

Town of Dorset Annual Report 2015



"Hanks Hill in Distance" by Alec Marshall

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Floor Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ~ Voting

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION:



MARILYN KINNEY was born in 1946 in Meridan, Connecticut. She grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut with her parents, older sister and brother. She attended Quinnipiac College and received a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Castleton College. Marilyn and her husband, Bill Kinney, began living in Dorset around 1972. They chose Vermont because of their love of the beautiful places here, a love that is just as strong now as it was then.

Marilyn began working at the Dorset Town Offices as a Lister in 1991, over the years she held posts as: Town Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission member, then in 2004 she took over as Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager.

From 2006 to 2008, Marilyn worked hard to bridge the gaps during times when the Dorset Town Manager position was in transition. She was a source of reliability and continuity in the office, always helping to work through the day to day problems associated with providing Town Services to residents. Marilyn has always been a catalyst for making our Villages more beautiful. She helps plan and care for the East Dorset Village green area, which offers views of beautiful flowers each spring and summer. In addition, she maintains equally stunning flower beds at the Town Offices. Marilyn has such a green thumb that she has earned the title "chief village gardener" and has promised to tend to our flowers in retirement! (Garden Club members.....she should be on your short list of new recruits). On top of this, for many years she has helped coordinate Green Up day in both villages. Marilyn always offered a warm smile and chocolates for residents making tax payments. Over the years she learned much about our Town and residents and was an invaluable source of information in the Town Offices.

Anyone that knows Marilyn and Bill is aware they are avid adventurers always hiking, camping, and traveling long hours in the Vermont wilderness. They were instrumental in getting the United States Forest Service (USFS) to re-open the Mad Tom Notch hiking trail in East Dorset. The Mad Tom Notch trail, was once the stage coach road to Peru and served as a trail connector off the Appalachian and Long Trails until it was discontinued in the 1970's. During the recent USFS Dorset- Peru Project assessment, Marilyn and Bill brought USFS officials up the trail to show them how important it was to our area and help convince them to reconstruct the trail and re-open it to the public. This past summer a new parking area was constructed (thanks to the Town Road Crew!) and trail construction started. This beautiful and historic stretch of trail will be an asset to our community for many years. Many thanks to Marilyn and Bill for making this a reality.



Marilyn at Acadia



Marilyn has served the community admirably over the last 24 years, the Town of Dorset is grateful for this dedicated service and wishes Marilyn a very happy and healthy retirement with many new adventures, see you on the trail!

East Dorset Village Green

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TOWN OFFICE CALENDAR & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Town Manager's OfficeMonday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Town Clerk's OfficeMonday 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.

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
 Design Review Board.....Third Monday each month at 5:30 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		(802) 442-5421	www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/shaftsbury.html
Town Office		(802) 362-4571	www.dorsetvt.org
Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti	x3	townmanager@gmail.com
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano	x4	dorsetadmin@comcast.net
Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault	x2	dorsetclerk@gmail.com
Assistant Town Clerk	Judy Collins		
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow	x5	dorsetza@gmail.com
Board of Listers	Robert Gibney, Peter Trifari, Margot Schoffstall	x6	dorsetlister@gmail.com
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	Vacant		
Dorset Chamber of Commerce	chamber@dorsetvt.com		www.dorsetvt.com
Schools	Dorset School	(802) 362-2606	www.dorsetschool.org
	Burr & Burton Academy	(802) 362-1775	www.burrburton.org
	Long Trail School	(802) 867-5717	www.longtrailschool.org
	Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union	(802) 362-2452	www.brsu.org
Post Offices	Dorset	(802) 867-5501	
	East Dorset	(802) 362-3233	
Fire Warden	Doug Beebe	(802) 362-4601	
Dorset Library		(802) 867-5774	www.dorsetlibrary.org
Dorset Nursing		(802) 362-1200	www.dnavt.org/
	Patti Komline, State Representative	(802) 867-4232	pkomline@leg.state.vt.us
	Brian Campion, State Senator		bcampion@leg.state.vt.us
	Richard Sears, State Senator	(802) 442-9139	rsears@leg.state.vt.us

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	Dave Lawrence	2018
Brooks Addington, Vice Chairman	2019	Gay Squire	2019
Brent Herrmann	2016	Howard Coolidge	2019
Charlie Wise	2018	Vacant	
Carter Rawson	2018		

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

John LaVecchia, Chairman	2018	Kevin O'Toole	2017
David Wilson, Vice Chairman	2016	Ruth Stewart	2017
Mike Connors	2016	Vacant	2018
Bill Bridges	2016	Steve Jones	2018
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
Lee Romano	2019	Stephanie Breed	2019

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

Design Review Board

Kit Wallace, Chairperson	2017	Peter Palmer	2018
Bob Escher (Alternate)	2017	James Clubb	2018
Bev Buber	2018	Lindy Bowden	2017

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

Bennington County Regional Commission

John LaVecchia	2016	Nancy Faesy	2017
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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 2016
Moderator, School	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2016
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 2018
	Michael Connors	3 Year Term	Expires 2016
	Brad Tyler	1 Year Term	Expires 2016
	Michael Oltedal	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Henry Chandler	1 Year Term	Expires 2016
School Board	James Mirenda	2 Year Term	Expires 2018
	Jennifer Allen	3 Year Term	Expires 2016
	Vickie Haskins	2 Year Term	Expires 2016
	David Chandler	2 Year Term	Expires 2017
	James Salsgiver	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
Listers	Margot Schoffstall	2 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Robert Gibney	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Peter Trifari	1 Year Term	Expires 2016
Auditors	Vacant	3 Year Term	Expires
First Constable	Vacant	1 Year Term	Expires
Town Agent	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2016
Justices of the Peace	Willard (Bill) Bridges		William Melhado (deceased)
	Willard (Chip) Watson		Patricia Komline
	Howard Coolidge		Katherine Beebe
	Sandra Pinsonault		Roger Squires
	Linda Sullivan		

2 Year Terms for all Justices Expire November 2016

SELECT BOARD & TOWN MANAGER REPORT

One of the chief focal points for the Town is the maintenance and improvement of our road system. In 2015 we repaved Mad Tom Road and constructed a retaining wall and paved on Lower Squirrel Hollow Road. We were fortunate to be awarded \$119,000 in grants to offset the costs of these improvements and stretch our tax dollars. We will continue to shake the grant tree whenever possible. In 2016 we plan to repave 1.25 miles of Lower Hollow/Dorset Hollow Road. The Town will also work with the Dorset Marble Preservation Association to oversee the upgrading of 300' of sidewalk from the Dorset Village Library to the Dorset Post Office. This project will involve installing new vertical granite curbing, while the sidewalk will be installed by a local contractor. We feel this improvement will offer both a safer sidewalk surface and a safer parking width in front of the Library.

In 2015 the Town replaced a tandem plow truck at a net cost of \$153,000. In 2016 we plan to replace the 2001 Wheel Loader. Special thanks to Road Foreman: Jim Hewes, and Crew Members: Bill Nichols, Duane Sherman, and Mark Towslee for their dedicated service. This past summer the Crew built a new parking area for hikers visiting East Dorset to hike Mad Tom Notch. Residents can submit road related requests and questions via the town's website or by calling 362-5244.

In 2015 the Town approved a budget that resulted in a municipal tax rate of \$.1929 cents per \$100. The FY17 municipal budget will focus on continued infrastructure and facility improvements, with a focus on the planning and construction of a new salt/equipment storage building at our Route 30 location in the near future.

The Dorset-Manchester Public Safety Study was completed in the late spring of 2015. The document outlined important information about Public Safety services in both communities. The study makes specific recommendations for supporting and improving these services for Dorset residents. The Select-board has begun to work on a long range plan for Police, Rescue, and Fire Services. Currently the Dorset and East Dorset Fire Districts have been meeting to discuss ways in which to combine the fire tax, and possibly consolidate services to improve efficiencies and save tax dollars. At a time when our Schoolboard is being tasked to review possible School District consolidation, it's important that we not lose sight of other simple changes we can make to municipal services to save money and better serve residents.

Economic Development has been another important topic of late. A regional economic development study was also created during 2015. The end result is a useful document that identifies the economic issues our business owners and residents are faced with. Timing in life is everything, and this study was completed just in time for The Partnership (formerly the Manchester & Mountains Chamber) to put these solutions into the implementation phase. Our end goal is that this effort will help to improve our local and regional economy and create an environment where residents can work and live in the Northshire.

Special thanks to all the members of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Design Review Board, Conservation Commission, BCRC reps, and Board of Civil Authority. These volunteers keep the town running and Dorset is fortunate to have groups of residents that volunteer to serve in an effort to make Dorset a great place to live.

In 2015, residents logged 5,700 visits to Emerald Lake, down from the 6,200 visits in 2014. Remember to pick up your 2016 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 through grants and local contributions and the Town will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and community hike at the property in the spring of 2016. The next phase of the project will be a joint effort with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to make improvements to the expanded Owls Head Town Forest that will allow residents to enjoy all this special property has to offer.

Be sure to visit 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 REPORT

2015 found the clerk's office with a little less traffic. House sales were down along with the refinancing of homes. We have continued with the permanent document restoration in the vault with more to be done in 2016. We are continuing with the preservation of the Grand Lists. The office continues to serve the residents of Dorset by offering Motor Vehicle renewal service, genealogy assistance, home history research assistance, and free notary service.

I want to thank my Assistant Judy Collins for her continued support and service to the Town. I am currently in my 11th year as Town Clerk, and continue to love serving the residents of Dorset!

Just a friendly reminder: Please remember to license your dog on or before April 1st of each year. A spay/neutered dog is \$11 and \$15 for an un-spay/neutered dog.

Sandra "Sandy" Pinsonault, MMC/CVC

2015 Animal License Report

193 Spayed Female @ \$6.....	\$1,158
117 Neutered Male @ \$6.....	\$702
14 Males @ \$10	\$140
16 Females @ \$10	\$160

340 Dogs - Total Town Revenue \$2,160

Second Class License

Dorset Union Store	\$70
HN Williams Store.....	\$70
Hasgas General Store.....	\$70
Jiffy Mart	\$70
Total Second Class.....	\$280

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

Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2015

First Class License

Barrows House.....	\$115
Chanteclair Restaurant.....	\$115
Dorset Field Club	\$115
HN Williams	\$115
Dorset Inn.....	\$115
Inn at West View Farm.....	\$115
Left Hand LLC	\$115
Total First Class.....	\$805

2015 Vitals

Births

Males	6
Female	9

Deaths

Males	7
Females	7

Marriages

Resident	7
Non-Resident	19



BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2015, the Dorset Board of Listers processed 44 valid, "arms-length," residential sales. These sales prices ranged from \$112,500 to over \$1,200,000, and had an average sales price of \$359,636, with a median value of \$325,000. In addition, there were other routine maintenance on the working Grand List such, such as property transfers into trusts, transfers between family members, or abutter sales and foreclosures.

Dorset's new 2016 CLA (common level of appraisal)--a three year average of total town sales divided by total assessment, is now established by the state at 107.50%. The state rate for the education tax is factored by the CLA for each Vermont town in order to arrive at the "equalized tax rate" for that town. Further, our new COD (coefficient of dispersal that measures equity across types of property is now at 17.1%. Anything below 20% is considered to be acceptable COD by the state.

