## BENNINGTON AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity (BAHfH), an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an organization aimed at eliminating sub-standard housing worldwide. Habitat has helped more than one million families to improve their living conditions. BAHfH provides safe, decent, and affordable housing in partnership with Bennington County residents who otherwise would not have access to sufficient housing. Partner homebuyers are selected based on their need for housing, their income (30-70% of the Bennington County median income), and their credit rating. Each homebuyer must pay back a 0% mortgage to Habitat (with mortgage, property tax and insurance tailored so their total housing payments are never more than 30% of their income) and each person over 18 must participate in completing the 200 sweat equity hours required per adult. The monthly mortgage payments are recycled to build more homes.

BAHfH is locally run and locally funded. With the exception of some contract services, Habitat homes are built by local volunteers. Area businesses and service providers help with building, and by donating materials and financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014) was a very productive year for BAHfH. We completed our 15<sup>th</sup> home, which was dedicated on March 30, 2014 and our 16<sup>th</sup> home, which was dedicated on June 22, 2014. 292 different volunteers worked at least one day on these homes for a total of 6,362 hours. These homes are located in Manchester and house eleven people. We continued our program called *A Brush with Kindness (ABWK)*, enabling us to complete small repairs to improve the safety and energy efficiency of homes owned by low-income residents. We completed three ABWK projects. In November 2013 we purchased land in Pownal, where we will build a home in 2015. In December 2013 we opened a ReSale Store, which is located in Manchester. The Store is selling new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our building program.

We welcome visitors to our build sites every Wednesday or Saturday, whenever we have a home/project in progress, so they can see the inspiring work being done by people from our community of all skill levels, backgrounds, races and religions. For more information about our projects, please visit our website at [www.benningtonareahabitat.com](http://www.benningtonareahabitat.com).

Five Dorset residents serve on our Board of Directors and many Dorset residents have helped build these and other local Habitat homes. We encourage Dorset residents to apply for homes as well as contact us about available land purchase opportunities. We are grateful for the Town of Dorset's continued support and hope we can count on your assistance in the future. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents.

Monica Knorr, President  
Board of Directors

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity Town Reports 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014 Cash Flows		
	2014 Actual	2014 Budget
Contributions & Other Income	\$255,177	\$42,000
Restricted Contributions	\$304,799	\$189,000
Fundraising Events	\$66,436	\$14,000
Interest & Other Income	\$2,593	\$8,250
Mortgage Payments Received	\$34,946	\$45,000
Total Cash Flow In	\$663,951	\$298,250
Construction, Property Development & Operations	\$594,287	\$390,384
Administrative & Other	\$137,872	\$115,178
Total Cash Flow Out	\$732,159	\$505,562
Net Cash Flow	(\$68,208)	(\$207,312)

## East Dorset Cemetery Association

The East Dorset Cemetery Association gratefully appreciates the continuous support from the people in the Town of Dorset. Again this year we would like to thank Jeremy Sanderson for doing a great job of mowing and trimming and to the many volunteers for their great efforts in keeping our cemetery looking great.

This year the main gate needed to be repaired with new hinges and latches. Also a small section of the marble wall needed to be repaired.

The annual meeting for the East Dorset Cemetery Association is held on the first Thursday of October at the Dorset Town Office at 7pm all lot owners and family are welcome.

October 2013 – September 2014

Income:

Miscellaneous:	\$306.63
Town Allotment:	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	\$ 2,506.63

Expenses:

Mowing	\$2,750.00
Brush Hogging	\$ 75.00
Marble Wall Repair	\$ 50.00
Gate Repair	<u>\$ 497.00</u>
	\$3,372.00

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Beebe





## Dorset Library

Many exciting changes have been happening at the Dorset Library over the past year. The Librarian of 15 years retired and the new Librarian was hired in September. The Library's collection of nearly 20,000 items is being carefully reviewed and will be expanded to create a more current and relevant collection to best serve the needs of our patrons. New audio books, dvds, fiction and non-fiction, children and young adult materials are being added regularly and will continue over the next year. A few physical changes have also taken place to create a more cohesive flow to browsing for the patrons. The library also has a new and improved website and Facebook page providing regular updates on library events and our services such as our online catalog, Mango (to help you learn new languages) and Listen Up, Vermont! (for downloading audio and e-books).

In an effort to create a one stop browsing experience for the younger patrons, all children's and young adult books, audio books and dvds will be housed upstairs. We are working hard to create new programming for young adults and younger children.

### 4000 Revenue

	Jan-Dec 14	Budget 2015
4010 Fundraising Event	775	1,000
4020 Art Sale Income	2,250	2,000
4030 Book Sales	2,217	1,500
4040 Conscience Fund	782	500
4050 Donations & Annual Fund	33,334	32,000
4080 Town Appropriations & Grants	20,000	20,000
4090 Other	55	10
<b>Total 4000 Revenue</b>	<b>59,299</b>	<b>57,010</b>

### 6000 Expenses

6000 Administration	4,731	6,250
6500 Personnel	70,938	85,650
6600 Library Materials	12,373	24,550
6700 Building & Grounds	18,474	35,300
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<b>Total 6000 Expenses</b>	<b>106,516</b>	<b>151,750</b>

<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>(-47,217)</b>	<b>(-94,740)</b>
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**6378 Route 7A, Suite 1, Sunderland, VT 05250**  
[www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org)  
**802.362.7070**

#### **GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary**

Year Ending September 30, 2014

##### **INCOME**

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$374,336
PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$37,433
Program Service	\$12,254
Fundraising / Other Income	\$26,792
Interest	\$593
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$451,408</b>

##### **EXPENSE**

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$253,825
Rent / Utilities	\$27,493
Insurance (Medical, Liability, Disability)	\$28,244
Production Supplies	\$26,890
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1065
Equipment / Depreciation	\$35,548
Other Operating Expense	\$34,614
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$407,679</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$43,729
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$387,567
Net Assets, End of Year	\$431,296

#### **Greater Northshire Access Television Mission & Vision**

GNAT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in 1995 whose mission is to provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.

- \* To facilitate and foster free speech
- \* To promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement
- \* To be the community resource for new media technology and training

#### **Service Area / Cable Channels**

GNAT-TV broadcasts local community based public, education and government "PEG" programs on Comcast Cable Channels. **All local programs also available: [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).**

**Channels 15, 16 & 17:** Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall  
**Channels 8,10 & 18:** Stratton  
**Channel 8, 10:** Weston & Londonderry

#### **Media & Training Services**

GNAT provides opportunities for individuals and groups to produce and broadcast original, non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training to all residents, community organizations and schools within the eleven towns in our viewing area.

#### **Government Access Services to Towns**

GNAT provides video production services, television and Internet viewing of town meetings, school board meetings and other educational, civic and community events. GNAT employs local citizens who videotape and process footage from the government meetings and events. GNAT produced 260 Government Meetings in 2014.

To provide consistent and sustainable coverage of government meetings and to continue improving our delivery systems for cable broadcast and internet viewing: **GNAT respectfully requests \$2000 from all towns to help support & defray some of the costs related to the videotaping and television cablecast of Select Board, School Board and other public and municipal meetings.**



## Dorset 2014 Town Report

### TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF DORSET:

In 2014, Dorset Nursing Association, an office of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, provided Dorset residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to carry out our mission to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, we have continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of our community's most vulnerable individuals.

This past year, Dorset Nursing served 66 Dorset residents with 1,002 home care visits – an average of 15 visits per patient. Agency-wide last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 92,168 visits to 2,373 patients. Dorset Nursing and RAVNAH have agreed that all town funds voted for Dorset Nursing will be retained for use in this area.

In closing, we wish to thank the citizens of Dorset who supported us in 2014. With your continued vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

*Ronald J. Claffi, Executive Director*

**RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**  
**Based on the latest audit financial reports**

Operating Revenue	
Net patient service revenue	\$ 11,001,292
Grant revenue	905,931
Contract service revenue	238,016
Other operating revenue	82,977
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	
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Total Operating Revenue	12,228,216
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Operating Expenses	
Salaries	6,782,178
Benefits and payroll taxes	1,772,089
Transportation	426,723
Program supplies	622,364
Contract services	1,295,914
Other operating expenses	1,353,150
Depreciation	156,542
Interest expense	18,553
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Total Operating Expenses	12,427,513
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OPERATING INCOME	(199,297)
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Other Revenue and Gains	
United Way and municipal appropriations	227,989
Contributions, net	346,861
Investment income	338,544
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Total Other Revenue and Gains	913,394
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EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 714,097
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*The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy,  
involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment.*

**Get Involved!**

The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2015 budget. In 2014, The Collaborative marks seventeen years of providing quality alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education and substance free events and programs for area youth. Since 1998, we have grown from a small after school program to provide a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on preventing youth substance use, supporting families and creating a healthy community.

In the town budget we are requesting funds for The Collaborative mission to support substance free middle and high school youth. Over 250 middle school youth participate in programs and events such as Vermont Kids Against Tobacco youth group, Refuse to Use program, dances and positive youth development programs. Over 300 high school students participate in programs and events that include student empowerment groups, an anti-tobacco group called Our Voices Exposed, broomball games, movie nights, Refuse to Use, and pick up game nights at the Manchester Recreation Facility and activities during out of school time.

We are requesting your approval of \$1000 in your town's budget to continue to provide substance free events and substance use education. We appreciate your involvement. Please contact us to find out about others ways to Get Involved!

Sincerely,

Maryann Morris  
Executive Director

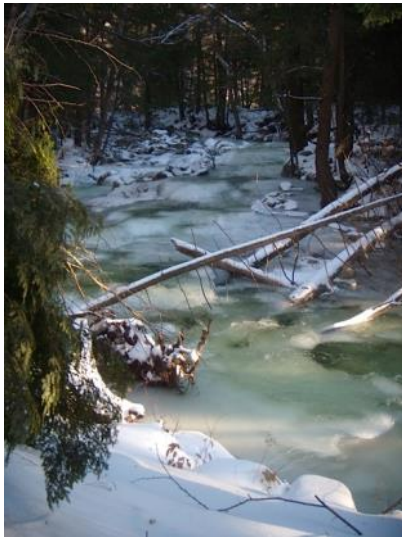
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**The Collaborative**  
**Profit & Loss by Class**  
July 2013 through June 2014

		CAMP	EDP	RTU	TOWNS	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
	<b>Income</b>					
	4130 · Gifts in kind - goods	50.00	4,218.90	0.00	0.00	4,268.90
	4250 · Nonprofit organization grants	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
	4540 · Local government grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
	5181 · Program Fees - Childcare	26,097.17	42,703.68	0.00	0.00	68,800.85
	5183 · Program Fees - Enrichment	0.00	0.00	15,330.00	0.00	15,330.00
	5810 · Special events - non-gift rev	0.00	645.00	0.00	0.00	645.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,897.17</b>	<b>47,567.58</b>	<b>15,330.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>94,294.75</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>26,897.17</b>	<b>47,567.58</b>	<b>15,330.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>94,294.75</b>
	<b>Expense</b>					
	7220 · Salaries & wages	16,030.66	34,990.21	4,206.39	3,290.88	58,518.14
	7250 · Payroll taxes & Other Fringe	4,035.66	7,031.70	415.68	959.12	12,442.16
	7520 · Accounting fees	100.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
	7544 · Enrichment	0.00	0.00	8,597.00	0.00	8,597.00
	7546 · Camp Assistants	2,740.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,740.00
	8110 · Supplies	468.90	399.90	350.53	0.00	1,219.33
	8120 · Equipment	83.47	174.14	0.00	0.00	257.61
	8130 · Telephone	264.00	623.32	0.00	0.00	887.32
	8140 · Postage, shipping, delivery	100.00	417.00	0.00	0.00	517.00
	8170 · Printing & copying	124.92	823.86	0.00	0.00	948.78
	8180 · Books, subs, reference	0.00	0.00	68.00	0.00	68.00
	8200 · Occupancy expenses	71.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.37
	8300 · Travel & meetings expenses	100.00	127.80	63.69	0.00	291.49
	8351 · FBCC Sponsored Events	94.30	356.25	815.59	0.00	1,266.14
	8355 · Camp Expense	1,157.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,157.28
	8352 · EDP-Food	0.00	169.83	0.00	0.00	169.83
	8505 · Bank Charges	0.00	15.00	313.12	0.00	328.12
	8520 · Insurance - non-employee	500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
	8540 · Staff development	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	8570 · Advertising expenses	0.00	114.50	500.00	0.00	614.50
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>25,870.56</b>	<b>48,493.51</b>	<b>15,330.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>94,194.07</b>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,026.61</b>	<b>-925.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.68</b>

# Town & School Minutes

## Town Warning & Budget







## 2015 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLES 2 & 6) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Article 1.** To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

**Article 2.** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

**Moderator, Town.....1year term**  
**Selectman.....3 year term**  
**Selectman.....1 year term**  
**Selectman.....1 year term**  
**First Constable.....1 year term**  
**Town Agent.....1 year term**  
**Auditor.....1 year term**  
**Lister.....1 year term**  
**Lister.....2 year term**

**Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 8, 2015 and March 8, 2016. Any tax payment made on the due dates, must be sent via certified mail or hand delivered. Payments not received within four days will be subject to 1% interest on September 12, 2015 and 1% and 8% penalty on March 12, 2016?

**Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian ballot.

**Article 7.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

**Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities?

- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters of appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Dorset Nursing Association for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth? By petition.
- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks? By Petition.
- Article 22.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

**So approved on this 20th day of January, 2015. By the Dorset Select Board.**

*Chris Brooks*  
*Michael Connors*  
*Ryan Downey*  
*Steve Jones*  
*Michael Olstedal*

Town of Dorset  
FY2014 Municipal Budget  
**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:**

		<b>FY14 Approved</b>	<b>FY14 Actual</b>	<b>FY15 Approved</b>	<b>FY16 Proposed</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>					
5200-10.00	Salaries	6,300	6,300.00	6,300	6,300
5200-20.00	Misc. Expenses	400	151.65	400	400
5200-21.00	Legal	7,500	3,235.35	7,500	7,500
5200-20.01	Tax Sale Expense	1,500	655.98	1,500	1,500
5200-22.00	Recording Clerk	2,500	1,774.11	2,500	2,500
5200-23.00	VLCT Dues	2,847	2,847.00	3,062	3,150
5200-25.00	VT Coalition Dues	250	0.00	0	0
	<b>Total Selectmen:</b>	<b>21,297</b>	<b>14,964.09</b>	<b>21,262</b>	<b>21,350</b>
<b>TOWN MANAGER:</b>					
5300-10.00	Town Manager Salary	65,000	66,250.00	68,250	70,000
5300-10.01	Administrative Assistant	33,250	33,533.69	35,000	35,000
5300-10.02	Clerk Salary	250	330.00	250	250
5300-20.00	TM Office Expense & Sftwre Support	3,000	5,194.01	3,500	3,500
5300-20.01	Vehicle Expense Allowance	3,500	3,641.26	3,500	3,500
5300-26.00	Training/Travel/Dues	2,500	2,484.81	2,500	2,500
5300-27.00	Tax Billing/ Postage	2,000	2,086.61	2,000	2,000
5300-29.00	Town Manager's Fund	1,200	1,189.39	1,800	1,800
	<b>Total Town Manager:</b>	<b>110,700</b>	<b>114,709.77</b>	<b>116,800</b>	<b>118,550</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>					
5310-10.00	Salary	13,000	24,384.64	50,000	51,000
5310-10.01	Assistant's Salary	8,000	7,125.00	8,500	9,500
5310-20.00	Office Expense	2,000	1,347.55	2,000	2,000
5310-20.01	Record Preservation	3,000	3,297.38	3,000	3,000
5310-26.00	Postage	700	470.29	700	700
5310-26.02	Training/ Dues	1,500	1,541.00	1,500	1,500
5310-28.00	Town Clerk Fees	34,840	21,510.00	0	0
5310-29.00	Grand List Preservation Project	10,000	13,273.97	10,000	10,000
	<b>Total Town Clerk:</b>	<b>73,040</b>	<b>72,949.83</b>	<b>75,700</b>	<b>77,700</b>
<b>MEETINGS &amp; ELECTIONS:</b>					
5320-10.00	BCA Salaries/ Workers	800	237.50	1,100	800
5320-26.00	BCA Mileage/ Expenses	100	0.00	100	100
5320-31.00	Town Meeting Expenses	500	432.64	1,000	500
5320-36.00	Ballot Printing	500	401.45	1,000	500
5320-38.00	Tabulator Programming	2,000	839.00	4,000	2,000
5320-38.01	Tabulator Maintenance	0	0.00	0	0
5320-39.00	BCA -Postage/Ballots	250	0.00	500	250
5320-40.00	BCA -Tax Abatements	250	17.89	250	250
	<b>Total Meetings &amp; Elections:</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1,928.48</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b>					
5335-10.00	Salary	2,700	2,700.00	2,700	2,700
5335-39.00	Postage	500	426.00	500	500
	<b>Total Town Treasurer</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,126.00</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>TOWN LISTERS:</b>					
5340-10.00	Listers Salaries	38,000	33,840.50	38,000	38,000
5340-20.00	Office Expense	1,500	1,144.52	2,500	1,500
5340-26.00	Mileage	1,000	371.46	1,000	1,000
5340-26.01	Training/Dues	1,000	245.00	1,000	1,000
5340-31.00	Tax Mapping	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
5340-38.00	Computer Services	3,000	3,060.80	3,200	3,400
5340-39.00	Postage	2,000	393.61	2,000	1,200
	<b>Total Town Listers:</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>39,055.89</b>	<b>48,700</b>	<b>47,100</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>					
5350-10.00	Planning/Zoning Administrator	22,000	18,285.00	22,000	22,000
5350-10.01	ZBA Clerk	1,200	370.14	1,200	1,200
5350-10.02	Planning Clerk	2,200	3,091.45	2,200	2,200
5350-10.03	DRB Clerk	0	0.00	0	1,500
5350-20.00	Office Expense	1,000	598.96	3,500	1,500
5350-25.00	Planning Consultant	500	0.00	500	5,000
5350-26.00	Mileage	1,000	774.43	1,000	1,000
5350-26.01	ZA Training & Dues	800	220.00	800	800
5350-39.00	Postage	800	202.84	800	500
5350-41.00	Ads-Printing-Notices	1,500	909.16	1,500	1,500
5350-42.00	Regional Planning	3,371	3,371.00	3,439	3,510
5350-45.05	Muni Education Grant Expense	800	0.00	800	800
5350-45.06	Build Out Study Grant Expense	0	5,650.34	0	0
5350-45.07	Economic Development Grant Expense	0	0.00	0	2,500
	<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>35,171</b>	<b>33,473.32</b>	<b>37,739</b>	<b>44,010</b>



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<b>AUDITORS:</b>					
5360-25.00	Outside Audit	11,000	11,000.00	10,800	11,200
5360-42.00	Town Report Printing & Mailing	4,200	4,600.00	4,200	4,600
	<b>Total Auditors:</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>15,600.00</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,800</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE BUILDING:</b>					
5370-20.00	General Office Expense	2,800	2,377.25	3,200	3,200
5370-24.00	Town Offices Equipment	1,200	785.44	1,200	5,500
5370-30.00	Town Web-Site	250	164.35	250	250
5370-43.00	Heat	3,200	3,322.66	2,500	3,200
5370-44.00	Electric	2,000	1,788.29	2,000	2,000
5370-45.00	Phone	2,700	2,298.58	2,500	2,300
5370-46.00	Water	725	895.00	725	725
5370-47.00	Maintenance	10,000	8,973.87	6,500	6,500
5370-48.00	Emergency Generator	0	0.00	10,000	0
	<b>Total Town Office Building:</b>	<b>22,875</b>	<b>20,605.44</b>	<b>28,875</b>	<b>23,675</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>					
5380-10.00	Constable Salaries	200	0.00	200	200
5380-10.01	Animal Control Officer	2,500	140.00	2,500	2,500
5380-10.03	Health Officer	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	1,200
5380-20.00	ACO/ Constable Expense	500	60.00	500	400
5380-25.01	Law Enforcement	60,000	59,302.38	60,000	60,000
5380-25.02	LED Speed Sign	0	0.00	7,500	0
5380-26.00	Constable Vehicle/Mileage	300	33.90	300	200
5380-31.00	Defibrillators	0	902.00	0	0
5380-44.00	Street Lighting	11,000	10,549.97	12,000	11,000
5380-48.00	Animal Boarding Fees	800	50.00	1,000	800
	<b>Total Public Safety:</b>	<b>76,500</b>	<b>72,238.25</b>	<b>85,200</b>	<b>76,300</b>
<b>INSURANCE &amp; BONDS:</b>					
5400-49.07	Health Ins.-Present Employees	110,000	82,823.83	92,500	92,500
5400-49.08	Health Ins.-Former Employees	54,000	43,647.85	30,000	32,500
5400-49.09	Dental Insurance	6,800	5,972.16	6,800	6,500
5400-49.10	Vision Insurance	0	0.00	0	0
5400-51.00	PACIF Insurance	45,000	45,340.00	48,000	50,500
5400.51.01	Unemployment Insurance	2,000	2,000.00	2,000	2,000
	<b>Total Insurance &amp; Bonds:</b>	<b>217,800</b>	<b>179,783.84</b>	<b>179,300</b>	<b>184,000</b>
<b>GENERAL SERVICES:</b>					
5410-12.00	Payroll Tax FICA/ MEDI	32,750	31,837.01	33,000	34,500
5410-13.00	VMERS - Fringe	17,850	17,334.49	18,000	19,000
5410-13.01	VMERS - Deduction	0	0.00	0	0
5410-25.00	Recreation	45,000	35,706.16	45,000	45,000
5410-45.00	Wilson House Donation Expense	0	299.00		
5410-46.00	Green Space & Streets	0	2,416.27	4,500	3,500
5410-47.00	Green Maintenance	2,500	0.00	0	0
5410-48.00	Mad Tom Garden	0	303.50	0	0
5410-48.00	Marble Sidewalks Expense	0	0.00	0	0
5410-50.00	Old Cemetary Maintenance	600	0.00	600	600
5410-51.00	Landfill/Recycle	11,500	10,756.32	11,500	15,000
5410-52.00	Interest Expense	3,000	0.00	3,000	3,000
5410-53.00	County Tax	48,000	47,041.66	48,000	48,000
5410.54.00	Employee Christmas	675	675.00	675	675
5410-55.00	Contingency	2,000	237.50	2,000	2,000
5410-57.00	Bank Service Charge	250	0.00	250	200
5410-58.00	Hazardous Waste Collection	5,500	7,541.58	5,500	7,500
5410-59.00	Town Events/Picnic	0	0.00	5,000	3,000
	<b>Total General Services:</b>	<b>169,625</b>	<b>154,148.49</b>	<b>177,025</b>	<b>181,975</b>
	<b>Total Administrative Expenses:</b>	<b>797,308</b>	<b>722,583.40</b>	<b>796,751</b>	<b>798,060</b>

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<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES:</b>					
5420-98.01	East Dorset Fire Department	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	2,400
5420-98.02	Dorset Fire Department	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	0
5420-98.04	Memorial Day	500	0.00	500	500
5420-98.05	July 4Th Celebration	0	0.00	0	0
5420-98.09	Manchester Rescue Squad	18,000	18,000.00	35,500	34,007
5420-98.10	East Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,100	3,050.00	3,200	3,300
5420-98.11	Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,100	3,050.00	3,200	3,300
5420-99.01	Bicentinquagenary Celebration	0	0.00	0	0
5420-99.02	Green Up Day	150	150.00	150	150
5420-99.03	Vermont RC&D	100	0.00	100	0
5420-99.04	Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	0	0.00	0	100
<b>Total Community Services:</b>		<b>27,350</b>	<b>26,650.00</b>	<b>45,050</b>	<b>43,757</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:</b>					
<b>HIGHWAY LABOR:</b>					
6000-10.00	Road Crew Wages	164,000	168,202.59	176,000	182,000
6000-10.01	Overtime Wages	19,500	19,880.48	20,000	20,500
6000-59.00	Drug/Alcohol Testing	100	0.00	100	100
<b>Total Highway Labor:</b>		<b>183,600</b>	<b>188,083.07</b>	<b>196,100</b>	<b>202,600</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND:</b>					
6001-24.00	Equipment Fund	115,000	115,000.00	115,000	130,000
<b>Total Equipment Fund:</b>		<b>115,000</b>	<b>115,000.00</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>
<b>TOWN SHEDS:</b>					
6002-44.00	Electricity	2,000	2,074.13	2,000	2,000
6002-46.00	Water	725	895.00	725	725
6002-47.00	Maintenance	4,500	1,822.24	6,500	4,500
6002-48.00	Route 30 Salt Shed Expense	0	0.00	0	60,000
<b>Total Town Sheds:</b>		<b>7,225</b>	<b>4,791.37</b>	<b>9,225</b>	<b>67,225</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:</b>					
6003-00.00	Equip. Repairs, Supplies & Parts	35,000	41,943.42	38,000	40,000
6003-60.00	Fuel- Gas/Diesel/Kerosene/Lubes	50,000	59,707.05	50,000	52,000
<b>Total Equipment Maintenance:</b>		<b>85,000</b>	<b>101,650.47</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>92,000</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND ROADS MAINTENANCE:</b>					
6004-25.00	Trees/ Mowing (Hired)	4,000	360.00	4,000	4,000
6004-26.00	Safety/ Training	600	226.20	600	500
6004-61.01	Gravel Road Surfaces	28,000	19,750.63	28,000	28,000
6004-61.02	Highway Paving Reserves (Morse Hill Road Project)	295,000	295,000.00	155,000	115,000
6004-61.04	Cold Patch	100	0.00	100	100
6004-61.05	Paved Roads/Stripe/Crack	12,000	2,302.69	12,000	10,000
6004-61.06	Mud Season/ Storm Emergencies	5,000	-23.51	5,000	4,000
6004-61.07	Engeneering Expense	1,200	0.00	5,500	5,500
6004-62.00	Salt	50,000	53,791.95	50,000	60,000
6004-62.01	Winter Sand/ Winter Gravel	38,000	23,276.09	38,000	36,000
6004-62.02	Chloride	15,000	12,472.32	15,000	15,000
6004-63.00	Culverts	1,200	2,362.96	1,200	2,000
6004-64.00	Equipment Rental	1,000	0.00	1,000	800
6004-65.00	Road Signs and Guardrail	1,200	445.77	1,500	1,200
6004-66.00	Bridge Maintenance	0	0.00	0	5,000
<b>Total Highway &amp; Roads Maint.:</b>		<b>452,300</b>	<b>409,965.10</b>	<b>316,900</b>	<b>287,100</b>
<b>Total Highway Department:</b>		<b>843,125</b>	<b>819,490.01</b>	<b>725,225</b>	<b>778,925</b>

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<b>VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS:</b>					
7000-98.00	B.R.O.C.	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
7000-98.02	Homeless Coalition	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
7005-98.01	R.S.V.P.	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	1,500
7010-98.02	SW VT Council on Aging	1,800	1,800.00	1,800	1,800
7020-98.04	Ctr for Restorative Justice	750	750.00	750	750
7030-98.06	PAVE	500	500.00	500	500
7035-98.07	Neighbor to Neighbor	750	750.00	750	750
7040-98.08	Dorset Historical Society	7,500	7,500.00	7,500	7,500
7045-98.09	Habitat for Humanity	850	850.00	850	850
7045-98.11	School Facility Use Fee	76,000	76,000.00	76,000	76,000
7045-98.12	Community Food Cupboard	0	0.00	0	0
7045-98.13	East Dorset Cemetery	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
7045-98.16	GNAT-TV	2,000	2,000.00	2,000	2,000
7045-98.17	Dorset Library	20,000	20,000.00	20,000	20,000
7045-98.18	Manchester Rescue Squad	6,000	0.00	0	0
7045-98.19	Dorset Nursing Association	40,000	40,000.00	40,000	40,000
7045-98.21	The Collaborative	750	750.00	750	750
7045-98.22	Public Safety Study	0	0.00	10,800	0
7045-98.23	Dorset Marble Preservation Association (DMPA)	0	0.00	0	5,000
	<b>Total Voter Appropriations:</b>	<b>162,700</b>	<b>156,700.00</b>	<b>167,500</b>	<b>161,700</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>		<b>1,830,483</b>	<b>1,725,423.41</b>	<b>1,734,526</b>	<b>1,782,442</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>					
4155-00.00	Lister's Income	200	257.50	200	200
4160-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	34,840	29,184.55	35,000	32,500
4163-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	30,000	35,141.51	30,000	32,500
4165-00.00	State Aid Highways	90,000	94,911.47	91,000	93,500
4169-00.00	Liquor licenses	850	1,085.00	850	850
4170-00.00	Dog Licenses	1,800	2,330.00	1,800	1,800
4179-00.00	Animal Ordinance (fines)	0	54.00	0	0
4171-00.00	Interest (Late Taxes)	30,000	43,837.43	32,500	38,000
4172-00.00	Unanticipated income	0	202.64	0	0
4172-10.00	Mad Tom Garden Donations	0	300.00	0	0
4172-20.00	Tax Sale Expenses Recouped	0	0.00	0	0
4172-30.00	Playground Donations	0	0.00	0	0
4172-31.00	Defibrillator Donations	0	410.00	0	0
4172-32.00	Wilson House Donations	0	500.00	0	0
4172-33.00	DMPA Donation	0	0.00	0	0
4173-00.00	Zoning Income	6,500	7,791.96	6,500	8,500
4175-00.00	State Owned Properties	22,500	24,741.00	22,500	20,000
4176-00.00	Fed-Owned Entitlement	11,500	14,301.00	11,500	11,500
4177-00.00	VT. Land Use Tax	21,500	27,170.00	25,000	25,000
4178-00.00	Current Use Penalty	0	0.00	0	0
4185-00.00	Interest Revenue	3,500	4,569.55	3,500	3,800
4190-00.00	Weight Permits	400	380.00	400	400
4195-00.00	Sale of Equipment	0	0.00	0	0
4200-00.00	Traffic Fines	10,000	6,800.54	7,500	7,500
4200-68.00	Muni Education Grant	800	0.00	800	800
4200-69.00	FEMA	0	0.00	0	0
4200-71.00	Marble Sidewalks Grant	0	0.00	0	0
4200-75.00	Cell Tower Revenues	0	0.00	0	0
4200-76.00	PACIF Grant	0	0.00	0	0
4200-79.00	Build Out Study Grant	0	5,260.00		
4210-00.10	Previous year Surplus	180,519	180,519.00	142,122	139,125
4210-00.00	Other Operating Transfers	0	0.00	0	0
	<b>Total Other Revenues:</b>	<b>444,909</b>	<b>479,547.15</b>	<b>411,172</b>	<b>415,975</b>
	<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX:</b>	<b>1,385,574</b>	<b>1,245,876.26</b>	<b>1,323,354</b>	<b>1,366,467</b>