2006-2015 - Dorset Equalized Education Property Values			
Year	Education Equalized 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
2015	\$663,489,000	-2.46%	107.50

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

Respectfully submitted:

Robert M. Gibney Margot Schoffstall Peter Trifari
The Dorset Board of Listers

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ~ PLANNING COMMISSION ~ DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Building	60	39	0	6	4	3	3	9
Demolition	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change of Use	3	2	2	1	1	1	---	---
Boundary Line Adjustment	0	5	0	0	0	1	---	---
Sign	5	6	0	0	0	0	2	2
Subdivision	1	0	1	0	0	0	---	---
Totals	73	60	3	7	5	5	5	11

In 2015, the Planning Commission finished the last several public hearings regarding proposed Bylaw amendments for the Village Commercial zones which were approved by the board. These were ultimately voted down by the town residents after petitions requesting a town wide vote were received. Charlie Wise joined the board in May. Kaye Manly resigned her position at the end of November. We anticipate filling the empty seat by March 2016. The board reviewed major projects presented by the Dorset Field Club, Pad Print, and Barrows House. The board also spent considerable time discussing allowing some flexibility to the current regulation which prohibits development on any land of 20% or greater slope. Jim Sullivan, executive director of the Bennington County Regional Commission gave several presentations on this topic which included options for the PC to consider.

The Design Review Board reviewed 9 projects and 2 sign applications last year. In addition they have been working on re-writing the regulations in chapter 9 of the Bylaw which govern the decisions made. This has been a long arduous task requiring many hours of research and discussion. Many thanks are extended for their hard work and dedication focused on preserving the character which makes Dorset such a special place.

The Energy Committee, chaired by Ellen Maloney, continues to be proactive in finding ways for the town to save energy and money in many different areas. In addition they have actively sought methods of educating builders, realtors, and homeowners to make them aware of energy related programs as well as energy related legislation currently being discussed by the State legislature. As a result more homeowners and builders are now aware of the Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards which applies to any single family residential project, as well as the value of conserving energy.

Respectfully Submitted,

For the Dorset Planning Commission & Design Review Board

Tyler W. Yandow A.I.A. Zoning Administrator

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, 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 2015, the Board considered eight applications. Two variance applications were granted, one was denied and one was withdrawn. Two Conditional Use applications were granted. An appeal from an action of the Zoning Administrator was heard and the Board found that a Conditional Use hearing was in order.

The Conditional Use hearing was held and the Board granted a permit with specific conditions.

Respectfully submitted, John LaVecchia, Chairman



East Dorset Bobcat

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 2015 included:

The Dorset School Solar: The solar panels at the Dorset School have been in place for a bit longer than a year and have produced more than 90,000 Kwh, and earned the School (and Dorset taxpayers) more than \$2,500 – as its share of the value of electricity sold back to Green Mountain Power.

Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP): The DEC is also working with the Dorset School to bring free workshops given by VEEP to each class at The Dorset School. Vickie Haskins of the School Board, our Principal Rosanna Moran, teachers at the school and Ellen Maloney of the DEC are working with Laura MacLachlan, VEEP's western Vermont educator, to set up this program at TDS.

Park and Ride: The DEC has been working with the Vermont DOT and other State officials to develop a location at the intersection of Rt. 7 and Rt. 11/30 into a Park & Ride lot that people will want to use. The State will own and maintain the site. Studies and planning have been ongoing, but we are hopeful that the Park & Ride can be open in 2016.

Recycling/Solid Waste: The DEC has worked with Town Manager Rob Gaiotti on updates to the solid waste plans for Dorset and surrounding Towns. The Bennington Solid Waste Alliance is now formed and operational. It includes all Bennington County towns and will have a public education component. This new Alliance should provide us with a much better framework to manage solid waste planning going forward.

Continuing Real Estate Education: The DEC has been pursuing a number of avenues – with Realtors, Appraisers, Towns, etc. - to see if we can support what appears to be an trend toward increasing information availability and public awareness of the energy efficiency of homes that are bought and sold. Energy costs are one of the larger expenses of home ownership, but information on energy efficiency of homes on the market has historically been minimal. The idea of incorporating energy efficiency information into real estate listings for homes is more developed in some other parts of the country. And, the DEC felt it was worthwhile to explore whether this should be and can be the case in our area as well.

Training for Contractors in Energy Efficiency: The DEC worked together with Bennington College/Center for the Advancement of Public Action, the BCRC, Efficiency Vermont and Neighborworks to hold educational sessions in Manchester and Bennington – with the prime audience being local Contractors. The goal of the sessions was to increase awareness of business opportunities related to energy efficiency work and certifications that can be earned to provide additional energy efficiency related services to clients. The DEC hosted the session on 4/24/15 held for local contractors at the Manchester Community Library. The event was well attended, and was also a good opportunity for several organizations with similar goals to learn how they might work together.

As 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
Advisors: Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager and Tyler Yandow, Zoning Administrator

DORSET CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

This has been another great year for the Conservation Commission thanks to the support of the Select Board, Town Manager and many residents and supporters from near and far!

In 2015, we continued working on the acquisition and conservation of the Gettysburg Quarry Parcel. Building on the substantial grant funding for the purchase that the Town Manager was able to obtain, we conducted a public fundraising campaign and the support for the project was overwhelming! We now have the funds in hand and are moving towards a closing on the property in the coming months. Thank you to all of you residents who supported this project. It will be an incredible asset to the Town for generations to come.

Once finalized the project will secure public access to the existing Owls Head Town Forest and the historic Gilberts Lookout. The property also contains four historic marble quarries including the incredibly beautiful Gettysburg Quarry. The property also contains examples of some very rare natural communities and several State ranked rare plant species.

As a part of the project, the parcel will be permanently protected with conservation easements to be



held by the Vermont Land Trust. This will insure that the property will not be subdivided or developed in the future and that public access for recreational use will always be protected.

The Commission is now working on the next phase of the project which will insure that once the Town owns the property, infrastructure is developed that will make recreational, educational and historical uses of the property accessible to residents and visitors alike. Stay tuned as the Commission will have some public meetings designed to discuss various

Gettysburg Quarry in 1890 courtesy of the Dorset Historical Society management scenarios for the property and listen to interests and ideas from town residents about the future management and use of the property.

During the summer of 2016 The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps trail crew will be on the property, thanks to a State Grant and a generous donor, helping to open and clear trails to begin what will likely be a multi-year project to get the trails up to standard, install signage and trail markers to make the property useable for recreation by all! The Commission will also be working with the Dorset Historical Society on interpretive signage and information to help visitors understand and appreciate the incredible evidence of Dorset's Marble industry.

The Commission hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Day work party at Cutler Town Forest. We had a great crew turn out to help us clean up blowdowns and clear trails.

We also want to thank Stephanie Breed who has agreed to an appointment to the Conservation Commission in 2015.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2015, the Animal Control Officer received 50+ calls about animal related issues. Common issues were dogs running at large, unlicensed dogs, and feral cats. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for responding to calls about problems with domestic animals and can be reached at 362-7322. If you have a problem with a wild animal, please call VT Game Warden, Cody Jackman, at 745-9653. 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 your dog, it's required by Vermont Law. Dog licenses are due April 1st, 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

In 2015, the Health Officer received over 20+ phone calls with regard to health questions. Two site visits were conducted: One incident that was reported required a site visit, regarding tenant landlord issues. One incident reported required a site visit for possible negative impacts to public health and violations of the rental housing code. 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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT ~ DECEMBER 31, 2015

Butler, Johnathon.....	\$1,471.16*
C/O Bank of America	\$7,608.26
Casey, David	\$2,746.77*
Dill, Jeffrey	\$15,064.71
Gillispie, Richard.....	\$17,402.11
H&H Homes	\$7,676.67*
3557 Route 7	\$1,480.55*
Hehir, Brendan	\$1046.29*
Markham, Grigsby	\$3,058.57*
Miller, Walter J.	\$4,345.19*
Noviello, Matthew.....	\$3,003.54
Ruffa, Julia	\$20,136.70*
Schoffstall Estate	\$6,396.19*
Schoffstall, Peter	\$3,876.36*
Shavell, Stephen	\$1,310.70
Staunton, Sidney Jr.	\$1,791.45*
Stimson, Ellen	\$14,557.28
Stone, Sharon	\$1,803.11*
Talcott, Andrew.....	\$46.46
Towsley Jr, Howard.....	\$1,398.02*
Weber, Kenneth	\$626.04

Total\$117,602.15

*** Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2015**

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Gaiotti - Town Manager/ Delinquent Tax Collector

TREASURER

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 2015, the Town worked with the East Dorset Cemetery Association on investment strategies for cemetery funds.

In addition to an annual external audit (currently conducted by Mudgett, Jennett, & Krough-Wisner, PC), the Town of Dorset has in place internal controls of the municipal finance system which includes monthly testing of accounts by a retired banker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa W. Zecher

Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:

Property taxes are due:

Tuesday March 8th

Mail payments to Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or in person at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT

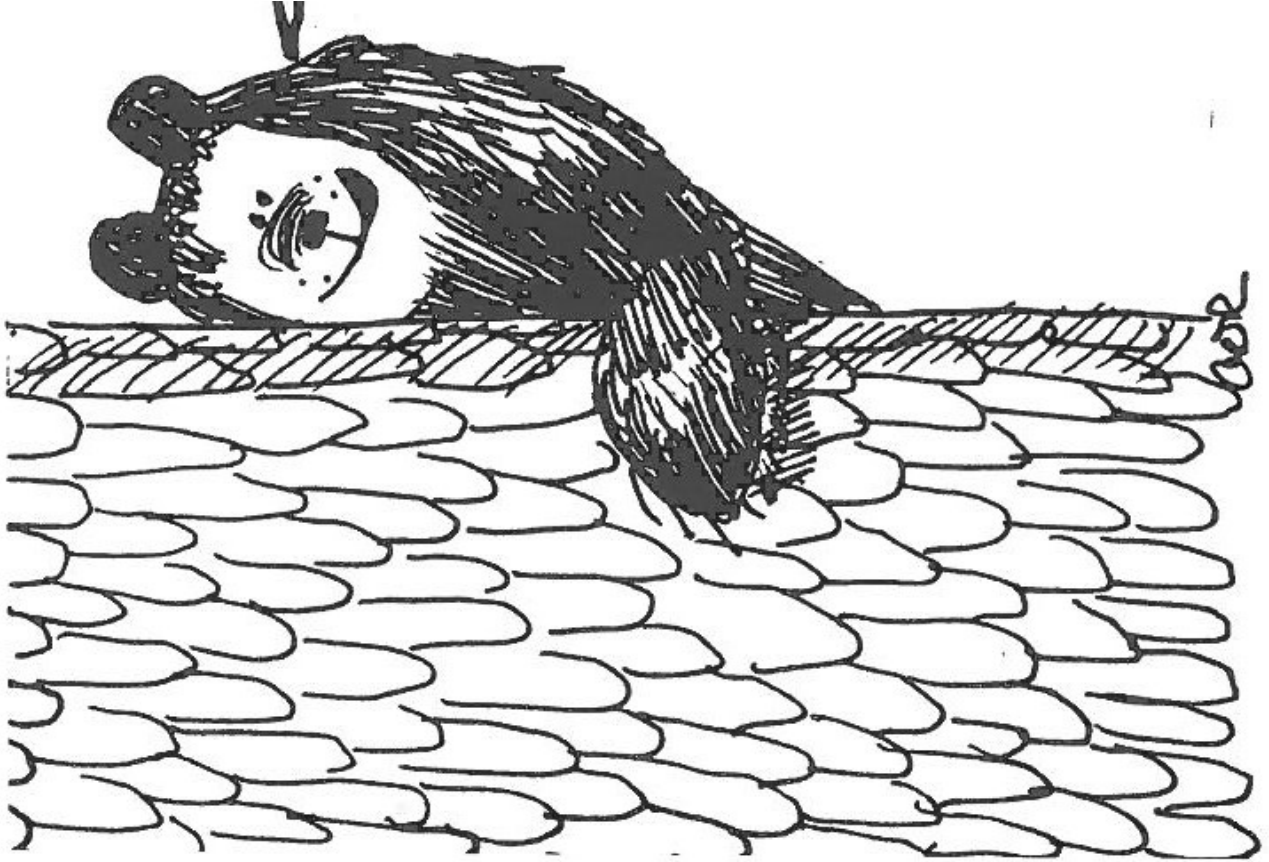
PAY TAXES ONLINE AT (fees apply):

www.dorsetvt.org

Late Payment subject to 8% penalty & 1% interest
on March 12th.

Also, if you live in VT full time you must file a
homestead declaration online at:
www.state.vt.us/tax, by April 15th

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.





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 and protection of water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region. More information on these programs can be found at 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 and adopted a new comprehensive regional plan. That plan is a valuable resource document for the Commission, municipalities, and anyone interested in planning and development in southwestern Vermont. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, a regional solid waste plan overseen by a new 13-town alliance, a process that has led to a new Northshire Economic Development Strategy, continued work toward implementation of downtown redevelopment plans in Bennington, assistance with planning and obtaining nearly two million dollars in funding for major streetscape and transportation improvements, a study that lays the basis for creating a direct transit link to the Albany rail station, mapping and environmental assessments to support water quality and flood hazard management efforts, and support for a new “drug free community” program overseen by BCRC staff and the Alliance for Community Transformations.

The BCRC will continue to provide technical planning assistance to its member municipalities in the coming year. Special initiatives to be undertaken include: a new regional energy plan aligned with Vermont’s ambitious energy goals, a downtown redevelopment and marketing plan for Bennington, support for efforts to expand and diversify local food systems, a new program in comprehensive water quality management, expansion of bike-ped facilities, and a renewed effort to assess and support redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director



Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Universal Recycling Law

In 2012, the Vermont legislature passed Act 148, now known as the Universal Recycling Law, to increase recycling and reduce the types and amounts of materials being sent to landfills. In June of 2014, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR) adopted a Materials Management Plan, as required under the Universal Recycling Law. This plan established actions and requirements for VT ANR, solid waste management districts, alliances, towns and other management entities responsible for managing solid waste to implement the law, including preparation of their own solid waste implementation plans or "SWIPs."

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

During the beginning of the planning process, the towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford formed a study committee to determine whether or not to form a solid waste district or alliance to develop and implement the SWIP. Over the course of several public meetings in late 2014 and early 2015 the committee decided to form an alliance, and the towns entered into an interlocal contract forming the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance in 2015. Each town appointed representatives to the Alliance Board.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan

In the spring and summer of 2015, the Alliance Board held a series of planning meetings and discussed drafts of the SWIP. The Alliance Board held public hearings on the SWIP on June 25, 2015 at the Arlington Town Hall and on July 21, 2015 at the Sunderland Town Hall. The plan was also sent to local haulers, made available at town halls and posted on the Bennington County Regional Commission's website and several of the towns' websites. As part of the planning process, the towns adopted pay-as-you-throw ordinances, which require haulers to charge for municipal solid waste based on volume or weight.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources reviewed the plan and granted pre-approval. The Alliance adopted the plan on November 17, 2015. VT ANR approved that plan on December 14, 2015. The SWIP is in effect from 2015 through 2020.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

The Alliance held four household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2015. Two events were sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station, and two events were managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission with the spring event at the Arlington Memorial High School and Middle School in Arlington and the fall event at the Riley Rink in Manchester. Over 670 households participated in these events. In 2016, the Alliance will hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington and a second, in the northern part of the county. Dates will be posted well in advance.



Electronics Collections

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. 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 in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations. Vermont residents can bring E-Waste to any of the sites listed at <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/>.

Fluorescent Bulbs

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 and at several of the transfer stations. Information on this program is available at <http://www.lamprecycle.org/vermont.shtml>.

Paint Collections

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization established to assist paint manufacturers 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 at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.

Battery Recycling

Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries will now be accepted at many retailers starting in 2016. These can be recycled rather than disposed in the trash. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.

Education and Outreach

The Alliance will be offering education and outreach programs to schools and businesses on the requirements of the Universal Recycling Law and methods to properly recycle and reuse materials and to reduce the amount of solid waste generated. The Alliance will be developing a website early in 2016 with more information on these programs. The Alliance also hopes to offer compost bins for sale this spring.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2015 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 comprising 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 136 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 to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information, and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. In 2015, attorneys and staff responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries from municipal officials about their statutory duties and about best practices in municipal governance. More than 1,300 people attended 16 workshops on topics ranging from municipal budgeting to solid waste management, and training for selectboard members, auditors, and land use officials. Additionally, MAC conducted 10 on-site workshops at municipal offices covering Open Meeting Law compliance, financial fraud prevention, effective property tax appeal hearings, as well as other topics. Attorneys provided 28 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. Many municipalities have received technical assistance on water quality and stormwater management related to the recent passage of Vermont's Clean Water Act. All handbooks, technical papers, model documents, and past newsletter articles – more than 1,000 documents – are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed 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 Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2016 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also publishes a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free of charge on the VLCT website.
- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, and casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continued to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and, where appropriate, to secure health insurance through the marketplace. When substantial municipal damages occur as a result of weather events, the value to our members of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The two Trusts are responsible for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2015.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website, www.vlct.org.



VERMONT STATE POLICE – SHAFTSBURY BARRACKS (07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015)

Currently the Vermont State Police has 9 Troopers and 3 Patrol Commanders assigned to the Shaftsbury Barracks. In January 2015, Lieutenant Thomas McCoy took over the Station Commander duties at the Shaftsbury Barracks.

In 2015, the Shaftsbury Barracks began an initiative to become more involved with area schools. This initiative was meant to bring Troopers into the school as mentors and improve relations with area children. The initiative was spear headed by Sergeant Brian Turner. Shaftsbury Troopers visited the Dorset Elementary School and Long Trail School several times throughout the school year. Troopers attended a lock down drill at the school and met with school officials to discuss safety procedures. Prior to summer break, Troopers visited the school to provide informational talks on Summer Safety and Stranger Danger. In September, once school reconvened, Troopers began a County wide school safety initiative. Troopers met with Dorset School Board members and administrators to discuss improving school safety at the Dorset Schools. The school has used several of the recommendations provided and continues to move forward with safety improvements. Troopers will continue to be present at the school providing informational talks, interacting with the children, and assisting the school with safety procedures.

In summary for the Town of Dorset the Shaftsbury Barracks investigated 678 Incidents. These incidents included:

- 34 Accident Investigations
- 31 Motor Vehicle Related Arrests
- 11 DUI's
- 13 Consents Searches
- 10 Drug Related Offenses

In addition, Shaftsbury Troopers wrote 704 written warnings, issued 371 tickets, 72 Alarms, 42 (911) Calls, 59 Property Watches, and 17 Directed Patrols in the Town of Dorset. See attached summary.

Thank You,
LT. Thomas McCoy

<http://vsp.vermont.gov/>
https://twitter.com/VTStatePolice?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author
<https://www.facebook.com/VermontStatePolice/>



VERMONT STATE POLICE, C TROOP ~ SHAFTSBURY

(07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015)

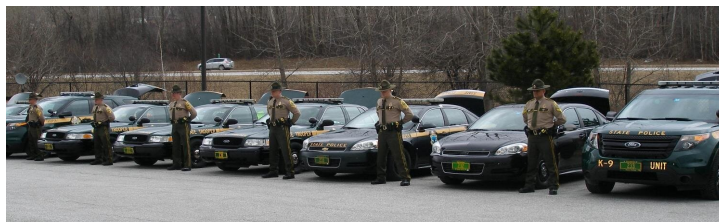
Consent Search.....	13
Assault Simple, Not Aggravated.....	1
Burglary Force/B & E—Force	11
Larceny Shoplifting	1
Larceny from Motor Vehicle.....	3
Larceny ~ All Others.....	6
Fraud.....	1
Vandalism.....	6
Weapon Law Violation.....	1
Lewd/Adultery	1
Regulated Drugs—Possession of.....	3
Regulated Drugs - Cultivation of.....	1
Controlled Substance/Drug Equip. Violation	4
Drugs Civil.....	6
Child Offense	1
Drive/Operate Under Influence.....	11
Liquor Violation.....	1
Family Disturbance	2
Disorderly Conduct ~ Other	3
Condition of Release Violation	2
Impeding Police Officer	1
False Information to Police	4
Trespassing Violation.....	3
Fugitive.....	1
Accident - Injury - DMV Report.....	4
Arrest on Warrant-Police Check.....	1
Accident-Injury-DMV Report	4
Accident - Damage - DMV Report.....	11
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances	23
Careless Negligent Motor Vehicle	3
Attempting to Elude Police	1
DLS Criminal	7
LSA Motor Vehicle	3
Acc Fire Inv.—Juvenile	1
Canine Use (Police Dog)	3
Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol.....	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm.....	118

Ambulance or Medical Assist.....	3
Animal Problem	4
Agency Assist.....	18
Attempt to Locate.....	1
Attempted Suicide.....	1
Consuming Alcoholic Bev while Driving.....	1
Basic Rule.....	1
Burglary Alarm.....	1
Citizen Dispute.....	11
Citizen Assist	41
Criminal Mischief.....	1
Communications Offense.....	1
Directed Patrol.....	17
E911 Hangup.....	42
False Alarm	72
Fish & Game Offense.....	1
Following too Closely.....	1

Offense Code Total Incidents

JUVP	Juvenile Problem.....	3
MAST	Motorist Assistance.....	20
MENT	Mental Health Assistance	4
MESS	Message Delivered.....	1
NC	Not Classified	1
NDIS	Noise Disturbance	9
PARK	Parking Problem	1
PSB	Passing school bus.....	2
PSC	Suspicious Person/Circum.....	46
PUBL	Public Speaking Engagement.....	3
PWAT	Property Watch.....	59
SL2	Speeding Local 11-20 MPH.....	2
SRCH	Search Warrant.....	1
TCNR	Traffic Crash Non-Report	19
THAZ	Traffic Hazard.....	8
UNSP	Unsecure Premises.....	7
UTPB	Utility Problem.....	1
VIN	Vehicle Serial # Inspection.....	5
WELF	Welfare Check	6

Total Incidents for Agency:.....678





GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST



The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from the many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors that help us accomplish our robust program of work every year. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and the interest that you have shown in helping us manage the more than 400,000 acre GMNF which several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts enjoy and is critical our local economy. We are proud that the GMNF 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 Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Land Acquisition

The Forest grew by 144 acres through the acquisition and donation of lands in the Towns of Bristol, Manchester, and Dorset.

Heritage Program

In partnership with the Vermont Archaeological Society (VAS), the Forest Heritage Program was able to complete a number of important stabilization projects at various historic cemeteries in and adjacent to the Forest. These "Remember Me As You Pass By" projects consist of vegetation management as well as stabilization and repair.

Other partner projects included artifact analysis conducted by University of Vermont (UVM) Consulting Archaeology Program, VAS, and the Forest. This collaboration involved analyzing thousands of artifacts collected at the multi-year Homerstone Quartzite Quarry Project near Little Rock Pond. Other highlights include:

- The Forest Archaeologist gave presentations in the Towns of Chittenden and Charlotte as part of Vermont Archaeology Month (September).
- The Forest Archaeologist assisted the faculty of Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden to teach students about the history of Lefferts Pond.
- The Forest Archaeologist participated in an interpretive hike to the "Old Job" historical site in the vicinity of Mount Tabor as part of Vermont Archaeology Month.
- The Forest Archaeologist collaborated with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) to rehabilitate the historic Somerset Schoolhouse, a one room building constructed in the mid-19th century.

Local Efforts:

Dorset: Collaborated with MMBC to lay out the future Dorset Hollow mountain bike trail which will lead to Little Dorset Peak replacing the very steep and eroded trail at the end of Tower Road. The GMC completed extensive erosion control work on the Appalachian Trail / Long Trail. GMC trail crews also began the reconstruction of the East Dorset Trail which was approved as part of the Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project. The reconstruction of the trail has much community support and will highlight existing historic features. Portions of the trail are being relocated in order to remove a number of stream crossings and create new trail tread in areas that have been eroded.