Reserve Funds	Equipment	Hwy Paving	Hwy Recon.	Buildings	Reappraisal	Record Pres.	Unemployment	Conservation	250th
Balance 6/30/13	41,062	47,854	14,058	23,114	132,285	5,127	44,331	304	-355
Revenues									
FY14 Budget	115,000	295,000	0	0	14,421	2,900	0	0	355
State Grant	200	750	38,000	150	350	75	250	7	0
Interest	-149,060	a -327,768	-51,355	0	0	-2,400	-4,486	0	0
Expenses									
FY14 Budget	7,202	15,836	723	23,264	147,056	5,702	40,095	311	0
Balance 6/30/14									
Projected:									
Revenues									
FY15 Budget	115,000	155,000	0	0	14,487	2,900	2,000	0	0
State Grant	200	750	10	75	350	75	250	600	0
Interest								5	0
Donations								0	0
Expenses									
FY15 Budget	-76,000	b -139,268	0	0	0	-2,400	0	-700	0
Projected Balance 6/30/15	46,402	32,318	733	23,339	161,893	6,277	42,345	216	0
Revenues									
FY16 Budget	130,000	155,000	7,500	60,000	14,000	2,900	2,000	0	0
State Grant	200	750	10	75	350	75	250	5	0
Interest	-155,000	c -160,000	0	0	0	-2,400	0	0	0
Expenses									
FY16 Budget	21,602	28,068	8,243	83,414	176,243	6,852	44,595	221	0
Projected Balance 6/30/16									

- a. Western Star tandem truck  
b. Ford F550 dump truck  
c. Replace Tandem Plow Truck  
d. Paved Morse Hill Road  
e. Paved Church St & Benedict Rd  
f. Pave Mad Tom & Lower Squirrel  
g. Dorset Hollow Bridge Work  
h. Record Preservation Expense

- i. Unemployment expense  
j. Cutler Forest Expense  
k. 250th expense

## 2014 Town of Dorset Minutes

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Town of Dorset, was called to order by Moderator, Kevin O'Toole at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

The rules were suspended to allow Patti Komline, Dorset's State Rep to give us an update on the happenings of Montpelier. She talked about the rising costs of property taxes. There is a petition on line asking for the elimination of Act 60/68 within a year and half. She asks that voters support the petition and go on line to sign. School consolidation and health care continue to be hot topics in Montpelier. Ralph Colin acknowledged Patti Komline and her service to our town and thanked her for representing us.

**Article 1.** To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

Motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Ralph Colin. Chris Brooks acknowledge Marge Freed for her service. He explained the work on Kelly Road, the budget is 6% down from last year and explained that the Selectboard is working on the safety study. Terry Tyler asked about the Budget of the Dorset Fire District and the spending of \$36,000 for a generator that has already been paid, Jack Stannard explained that is was a typo and that the \$36,000 should have been listed in the 2012-13 actual not the budget column as shown. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Article 2.** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

Moderator, Town .....	1 year term	Kevin O'Toole .....	350
Selectman.....	3 year term	Michael Oltedal .....	316
Selectman.....	1 year term	Steven E Jones .....	177
Selectman.....	1 year term	Ryan Downey.....	161
Town Clerk .....	3 year term	Sandra Pinsonaut.....	364
School District Clerk .....	3 year term	Sandra Pinsonault....	360
Treasurer .....	3 year term	Melissa Zecher.....	342
School District Treasurer.....	3 year term	Melissa Zecher.....	332
First Constable .....	1 year term	John "Hal" Coolidge ..	46
Town Agent .....	1 year term	Kevin O'Toole .....	327
Auditor .....	1 year term	To be appointed	
Lister .....	1 year term	Peter Trifari.....	290
Lister .....	3 year term	Robert Gibney.....	315

Kevin O'Toole introduced the candidates in the room and Chris Brooks explained the process of writing in a candidate's name.



- Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?
- Motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Roger Squire. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of the Municipal Property taxes in two (2) installments on or before September 9, 2014 & March 10, 2015 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law? Payments by mail clearly postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. Municipal taxes become delinquent following the due date for the second payment and will be subject to interest and the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Motion was made by Chip Watson and seconded by Abbott DeRham. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of all School Property taxes in two (2) installments; on or before September 9, 2014 & March 10, 2015 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law? Payments by mail clearly postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. School taxes become delinquent following the due date for the second payment and will be subject to interest and the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Motion was made by Harry Chandler and seconded by Thea Kelly. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 6.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department?
- Motion was made by Marilyn Kinney and seconded by James Salsgiver. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 7.** Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report?
- Skip Dickinson asked if the budget we were to talk about is on page 58. The answer was yes. Abbott DeRham asked what the protocol is for the appropriations, are they in the budget or on the floor. Chris explained they are voted off the floor and the budget represents those if passed. John Cueman questioned the reserve fund for the reappraisal of properties. Rob Gaiotti explained. Abbott DeRham again asked if the appropriations were to change, how passing the total budget would be handled. Chris Brooks explained that the bottom line would be adjusted.

YES 333 NO 27

- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to eliminate the offices of Grand Juror East Side and Grand Juror West Side?
- Ruth Stewart asked what a Grand Juror is. Sandy Pinsonault explained the positions are now obsolete. Ellen Maloney then explained that Grand Juror was the Prosecutor and the Judge was the Jury.
- YES 327 NO 29
- Article 9.** Shall the voters approve the use of \$10,000 from the FY13 surplus (\$142,122) to install an emergency generator at the Dorset Town Offices? To be voted by Australian ballot.
- YES 301 NO 63
- Article 10.** Shall the voters approve to compensate the Town Clerk with a salary in lieu of fees? If approved those fees shall be charged and collected by the clerk and at least quarterly turned over to the town treasurer and credited to the town general fund.
- Abbott DeRham asked who would manage the fees and how will the compensation be handled. Rob Gaiotti explained the Clerk would collect the fees, and turn them over to the Town. The compensation would be handled through payroll. John Cueman asked how the fees are paid and where they show up in the budget. Rob explained they are under the Town Clerk budget.
- With no further discussion, the motion carried.
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council) in FY2015?
- Motion was made by Salley Gibney and seconded by Sheila Childs. Motion carried.
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities?
- A motion by Barbara Melhado, and seconded by Laura Heinel. Abbott DeRham asked if anyone was here to speak on their behalf. Abbott DeRham made a motion to amend the appropriation to \$1499. The motion was seconded by Jane Bridges. Ann Marie Lareau asked that perhaps in the future, we should request petitions from each organization. The motion to amend was defeated. With no further discussion, the original motion carried.
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?
- Motion by Abbott DeRham to amend the motion of \$1,599. With no second, the amendment failed. Thomas Smith asked about the budget presented, with no representative available. No response was given. Luanne Hardy asked that organizations be required to be present in the future. With no further discussion motion carried

- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program formally known as the Bennington County Court Diversion Program?
- Motion was made Ralph Colin and seconded Elise Anton. Ellen Maloney explained that this is a court diversion program where the suspect must meet with the board and plead their case and prove how they can be accepted back into the community. Motion carried.
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition, a project of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?
- Motion was made by Skip Dickinson and seconded by Virginia Freeman. Skip Dickinson explained that their new name is the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless and is a very worthwhile cause and serves Dorset people as well. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Motion was made by Rosalee Fox and seconded by Barbara Howland. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Motion was made by Elizabeth Karet and seconded by Laura Heinel. Barbara Howland spoke on their behalf and of the wonderful gatherings they do for the people and urged support of the cause. With no further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- Motion was made by Justine Cook and seconded by Salley Gibney. Terry Tyler spoke on their behalf and encouraged everyone to support the article. With no further discussion, the motion carried.
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Motion was made by Harry Chandler and seconded by Elise Anton. Ruth Stewart spoke on behalf of the organization and told they are currently building their 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> home with two more to begin this fall. They recently opened a resale store in Manchester and asked that Dorset continue to support them. With no more further discussion, motion carried.
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Dorset Nursing Association for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Ryan Downey and seconded by Salley Gibney. Rosalee Fox asked about the need for \$40,000 when they are showing an excess of revenue over expenses. Terry Tyler explained that Dorset Nursing Association is a small part of RAVNAH and any amounts collected from Dorset stay in Dorset and the budget shown is the budget as a whole. Ruth Stewart stated that the amount given doesn't show what the expenses really are. Terry Tyler then explained that the Dorset share is about \$100,000 in expenses of which the \$40,000 is put towards. Kathy DeRham asked if they still had an endowment. Terry Tyler explained that the endowment was used in order to stay afloat until RAVNAH came to the rescue. Carol Cooper who used to work for DNA and RAVNAH wished someone was here to explain. Skip Dickinson urged support for this as he has seen first hand what RAVNAH does for the whole community. Ralph Colin expressed that it is a bargain considering what the cost of a hospital stay would be. Carol Cooper then stated that the Manchester Health Services is also available to Dorset residents. With no further discussion, motion carried.

- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?

Motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Ann Marie Lareau. Doug Beebe asked that we support the cemetery for their care and maintenance. With no further discussion, motion carried.

- Article 22.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Justine Cook and seconded by Mae Soo Hoo. Thea Kelly, President of the Trustees for the library and told of the importance they play in the community. David Parsons then asked why the money earned from the endowment was not shown; Thea Kelly explained that the deficit was covered using money from the endowment. Abbott DeRham stated the money was first asked as a capital donation and has since been asked to continue support. Abbott DeRham then made a motion to amend the article to \$19,900 seconded by Kathy DeRham. Justine Cook then stated the importance of the Library. Walter Gilbert then questioned the two line items of \$10,000 each, Chris Brooks explained that it used to be in the budget for \$10,000 and petitioned for an additional \$10,000. This year the board moved it to one line of \$20,000. The motion to amend failed. With no further discussion, the original motion was re-read and was carried.

- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) to help support & defray costs related to the videotaping and television broadcast of the Dorset Select Board, Dorset School Board and other public and municipal meetings?

Motion was made by Salley Gibney and seconded by Bill Eyre. Salley Gibney spoke on its behalf, with no further discussion, motion carried.

- Article 24.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for the support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?

Motion was made by Barbara Melhado and seconded by Skip Dickinson. Rules were suspended to allow non-resident Jessilyn Amsden to speak. Jessilyn Amsden then spoke on behalf of the collaborative and the work they do with middle school students and the refuse to use program. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Article 25.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

Robert Menson urged the Selectboard to increase police protection in Dorset as more and more houses are being broken into.

Jack Stannard stated that in the past there were budget meetings held a week prior to the annual meeting and urged the Selectboard to consider them in the future. Chris Brooks then stated that the budget process is part of the Selectboard's meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend and give input.

Dave Parsons asked that the Selectboard require organizations to reveal their endowment balances and interest earned. Chris Brooks asked if he would be willing to put the request into a motion. Dave Parsons replied he would.

A motion was made by Dave Parsons. The Selectboard require those organizations making appropriation requests submit their endowments and the interest earned from those endowments with their budgets. The motion was seconded by Abbott DeRham. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Rob Gaiotti then spoke of the website and Facebook page for the town.

Sanfra Weiss made a motion to request the selectboard to require Organization requesting money have representation at the town meeting to speak to the cause. The motion was seconded by Savannah DeRham. Motion carried.

Motion to recess was made by Marilyn Kinney and seconded by Ruth Stewart.



# School Reports, Warnings & Budgets



Burr and Burton Academy  
*founded in 1829*



## **DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

The legal voters of the Dorset Town School District, Dorset, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dorset School Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Dorset School to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### **To be acted upon on Monday, March 2, 2015:**

Article 1: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$15,950 for the 2015-2016 school year for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?

Article 2: Shall the voters approve payment of \$15,950 in tuition support to the Long Trail School for the 2015-2016 school year for pupils in grades 9-12 who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend the Long Trail School?

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund?

Article 5: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 7).

Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

### **To be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2015:**

Article 7: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,491,132 necessary for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?

Article 8: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:  
Moderator for 1 year  
School Director for two (2) years  
School Director for three (3) years

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Dated this 5th day of January 2015.

DORSET BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Chandler, Chair

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Vickie Haskins

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Jennifer Allen, Clerk

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James Salsgiver

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Bob Allen

## 2014 DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Dorset Town School District, was called to order at the Dorset School, Monday, March 3, 2014 at 9:35 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Dorset School to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$15,400 for the 2014-2015 school year for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?

A motion was made by Craigin Salsgiver and seconded by Sanfra Weiss. Mark Tashjian, Headmaster, spoke on behalf of Burr & Burton and how they are striving for engaging in vigorous education experiences. This year they have placed an Ipad in the hands of every student and faculty member. They are also working on the poverty levels among the students. The Mountain Campus is in its third year and recently received a Lead Platinum Award. Burr & Burton strives to be a leading and incredible experience for all who attend. Bob Menson asked what the graduation rate currently is. Mark Tashjian stated that it is 100 %. Skip Dickinson asked if he would address the professional development line within their budget. Mark Tashjian explained that a reimbursement of 9% is given to any faculty member who furthers their education. Ralph Colin asked what impact the legislature will have with the restructure of education and school choice in Vermont. Mark Tashjian then explained that conceptually it makes sense, however, students need choice. A system that fosters choice also fosters ownership. With no further discussion motion carried.

Article 2: Shall the voters approve payment of \$15,400 in tuition support to the Long Trail School for the 2014- 2015 school year for pupils in grades 9-12 who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend the Long Trail School?

Motion was made by Terry Tyler seconded by Terri Hathaway. Steven Dear, Headmaster, then spoke about the school. The school's focus is to continue to grow the arts and sports programs within the school. There are many options for students at the school and tailor the education program around each student. He encouraged residents to come by the school for a visit and see the school. He continues to encourage the students to be involved in the community and welcomes input from the community for student involvement. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015?

Motion made by Abbott DeRham and seconded by Terry Tyler. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to incur interest-free debt through the Green Mountain Power Evergreen Fund in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years, for the purpose of financing the RELIGHT electrical efficiency project for the Dorset School?

Motion was made by Thea Kelly and seconded by Ralph Colin. James Salsgiver then spoke about the program that is sponsored by Efficiency Vermont. A full review of the school was done with the lighting and it was suggested to make changes. A savings of approximately \$4600 a year will be saved in energy costs. Terry Tyler asked if the lighting was LED and new ballasts. James Salsgiver stated that the new lighting dropped the glare in the lighting and it is proven that the classroom production increased with the softer lighting. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$8,926 for the first year costs of the RELIGHT Project?

Motion was made by Abbott DeRham and seconded by Elise Anton. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 6: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 8). See Article 8.

Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 8: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,018,357 necessary for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015?

David Chandler, Chair, spoke on behalf of the school and how they have created a community of excellence. Justine Cook asked about the federal subsidies and can they be used for purchasing fresh vegetables. Rosanne Moran, Principal spoke about the farm to school program and how monies are used for that purpose. Jennifer Allen then spoke and stated that there is a state push for federal monies for the Farm to School Program. Justine Cook then asked about the technology budget. Roseann spoke that monies this year will be used in replacing the older computers which are on a replacement cycle. Abbott DeRham then asked if the student per cost could be shown and how they affect the budget costs. David Chandler explained that there is a lot of energy placed on those studies and how our money has been spent and will be spent. A handout is available and it will also be placed on the school's website. Terri Hathaway stated that the realtors association has a study also available. Terry Tyler asked that the School Board request the audit for the Supervisory Union be done in less than nine months. Ralph Colin then spoke that the Vermont Legislature is suggesting in cutting school districts and supervisory unions, and if they succeed in the redistricting, school choice would no longer be an option.

A motion to recess was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Ruth Steward.

Article 9: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:

Moderator for 1 year	Kevin O'Toole 342
School Director for two (2) years	Vickie Haskins 310
School Director for three (3) years	James Salsgiver 319

## Dorset School Board Report

January 2015

The Dorset School community continues to grow in many ways. It is a transformation. Our primary goal remains constant, to make learning personalized and engaging, so that each student develops academically, socially, and emotionally to the best of their potential while at The Dorset School and beyond. This goal poses challenges for teachers and administrators. We need to find the best and most effective balances between:

- Testing as a way to maintain and achieve standards, while helping to direct teaching, and classroom time in which students learn as well as develop & explore their own learning styles;
- Finding appropriate learning opportunities for our non-academic goals such as becoming global citizens and developing a thirst for learning, versus developing and achieving steady and appropriate progress towards mastering fundamental skills such as reading comprehension, math, science and compositional writing;
- Access to and the use of technology (as a tool to reach beyond the classroom, to collaborate and to enable individual exploration) versus classroom activities and project learning (which present opportunities for students to learn a wide range of social skills, to apply their learning and to cultivate their ability to work effectively in groups)
- Having students take a key role in setting their own personalized goals and ensuring that each student develops knowledge thought to be important to preparing them for success in the world.

Teachers, administrators, students and parents are all fully engaged in this effort to find the optimal balances that will lead towards consistently effective schools.

It is well documented that the total school population in Vermont has been shrinking over the past several decades. Also Vermont's schools are very small compared to most other states. The Board of the Dorset School believes that rather than just focusing on making our schools bigger, this situation dictates the need for a small school model that is efficient and cost effective. To that end, our teachers are constantly adopting new tools and honing their teaching skills while striving to develop best practices. They do this in an effort to create an overall program designed to help all students achieve their greatest potential. It is an ongoing challenge. We believe that with the teachers we have, the students we attract, and the resources available to us, we are developing an excellent small school model here in Dorset; one that is worthy of replication. If you want to learn more about the specifics of what is being done in the Dorset School, please go to <http://www.dorsetvt.org> where you will find our "2014 BRSU Community Update". This provides an overview of the efforts being made in all of the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) schools, including Dorset.

Other ways in which the Dorset School and its community are growing is in student enrollment. In a break from state-wide demographics, the number of enrolled Dorset students has been relatively steady for a number of years. But recently it is actually increasing. This year's student population at the Dorset School has increased 8%, from 184 students to 199 students – our highest level in more than 10 years. While our high school population had seen declines in recent years, increases at the Dorset School are feeding into an increase in our high school population. This means our current 100 students is about 5% higher than the 95 students we had expected. So while the state as a whole is experiencing a decline in enrollment, Dorset's enrollment appears to be shifting from relatively flat to now experiencing growth from the ground up – which could suggest a trend of higher numbers for several years to come. This growth, while not predicted, is perhaps a welcome testament to the strength and appeal of our public school system.



The Budget for the coming year: With overall student enrollment increasing, our budget has had to increase commensurately. We have been able to absorb the increased student count at TDS with moderate increases in expenditures. But, as we pay tuition for our high school students, each additional student impacts our budget directly. Our property tax rate is expected to increase 7.8 cents, or a little more than 5%. The actual budget is increasing by almost 10%. At first glance these increases may seem shocking and inordinately large – they did to me. But, once unpacked, they do make sense. There are three main areas of expenditures that account for roughly 94% of the increase in expenditures.

The **first** is Special Education. This year our costs are increasing by \$185,000. Most of this increase is due to projected student needs in the coming school year. But, part of it is because Vermont law stipulates that we must centralize Special Education so that it is administered out of the Supervisory Union (SU). In FY16 Special Education costs will be spread across the entire SU largely based on the student population of each school. As Dorset is growing, this will cause us to shoulder a bit more of the burden than we might otherwise. **PLEASE NOTE** that while we are experiencing a significant increase in Special Education costs, on the Revenue side of the ledger, approximately 50% of these costs will be reimbursed, largely through federal funding programs. This is largely why our taxes have not increased as much as our expenses.

The **second** factor contributing to this year's budget increase is deficits from this current fiscal year. We are projecting a deficit of \$124,000, which needs to be added to next year's budget. This is primarily due to the unexpected increase in high school students – which increased our Tuition and Special Education costs in the current year.

The **third** factor driving the budget increase is a projected continuation of higher secondary student enrollment. Our FY16 budget reflects an increase of almost 7% in the number of high school students from our FY15 budget. Additional tuition alone produces a projected expense increase of \$151,000. As is typical in education, our cost per high school student is substantially higher than our cost per student at the elementary/middle school level. And, while we can often achieve cost efficiencies with additional students at TDS, this is not possible for tuitioned high school students.

As noted earlier, our **property tax rate** is expected to increase by 7.8 cents, or 5%. There are three main elements contributing to this increase. The first element is the State's increase to the base rate of 2 cents per \$100, which Vermont's property tax formula turns into an increase in Dorset's tax rate of about 3.25 cents – even if we were able to level fund our budget. The second element reflects the fact that the property tax formula adjusts for local real estate values – which adds an additional 1.3 cents to our tax rate this year. The third element is our increased budget for school spending in FY16, which adds a further 3.25 cents to the tax rate (including 1 cent from a separate Warned Article asking voters to approve adding \$30,000 to our Fund for building maintenance)– for the total increase of 7.8 cents.

We understand that the state education funding system, and our budgeting process are very complex and perhaps even counterintuitive. I have tried to present it in a way that makes sense, has a logical flow, and captures the essential reasons for this year's budget increase. At the same time we realize there will be questions. We are planning on holding a meeting before the town meeting in which we can delve into the detail of the budget. If you would like to attend such a meeting, please keep an eye on the Dorset web site for the posting of this meeting.

## SUMMARY

The Dorset school community has been growing in many ways. I think of this as a good thing. The credit for this continued growth sits squarely with the teachers, and the dynamic relationships they continually create with their students, parents, administrators, fellow teachers and the community at large. Success is best indicated by a team effort. Our teachers are a great team and they know how to participate as a team. Thank you for the work that you do and the commitment and dedication that you bring every day.

As we strive to navigate the choppy waters of school funding, and educational change, we are committed to our number one priority; the educational needs of our students. The coming year looks to bring more challenges as the Legislature examines the mechanics of school funding, as we become fully engaged in teacher contract negotiations, and as we continue to strive to perfect our classroom educational opportunities. For these reasons, we welcome your input throughout the year. We appreciate those who attend our meetings and those who watch our meetings on local television. It is with your participation and input that we believe we can be creative, innovative and most of all effective in providing our children with the best education opportunities available. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Dorset School Board



Dorset School  
Principal's Report  
January 2015

The Dorset School is a vibrant and exciting place to be! We have had a steady increase in students over the past four years. In the 2011-12 school year, we had approximately 170 students. This year, we have 200. Many parents who come to visit cite the reputation of the school as one of the reasons they choose to move to Dorset.

It is the dedication and skill of the teachers and the support and involvement of the parents and community that make The Dorset School into the wonderful place that it is for our students. Teachers at The Dorset School are continuously working to move our school to the next level and to hone their craft. This past summer, several of our teachers participated in Supervisory Union (SU) wide teams to revamp the Social Sciences curriculum, and to further refine our Math and Literacy curricula. Teachers from across the SU met with Assistant Superintendent Jackie Wilson this past fall for a workshop on Personalizing Learning. In addition, we provide varied and ongoing Professional Development in Math and Reading programs as well as access to in house Math and Literacy Coaches. While this collaboration keeps us up to date and moving forward in terms of the forward progression of educational practices, we meet regularly as a staff for Professional Development as well, which allows us to strengthen our team at The Dorset School.

Teachers in grades K-5 utilize the Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading Program, and Lucy Calkins Writing Program. In Math, we are working with the Engage NY curriculum, which is open source and closely aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Middle School Math uses a combination of Engage NY and The Progressive Math Initiative.

Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) have been fully implemented for all students K-8. Students work with their teachers to identify specific goals in academics, dispositions toward learning and civic ethics. PLPs are a major component of our Student Led Conferences. To further facilitate the personalization of learning, students in grades 5-8 each have a Chromebook. This allows students access to our learning management system both in and out of school. Middle School Students have been introduced to online courses with Stanford University, designing for our 3-D Printer, and participate in the Hour of Code. We are committed to providing greater access to technology for our younger students as well. Each primary classroom has computer stations as well as iPads and Chromebooks.

Teachers look for ways to foster student interest and learning outside the classroom as well. Students in the eighth grade travelled to GNAT this past year to produce their own news show. They chose and researched their topics, and learned all the components that go into filming and producing a news broadcast. Students in the seventh grade have participated and placed in the Sarnoff Speech Contest at Southern Vermont College for the past several years. Our Trout in the Classroom project continues to be an authentic learning experience for our students. Middle School Students participated in a Jazz Festival with the Eric Mintel Quartet, and students participate in the Southern Vermont Arts Center Art Show each year as well as hosting an Art Show at The Dorset School. Our seventh grade participates in an outdoor environmental learning experience at Smokey House, and students in the primary and intermediate grades travel to see performances and to learn about historic places in Vermont.

We will continue to administer the Measures of Academic Progress (MAPs) created by the NorthWest Evaluation Association (NWEA). This test gives us specific information regarding the strengths and challenges of each student, and allows us to further personalize their learning.

Dorset School  
Principal's Report (continued)

This year, we will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) for the first time. This is a computer adaptive test, which will take the place of the NECAP. Although there will be a steep learning curve for us in the format of the test, I am confident that our teachers and students are well prepared for the content.

The New England Common Assessment Project (NECAP) was administered for the last time as our state test in the fall of 2013. As usual, students at The Dorset School performed well above the state average in Reading, Writing, and Math. However, under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, 2014 was the goal year for 100% proficiency. This means that if even a single student in the school does not score 'proficient,' the school will not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Not surprisingly, there is not a single school whose students took the NECAP that made AYP as defined by NCLB. This means that *all* schools whose students took the NECAP, including The Dorset School are now identified as "low performing" schools by the US Department of Education. Vermont Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe stated in an August 2014 memo to parents, "The Vermont Agency of Education does not agree with this federal policy, nor do we agree that all of our schools are low performing." At The Dorset School, we will continue to strive for what is best for our students, and to meet their needs academically. We will provide our students with the tools they need for the new state test, and give them adequate time to practice the new format, but we will not make it our sole focus.

Our After School Program, implemented last year, continues to thrive. Over 30 students are able to stay after school and have a supervised session to work on their homework and participate in enrichment projects. It provides peace of mind for those parents who are not home in those important after school hours.

This year, we are participating in The Be Kind People Project, which challenges students to take the Be Kind Pledge and to look for ways to interact with each other in supportive, respectful manner.

Our community members show their support for our school in many different ways. The Adopt a Classroom program, where community members and businesses sponsor a classroom or program, allows staff to purchase supplies and programs for innovative activities with our students. Parent Volunteers are an integral part of The Dorset School through the Dorset Parent Volunteers (DPV) and the Four Winds Science Program as well as the Trout in the Classroom project.

In the interest of community relations, we are always looking for ways to expand the use of the building for the community. The Boy Scouts from Newtown, CT will use the gym for Bromley Scouting weekend for the fourth year in a row. Students from BBA as well as TDS utilize the school for Open Gym and Yoga classes are held for the community weekly. We are extremely grateful to the Town of Dorset for their generous contributions in terms of maintenance and weather related issues. Thank you, we truly could not do it without you!