Glastenbury: The Shaftsbury Snow Pilots VAST club repaired curbing and decking on a snowmobile bridge on the Glastenbury Snowmobile Trail. The VTT horse club repaired a washed out culvert on Castle Brook Road.

Manchester: The Green Mountain Trail Blazers VAST club continued maintaining 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.

Peru: The Green Mountain Trail Blazers VAST club repaired a bridge abutment on the Mad Tom Snowmobile Trail. VYCC re-routed two sections of trail, constructed a new bridge, and removed three unsound bridges on the Hapgood Nature Trail. The GMC reconstructed the East Dorset Trail. And we collaborated with MMBC to review trail conditions for future mountain bike trails.

THIS IS A SMALL EXCERPT OF THE GMNF REPORT. FULL REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE DORSET TOWN OFFICE

VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS



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



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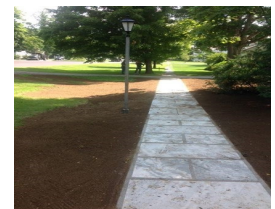
East Dorset Cemetery Associa-



DORSET Players



**SOUTHWESTERN
VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING**



Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)



BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the needs of low-income families and our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Dorset. **36 individuals** had their basic needs met, including food, housing and heating and utility assistance. **2 homeless families** received assistance in securing safe, affordable housing. **2 residents** received technical assistance in support of fulfilling their dream of starting a small business.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved over the past year, there is still more work to do. Your town appropriation can provide for families who are suffering and help ease the struggle of living in poverty.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$1,000.00.

Carol Flint
Executive Director

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

Statement of Activity For the Year Ending September 30, 2015 (figures are not yet Audited)

Summary

Revenue & Support

Grants	4,566,837
Contributions	77,230
Commodities	87,123
Rental Income	146,652
Store Revenue	22,265
Service Provider Income	50,564
Contracts	359,933
Other	401,269

Total Rev & Support: \$ 5,711,873

Expenses

Community Services	1,704,435
Community Development	262,614
Economic Development	300,328
Weatherization	2,458,781
Nutrition Education	431,798
Other Programs	278,462
General & Administrative	56,113

Total Expenses: \$ 5,492,530

Balance \$ 219,343

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless

PO Box 4736
Bennington, VT 05201
802-440-2487

Christopher.Oldham@bcch-vt.org



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, and transitional housing. BCCH is committed to providing more than just a bed. Our recently expanded programming provides the building blocks necessary for people to become self-sufficient so that they may sustain permanent housing and remain independent. Because we strive for sustainable solutions, clients are required to participate in coordinated case management with our staff and partner agencies. We have also expanded the gamut of supportive services for program participant and their families. New offerings include life skills classes, employment readiness coaching, cooking "outside the box" workshops, budgeting and credit repair programming, as well as peer to peer counseling lead by individuals who have overcome homelessness.

BCCH is the only homeless shelter in Bennington County and currently houses 45 people each night in our three shelter facilities: Good Shepherd Emergency Shelter, Thatcher House Family Shelter, and McCall Street Transitional Apartments. Of the 400 individuals we served last year, almost 45% were children in families. By day, Good Shepherd operates as a drop-in center where those in need gain access to clothing, bedding, and personal care products. They are also able to utilize the kitchen and bathroom facilities, meet with a case manager, and use the computers to search and apply for employment opportunities.

A portion 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 our community. On behalf of BCCH, thank you for your support as we continue to facilitate new beginnings for those in need throughout Bennington County.

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless respectfully requests to be placed on the March 2016 ballot for town funds in the amount of \$1,000.

Christopher Oldham
Executive Director



Squirrel Hollow Retaining Wall



Squirrel
Hollow
Paving



Gilbert Lookout

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless Bennington, Vermont				2016 Operating Budget				Prior Year Budget and Prior Years Actuals				Comments/Notes
a/c #	G/L Account	Good Shepherd	Thatcher House	McCall House	General Fund	G & A	Total 2016	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	
Operating Income:												
35221	OEO/T/Grant											
35222	HOP	\$ 41,250	\$ 41,250			\$ 49,500	\$ 132,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 10,500	Ind OEO-ESGP, T/A
35231	HUD-VSHA/COC			\$ 54,231								McCall Opr \$47897,ins/taxes \$4500, Admin \$1834
37201	OEO-ESGP											
37203	ESFP formerly FEMA	\$ 9,500										
38101	Town Appropriation											
38212	Donations-Monetary				\$ 29,000		\$ 29,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 4,735	\$ 9,889	\$ 3,788	
38207	Fundraising				\$ 27,406		\$ 27,406	\$ 30,000	\$ 45,589	\$ 10,470	\$ 29,550	
38501	Grants (BROC)				\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 1,201	\$ 4,120	\$ 36,800	
38209	Donations-In Kind							\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 664	\$ 229	
38210	Fuel Subsidy	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,666			\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 150		
38315	Resident Rent & Fees			\$ 12,000			\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,719	\$ 9,318	\$ 8,967	
							\$ 12,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,381	\$ 10,551	\$ 76,312	
38511	Foundation Grants				\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,111	\$ 5,556	\$ 100	Included: Mary applying for \$20K Community Foundation Grant with Turning Point, half, \$10K to BCH.
38801	Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset						\$ -	\$ 700	\$ (4,343)	\$ 364		
	Total Income	\$ 52,417	\$ 42,917	\$ 67,897	\$ 131,406	\$ 49,500	\$ 344,137	\$ 322,005	\$ 326,430	\$ 206,644	\$ 380,266	
Operating Expenses:												
61201	Salaries-Regular	\$ 76,826	\$ 12,675	\$ 11,011	\$ 12,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,512	\$ -	\$ 53,071	\$ -	\$ 45,774	
61202	Salaries-Direct Care	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,785	\$ 57,398	\$ 44,828	\$ 109,311	
63101	FICA Match	\$ 4,763	\$ 786	\$ 683	\$ 775	\$ 2,325	\$ 9,332	\$ 8,047	\$ 6,600	\$ 2,866	\$ 11,105	
63102	MEDI Match	\$ 1,114	\$ 184	\$ 160	\$ 181	\$ 544	\$ 2,182	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,543	\$ 670	\$ 2,597	
63511	State U/E	\$ 1,742	\$ 287	\$ 250	\$ 283	\$ 850	\$ 3,413	\$ 2,943	\$ 6,491	\$ 2,352	\$ 5,467	
63521	Workers Compensation	\$ 1,990	\$ 328	\$ 285	\$ 324	\$ 971	\$ 3,898	\$ 2,919	\$ 2,861	\$ 6,453	\$ 5,853	
64101	Legal & Accounting					\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,145	\$ 11,734	\$ 12,044	
64105	Consulting Services					\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,270	Board Training
65110	Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500			\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 5,907	\$ 1,903	\$ 5,153	
65120	Postage	\$ 150			\$ 250	\$ 150	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 168	\$ 300	\$ 387	
65415	Staff Training	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145	\$ -	\$ -	
65210	Equipment Maint/Repairs	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 200		\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 570	\$ 52	\$ 328	
65220	Equipment Depreciation					\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 329	\$ 247	\$ 331	
65230	Equipment Rental	\$ 500				\$ 250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,142	\$ 821	\$ 821	\$ 1,111	
65320	Computer Expenses	\$ 375	\$ 375	\$ 250		\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 1,155	\$ 2,492	\$ -	\$ 717	
65410	Meetings/Trainings					\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ 335	
65420	Dues/Subscriptions					\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275	Includes Joining Chamber (\$300)
65441	Insurance D&O					\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,427	\$ 1,359	\$ 680		
65442	Insurance General Liability	\$ 800	\$ 850	\$ 850		\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,373	\$ 2,759	\$ 5,369	
65450	Office Supplies	\$ 350				\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 1,200	\$ 791	\$ 557	\$ 2,501	
65456	Fundraising Expenses				\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 953	\$ 946		
66101	Program Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 250			\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,440	\$ 98	\$ 1,524	
66105	Client Expense	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 358	
66411	Background Checks/non employees						\$ -	\$ -	\$ 570	\$ -	\$ -	
66811	Printing Expense	\$ 50				\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,082)	
67211	Staff Travel Reimbursement	\$ 150	\$ 100			\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 193	\$ 485	\$ 757	
67212	Staff Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 250	\$ 250				\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 716	\$ 603	\$ 1,409	
68101	Building Rental	\$ 21,000	\$ 23,100	\$ -		\$ 3,300	\$ 47,400	\$ 47,100	\$ 44,400	\$ 33,300	\$ 58,467	
68200	Property Taxes	\$ 3,000		\$ 4,050			\$ 4,050	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,997	\$ 2,826	\$ 3,717	
68310	Electricity	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,800		\$ 700	\$ 12,000	\$ 17,836	\$ 11,727	\$ 10,557	\$ 16,156	
68320	Heat/Fuel	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,750		\$ 250	\$ 25,000	\$ 29,200	\$ 24,483	\$ 25,313	\$ 34,402	
68331	Water/Sewer	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,500			\$ 7,900	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,354	\$ 5,166	\$ 9,561	
68332	Trash Removal	\$ 900	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,500			\$ 3,500	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,134	\$ 2,673	\$ 5,494	
68410	Building Repairs/Maint	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 3,300			\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,967	\$ 33,481	
68510	Building Depreciation			\$ 15,300			\$ 15,300	\$ 17,340	\$ 15,267	\$ 11,381	\$ 15,175	
68610	Building Insurance			\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,372	\$ 990	\$ 450	\$ 347	
68620	Mortgage Interest			\$ 5,600			\$ 5,600	\$ 6,800	\$ 5,758	\$ 5,312	\$ 5,478	
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 125,760	\$ 60,885	\$ 60,738	\$ 15,313	\$ 81,440	\$ 344,137	\$ 331,142	\$ 299,182	\$ 182,110	\$ 426,802	
	Admin Allocation											
	Total Expenses	\$ 125,760	\$ 60,885	\$ 60,738	\$ 15,313	\$ 81,440	\$ 344,137	\$ 331,142	\$ 299,182	\$ 182,110	\$ 426,802	
	Operating Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (73,343)	\$ (17,968)	\$ 7,159	\$ 116,093	\$ (31,940)	\$ 0	\$ (9,137)	\$ 27,248	\$ 24,534	\$ (46,536)	



CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) continued its service to the community this past year by offering an expanded array of programs and services to over 750 individuals, 23 of which were Dorset residents. CRJ programs are guided by the principles of restorative justice, which holds offenders accountable and places emphasis on repairing the harm done to the victim and community.

CRJ's continuum of community justice services begins with its school-based partnerships. This past year, over 40 students engaged in CRJ school-based programs which addressed issues of truancy, fighting, vandalism, and bullying.

Over 150 individuals were held accountable to their victims and community this past year through CRJ's Court Diversion Program. The Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program provided screening, education and treatment referrals to nearly 160 young people cited for underage possession/consumption of alcohol and marijuana. And CRJ's Civil DLS Diversion Program filed over 100 motions to the Vermont Judicial Bureau on behalf of individuals whose driver's licenses have been suspended and who are now on payment plans to pay off their fines and are now legally back on the road.

CRJ expanded Juvenile Restorative Programming this past year to support more at-risk youth. This past year nearly 95 youth received restorative justice services, participated in CRJ's after-school program, monthly movie nights, and summer program.

CRJ also expanded the variety of Adult Restorative Programs and Services offered to the community this past year. Nearly 100 individuals were referred to Reparative Panels, 75 people were referred to CRJ's Safe Driving Program, and 50 people returning to the community from incarceration were assisted to find jobs, secure housing and learn skills to become successful members of society.