I would like to thank the School Board and the town for continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Moran, Principal

# Dorset School District

FY16 Budget

			<u>FY14 Budget</u>	<u>FY14 Actual</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<b>EARLY EDUCATION</b>							
1100	320	Contracted Services	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$24,992</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>\$24,300</u>	<u>\$42,000</u>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION K-8</b>							
1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$910,189	\$923,789	\$916,877	\$928,218	\$931,584
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	14,511	19,365	15,108	29,095	30,119
1100	115	Salaries-Summer School	3,702	1,481	3,200	3,202	3,300
1100	120	Substitutes	14,000	14,613	14,000	15,500	15,500
1100	210	Group Medical	263,046	253,267	258,139	282,648	295,369
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	103,170	99,963	99,297	103,977	106,076
1100	331	ESL Assessment	1,000	29,986	31,734	31,734	15,489
1100	592	Instructional Services/Geometry	0	0	0	2,799	2,900
1100	610	Teaching Supplies	11,000	12,789	11,000	11,000	11,000
1100	620	Instructional Materials	7,600	6,068	7,600	7,600	7,600
1100	739	Equipment	<u>2,600</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>
			<u>\$1,330,818</u>	<u>\$1,361,538</u>	<u>\$1,359,555</u>	<u>\$1,418,373</u>	<u>\$1,421,537</u>
<b>Instructional Support</b>							
2200	270	Tuition/PD Contractual	\$15,625	\$19,695	\$15,625	\$21,364	\$22,000
2200	325	Prof Dev/District	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,315</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<u>\$18,625</u>	<u>\$21,010</u>	<u>\$18,625</u>	<u>\$24,364</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>Total Regular Education K-8</b>			<u><b>\$1,349,443</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,382,548</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,378,180</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,442,737</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,446,537</b></u>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION 9-12</b>							
1130	330	Services Tutoring/504	\$56,945	\$41,128	\$22,778	\$12,545	\$12,800
1130	564	Tuition - Out of State	100,600	115,321	81,300	68,760	42,750
1130	566	Tuition - Private In State	1,361,063	1,350,992	1,370,600	1,463,000	1,570,278
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	<u>13,525</u>	<u>13,261</u>	<u>12,928</u>	<u>14,402</u>	<u>13,070</u>
<b>Total Regular Education 9-12</b>			<u><b>\$1,532,133</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,520,702</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,487,606</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,558,707</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,638,898</b></u>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>							
2130	110	Salaries	\$29,652	\$29,280	\$29,831	\$29,831	\$30,875
2130	120	Substitutes	500	557	500	750	750
2130	210	Group Medical	3,860	3,630	3,714	3,714	3,881
2130	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	2,899	2,791	2,807	2,864	2,969
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Health Services</b>			<u><b>\$37,411</b></u>	<u><b>\$36,310</b></u>	<u><b>\$37,352</b></u>	<u><b>\$37,659</b></u>	<u><b>\$38,975</b></u>
<b>LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES</b>							
2220	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$53,684	\$52,746	\$53,738	\$53,738	\$55,619
2220	115	Salary-Para/Support	17,760	20,152	19,423	18,418	19,064
2220	120	Substitutes	500	516	500	600	600
2220	210	Group Medical	27,492	26,026	26,782	26,782	27,987
2220	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	8,802	8,678	8,557	8,503	8,759
2220	340	Technical Services	4,000	6,373	4,000	4,000	4,000
2220	610	Library Books & Supplies	7,000	6,878	7,000	7,000	7,000
2220	730	Technology/Computers	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,394</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Library/Media Services</b>			<u><b>\$144,238</b></u>	<u><b>\$148,763</b></u>	<u><b>\$145,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$144,041</b></u>	<u><b>\$148,029</b></u>

## Dorset School District

FY16 Budget			FY14 <u>Budget</u>	FY14 <u>Actual</u>	FY15 <u>Budget</u>	FY15 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY16 <u>Budget</u>
<b>BOARD</b>							
2310	111	Salaries	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2310	220	Benefits	230	230	230	230	230
2310	330	Contracted Service/Clerical	1,610	1,308	1,610	1,500	1,500
2310	360	Legal Services	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	16,050	15,293	15,900	15,404	16,000
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	2,085	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<b>Total Board</b>			<b><u>\$27,990</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,597</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,840</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,030</u></b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>							
2321	331	Assessment	<u>\$77,834</u>	<u>\$77,834</u>	<u>\$93,695</u>	<u>\$93,695</u>	<u>\$102,848</u>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
2520	320	Purchases Services/Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,491	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
2520	331	BRSU Assessment	12,090	12,090	15,100	15,100	15,915
2520	370	Audit	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>7,000</u>
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>			<b><u>\$17,490</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,331</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,350</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,350</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,415</u></b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>							
2410	110	Principal Salary	\$95,220	\$94,962	\$98,026	\$98,026	\$101,457
2410	115	Salaries - Staff	64,972	57,733	60,280	60,280	62,347
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	44,827	43,254	45,201	45,201	47,235
2410	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	20,738	19,201	19,374	19,487	20,117
2410	325	Professional Development	5,000	2,925	5,000	5,000	5,000
2410	332	Services	0	802	0	800	800
2410	491	Service Contract-Copier/Printers	6,000	10,327	6,000	10,400	10,400
2410	530	Telephone	2,500	2,608	2,000	2,000	2,000
2410	531	Postage	1,000	815	1,000	1,000	1,000
2410	580	Local Transportation	400	0	400	400	400
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,134</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total School Administration</b>			<b><u>\$245,657</u></b>	<b><u>\$237,761</u></b>	<b><u>\$242,281</u></b>	<b><u>\$247,594</u></b>	<b><u>\$255,756</u></b>
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS/GROUNDS</b>							
2620	110	Salaries	\$73,373	\$70,386	\$67,357	\$68,798	\$71,215
2620	120	Substitutes	3,500	0	3,500	2,000	2,000
2620	210	Group Medical Insurance	18,391	17,722	20,834	25,455	26,600
2620	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	14,677	13,813	13,541	13,450	13,931
2620	325	Conference Fees	300	125	300	300	300
2620	420	Rubbish Removal	4,000	4,517	4,000	4,500	4,500
2620	490	Repairs & Maintenance	28,000	28,793	28,000	28,000	28,000
2620	580	PD/Travel/Memberships	1,650	823	1,650	1,500	1,500
2620	610	Custodial Supplies	13,500	19,105	13,500	19,000	19,000
2620	622	Electricity	33,400	34,586	35,500	35,500	35,500
2620	624	Fuel Oil	41,000	39,179	45,400	39,000	42,900
2620	720	Lighting Retrofit/FY16	2,000	0	0	0	4,426
2620	730	Equipment	2,700	1,416	2,700	2,700	27,700
2630	430	Maintenance	2,500	414	2,500	2,500	2,500
2630	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Plant and Grounds</b>			<b><u>\$239,491</u></b>	<b><u>\$231,845</u></b>	<b><u>\$239,282</u></b>	<b><u>\$243,203</u></b>	<b><u>\$280,572</u></b>



# Dorset School District

## FY16 Budget

			<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES</b>							
2711	110	Salaries	\$58,756	\$54,172	\$63,874	\$57,852	\$58,429
2711	120	Substitutes	3,000	11,222	3,000	2,000	2,000
2711	210	Group Medical	11,390	12,652	19,541	15,481	16,178
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	9,961	8,708	10,351	9,090	9,379
2711	390	Physicals/CDL	2,420	2,320	2,420	2,420	2,420
2711	520	Bus Insurance	1,159	1,623	1,159	1,720	1,790
2711	580	PD/Travel	0	163	200	200	500
2711	910	Bus Lease Payments	34,350	20,351	34,350	36,350	16,000
2740	430	Maintenance	12,000	12,756	12,000	12,500	12,500
2740	611	Tires	2,000	2,870	2,000	2,500	2,500
2740	622	Electricity	600	1,359	600	1,400	1,400
2740	626	Diesel	14,000	14,532	14,000	14,500	14,500
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	500	239	500	500	500
<b>Total Vehicle Operation Services</b>			<b><u>\$150,136</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,967</u></b>	<b><u>\$163,995</u></b>	<b><u>\$156,513</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,096</u></b>

## SPECIAL EDUCATION - PK-8

### PK Services

1100	320	Contracted Services/PK	\$1,600	\$15,280	\$6,000	\$7,315	\$0
1100	331	Instruction/Support Assmnt PK	40,498	40,498	67,670	67,670	0
2400	331	Administration Assessment	0	0	1,950	1,950	0
2711	510	Transportation/PK	10,000	5,821	0	0	0
			<u>\$52,098</u>	<u>\$61,599</u>	<u>\$75,620</u>	<u>\$76,935</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Instruction

1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$131,466	\$130,926	\$133,387	\$133,387	\$0
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	110,201	122,132	77,588	79,076	81,845
1100	120	Substitutes	2,500	5,308	2,500	5,500	3,500
1100	210	Medical Insurance	69,282	79,071	75,191	53,564	15,066
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	31,345	32,499	24,783	25,938	12,467
1100	332	ESY/Tutoring/Other	5,650	4,589	5,000	2,873	0
1100	561	Tuition	0	7,391	0	26,031	0
1100	610	Supplies	2,900	1,369	2,900	2,900	0
1100	739	Equipment	3,000	3,302	3,000	3,000	0
			<u>\$356,344</u>	<u>\$386,587</u>	<u>\$324,349</u>	<u>\$332,269</u>	<u>\$112,878</u>

### Student Support

2100	330	Contracted Services	\$9,825	\$6,586	\$7,000	\$3,135	\$0
2152	110	Salaries/Speech	64,219	64,139	65,326	65,326	0
2152	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	24,926	15,330	23,403	22,985	23,794
2152	210	Group Medical	27,492	22,922	26,782	26,782	7,533
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	10,634	8,601	10,013	9,993	3,299
2152	610	Supplies	700	932	700	700	0
2711	510	Transportation K-8	500	0	0	6,000	0
			<u>\$138,296</u>	<u>\$118,510</u>	<u>\$133,224</u>	<u>\$134,921</u>	<u>\$34,626</u>

### Instructional Support

2200	270	Tuition/PD Contractual	\$3,125	\$628	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$0
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### Administration

2400	490	Copier, Postage, Etc.	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0
2400	540	Advertising	500	0	500	0	0
			<u>\$550</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$550</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### BRSU Services

2160	331	OT Assessment	\$19,762	\$19,762	\$11,472	\$11,472	\$0
2190	331	PT Assessment	4,326	4,326	3,500	3,500	0
2400	331	Administration Assessment	2,270	2,270	17,076	17,076	0
			<u>\$26,358</u>	<u>\$26,358</u>	<u>\$32,048</u>	<u>\$32,048</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Special Education PK-8</b>			<b><u>\$576,771</u></b>	<b><u>\$593,682</u></b>	<b><u>\$568,916</u></b>	<b><u>\$579,298</u></b>	<b><u>\$147,504</u></b>

## Dorset School District

### FY16 Budget

			<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>							
<u>Instruction/Support</u>							
1100	330	Tutoring/ESY	\$3,000	\$3,571	\$5,200	\$4,410	\$0
1100	561	Public Service Fees	3,000	0	0	0	0
1100	566	Tuition to Private In-State	0	68,967	64,000	114,165	0
1100	595	Private Service Fees	264,969	271,106	305,304	241,447	0
2100	320	Contracted Services	14,000	21,029	9,100	14,000	0
2152	595	Speech Services	32,880	24,368	24,400	29,816	0
2711	519	Transportation	5,000	5,612	5,100	8,500	0
			<u>\$322,849</u>	<u>\$394,653</u>	<u>\$413,104</u>	<u>\$412,338</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>BRSU Services</u>							
2160	331	OT Assessment	\$7,572	\$7,572	\$863	\$863	\$0
2190	331	PT Assessment	4,326	4,326	3,501	3,501	0
2400	331	Administrative Assessment	1,578	1,578	12,114	12,114	0
			<u>\$13,476</u>	<u>\$13,476</u>	<u>\$16,478</u>	<u>\$16,478</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Special Education-Secondary</b>			<b><u>\$336,325</u></b>	<b><u>\$408,129</u></b>	<b><u>\$429,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$428,816</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>BRSU Assessments</u>							
Early Education							\$30,535
Student Services K-8							438,367
Student Services 9-12							441,696
Support Services/Administration							125,086
Total BRSU Services							<u>\$1,035,684</u>
<b>Total Special Education PK-12</b>			<b><u>\$913,096</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,001,811</u></b>	<b><u>\$998,498</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,008,114</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,183,188</u></b>
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR/ENRICHMENT</b>							
<u>Sports Coordination</u>							
1400	115	Coaching/Referees	\$4,900	\$3,200	\$5,550	\$3,850	\$3,850
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	396	257	448	331	359
1400	330	Referees	1,400	2,030	1,400	2,000	2,000
2720	115	Transportation	1,000	666	1,000	1,000	1,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	117	71	117	121	122
			<u>\$7,813</u>	<u>\$6,224</u>	<u>\$8,515</u>	<u>\$7,302</u>	<u>\$7,331</u>
<u>School Year Programs</u>							
1400	110	Extracurricular Stipends	\$2,650	\$2,810	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$4,200
1400	390	Field Trips/Activities	10,000	12,341	10,000	10,000	10,000
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	214	234	255	254	339
2720	115	Transportation	1,000	2,070	1,000	2,000	2,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	117	214	117	242	245
			<u>\$13,981</u>	<u>\$17,669</u>	<u>\$14,522</u>	<u>\$15,646</u>	<u>\$16,784</u>
<u>After School Program</u>							
1400	115	Program Instructors	\$9,000	\$26,423	\$23,275	\$20,378	\$20,387
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	1,177	2,635	2,260	2,288	2,333
1400	610	Supplies	2,000	730	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720	115	Transportation	5,481	1,703	3,000	2,000	2,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	639	259	350	253	245
			<u>\$18,297</u>	<u>\$31,750</u>	<u>\$30,885</u>	<u>\$26,919</u>	<u>\$26,965</u>
<b>Total Extracurricular/Enrichment</b>			<b><u>\$40,091</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,643</u></b>	<b><u>\$53,922</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,867</u></b>	<b><u>\$51,080</u></b>

# Dorset School District

FY16 Budget

			<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>
			<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>FOODSERVICE PROGRAM</b>							
3100	110	Salaries	\$28,843	\$34,724	\$37,073	\$35,911	\$37,153
3100	210	Group Medical	5,719	11,497	14,418	14,418	15,066
3100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	4,479	4,460	4,865	4,697	4,989
3100	332	Workshops/Conferences	500	79	500	500	500
3100	490	Repairs & Maintenance	2,000	955	2,000	2,000	2,000
3100	610	Supplies	2,500	8,289	2,500	5,000	5,000
3100	730	Equipment	0	1,599	0	0	0
3100	630	Food/Milk	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,245</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>
<b>Total Foodservice Program</b>			<b><u>\$89,041</u></b>	<b><u>\$106,848</u></b>	<b><u>\$97,356</u></b>	<b><u>\$110,526</u></b>	<b><u>\$112,708</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>			 <b>\$4,889,051</b>	 <b>\$5,008,952</b>	 <b>\$5,018,357</b>	 <b>\$5,164,663</b>	 <b>\$5,491,132</b>
Warned Article			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			<b><u>\$4,889,051</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,008,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,027,283</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,173,589</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>

# Dorset School District

## FY16 Budget

	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Early Education	\$25,000	\$24,992	\$33,000	\$24,300	\$42,000
Regular Education K-8	1,349,443	1,382,548	1,378,180	1,442,737	1,446,537
Regular Education 9-12	1,532,133	1,520,702	1,487,606	1,558,707	1,638,898
Health Services	37,411	36,310	37,352	37,659	38,975
Library/Media Services	144,238	148,763	145,000	144,041	148,029
Board	27,990	23,597	27,840	27,357	28,030
Office of the Superintendent	77,834	77,834	93,695	93,695	102,848
Fiscal Services	17,490	17,331	20,350	20,350	24,415
School Administration	245,657	237,761	242,281	247,594	255,756
Plant and Grounds Operations	239,491	231,845	239,282	243,203	280,572
Vehicle Operation Services	150,136	142,967	163,995	156,513	138,096
Special Education	913,096	1,001,811	998,498	1,008,114	1,183,188
Extracurricular/Enrichment	40,091	55,643	53,922	49,867	51,080
Foodservice Program	<u>89,041</u>	<u>106,848</u>	<u>97,356</u>	<u>110,526</u>	<u>112,708</u>
<b>Total Budget to be Voted</b>	<b><u>\$4,889,051</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,008,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,018,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,164,663</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,491,132</u></b>
Warned Article			<u>8,926</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b><u>\$5,027,283</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,173,589</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>

# Dorset School District

## FY16 Budget

	<b>FY14 Budget</b>	<b>FY14 Actual</b>	<b>FY15 Budget</b>	<b>FY15 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY16 Budget</b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
<b><u>Services</u></b>					
1322 Tuition	\$61,000	\$12,923	\$24,400	\$76,982	\$85,400
1910 Town Rent of Building	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
1941 Special Ed Service Fees	9,000	5,892	0	4,469	1,827
5400 Prior Year Adjustments	<u>0</u>	<u>1,752</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>\$146,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$96,567</u></b>	<b><u>\$100,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$157,451</u></b>	<b><u>\$163,227</u></b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>					
1500 Interest	\$3,000	\$433	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
1900 Donations/Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,741</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b>
<b><u>State/Federal/Subgrants</u></b>					
3145 Small Schools Support Grant	\$32,765	\$20,957	\$0	\$0	\$0
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	58,555	58,476	60,585	60,479	62,608
3201 Special Ed Block Grant	98,189	98,189	99,767	99,767	104,028
3202 Spec. Ed. - Reimbursement	371,160	441,256	436,192	424,836	561,127
3204 Early Education Block Grant	18,090	18,090	19,149	19,149	18,560
3400 State Placed Regular Ed	0	0	15,400	0	0
4810 Forest Revenue	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,320</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>
	<b><u>\$583,459</u></b>	<b><u>\$641,288</u></b>	<b><u>\$635,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$608,531</u></b>	<b><u>\$750,623</u></b>
<b><u>Extracurricular/After School Program</u></b>					
1900 After School Fees/Donations	\$6,000	\$9,287	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2700 Subgrants	<u>12,297</u>	<u>22,463</u>	<u>10,885</u>	<u>6,919</u>	<u>6,965</u>
	<b><u>\$18,297</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,885</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,919</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,965</u></b>
<b><u>Foodservice Program</u></b>					
1600 Lunch/Milk Sales	\$38,000	\$47,189	\$39,000	\$50,400	\$50,400
3400 State Lunch Match	700	912	900	900	900
4400 Federal Lunch Reimb.	<u>23,000</u>	<u>25,691</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>30,100</u>
	<b><u>\$61,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$73,792</u></b>	<b><u>\$64,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,400</u></b>
Revenue Subtotal	\$814,456	\$847,138	\$824,578	\$866,801	\$1,014,715
3100 Education Spending	4,097,463	4,097,463	4,227,848	4,227,848	4,630,067
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$4,911,919</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,944,601</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,052,426</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,094,649</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,644,782</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised Above	<u>(22,868)</u>		<u>(25,143)</u>		<u>(123,650)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$4,889,051</u></b>		<b><u>\$5,027,283</u></b>		<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>

**Dorset School District**  
FY16 Budget

<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Reserve</b>	<b>Donations / Classroom Supplies</b>	<b>Grants &amp; Subgrants</b>	<b>Medicaid</b>
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$19,641</b>	<b>\$112,775</b>	<b>\$7,768</b>	<b>\$16,586</b>	<b>\$28,284</b>
Actual Revenue FY14	\$4,944,601		\$8,895	\$36,846	
Actual Expenditures FY14	<u>(5,008,952)</u>	<u>(41,372)</u>	<u>(10,368)</u>	<u>(34,847)</u>	<u>(5,214)</u>
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2014</b>	<b>(\$44,710)</b>	<b>\$71,403</b>	<b>\$6,295</b>	<b>\$18,585</b>	<b>\$23,070</b>
Anticipated Revenue FY15	\$5,094,649				
Anticipated Expenditures FY15	<u>(5,164,663)</u>	<u>(27,737)</u>			
Warned Article Approved March 2014	<u>(8,926)</u>				
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>(\$123,650)</b>	<b>\$43,666</b>			
Budgeted Revenue FY16	\$5,644,782				
Budgeted Expenditures FY16	<u>(5,491,132)</u>	<u>30,000</u>			
Warned Article - March 2015	<u>(30,000)</u>				
<b>Budgeted Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$73,666</b>			



## PRELIMINARY

## Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES  
ONLY

District: <b>Dorset</b>		<b>T059</b>		Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.		Recommended homestead Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.	
County: <b>Bennington</b>		<b>Bennington - Rutland</b>		<b>9,459</b>		<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>		
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,606,026	\$4,889,051	\$5,027,283	\$5,491,132	1.	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$30,000	2.	
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.	
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$4,606,026</b>	<b>\$4,889,051</b>	<b>\$5,027,283</b>	<b>\$5,521,132</b>	4.	
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	\$26,926	\$22,868	\$25,143	\$123,650	6.	
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$4,632,952</b>	<b>\$4,911,919</b>	<b>\$5,052,426</b>	<b>\$5,644,782</b>	7.	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$101,698	\$77,834	\$93,695	\$102,848	8.	
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	\$26,926	\$22,868	\$25,143	\$123,650	9.	
<b>Revenues</b>							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$746,149	\$814,456	\$824,578	\$1,014,715	10.	
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.	
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.	
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$746,149</b>	<b>\$814,456</b>	<b>\$824,578</b>	<b>\$1,014,715</b>	13.	
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$3,886,803</b>	<b>\$4,097,463</b>	<b>\$4,227,848</b>	<b>\$4,630,067</b>	14.	
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	280.04	281.80	284.35	299.65	15.	
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,879.46</b>	<b>\$14,540.32</b>	<b>\$14,868.46</b>	<b>\$15,451.58</b>	16.	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.	
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$0.35	-	\$0.72	\$8.49	18.	
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.	
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.	
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.	
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.	
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.	
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.	
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.	
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,879	\$14,540	\$14,868	\$15,452	26.	
27.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b> <b>(\$15,452 / \$9,459)</b>	<b>159.113%</b> <small>based on \$8,723</small>	<b>158.893%</b> <small>based on \$8,151</small>	<b>160.134%</b> <small>based on \$8,285</small>	<b>163.353%</b> <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.	
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (163.353% x \$1.000)	\$1.4161 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.4936 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.5693 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.6335 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.	
29.	Percent of Dorset equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.	
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.63)	\$1.4161	\$1.4936	\$1.5693	\$1.6335	30.	
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	108.22%	109.73%	106.91%	105.64%	31.	
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (1.6335 / 105.64%)	\$1.3085 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.3612 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.4679 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.5463 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.	
		If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (163.353% x 1.94%)	2.86% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.86% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	3.11% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	3.17% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.	
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 3.17%)	2.86% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.86% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	3.11% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	3.17% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.	
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.	
36.		-	-	-	-	36.	

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

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

- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## General Budget FY16

	<u>FY14 Budget</u>	<u>FY14 Actual</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
ESL	\$36,349	\$78,662	\$69,744	\$144,681	\$87,158
Administration	669,032	638,427	762,733	755,068	783,801
Accounting	128,014	140,424	149,285	139,109	152,652
Transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>545,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$833,395</u></b>	<b><u>\$857,513</u></b>	<b><u>\$981,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,038,858</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,568,611</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Interest	\$3,000	\$1,065	\$1,800	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	500	8,654	500	500	500
Service Fees/Instruction	0	37,592	0	74,940	0
Service Fees/Transportation	0	0	0	0	545,000
Grant Administration	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,084</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>15,215</u>	<u>12,000</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$28,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,395</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,300</u></b>	<b><u>\$91,655</u></b>	<b><u>\$558,500</u></b>
Assessments	<u>774,895</u>	<u>774,895</u>	<u>942,462</u>	<u>942,462</u>	<u>980,111</u>
<b>Fee/Assessments</b>	<b><u>\$774,895</u></b>	<b><u>\$774,895</u></b>	<b><u>\$942,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$942,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$803,395</u></b>	<b><u>\$846,290</u></b>	<b><u>\$969,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,034,117</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,538,611</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	<u>30,000</u>		<u>12,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$833,395</u></b>		<b><u>\$981,762</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,568,611</u></b>

### **EXPENDITURES**

#### **ESL Teacher**

1100 110 Salaries	\$33,461	\$69,631	\$61,954	\$112,404	\$57,755
1100 210 Medical Insurance	0	3,166	0	18,935	19,787
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	2,888	5,865	5,290	10,842	6,116
1100 320 Professional Development	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100 580 Travel	0	0	0	0	1,000
1100 610 Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total ESL</b>	<b><u>\$36,349</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,662</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,744</u></b>	<b><u>\$144,681</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,158</u></b>

#### **Administration**

2321 110 Superintendent	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$130,000
2321 110 Assistant Superintendent	63,000	63,000	64,890	64,890	67,161
2321 115 Salaries - Staff	166,629	165,097	217,723	212,854	225,733
2321 210 Medical Insurance	98,539	92,770	108,986	103,246	109,778
2321 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	45,719	43,703	53,978	52,640	54,466

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## General Budget FY16

			<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>							
2321	320	Professional Development	17,500	8,138	17,500	19,500	19,500
2321	321	Board Development	3,000	0	3,000	4,090	3,000
2321	330	Contracted Services	1,500	552	1,500	1,500	1,500
2321	330	Minutes	538	538	538	538	538
2321	330	Accounting System	14,500	16,080	16,000	16,000	16,000
2321	330	Future Planning/Flex Plan	1,000	880	1,000	1,005	1,000
2321	330	Alarm System Monitoring	300	264	300	264	300
2321	360	Legal	5,000	1,101	5,000	5,000	5,000
2321	370	Audit	7,500	5,125	6,250	6,250	8,000
2321	423	Custodial/Trash	3,200	2,841	3,200	3,200	3,200
2321	440	Equip Rent/Copier	2,500	1,129	2,500	2,500	2,500
2321	441	Rent	60,807	60,807	62,343	62,343	63,925
2321	520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,500	5,502	5,725	5,660	5,900
2321	530	Telephone	2,200	1,511	2,200	2,000	2,000
2321	530	Internet	9,500	8,256	8,300	8,300	8,300
2321	531	Postage	3,400	4,733	3,400	4,700	4,700
2321	540	Advertising	1,500	201	1,500	1,500	1,500
2321	580	Local Travel	7,000	6,303	7,000	7,000	7,000
2321	610	Supplies	10,000	11,009	10,000	10,000	10,000
2321	670	Software/Tech Supplies	2,000	2,317	3,000	3,000	3,000
2321	670	Tech Services	2,800	2,584	2,800	2,800	2,800
2321	670	Schoolreach	3,000	2,678	2,800	2,000	2,000
2321	670	Schoolmaster	0	0	13,400	13,948	14,000
2321	670	IQM2	0	0	4,500	4,440	4,500
2321	739	Equip Purchase	500	498	500	500	500
2321	810	Dues	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,810</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,900</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Total Administration</b>			<b><u>\$669,032</u></b>	<b><u>\$638,427</u></b>	<b><u>\$762,733</u></b>	<b><u>\$755,068</u></b>	<b><u>\$783,801</u></b>
<b><u>District Accounting</u></b>							
2510	115	Salaries - Staff	\$94,869	\$94,869	\$96,656	\$92,467	\$101,403
2510	210	Medical Insurance	18,142	31,065	37,006	32,119	35,448
2510	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>15,003</u>	<u>14,490</u>	<u>15,623</u>	<u>14,523</u>	<u>15,801</u>
<b>Total District Accounting</b>			<b><u>\$128,014</u></b>	<b><u>\$140,424</u></b>	<b><u>\$149,285</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,109</u></b>	<b><u>\$152,652</u></b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>							
2711	519	Transportation Contracts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$545,000</u></b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>			<b><u>\$833,395</u></b>	<b><u>\$857,513</u></b>	<b><u>\$981,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,038,858</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,568,611</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY16**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt.Tabor	Mtn RED	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
ADM 2014	1097.31		195.00	301.10		267.01			74.60	90.90	168.70	
District Share			17.8%	27.4%		24.3%			6.8%	8.3%	15.4%	
ESL	<b>\$87,158</b>		<b>\$15,489</b>	<b>\$23,916</b>		<b>\$21,208</b>			<b>\$5,925</b>	<b>\$7,220</b>	<b>\$13,400</b>	
ADM 2014	2,222.78	110.90	311.40	589.77	14.00	472.46	106.00	31.00	146.05	101.90	195.70	143.60
Percentage		4.99%	14.01%	26.53%	0.63%	21.26%	4.77%	1.39%	6.57%	4.58%	8.80%	6.46%
Administration	<b>\$770,301</b>	<b>\$38,432</b>	<b>\$107,915</b>	<b>\$204,384</b>	<b>\$4,853</b>	<b>\$163,730</b>	<b>\$36,734</b>	<b>\$10,743</b>	<b>\$50,613</b>	<b>\$35,313</b>	<b>\$67,820</b>	<b>\$49,764</b>
District Accounting	<b>\$152,652</b>	<b>\$3,085</b>	<b>\$15,915</b>	<b>\$42,224</b>	<b>\$2,273</b>	<b>\$36,703</b>	<b>\$3,085</b>	<b>\$2,273</b>	<b>\$9,094</b>	<b>\$16,240</b>	<b>\$16,239</b>	<b>\$5,521</b>
(Assessment to districts is based on staff FTE)												
Assessed Expenditures	<b>\$1,010,111</b>	<b>\$41,517</b>	<b>\$139,319</b>	<b>\$270,524</b>	<b>\$7,126</b>	<b>\$221,641</b>	<b>\$39,819</b>	<b>\$13,016</b>	<b>\$65,632</b>	<b>\$58,773</b>	<b>\$97,459</b>	<b>\$55,285</b>
Less Surplus Used - Allocated at Prior Year ADM - Balance of FY13 Surplus Due to Original Districts in SU												
ADM 2011	1,708.75	125.93	289.63	681.84	15.00		133.85	54.00	145.00	99.00	164.50	
Percentage		7.37%	16.95%	39.90%	0.88%		7.83%	3.16%	8.49%	5.79%	9.63%	
Surplus Applied	<b>(\$29,564)</b>	<b>(\$2,179)</b>	<b>(\$5,011)</b>	<b>(\$11,797)</b>	<b>(\$260)</b>		<b>(\$2,316)</b>	<b>(\$934)</b>	<b>(\$2,509)</b>	<b>(\$1,713)</b>	<b>(\$2,845)</b>	
Less Surplus Used - Allocated at Prior Year ADM												
ADM 2012	2,240.18	122.10	290.00	666.07	13.40	430.22	136.10	41.70	133.60	96.99	165.00	145.00
Percentage		5.45%	12.95%	29.73%	0.60%	19.20%	6.08%	1.86%	5.96%	4.33%	7.37%	6.47%
Surplus Applied	<b>(\$436)</b>	<b>(\$24)</b>	<b>(\$56)</b>	<b>(\$130)</b>	<b>(\$3)</b>	<b>(\$84)</b>	<b>(\$26)</b>	<b>(\$8)</b>	<b>(\$26)</b>	<b>(\$19)</b>	<b>(\$32)</b>	<b>(\$28)</b>
Total Surplus Applied	<b>(\$30,000)</b>	<b>(\$2,203)</b>	<b>(\$5,067)</b>	<b>(\$11,927)</b>	<b>(\$263)</b>	<b>(\$84)</b>	<b>(\$2,342)</b>	<b>(\$942)</b>	<b>(\$2,535)</b>	<b>(\$1,732)</b>	<b>(\$2,877)</b>	<b>(\$28)</b>
FY16 Assessment	<b>\$980,111</b>	<b>\$39,314</b>	<b>\$134,252</b>	<b>\$258,597</b>	<b>\$6,863</b>	<b>\$221,557</b>	<b>\$37,477</b>	<b>\$12,074</b>	<b>\$63,097</b>	<b>\$57,041</b>	<b>\$94,582</b>	<b>\$55,257</b>