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

<i>FY 2015 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT</i>		
Revenue:	State Grants	337,103
	Other Grants	3,167
	School Funding	30,500
	Fees- Diversion/TASP	33,088
	Town Funding	4,940
	Contributions, Fundraising	1,080
Total Revenue		409,878
Expenses	Personnel	271,969
	Facilities	29,446
	Operations	86,903
	Ins	4,871
	Volunteer training	2,891
	Prof Fees	10,191
Total Expenses		406,271

DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2015 was again one of significant and varied activity for the Dorset Historical Society. Your Historical Society continued to play a major role in the cultural calendar of the Dorset community, and this year we worked in close collaboration with the Dorset Chamber of Commerce, the Library and the local schools.

Our Third Thursday monthly luncheon lectures, now in their fifth year covering many topics of local historical interest continue to attract capacity crowds at Bley House. Our museum exhibits this year included the Art Students League artists who summered in Dorset, a historical review of the Dorset schools, Post Card scenes of Dorset from our vast collection, and additions to the Hunt Gilbert photo collection from the early twentieth century. Our permanent displays include the Dorset Marble Industry, Fenton Pottery, and Jessica Bond's artistry

In the summer we scheduled two quarry walks, hosted our popular Ice Cream Social, and provided the material for a program on the Dorset Green describing the relocation of several houses from the Quabbin Reservoir site in Massachusetts to Dorset, followed by a bus tour to view some of the houses in their present location here.

Our annual membership appeal this year attracted 249 families from Dorset. Visitors who signed the guest book came from 24 states and 5 foreign countries. Our ongoing collaboration with students at the local schools continues as well.

In 2016 you can look forward to several new exhibits at Bley House.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Membership Income	\$26,490.00	\$24,000.00
Museum Proceeds	2,150.00	2,210.00
Special Gifts	1,900.00	1,000.00
Dorset Town Grant	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$38,040.00	\$34,710.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Programs and Exhibits	\$ 3,864.00	\$ 6,000.00
Newsletters	2,837.00	3,200.00
Administration	11,806.00	13,025.00
Facilities	15,712.00	8,100.00
Utilities	<u>2,357.00</u>	<u>2,650.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$36,576.00	\$32,975.00
NOTE – Dorset Town Support	\$ 7,500.00 (provided)	\$ 7,500.00 (requested)

BENNINGTON AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity (BAHfH) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an organization aimed at eliminating sub-standard housing worldwide. Habitat has helped more than 5 million people across the world to improve their living conditions. BAHfH provides safe, decent, and affordable housing in partnership with Bennington County residents who otherwise would not be able to become homeowners. 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 adult partner family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage by monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments never exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help 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 build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015) was a very productive year for BAHfH. We completed two homes in Manchester Center - our 17th home was dedicated December 14, 2014, and our 18th home was dedicated March 21, 2015. One-hundred forty-four volunteers worked a total of 4,359 hours on these homes. Through our Home Repair Program, we made repairs to improve the safety and energy efficiency of four homes owned by low-income residents, three in Bennington and one in Pownal. In April 2015, we started a home in Pownal, and in June 2015, we began construction of a home in Manchester Center. In May 2015, we purchased a building in Manchester for our ReSale Store. The Store sells new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. The store offers products at reasonable prices and keeps usable items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our building program.

Everyone is welcome to our build sites every Wednesday and Saturday to participate in or witness the inspiring work being done in partnership with community members and families in need of affordable housing. For more information about our work, please visit our website at www.benningtonareahabitat.com.

Five Dorset residents serve on our Board of Directors and many Dorset residents have helped build our 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. None of our projects would be possible without the support we receive from area towns, businesses, houses of worship, and individuals. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Knorr, President, Board of Directors

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity		
7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015		
Cash Flows		
	2015	2015
	Actual	Budget
Contributions & Other In-	\$47,567	\$69,000
Restricted Contributions	923,978	593,669
Fundraising Events	3,500	8,000
Resale Store Fundraising	100,238	75,000
Interest & Other Income	4,447	0
Mortgage Payments Received	57,349	59,900
Total Cash Flow In	<u>\$1,137,079</u>	<u>\$805,569</u>
Construction, Property Devel-	\$363,492	\$307,000
Resale Store Operations	33,480	37,360
Property/Equipment Pur-	159,276	0
Administrative & Other	154,518	172,525
Total Cash Flow Out	\$710,766	\$516,885
Net Cash Flow	\$426,313	\$288,684



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GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary

Year Ending September 30, 2014

INCOME

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$392,512
PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$39,251
Program Service	\$13,401
Fundraising / Other Income	\$0
Interest	\$606
Total Income	\$467,366

EXPENSE

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$272,509
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$68,275
Production Supplies	\$24,702
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,118
Equipment / Depreciation	\$43,791
Other Operating Expense	\$25,711

Total Expense **\$438,106**

Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$29,260
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$431,296
Net Assets, End of Year	\$460,556

*Balance Earmarked for Future Capital Equipment Purchases

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. GNAT's vision is to facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

GNAT Service Area / Cable Channels GNAT-TV broadcasts local community based public, education and government "PEG" programs on Comcast Cable Channels. **Channels 15, 16 & 17:** Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall; **Channels 8,10 & 18:** Stratton; **Channel 8, 10:** Weston & Londonderry. **All local programs also available:** www.gnat-tv.org.

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 municipal meetings and educational, civic and community events. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings. GNAT produced 281 Government Meetings across seven towns in 2015.



An Invitation to Serve your Community

Serving Bennington, Windham and Windsor Counties
160 Benmont Ave., Suite 90 Bennington, VT 05201

Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to programs and nonprofits in the local area. Green Mountain RSVP believes that our senior population is our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching 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. They 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, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 13 Bone Builder classes throughout Bennington County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Dorset have served hours delivering Meals on Wheels to area residents, as tutors and mentors in local Elementary schools, and supporting local residents with hospice services. They also taught Bone Builders classes, benefiting many area residents, along with numerous other community priorities. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated over 100 hours in Dorset alone and 16,000 hours in Bennington County, with the value of their service to the community at \$351,025. For every \$1 dollar invested into RSVP, \$4 dollars are reinvested into the community. In Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties, we served 2,217 isolated and at-risk people with food delivery, companionship, transportation, mentoring, tax assistance, and food pantry support. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Bennington County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

You are welcome to contact Cathy Aliberti in our Bennington office at (802)447-1546 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. 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.

Respectfully,

Sunny Leporati

Green Mountain RSVP Director

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

Revenue

Federal Grant	\$78,497
State Fund	\$11,627
Town Funds	\$16,425
Other Fund Raising	\$536
Total Revenue	\$107,085

Expenses

Salaries	\$63,710
Fringe \$	22,418
Long Distance Travel	\$559
Local Travel	\$1,677
Supplies	\$2,796
Maintenance/Tech Support	\$1,677
Accountant/Audit	\$839
Communication	\$2,796
Postage	\$1,118
Rent	\$2,184
Utilities	\$559
Database	\$503
Background Checks	\$559
Meals	\$280
Volunteer Ins	\$2,614
Volunteer Travel	\$280
Recognition	\$2,516
Total Expenses	\$107,085

In 2015, 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 responded to over 1200 emergency hotline calls and provided safety, support and services to approximately 600 women, men, and children. Eight Dorset residents received over 40 hours of comprehensive advocacy services including ongoing case management, safety planning, criminal, civil and legal advocacy, housing advocacy and economic empowerment services.

Our supervised visitation program provided eighty-three children safe access to approximately 3,900 hours of visitation with non-custodial parents. Through our emergency housing program we provided 28 adults and 16 children with approximately 900 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 4,500 children, teachers and other adults. We have expanded our outreach efforts to include presentations and videos on cable access television, our website (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

Project Against Violent Encounters

Profit & Loss ~ July 2014 through June 2015

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4010 · Contributions	41,368.42
4060 · Client Payments	2,438.00
4100 · Grant Income	400,779.13
4200 · Contracts - State	15,210.00
4400 · Cash Reserves	0.00
4500 · Deferred Grant Income	7,121.66
4550 · Interest Income	485.18
Total Income	467,402.39

Expense

60001 · Salaries	207,150.34
60002 · Employee Benefits	55,101.76
60009 · Mileage Network Related	691.59
60014 · Operations Expense	22,245.18
60015 · Program Services	111,484.10
60023 · Occupancy Expense	38,059.81
60029 · Equipment Expense	2,711.89
60062 · Board Fundraising Expense	84.97
Total Expense	437,529.64

Net Ordinary Income 29,872.75

Other Income/Expense 0.00

Net Income 29,872.75



Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor provides volunteer, home-based services geared to building relationships with our older and housebound residents throughout the Northshire. Our goal is to help our neighbors remain independent and in their own home for as long as possible. In addition, Neighbor to Neighbor offers social events that keep people connected to each other and the community at large.

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbor and our dedicated volunteers have provided vital services to older and disabled residents in the Northshire. In 2015, over seventy five care recipients received visits, transportation services and help with chores as well as monthly social events. Fifty volunteers gave over 3,000 hours of their time helping others in need. Twenty four Dorset residents received services or provided volunteer hours. We are grateful to Long Trail School for inviting our group to attend dress rehearsal performances of "The Sound of Music" in the fall and to The Dorset Players for providing discounted tickets to several delightful performances. Our members enjoy joining with the local community to participate in these festive events.

All Neighbor to Neighbor services are offered free of charge. We are funded through the generosity of towns as well as through private, corporate and foundation donations. With new Care Recipients joining our program each month, there is a strong need for our services. Our care recipients express often how important our help is to them. For many, we provide their only bridge to the wider community.

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,
Philippa Cully
Executive Director

APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET ~ 7-1-2015 -- 6-30-2016	
Neighbor to Neighbor - a program of the Interfaith Council of the Northshire, Inc.	
Income	
Grant Award	\$5,000.00
Fundraising	\$10,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$10,000.00
Foundations/Corporate	\$15,000.00
Interest Income	\$100.00
In-Kind Contributions (bookkeeping, maintenance, rent)	\$18,000.00
Donations toward CR events	\$500.00
Support from towns	\$3,000.00
Support from houses of worship	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$62,600.00
Expenses	
Salaries	\$30,000.00
Holiday Wages/ vacation wages	
*Fringe Benefits & Workmen's Compensation	\$1,000.00
Education/Conferences	\$100.00
Travel Local/Regional (fuel assistance)	\$200.00
In Kind Contributions	\$18,000.00
Internet and Phone	\$1,284.00
Utilities	\$1,800.00
Office Supplies/Recruitment/Training	\$200.00
Printing/Publicity/Advertising	\$2,300.00
Postage	\$650.00
Petty cash	\$50.00
Fundraising expenses	\$2,500.00
Care Recipient Events	\$2,300.00
Insurance: Liability	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$200.00
Computer Tech Support	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$63,084.00



Dorset Players Inc.

The Dorset Players has been an institution in Dorset since it was formed in 1927. The Playhouse was built in 1929. Twenty years later, the Players began a long and fruitful association with the Caravan Theatre and Fred and Pat Carmichael. In June 1976, John Nassivera and Jill Charles took over from the Carmichaels, rented the Playhouse for the summer and presented a professional season. The Dorset Theatre Festival, as it had become known as, is a professional equity company that continues to rent the Playhouse to this day. They present a full summer season from June through September. In 1999, The Dorset Players and The Dorset Theatre Festival undertook a three million dollar restoration of the historic Dorset Playhouse. In June 2001, the newly restored playhouse opened with improved sightlines, more comfortable seating, more restroom facilities, and a new rehearsal studio.

Today, the Players present many events during its October through May season.

In addition to three major plays and a musical, we also hire the Missoula Children's Workshop to bring their children's program to us for a week in January. This year we had 88 local children audition, of which 64 were chosen. In December, our Holiday show featured 20 local children onstage. We produce the One Act Festival, where new directors and actors have a chance to hone their skills. We bring in outside programs like operas, comedians and musicians to fill out our season. This year we invited the Dorset School to use the Playhouse for their Winter Concert at no cost to them. We fill our theater with dozens of local volunteers from actors and technicians to ushers and box office helpers. We entertain thousands, yes, thousands of people during our season.

There have been many challenges over the years and although the Dorset Players have maintained the structure with grants and donations as best they could, there comes a time when that is not enough. So we asking the town for help with our parking lots to keep them safe, not only for users of the Playhouse but for any and all local citizens who use them as well.

The Dorset Players is a 501c3 non-profit community theatre, whose mission is to provide live theatre for the purpose of enriching and entertaining our community; and to provide growth and Educational opportunities to both children and adults through a variety of theatrical experiences.

Dorset Players Inc. Mission Statement

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DORSET PLAYERS FINANCIALS									
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/15-7/31/16					FISCAL YEAR ENDING 7/31/15				
INCOME:					INCOME:				
Production Income	68,525				Production Income	72,394			
Fundraising Donation Income	11,450				Fundraising/Donation Income	22,828			
Membership Income	9,000				Membership Income	9,125			
Program Advertising Income	18,625				Program Advertising Income	15,975			
Rental Income	12,000				Rental Income	11,415			
Other Income	465				Other Income	1,349			
TOTAL INCOME	120,065				TOTAL INCOME	133,086			
EXPENSES:					EXPENSES:				
Production Expenses	39,030				Production Expenses	31,372			
Administrative Expenses	30,991				Administrative Expenses	33,242			
Building Expenses	50,044				Building Expenses	51,819			
					Depreciation Expense	5,068			
TOTAL EXPENSES	120,065				TOTAL EXPENSES	121,501			



Dorset Library

The past year has been very exciting at the Dorset Library. We have increased circulation, there are many new patrons (about 40 of these are students), and have blossoming relationships with several area schools. Many successful events and programs have been held at the library and many more are planned for the next year. In an effort to reach more people in the community, the library has created an email list for a monthly newsletter and we have been keeping an active Facebook page. This year, we started on a huge project of cleaning up the catalog. During this process, the collection will be evaluated and re-entered with much more robust information into the catalog. This will greatly help the patrons at home (through our online catalog) and at the library with ease of access to our information and items.

The library continues to offer the same, valuable services to the patrons including our online resources such as Mango (to help you learn new languages) and Listen Up, Vermont! (download audio and e-books) and Universal Class (hundreds of online classes). You can also access our catalog from the comfort of your home and place holds on library items. We will have them ready for you the next time you come to the library!

The future holds a continuing path to greatness, more engaging and fun programs and events for adults and children, new DVDs and books on a monthly basis, and a clean and updated catalog. We look forward to seeing you in 2016.

4000 Revenue	Jan-Dec 15	Budget 2016
4010 Fundraising Event	437	1000
4020 Art Sale Income	2356	2000
4030 Book Sales	885	1500
4040 Conscience Fund	443	500
4050 Donations & Annual Fund	30,020	25,000
4080 Town Appropriations & Grants	20,550	20,000
4090 Other	5	10
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Total 4000 Revenue	54,696	49,760
 6000 Expenses		
6000 Administration	7663	5000
6500 Personnel	93,436	95,900
6600 Library Materials	22,025	20,500
6700 Building & Grounds	21,353	33,500
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Total 6000 Expenses	144,477	154,900
 Surplus/Deficit	 (-89,781)	 (-105,140)



Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)

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The Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA) was formed in April of 2014 with the purpose ".to improve the condition of the marble sidewalks in Dorset and East Dorset, in order to promote their use and enjoyment by pedestrians." The DMPA is a Limited Liability Corporation and 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 and Malcolm Cooper, Steve Bryant and Bob Escher.

During the past year the DMPA met to prioritize projects in Dorset and East Dorset, to solicit funds from members of the community and to obtain bids from masonry contractors. The Town Manager was very helpful in organizing the bidding process.

The DMPA's goal for 2016 is to restore the sidewalk on the west side of Route 30 between Berkshire Bank on Church Street and the Post Office. This is the sidewalk with the most pedestrian use. It is also the most dangerous, as some pedestrians choose to walk on Route 30 pavement rather than risk falling on the irregular marble. The Dorset Library has pledged sufficient funds to redo its portion of the sidewalk, and DMPA has raised funds to cover the remaining length to the Post Office. The Town Manager has secured permission from the state to work in the state right of way. A new curb will be installed in such a way as to provide added space for the cars that park on that side of the roadway.

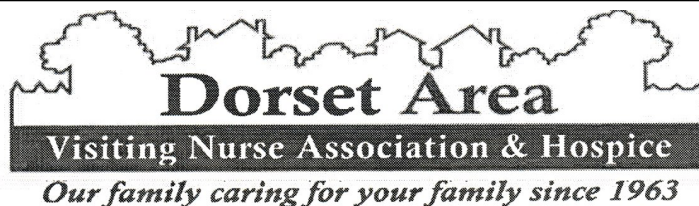
If the voters approve our request for \$15,000, funds from that apportionment will be used for a restoration project in East Dorset, to be determined.

During 2014 and 2015 the DMPA has raised a total of \$17,108 from individual contributions and last year received a town grant of \$5,000 for a total of \$22,108. It has expended a total of \$16,666 on the initial construction project, the clearing of snow by Rising Sun Maintenance, and the purchase of marble for the Route 30 project by Garden Arts who was low bidder for the Dorset portion.



Dorset's sidewalks are unsafe for pedestrian use.

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Dorset 2015 Town Report

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF DORSET:

In 2015, Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association, an office of the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 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 Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice served 51 Dorset residents with 1,019 home care visits – an average of 20 visits per patient. Agency-wide last year, VNAHSWR's dedicated staff made more than 91,840 visits to 3,308 patients. Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice and Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region have agreed that all town funds voted for Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice will be retained for use in this area.

In closing, we wish to thank the citizens of Dorset who supported us in 2015. 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.

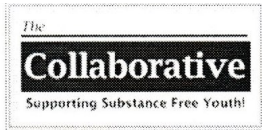
Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE, INC.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Based on the latest audit financial reports

Operating Revenue	
Net patient service revenue	\$ 12,075,629
Grant revenue	972,403
Contract service revenue	273,658
Other operating revenue	<u>15,656</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>13,337,347</u>
Operating Expenses	
Salaries	8,069,767
Benefits and payroll taxes	2,244,338
Transportation	468,350
Program supplies	707,052
Contract services	1,003,029
Other operating expenses	1,469,280
Depreciation	186,785
Interest expense	<u>47</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>14,148,648</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>(811,301)</u>
Other Revenue and Gains	
United Way and municipal appropriations	237,714
Contributions, net	372,989
Investment income	<u>267,232</u>
Total Other Revenue and Gains	<u>877,935</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ 66,634</u></u>



The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy, involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment.

Get Involved!

December 2014

Dear Dorset Residents,

The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2015 budget. In 2014, The Collaborative marks eighteen 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 400 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. The Collaborative is committed to healthy, happy, and resilient children and teens; children and teens who can grow up to be healthy, happy, and resilient adults. Combining education with activity alternatives encourages positive lifelong habits.

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

				THE COLLABORATIVE	
				JULY 2014-JUNE 2015	
				Ordinary Income/Expense	
			Income		
				Contributed support	
				State grants	106,500.00
				Local government grants	4,500.00
				Total Contributed support	111,000.00
				Earned revenues	
				Program service fees	14,080.00
				Total Earned revenues	14,080.00
				Special events	629.00
				Total Income	125,709.00
				Gross Profit	125,709.00
			Expense		
				Salaries & related expenses	
				Salaries & wages	68,611.41
				Payroll taxes & Other Fringe	19,677.40
				Total Salaries & related expenses	88,288.81
				Other personnel expenses	
				Accounting fees	1,400.00
				Professional fees - other	10,207.50
				Total Other personnel expenses	11,607.50
				Non-personnel expenses	
				Supplies	3,342.22
				Equipment	1,415.00
				Telephone & telecommunications	1,815.98
				Postage, shipping, delivery	1,180.00
				Printing & copying	1,552.76
				Marketing Materials	1,772.84
				Total Non-personnel expenses	11,078.80
				Travel & meetings expenses	7,369.84
				Events	2,738.35
				Misc expenses	4,671.32
				Total Expense	125,754.62
				Net Ordinary Income	-45.62



**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 2015:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 1,338 meals that were delivered to the homes of 13 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, 26 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 616 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 27 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 issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance.

Southwestern Vermont Council On Aging

Income

	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>
Federal	\$2,010,992	\$2,013,281
State	\$999,823	\$987,117
Town	\$73,956	\$92,761
Donations	\$16,051	\$12,500
Interest	\$3,478	\$3,500
Other	\$244,136	\$282,332
Total	\$3,348,437	\$3,391,491

Overhead Expenses

Administrative Salaries	\$226,858	\$252,734
Rent & Utilities	\$17,363	\$17,756
Maintenance Building (Landlord expense)		
Maintenenca Grounds (Landlord Expense)		
Insurance	\$11,151	12,201
Office Expenses	\$3,305	\$5,400
Telephone, Internet & Postage	\$7,642	\$4,607
Printing (Not separated out - minimal)		
Other Expenses - Audit	\$6,200	\$6,200
Total	\$272,519	\$298,898

Budgeted Appropriations



GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191

Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191

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greenup@greenupvermont.org

www.greenupvermont.org

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar!

May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,

46 years of tradition!

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
always the first Saturday in May.**

VERMONT GREEN UP, INC. FY 2014-2015 BUDGET								
	FY2014-2015 Budget	1st Quarter 07-01-14 to 09-30-14	2nd Quarter 10-01-14 to 12-31-15	3rd Quarter 01-01-15 to 03-31-15	4th Quarter 04-01-15 to 06-30-15	TOTALS TO DATE	Over / (Under) Budget	
Cash Inflows								
Partners - Sign. Corporate Partner	20,000.00				20,000.00	20,000.00	-	
Partners - Stafford - \$10,000	30,000.00			10,000.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	25,000.00	
Partners - Aiken - \$8,000	12,000.00			12,000.00		12,000.00	-	
Friends - \$1,000 to \$3,000	24,500.00		3,000.00	5,000.00	13,550.00	21,550.00	(2,950.00)	
Businesses - Under \$1,000	3,200.00			1,100.00	4,367.00	5,467.00	2,267.00	
Individuals	2,500.00	149.70	45.75	105.00	2,123.25	2,423.70	(76.30)	
Tax Check Off Donations	6,500.00				26,527.02	26,527.02		
State of VT Appropriation	10,550.00		9,495.00		1,055.00	10,550.00	-	
Cities & Towns	22,500.00	1,700.00	14,460.00	5,235.00	2,600.00	23,995.00	1,495.00	
Other	2,000.00	575.00	4,105.99	200.00	985.00	5,865.99	3,865.99	
Interest	100.00	27.05	32.24	34.13	81.92	155.34	55.34	
	-				-	-	-	
Total Inflows	133,850.00	2,451.75	31,138.98	33,674.13	116,269.19	183,534.05	49,684.05	
Cash Outflows								
Program Expenses:								
Special Projects								
A. Green Up Day	40,996.00				34,306.15	34,306.15	(6,689.85)	
B. Poster Contest/Awards	650.00			650.00		650.00	-	
C. Other	3,000.00				3,526.82	3,526.82	526.82	
Total Program	44,646.00	-	-	650.00	37,832.97	38,482.97	(6,163.03)	
Administrative Expenses:								
Salaries / Office	66,000.00	16,223.10	17,114.40	17,222.40	17,276.40	67,836.30	1,836.30	
Payroll Taxes	5,200.00	1,241.06	1,309.24	1,267.32	1,321.66	5,139.28	(60.72)	
Health/Dental Insurance	7,300.00	3,363.40	960.00	600.00	1,600.00	6,523.40	(776.60)	
Insurance-workers comp/liab.	1,316.00	59.00	31.00		1,288.00	1,378.00	62.00	
Mileage & Expenses	3,200.00	1,028.04	1,615.98	262.38	819.65	3,726.05	526.05	
Telephone/Internet	1,500.00	503.58	308.73	325.83	454.85	1,592.99	92.99	
Postage	1,300.00	392.00	392.00	622.00		1,406.00	106.00	
Office Equipment	-					-	-	
Supplies & Miscellaneous	2,500.00	343.78	396.90	981.70	520.31	2,242.69	(257.31)	
Contractual Services	800.00	800.00				800.00	-	
Office-Capital projects	-					-	-	
Total Administrative	89,116.00	23,953.96	22,128.25	21,281.63	23,280.87	90,844.71	1,528.71	
Total Outflows	133,762.00	23,953.96	22,128.25	21,931.63	61,113.84	129,127.68	(4,634.32)	
*Our inflows were higher than projected, for this one year, because we did not know how much money the VT tax income form would generate and also because of one-time donation of \$25,000 from Subaru of New England.								