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## Special Education Budget FY16

	<u>FY14 Budget</u>	<u>FY14 Actual</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
PK Sites	\$113,960	\$103,998	\$104,766	\$105,574	\$214,859
Early Education Instruction/Support	182,263	210,473	204,659	195,251	260,037
Direct Services	152,077	197,998	195,200	230,939	34,154
Cornerstone Program	144,391	85,787	160,188	131,651	136,582
Services K-6/8	0	0	0	0	2,951,281
Services 7/9-12	0	0	0	0	4,251,296
Behavior Analyst	63,484	0	0	0	112,117
Psychological Services PK-12	214,913	216,136	223,754	226,839	234,692
Occupational/Physical Therapy PK-12	225,599	284,461	298,319	301,003	311,991
Administration PK-12	482,396	526,684	583,161	595,159	619,653
Transportation PK-12	105,988	185,936	168,533	189,257	248,103
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$1,685,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,811,473</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,938,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,975,673</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Tuition Cornerstone Program	\$144,391	\$86,991	\$160,188	\$114,420	\$0
Direct Services	258,065	427,974	363,733	420,196	34,154
IDEA Grants	571,000	611,327	553,000	587,838	615,000
EEI Grant	0	0	0	2,700	0
Medicaid Grant	72,574	23,140	49,988	58,435	81,203
Assessments	581,550	581,550	815,046	815,046	8,644,408
Surplus to Reduce Assessments	57,491	0	(3,375)	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,685,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,730,982</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,938,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,998,635</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>

### **EXPENDITURES**

#### **Early Education**

PK Sites							
1100	110	Salaries	\$53,431	\$52,598	\$54,176	\$54,176	\$117,295
1100	115	Paraeducators/Subs	26,709	15,396	17,013	16,012	16,504
1100	210	Group Medical	21,525	26,500	21,492	21,334	22,293
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	9,070	7,396	7,810	7,602	13,199
1100	610	Supplies	1,000	1,931	1,250	1,250	2,000
2100	300	Contracted Services	200	0	0	2,700	0
2152	110	Salaries	0	0	0	0	37,654
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	0	0	0	0	3,414
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuitic	1,500	177	2,500	2,500	2,500
2200	581	Dues/NAEYC Fees	<u>525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total PK Sites			\$113,960	\$103,998	\$104,766	\$105,574	\$214,859

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			<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>							
<b>Early Education Instruction</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	110	Salary	\$81,283	\$80,950	\$81,125	\$77,027	\$86,684
1100	112	ESY	0	0	0	0	3,000
1100	210	Medical	21,564	23,826	23,857	21,699	25,445
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	8,234	8,951	8,575	7,939	9,276
1100	320	Instructional Services	0	0	0	0	10,000
1100	610	Supplies	300	0	300	300	1,000
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	1,000	2,558	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200	580	Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,804</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<u>\$113,381</u>	<u>\$119,089</u>	<u>\$118,057</u>	<u>\$112,965</u>	<u>\$141,405</u>
<u>Speech/Support</u>							
2100	320	Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
2152	110	Salary - Speech	44,979	57,907	53,098	50,343	71,349
2152	112	ESY	0	0	0	0	2,000
2152	210	Medical	14,725	20,603	19,722	18,594	19,431
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	4,878	6,171	5,982	5,549	7,852
2152	610	Supplies	300	845	300	300	1,000
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	1,000	852	2,500	2,500	3,000
2200	580	Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,006</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
			<u>\$68,882</u>	<u>\$91,384</u>	<u>\$86,602</u>	<u>\$82,286</u>	<u>\$118,632</u>
<b>Total Early Ed Instruction</b>			<u><b>\$182,263</b></u>	<u><b>\$210,473</b></u>	<u><b>\$204,659</b></u>	<u><b>\$195,251</b></u>	<u><b>\$260,037</b></u>
<b>Occupational Therapy /PK</b>							
2160	110	Salary	\$9,641	\$8,779	\$11,362	\$16,251	\$16,819
2160	210	Medical	3,117	2,699	3,571	5,109	5,337
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>1,481</u>	<u>1,355</u>	<u>1,758</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>2,658</u>
			<u><b>\$14,239</b></u>	<u><b>\$12,833</b></u>	<u><b>\$16,691</b></u>	<u><b>\$23,898</b></u>	<u><b>\$24,814</b></u>
<b>Physical Therapy /PK</b>							
2190	110	Salary	\$3,468	\$3,399	\$7,073	\$16,003	\$16,564
2190	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>281</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>1,374</u>
			<u><b>\$3,749</b></u>	<u><b>\$3,674</b></u>	<u><b>\$7,647</b></u>	<u><b>\$17,297</b></u>	<u><b>\$17,938</b></u>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy/PK</b>			<u><b>\$17,988</b></u>	<u><b>\$16,507</b></u>	<u><b>\$24,338</b></u>	<u><b>\$41,195</b></u>	<u><b>\$42,752</b></u>
<u>Administration</u>							
2420	610	Testing Supplies/Adv/Postage	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,669</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<b>Total Early Education Services</b>			<u><b>\$200,251</b></u>	<u><b>\$231,649</b></u>	<u><b>\$234,997</b></u>	<u><b>\$242,446</b></u>	<u><b>\$308,789</b></u>



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			<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Direct Services K-8</b>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$47,741	\$43,655	\$20,492	\$28,790	\$23,315
1100	210	Medical	19,272	12,728	9,574	11,361	7,380
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,525	4,509	2,455	3,206	2,459
1100	610	Program Supplies	500	0	0	0	0
1100	580	Travel	500	1,240	1,500	1,500	0
2152	110	Salary/Speech Teacher	51,784	105,178	108,731	126,515	0
2152	210	Medical	18,923	16,025	32,856	38,211	0
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,832	9,860	11,592	13,356	0
2152	580	Travel	500	44	2,500	2,500	0
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	<u>1,500</u>	<u>4,759</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Special Ed Direct Services</b>			<b><u>\$152,077</u></b>	<b><u>\$197,998</u></b>	<b><u>\$195,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$230,939</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,154</u></b>

### Cornerstone Program

1100	110	Salary/Teachers & Behaviorist	\$62,000	\$40,441	\$86,153	\$64,424	\$66,684
1100	115	Salary/Paraeducators	38,640	11,400	14,291	14,291	14,791
1100	120	Substitutes	0	744	0	2,000	2,000
1100	210	Medical	28,351	24,063	40,640	33,353	34,853
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	9,400	5,871	11,604	10,083	10,754
1100	610	Program Supplies/Services	5,000	328	5,000	5,000	5,000
1100	325	Professional Development	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
<b>Total Cornerstone Program</b>			<b><u>\$144,391</u></b>	<b><u>\$85,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,188</u></b>	<b><u>\$131,651</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,582</u></b>

### Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated by Schools in the Supervisory Union

#### Instruction

1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,107,000
1100	112	ESY Services	0	0	0	0	34,000
1100	120	Substitutes	0	0	0	0	14,000
1100	210	Medical	0	0	0	0	264,176
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	0	117,014
1100	320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	0	0	0	0	7,435
1100	3/500	Summer Services	0	0	0	0	18,000
1100	500	Tuition	0	0	0	0	491,747
1100	590	Special Education Services	0	0	0	0	59,000
1100	592	District Services/Extraordinary	0	0	0	0	210,035
1100	610	Supplies & Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,500</u>
			<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,359,907</u></b>

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			<u>FY14 Budget</u>	<u>FY14 Actual</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Ser	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,900
2140	110	Salary/Counse	0	0	0	0	2,100
2140	210	Medical	0	0	0	0	0
2140	290	PR Taxes/Fring	0	0	0	0	169
2140	320	Evaluations	0	0	0	0	15,000
2140	320	Counseling Ser	0	0	0	0	20,200
2152	110	Salary/Speech	0	0	0	0	322,795
2152	112	ESY Services	0	0	0	0	6,000
2152	120	Substitutes	0	0	0	0	5,000
2152	210	Medical	0	0	0	0	79,504
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fring	0	0	0	0	34,756
2152	320	Speech/Audio	0	0	0	0	450
2152	610	Speech Suppli	0	0	0	0	7,000
2711	519	Transportation	0	0	0	0	2,500
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$512,374</u>
<u>Staff Support</u>							
2213	325	Prof Developm	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
2214	325	District Prof De	0	0	0	0	32,000
2214	580	Travel	0	0	0	0	2,000
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$79,000</u>
<b>Total Services/SU Grades</b>			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,951,281</u>

## Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union

<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	112	ESY Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fring	0	0	0	0	484
1100	320	Tutoring/Instruc	0	0	0	0	145,810
1100	3/500	Summer Serv	0	0	0	0	95,127
1100	500	Tuition	0	0	0	0	1,458,641
1100	590	Special Educat	0	0	0	0	2,210,449
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,916,511</u>

<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Ser	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
2140	320	Evaluations	0	0	0	0	15,000
2140	3/500	Counseling Ser	0	0	0	0	86,100
2152	3/500	Speech Service	0	0	0	0	190,335
2160	3/500	Occupational T	0	0	0	0	17,400
2190	3/500	Physical Thera	0	0	0	0	1,000
2711	519	Transportation	0	0	0	0	23,450
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$334,785</u>
<b>Total Services/Grades Outside the SU</b>			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,251,296</u>

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		<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>
		<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Behavior Analyst</b>						
2160	110 Salary	\$46,546	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
2160	210 Medical	7,150	0	0	0	14,808
2160	290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	6,538	0	0	0	7,309
2160	610 Supplies	1,500	0	0	0	2,000
2200	320 Professional Development	1,000	0	0	0	5,000
2200	580 Travel	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total Behavior Analyst</b>		<b><u>\$63,484</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$112,117</u></b>
<b>Psychological</b>						
2100	110 Salary/Psychologists	\$166,485	\$166,485	\$171,479	\$171,479	\$177,482
2100	210 Medical	25,987	25,076	26,205	26,206	27,384
2100	290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	16,441	15,894	16,570	16,454	17,126
2100	611 Materials & Supplies	3,000	2,058	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200	325 Professional Development	1,000	2,968	3,000	6,000	6,000
2200	580 Travel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,655</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>
<b>Total Psychological</b>		<b><u>\$214,913</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,136</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,754</u></b>	<b><u>\$226,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$234,692</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy K-12</b>						
2160	110 Salary	\$93,349	\$130,846	\$132,453	\$127,564	\$132,029
2160	210 Medical	26,446	37,524	41,630	40,095	41,898
2160	290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	12,777	19,689	20,507	19,924	20,870
2160	610 Supplies	500	1,965	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200	320 Professional Development	500	1,781	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200	580 Travel	<u>1,500</u>	<u>4,853</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
		<b><u>\$135,072</u></b>	<b><u>\$196,658</u></b>	<b><u>\$203,090</u></b>	<b><u>\$198,583</u></b>	<b><u>\$205,797</u></b>
<b>Physical Therapy K-12</b>						
2190	110 Salary	\$65,895	\$65,964	\$64,371	\$55,441	\$57,381
2190	290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,344	5,332	5,220	4,484	4,761
2190	610 Supplies	300	0	300	300	300
2200	580 Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<b><u>\$72,539</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,296</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,891</u></b>	<b><u>\$61,225</u></b>	<b><u>\$63,442</u></b>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy K-12</b>		<b><u>\$207,611</u></b>	<b><u>\$267,954</u></b>	<b><u>\$273,981</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,808</u></b>	<b><u>\$269,239</u></b>

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## Special Education Budget FY16

			<b><u>FY14</u></b>	<b><u>FY14</u></b>	<b><u>FY15</u></b>	<b><u>FY15</u></b>	<b><u>FY16</u></b>
			<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>							
2400	110	Director of Student Services	\$85,000	\$98,000	\$100,940	\$100,940	\$104,473
2400	110	Program Directors	230,954	240,583	247,801	249,124	257,443
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	19,031	26,440	39,202	37,144	38,444
2400	210	Medical	68,025	72,424	80,504	85,329	89,168
2400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	34,636	36,959	40,388	40,455	41,890
2400	325	Professional Development	15,000	13,054	13,000	13,000	15,000
2400	330	Contracted Service	4,300	7,117	4,500	4,500	4,500
2400	360	Legal	5,000	3,736	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400	530	Telephone	1,350	769	1,350	1,000	1,000
2400	531	Postage	600	570	600	600	600
2400	540	Advertising	2,000	596	2,000	2,000	5,000
2400	580	Travel	6,000	9,913	8,000	10,000	10,000
2400	610	Supplies/Software/Copier	7,500	4,569	7,500	7,500	7,500
2400	739	Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>7,285</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<b><u>\$482,396</u></b>	<b><u>\$522,015</u></b>	<b><u>\$553,785</u></b>	<b><u>\$559,592</u></b>	<b><u>\$583,018</u></b>
<b>Transportation Administration</b>							
2711	110	Coordinator	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$19,429	\$20,109
2711	210	Medical	0	0	0	6,459	6,749
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,376</u>	<u>3,679</u>	<u>3,777</u>
			<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,376</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,567</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,635</u></b>
<b>Total Administration</b>			<b><u>\$482,396</u></b>	<b><u>\$522,015</u></b>	<b><u>\$577,161</u></b>	<b><u>\$589,159</u></b>	<b><u>\$613,653</u></b>
<b>Transportation</b>							
2712	115	Salary/Drivers & Assistants	\$65,238	\$119,830	\$106,744	\$113,462	\$131,410
2712	210	Medical	2,811	5,586	0	10,813	22,599
2712	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,439	18,524	17,789	18,482	22,894
2712	430	Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	10,041	10,000	12,000	12,000
2712	500	Services/Insurance	1,000	2,183	1,000	2,000	2,000
2712	540	Advertising	1,500	825	1,500	1,500	1,500
2712	610	Supplies	1,500	812	1,500	1,000	1,200
2712	620	Fuel	17,500	28,135	30,000	30,000	36,000
2712	910	Bus Lease Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,500</u>
<b>Total Transportation</b>			<b><u>\$105,988</u></b>	<b><u>\$185,936</u></b>	<b><u>\$168,533</u></b>	<b><u>\$189,257</u></b>	<b><u>\$248,103</u></b>
<b>Total Special Education</b>			<b><u>\$1,685,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,811,473</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,938,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,975,673</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>



**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**Daniel M. French, Ed.D.**  
**January 2015**

We fully implemented our model to personalize student learning in the 2013-2014 school year. This model includes Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for students, NWEA MAP testing, and school board monitoring reports. Student PLPs were implemented as part of student-led parent conferences. NWEA MAP testing was administered three times during the year. This test is a computer-based test that measures student abilities in reading and math. Three school board monitoring reports were published based on NWEA MAP test results. An additional monitoring report was completed to give the boards an indication of student learning in the policy areas of Dispositions Towards Learning and Civic Ethics. This monitoring report was done in a single presentation and included examples from all of our schools. This presentation can be viewed online at <http://goo.gl/3jBMSI>.