Manchester Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 26

Manchester Center, VT 05255

Phone 802-362-1995 Fax 802-362-8175

Email: manchesterrescue@myfairpoint.net

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 2014-2015

Arlington	20	Rupert	3
Bennington	11	Rutland	9
Danby	91	Shaftsbury	1
Dorset	171	S. Londonderry	8
East Dorset	42	Stratton	3
Londonderry	2	Sunderland	3
Manchester	783	Wells	1
Mount Tabor	18	Winhall	18
Pawlet	1	Out of Area	3
Peru	8	Total	1,196

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Casey, CCEMT-P
Chief Operations Officer

<u>Manchester Rescue Squad, Inc.</u>	Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/15
Income	
Medical Receipts	\$515,380
Municipal Direct Support	
Dorset	18,000
Danby	1,500
Mt Tabor	900
Winhall	1,500
Municipal Ambulance Lease Support	
Danby	9,615
Dorset	16,007
Mt Tabor	1,633
Winhall	3,000
Municipal In-Kind - Manchester (rent, dispatch)	105,500
Annual Fund Donations	109,702
Subscription Program Donations	19,202
Subscriptions	90,500
Other Income	
CPR Classes	2,220
Ambulance Coverage	2,075
Miscellaneous Income	5,992
Ambulance trade-in	3,000
Investment related income	
Interest & Dividends	19,763
Capital Gains	79,048
Total Income	<hr/> \$1,004,537
Expenses	
Wages	\$450,693
Payroll Taxes	34,822
Employee Benefits	52,020
Insurance	62,181
Professional Services	17,427
Billing Expenses	57,107
Occupancy	64,099
Dispatch	62,000
Medical Equipment / Supplies	31,054
Communications Equipment	6,850
Training	2,516
Ambulance Lease	29,157
Vehicles - fuel, maintenance, etc.	27,536
Office Equipment / Supplies	4,076
Fundraising	6,168
Depreciation & Amortization	42,159
Other Expenses	9,452
Total Expenses	<hr/> \$959,316
Net Income	\$45,221

Dorset Fire District #1



Dorset Fire District #1

The Dorset Fire District responded to 100 calls in 2015 ~ breakdown as follows:

Dorset		East Dorset
Fire Alarms	42	4
Chimney Fire	2	1
Public Service	5	1
Rupert	1	
Stand-by in Station	8	2
Hazmat	0	2
Car Accidents	8	3
Brush Fire	1	0
EMS Assistance	3	0
Co-Alarms	4	0
Structure Fire	2	1
Appliance Fires	0	0
Power Line Down	2	1
Car Fire	1	
Mutual Aid Pawlet	2	
Mutual Aid Danby	1	
State Police Assist	1	1
Elevator Rescue	1	
Total 100 Calls		

For the year of 2015, we had 551 training hours plus State fire schools.

Chief Alan Casey

1st Assistant Colin Stabile

2nd Assistant Joe Clark

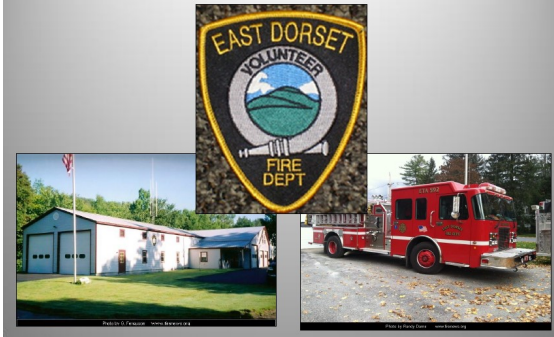
Captain Shawn Hazelton

Captain David Green

Dorset Fire District #1 - Fire Division

Firehouse	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Budget
Maintenance/Repa	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,817.67	\$ 6,000.00
Utilities	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,976.07	\$ 9,500.00
Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 365.99	\$ 400.00
Apparatus			
Maintenance/Repa	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 34,596.69	\$ 25,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 31,647.01	\$ 42,000.00
Fuel	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,616.08	\$ 4,500.00
Truck sinking fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Truck payment	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 35,746.00	\$ 36,000.00
Personnel			
Dues/Training	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 5,110.85	\$ 9,050.00
Meals	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,083.19	\$ 3,500.00
Education/retentio	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,786.27	\$ 25,000.00
Administration			
Clerical Fees	\$ 10,080.00	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 10,080.00
Professional Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 238.73	\$ 400.00
Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,927.50	\$ 15,000.00
Postage & Printing	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,529.61	\$ 1,600.00
Total	\$ 232,030.00	\$ 231,861.66	\$ 218,030.00

East Dorset Fire District # 1



East Dorset Fire District #1

East Dorset Firefighters responded to 112 calls in 2015 for a total of 921 man hours, 174.5 of which were in the East Dorset Fire District. There was a total of 40.5 hours of use put on all the apparatus and vehicles. The Firefighters had a busy year training on their own as well as with other Departments with which they provide Mutual Aid.

16 Calls in East Dorset

66 Calls in Dorset

23 Calls in Danby

7 Calls in Manchester

Calls in East Dorset

3 Alarm Calls

2 Chimney Fires

1 Smell of propane

3 Accident Calls

1 CO Alarm

1 Propane Leak

1 Horse Rescue

1 Woods Rescue

1 Structure Fire

I would like to thank all the Firefighters for their time and effort that they have donated to our Department.

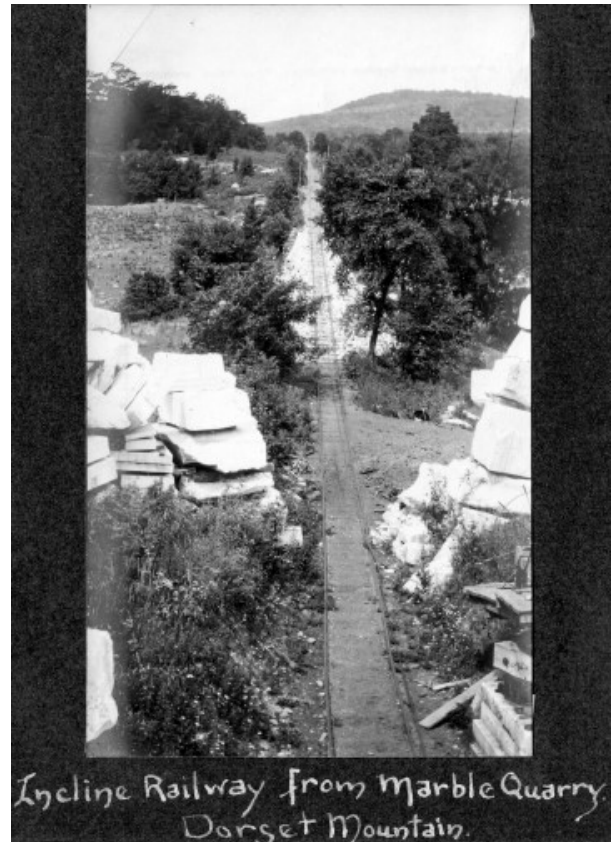
Howard Towsley

Chief, East Dorset Fire Department

EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 - FIRE DIVISION 2014/2015

ACCT. #	EDFD #1	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET 2015/2016
	COMPARATIVE BUDGET 2014-2015			
	FIREHOUSE MAINTENANCE/ REPAIR			
2000		7,500.00	9,162.67	7,500.00
2100	UTILITIES	7,000.00	5,530.80	7,000.00
2200	SUPPLIES	250.00	81.36	250.00
	APPARATUS MAINTENANCE/ REPAIR			
3000		10,000.00	10,872.24	10,000.00
3001	NEW EQUIPMENT	15,000.00	9,603.19	15,000.00
3002	FUEL	5,000.00	2,915.53	5,000.00
3003	RADIOS	3,000.00	4,772.60	3,000.00
	TRUCK SINKING FUND			
3005		5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
3006	TRUCK PAYMENT	35,017.00	35,017.19	35,017.00
	PERSONNEL			
4000	PROTECTIVE GEAR	7,000.00	6,119.78	7,000.00
4001	AIR BOTTLES	3,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
4002	DUES/TRAINING	1,500.00	831.86	1,500.00
4004	MEALS	1,500.00	310.26	1,500.00
4200	FEC	8,500.00	7,799.22	8,500.00
	ADMINISTRATION PROFESSIONAL FEES			
5000		3,800.00	3,000.00	3,800.00
5001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	900.00	1,387.31	900.00
5005	ADVERTISEMENTS	100.00	52.15	100.00
5200	INSURANCE	18,500.00	20,995.25	18,500.00
5202	FIRE PREVENTION	1,500.00		1,500.00
	TOTALS	134,567.00	125,951.4 1	134,067.00

Town Warning & Budget Town & School Minutes



*Incline Railway from Marble Quarry.
Dorset Mountain.*





2016 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, February 29, 2016 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 1st 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, 7 & 24) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1st. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 1st.

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 _____	1 year 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 13, 2016 and March 14, 2017. 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 17, 2016 and 1% and 8% penalty on March 18, 2017?

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 approve the exemption of property taxes for the Wilson House of East Dorset for a period of five (5) years, (2016-2021), tax map 20, block 21, lot 69; 378 Village Street, Building and 0.5 acres? To be voted by Australian Ballot.
- Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?
- Article 9.** 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 10.** 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 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters of appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 15.** 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 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Dorset Nursing Association for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 20.** 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 21.** 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 22.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks? By Petition.
- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Dorset Players, Inc. to help defray the cost of repairing the Dorset Playhouse's East Parking Lot at 104 Cheney Road? By petition.
- Article 24.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to eliminate the office of Auditor as allowed by state statute? (Outside Audit is done each year as replacement)
- Article 25.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,300 to support the Northshire Economic Development effort to be implemented by The Partnership (formerly known as the Manchester & the Mountains Chamber of Commerce)? **Advisory Only.**
- Article 26.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this _19th_ day of January, 2016. By the Dorset Select Board.

Chris Brooks
Michael Connors
Michael Oltedal
Henry Chandler
Brad Tyler

2015 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 2, 2015 at the hour of 7:45 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 3rd day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

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

Motion by Lee Fox seconded by Jim Salsgiver. 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 Town1	1 year term	Kevin O'Toole	426
Selectman	3 year term	Chris Brooks	349
Selectman	1 year term	Henry Chandler	279
Selectman	1 year term	Brad Tyler	161
First Constable	1 year term	John Coolidge	415
Town Agent	1 year term	Kevin O'Toole	413
Auditor	1 year term	Blank	
Lister	1 year term	Peter Trifari	374
Lister	2 year term	Margot Schoffstall	392

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 Jordan Dickenson and seconded by Katie Adams. With no discussion, motion carried.

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?

Motion was made by Clarissa Lennox, seconded by Chip Watson. Chris Brooks explained the change and the reason for the grace period. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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?