We implemented a new system to improve the transparency and efficiency of our school board governance processes. This system can be found online at <http://brsu.igm2.com>. This system gives community members the ability to search school board meeting agendas and minutes. Community members can also register on the website and subscribe to any board or committee in order to be notified when new meetings are posted or to receive meeting agendas through email.

The BRSU Board continued its work on achieving the mandatory centralization aspects of the Act 153 and Act 156. The Board concluded it was not more cost effective to centralization student bus transportation so it requested a waiver from the Agency of Education. The Agency awarded the BRSU a waiver from this requirement for one year. The Board intends to pursue another waiver this year since the underlying conditions that justified the initial waiver still exist. Basically, BRSU districts do not have intersecting bus routes which feed into a common middle school or high school so some of the conditions that make the centralization of student transportation work from an effectiveness standpoint in other districts do not exist in the BRSU.

The BRSU Board designed a task force process to examine how best to centralize special education services. Unlike transportation services, Vermont law explicitly requires this centralization to occur by making all special educators supervisory union employees. The BRSU Board approved a FY2016 budget which includes centralized special education costs. This new budget structure has significantly changed the portrayal of special education costs in local budgets with most of these costs now being organized into a series of local assessments paid to the BRSU. The actual implementation of centralized special education services is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 1, 2015, but this is contingent on employment concerns being resolved through the collective bargaining process.

A common theme to the BRSU approach to centralization of educational services has been logical thinking: where it has made sense to centralize we have done so aggressively. At the same time, we have not centralized services when centralization was determined to be more expensive or perceived to be less effective. We were challenged to maintain a disposition towards logical analysis when H.883 was passed by the Vermont House last year. Although this legislation did not become law and was a fairly legitimate response to the larger demographic, efficiency and equity challenges across Vermont's system of public education, I feel it is important for our system to do its own due diligence on these issues in order to position our organization to be successful based on our specific local and regional circumstances. For example, in spite of the general decline in the number of pupils state wide, four of our six schools have had significant increases in enrollments over the last two years.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. I continued to be heartened by the willingness of so many in our communities to support the future success of our children by investing in the high quality educational programs of our schools.



**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2014**

THE DORSET SCHOOL								
GRADE	RESIDENT	RESIDENT	TOTAL	GRADE	BURR & BURTON ACADEMY	LONG TRAIL SCHOOL	OTHER: PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
K	15	0	15	9	21	1	1	23
1	20	0	20	10	22	2	0	24
2	21	0	21	11	22	3	2	27
3	24	0	24	12	26	1	3	30
4	20	1	21	TOTAL	91	7	6	104
5	20	1	21					
6	28	2	30					
7	20	1	21					
8	26	1	27					
TOTAL	194	6	200					

**DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Dorset Board of School Directors engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, Vermont to conduct an audit of its FY'14 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

## **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, Vermont to conduct an audit of its FY14 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, 362-2452.

### **Summary of Fund Balances**

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Equipment / Software Reserves</u></b>	<b><u>Special Education</u></b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$71,564</b>	<b>\$1,801</b>	<b>\$57,529</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY14	846,290	0	\$1,730,982
Actual Expenditures FY14	<u>(857,513)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,811,473)</u>
<b>Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$57,341</b>	<b>\$4,801</b>	<b>(\$22,962)</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY15	1,034,117	0	\$1,998,635
Anticipated Expenditures FY15	<u>(1,038,858)</u>	<u>(1,449)</u>	<u>(1,975,673)</u>
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$49,600</b>	<b>\$6,352</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Budgeted Revenues FY16	1,538,611	0	\$9,374,765
Budgeted Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,568,611)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,374,765)</u>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$16,600</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,352</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**Annual AHERA Notification  
March 2015 Town Report**

TO: Parents, Teachers, Employees, other personnel or their guardians.  
FROM: Daniel M. French, Superintendent of Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 [g][4]) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public in our office and at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Dorset School	130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251	802-362-2606
Flood Brook School	91 VT Route 11 Londonderry, VT 05148	802-824-6811
Manchester Elementary Middle School	80 Memorial Ave. Manchester Ctr., VT 05255	802-362-1597
Sunderland Elementary School	98 Bear Ridge Rd. Sunderland, VT 05250	802-375-6100
Currier Memorial School (UD#23)	234 North Main St. Danby, VT 05739	802-293-5191
Mettawee Community School (UD#47)	5788 VT Route 153 West Pawlet, VT 05775	802-645-9009
Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union	6378 VT Route 7A Sunderland, VT 05250	802-362-2452

# BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



The board of trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has set tuition for the 2015-2016 school year at \$15,950. This tuition reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality education while maintaining affordability to our sending towns. A modest increase is needed to ensure that BBA is able to attract and retain top quality teachers and staff members. (Next year, teacher salary increases will be 2.8%, with benefits cost increasing at 4%-5%.)

Burr and Burton continues to take steps to streamline operating expenses. In the past year, positions were eliminated in our business office, health clinic, science department, and administrative support. In addition, since the recession began in 2009, positions have been eliminated in the maintenance, advancement, technical support, and academic departments. Simultaneous with these cost-cutting measures, BBA launched the Student Success Program, Mountain Campus, and other efforts designed to enhance the experience of being a student at BBA.

Burr and Burton's programming costs significantly more than we receive in town tuition. To balance our budget while providing educational value well in excess of tuition, we generate over \$3 million in annual revenues, as follows:

- We raise \$1 million per year for the annual fund, which goes each year toward supporting operating expenses.
- Our international program brings important diversity to our school while also generating \$1.5 million in revenues.
- Our endowment draw exceeds \$600,000 to support travel programs, technology, the arts, and general operating expenses.

As a result, we are able to provide superb educational experiences, top-notch facilities, and a corps of faculty and staff members at the top of the profession. It is this combination that yields a 100% graduation rate, SAT scores among the top in the state, college matriculation rates well over 80% each year, and a student and parent body overwhelmingly supportive of the school.

Since 1829, Burr and Burton has served the communities of southern Vermont. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark H. Tashjian". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Seth B. Bongartz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Seth Bongartz

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY							
		Audited		Approved		Draft	
		Financials		Budget		Budget	
		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016	
OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS							
Tuition and fees	\$	12,618,892	\$	12,713,831	\$	12,852,317	
Food Service		332,172		320,000		320,000	
Contributions and grants - operating		1,085,714		1,080,750		1,000,750	
Investment return designated for current operations/Endow		479,982		580,000		615,000	
Other (Lab Fees, Gate Receipts, Yearbook, Graduation, Perm		89,461		63,000		63,000	
Total revenue		14,606,221		14,757,581		14,851,067	
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Salaries and wages		8,041,113		8,207,963		8,429,770	
Employee benefits		2,781,526		2,770,884		2,923,010	
Total personnel		10,822,639		10,978,847		11,352,780	
Advertising		17,029		15,250		15,250	
Change in actuarial valuation of split interest agreements		25,724		26,000		26,000	
Commissions, fees and subscriptions		328,289		253,856		268,846	
Depreciation		1,190,986		1,199,496		1,132,603	
Equipment and leases		167,650		131,329		131,415	
Fuel oil		249,551		235,973		235,973	
Graduation		17,523		15,425		15,425	
Insurance		209,238		206,360		214,034	
Interest		68,310		60,438		60,438	
Investment management fees		67,514		68,000		68,000	
Printing		39,397		52,420		52,420	
Professional development		93,355		209,020		209,020	
Professional fees		65,581		52,500		52,500	
Provision for uncollectable pledges		(72,001)		25,000		25,000	
Purchased services and service contracts		714,594		541,698		541,698	
Repairs and maintenance		133,395		140,000		140,000	
Room and board		214,020		205,900		205,900	
Scholarships and awards		34,769		35,000		35,000	
Supplies		678,296		622,882		622,882	
Telephone and postage		65,534		109,838		109,838	
Textbooks		5,535		10,849		10,849	
Transportation and travel		369,377		448,810		448,810	
Utilities		168,669		161,162		161,162	
Total operating expenses		15,674,974		15,806,053		16,135,843	
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$	(1,068,753)	\$	(1,048,472)	\$	(1,284,776)	



## Long Trail School

It is with great pride that Long Trail School calls the town of Dorset home. We are grateful that our campus is here and that students from Vermont and New York State travel here each day to partake of the fantastic opportunities that we provide for a real-world education. As we continue to have families relocating to Vermont for our prestigious International Baccalaureate program and welcome international students from five countries for year-round learning, the strengths of our programs and the value of our location here in Dorset become obvious. All of our students are excelling in so many ways. Some of their successes can be attributed to the school's commitment to its community.

We have connected with the town and its residents in some new and notable ways this year. In addition to our continued stream research for the University of Vermont and the varied public offerings of music, theater and other events, we joined forces with the community to clean the Norcross-West quarry area in the spring and again in the fall. We have several students who are spending part of each week in internships where they are shadowing professionals, learning skills and contributing to the work force in local businesses. As the holidays approached, we gathered with the town on the Dorset Green to celebrate the town tree lighting. With cocoa in hand, we sang carols and later dined at the Dorset Church with fellow singers. In January, our middle school students braved low temperatures and snowy days to learn about local land use and the community. They worked to map the Old Grounds of the Maple Hill Cemetery, cut brush out of the Old Catholic Cemetery on Dorset Hill Lane and visited the Dorset Historical Society Museum. They have plans to return to these locales in the spring and to continue these connections. Kevin O'Toole and Alan Calfee came to campus and helped the students assess their model land use projects. As February began, the 10th grade hosted a highly successful pancake breakfast to benefit the Dorset Fire Department. And we will continue to reach out, to connect and to lend our support.

Our educational experience remains a major draw for families and students from the surrounding area and from other countries. We have 175 students from over 38 towns in Vermont and New York State as well as 15 international students. As Vermont's only International Baccalaureate World School, we focus on educating responsible, globally minded citizens of the 21st century. Our middle school approach emphasizes cross-curricular connections and character education. In the upper grades, we are able to support and challenge all students with numerous options for levels and topics of study. We live the school's mission: Long Trail School creates lifelong learners who aspire to reach their individual potential in an engaging, supportive community.

One of our guiding beliefs is that education is a shared responsibility. Our school is strengthened by the unique rapport, camaraderie and mutual respect between our students and staff. As an institution, we are committed to providing generous assistance to families in need, and this year we awarded 89 students either financial aid or scholarship. Long Trail aims to remain affordable while providing an exceptional education that students in this and neighboring communities can find nowhere else.

Long Trail School deeply appreciates your support and is proud to call this wonderful community our home. We will continue to offer assistance as part of community causes and events. Please stop by the school campus any time to say hello and to see what exceptional things are happening for our students. We look forward to welcoming you.

Respectfully,

Steven E. Dear  
Head of School



	Long Trail School				
	Statement of Operations				
	Years Ended June 30				
		13/14	13/14	14/15	
		2013	2013	2014	
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE					
	Tuition - private	\$ 1,934,453	\$ 1,522,253	\$ 1,817,525	
	Tuition - public	1,262,817	1,294,165	1,295,000	
	Tuition - special education	197,784	199,899	261,000	
	Financial aid	(575,000)	(574,210)	(475,000)	
	Transportation fees	120,000	112,422	120,000	
	Auxiliary programs	91,000	105,184	126,500	
	Contributions	375,000	450,190	400,000	
	Investment Activity	-	655,643	-	
	Total support and revenue	<u>\$ 3,406,054</u>	<u>\$ 3,765,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,545,025</u>	
EXPENSES					
	Program services				
	Instruction and student activities	\$ 1,546,783	\$ 1,942,506	\$ 1,941,499	
	Auxiliary services	23,500	58,437	41,975	
	Operation and maintenance of plant	366,300	592,054	621,087	
	Total program services	<u>1,936,583</u>	<u>2,592,997</u>	<u>2,604,561</u>	
	Supporting services				
	General administration	1,292,902	1,067,308	879,937	
	Fundraising	250,000	100,026	113,039	
	Total supporting services	<u>1,542,902</u>	<u>1,167,334</u>	<u>992,976</u>	
	Total expenses	<u>\$ 3,479,485</u>	<u>\$ 3,760,331</u>	<u>\$ 3,597,537</u>	
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>\$ (73,431)</u>	<u>\$ 5,216</u>	<u>\$ (66,512)</u>	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		(29,050)	(115)	(14,000)	
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		<u>\$ (102,481)</u>	<u>\$ 5,101</u>	<u>\$ (80,512)</u>	

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2'ND AND MARCH 3'RD, 2015**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 6:30 in the evening, on Monday, March 2, 2015 to transact the following business from the floor.

- ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.
- ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$12,500.
- ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.
- ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.
- ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2015.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

- ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (Four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.
- ARTICLE B: To elect a 1 (One) Clerk for an unexpired term of 1 (one) year beginning March 3, 2015.
- ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District appropriate \$3,653,898 as necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?
- ARTICLE D: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$40,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the Arlington High School Gym, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Offices, Main Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

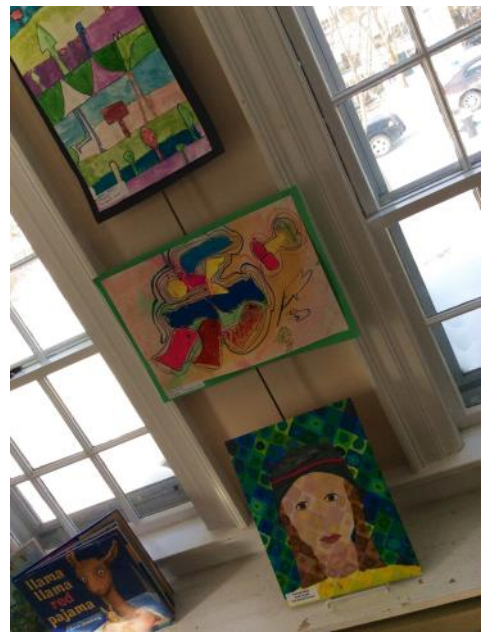
Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Town Office, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

**Register to Vote! Applications for addition to voter checklist must be received by the Town Clerk's Office of said District by Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 5 PM for approval by your Town Clerk.**

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.



Signatures

James Boutin, Chair

*James J. Boutin*

Rickey Harrington Vice-Chair

Kevin Goodhue Clerk

*Kevin Goodhue*

Gloria Alexander

Jessica Gulley-Ward

Leon Johnson

Jackie Kelly

Francis Kinney

Edward Letourneau

John MacDonald

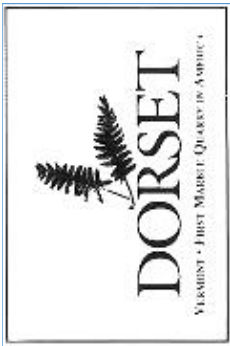
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Received for recording this 29 day of January 2015  
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