A motion was made by Marilyn Kinney, seconded by Terry Hathaway. With no discussion, the motion carried.

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.

Abbott DeRham asked if the money to be voted by Australian ballot for appropriations was already included in the budget. Chris Brooks and Robert Gaiotti explained that yes they are in the budget.

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

Motion by Sallie Gibney and seconded by John Levecchia. Elizabeth Eddy from BROOC shared the highlights of Dorset, serving three households in Dorset with weatherization. Each weatherization costs between 7 and 10 thousand dollars. BROOC worked with several people in the community who are interested in starting their own business, and also offer free tax services.

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?

Motion by Sallie Gibney and seconded by John Levecchia. Kathy Aliberti spoke on behalf of RSVP. Kathy DeRham asked if there was a bone builder class in Dorset, there is not however they are willing to start one if there is enough interest. Jordan Dickonson spoke and stated that there is a huge need for volunteers for delivering meals to those in need.

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?

Motion by Sallie Gibney and seconded by John Levecchia. John Levecchia spoke in support of the Council and encouraged the community to support the program.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?

Motion was made by Al Lindsey and seconded by Bob Gibney. Ellen Maloney explained the process of the program and encouraged support.

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless?

Motion was made by Jordan Dickonson and seconded by Steve Holman. Stacy New explained the Coalition and the services offered to the homeless. Abbott DeRham asked if Dorset residents have been served, and Stacy New explained that they have served residents in every town of Bennington County, however was unable to give names due to confidentiality.

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?

Motion by Lee Fox and seconded by Richard Thompson-Tucker. Lauren Wilcox explained that PAVE provides assistance for domestic violence and have served eight Dorset families.

Article 13. Shall the voters of appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?

Motion by Kit Wallace and seconded by Tracy Mathyas. A motion to amend Article 13 by removing the word of was made by Barbara Howland seconded by Bill Laberge. Barbara Howland explained how Neighbor to Neighbor works and read a letter written by Annie Schlesinger.

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?

Motion by Terry Tyler and seconded by Peter Davis. Carol Cone spoke on behalf of the Historical Society and asked for the communities continued support.

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

Motion was made by Terry Hathaway and seconded by Rosalie Fox. Ruth Stewart spoke on behalf of Habitat, who will soon be closing on their 18th home in Bennington County.

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?

Motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by John Levecchia. Terry Tyler spoke on behalf of the Nursing Association and explained that the money raised here in Dorset, stayed in Dorset.

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?

Motion was made by Chip Watson, seconded by Katie Adams. Doug Beebe spoke on behalf 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?

Motion was made by Thea Kelly and seconded by Sheila Childs. Al Lindsey spoke on behalf of the Library and thanked the town for their continued support, Erica Shott, the new Librarian was introduced. Abbott DeRham asked why the large increase in building and grounds. Alan Lindsey explained that their windows need to be replaced and sidewalks around the library repaired.

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?

Motion by Ralph Colin and seconded by Craig Salsgiver. Bill Laberge spoke on behalf of GNAT and explained that the \$2,000 supports the taping of the selectboard meetings, school board meetings and other access television costs. Katie Adams asked why the funds were needed when they receive a lot of monies from the cable companies. Bill Laberge explained that those funds were for Dorset programs.

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.

Motion by Katie Adams and seconded by Jennifer Allen. Taylor Curtis spoke on behalf of the Collaborative and its services that are provided to local youth.

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.

Motion was made by Abbott DeRham and seconded by Steve Bryant. William Childs spoke on behalf of the Dorset Marble Preservation and read a letter written by Roger Squire. Ryan Downey asked what the results of the test were. William Childs explained that he does not know the results. Ruth Stewart stated that the sidewalks in East Dorset are in great need of repair as well. Bill Childs said they are on the list. Terry Tyler asked how they planned to clean the sidewalks and if they planned to raise the sidewalks along Church Street due to underground wiring for the street lights. Again, Bill Childs explained that he didn't have all of the information.

Article 22. To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

Abbott DeRham thanked those in attendance who spoke on behalf of organizations seeking funds.

Justine Cook then asked if the town was responsible for the sidewalks. Chris Brooks stated no that the town was not responsible. Justine Cook then made an advisory motion:

Shall the town investigate a partnership with the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for future work on the sidewalks of Dorset and East Dorset.

The motion was seconded by Bob Faesy. Rob Gaiotti explained that over the years, the town has not been involved in maintaining the sidewalks however, more recently there has been more interest in preserving the sidewalks. Ralph Colin asked if Justine Cook knew how much the costs would be? Rob Gaiotti stated there is approximately 6700 linear feet and with costs of about \$100 per foot. With no further discussion the motion carried.

Ellen Maloney spoke on behalf of the town energy committee and shared their mission in helping local residents make their homes warmer.

Ruth Stewart stated that she was happy to see the town report dedicated to Terry and Helen Tyler and asked that everyone give a round of applause.

Abbott DeRham then asked the residents of the town to really look at the sidewalks and the importance they play in our town history and he feels that it is worth to keep the discussion going and how we can make it worthwhile.

Ralph Colin asked if a motion was made on Article 14 and Kevin O'Toole explained that there was.

Danny Pinsonault then spoke about the Fire Departments and how it is time for the departments to get together and share the budgets to help lower the cost of fire taxes within the town. Jack Stannard explained that the Fire Districts are separate entities and have nothing to do with the town. Jennifer Allen then expressed her concerns on the disparity of the two fire tax rates when both Fire Departments cover both sides of town.

Ralph Colin made a motion and was seconded by Bill Childs to recess until Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7 o'clock in the morning for Australian voting.



Hanging Christmas Wreaths



Mad Tom Paving



Gettysburg Quarry



Squirrel Hollow Road Paving



Wilson House



Mount Aeolus

Dorset – Manchester Public Safety Study

In May of 2015, the Dorset – Manchester Public Safety study was presented to residents of both Dorset & Manchester by Municipal Resources Inc., the consulting firm who performed the study. The Towns set out to study possibilities for consolidation and collaboration of Police, Fire, and Emergency Services between the two communities.

For Dorset the genesis for the study came from a rash of burglaries in 2012 & 2013. Law enforcement in Dorset is currently provided through a contract with the Vermont State Police. The contract provides Dorset with 20 hours of police coverage each week. In 2012 residents formed Neighborhood Watch groups and asked for the Selectboard to review law enforcement options for the community.

Also included in the study was a review of the Fire Districts in Dorset. Dorset is home to two Fire Districts that provide Fire & Water Services to residents of Dorset who live in each respective District. The Fire Districts are funded through a tax on Dorset residents that live within their District. Due to the physical size of the Districts, one District has more Dorset residents than the other. This causes residents living in a portion of Town to pay more for the same service; fire services are provided jointly by both Fire Departments in Dorset.

The final topic reviewed in the study was Emergency Medical Services. Dorset receives EMS from Manchester Rescue Squad. In 2010, residents expressed concerns that Dorset should make efforts to improve access to first response services (those arriving on scene in the first 4 to 6 minutes of an emergency call).

The Study reviewed the current provision and costs of services and made many detailed findings, the main recommendations that pertain to Dorset were:

- Recommendation for a possible joint Police Service between Dorset – Manchester, with details about coverage and resources.
- Recommendation that Dorset should consolidate or create efficiencies between the Fire Districts and the Town prior to seeking any joint Fire Service ventures with Manchester.
- Recommendation to provide a greater level of First Response Service to Dorset residents due to the rural nature of the Town and distance that Manchester Rescue travels to respond in Dorset.
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The Study has provided the Dorset Selectboard and Fire Districts with important information about the opportunities that exist to create efficiencies and enhance the quality of services that Dorset residents receive. Since the release of the findings in the Study the Dorset Selectboard has begun to put together the pieces of a long term plan for Public Safety Services in Dorset. Over the fall and winter of 2015-16 the Fire Districts and Town have been in discussions about ways to streamline Fire District funding and services.

To read the full Public Safety Study visit the Town's website at: www.dorsetvt.org. Copies of the study are available at the Town Offices and limited copies will be available at Town Meeting on February 29th.

Northshire Economic Development Study:

In 2015 the Towns of Dorset, Manchester, and Manchester Village were awarded a \$35,000 grant to create an Economic Development Study for our region. Bennington County Regional Commission Sustainable Development Community Director Bill Colvin led the Towns through this process. A steering committee was created to solicit input from business owners and residents in the communities. This group went through the exercise of identifying the overall mission of the project:

“To create a vibrant environment where people can both work and live in the Northshire”

The steering committee then found the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and created an inventory of indigenous assets for the region. Items listed as strengths and assets were things like: beautiful natural landscape, quality of life, destination for tourism and real estate, well established business community, and top notch education and arts institutions. Weaknesses boiled down to State and Local zoning regulations, overall tax burdens, high cost of living, and lack of affordable housing.



The next phase of the study was a demographic analysis composed by BCRC and a market analysis conducted by Camion Associates, a consulting firm specialized in planning. The demographic data illustrated that there are nearly 4,000 workers in this region however only around 1,200 or 30% of the workers in this region actually live here. This is shown in the graphic to the left.

To achieve the mission statement the study created a list of goals and action items with identified timeframes and priority levels. Examples of implementation items are:

- **Improve the Economic Development Environment of the Northshire**
 - This would be done through both collaboration and direct support of business owners and identifying ways to improve business climate and boost overall business.
- **Ensure development process and regulations align with Economic Development goals**
 - This would be done by revamping local land use regulations in an effort to align them items needed by businesses to succeed in our region.
- **Cultivate the Northshire's Tourism, Food, Arts and Culture Industries**
 - This would be done by promoting existing sports and outdoor recreational assets of the region to expand visitation.
- **Enhance high quality of life for Northshire residents and workers**
 - This goal would be supported by seeking to attract and retain young professionals and encouraging appropriate work force housing in the region.
- **“The Partnership”** formerly known as the Manchester & the Mountains Chamber of Commerce will take the lead role in implementing the findings in the Study.
- The Dorset Town budget will include funding for this effort. The Steering Committee has agreed to provide oversight in an effort to support these positive actions and improve our local economy.
- **The Northshire Economic Development Study is available on the Town's website:**
www.dorsetvt.org

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:**SELECTBOARD:**

5200-10.00	Salaries	6,300	6,300.00	6,300	6,300
5200-20.00	Misc. Expenses	400	232.34	400	400
5200-21.00	Legal	7,500	10,719.80	7,500	7,500
5200.20.01	Tax Sale Expense	1,500	266.90	1,500	1,500
5200.22.00	Recording Clerk	2,500	2,871.84	2,500	0
5200-23.00	VLCT Dues	3,062	3,062.00	3,150	3,184
	Total Selectmen:	21,262	23,452.88	21,350	18,884

TOWN MANAGER:

5300-10.00	Town Manager Salary	68,250	69,857.81	70,000	73,500
5300-10.01	Administrative Assistant	35,000	34,852.50	35,000	47,000
5300-10.02	Clerk Salary	250	292.00	250	250
5300-20.00	TM Office Expense & Sftwre Support	3,500	5,242.45	3,500	3,500
5300-20.01	Vehicle Expense Allowance	3,500	3,524.29	3,500	3,500
5300-20.02	TM Phone	0	0.00	0	1,200
5300-26.00	Training/Travel/Dues	2,500	1,760.91	2,500	2,500
5300-27.00	Tax Billing/ Postage	2,000	2,116.59	2,000	2,000
5300-29.00	Town Manager's Fund	1,800	903.98	1,800	1,800
	Total Town Manager:	116,800	118,550.53	118,550	135,250

TOWN CLERK:

5310-10.00	Salary	50,000	50,510.90	51,000	52,530
5310-10.01	Assistant's Salary	8,500	9,993.75	9,500	9,500
5310-20.00	Office Expense	2,000	3,961.62	2,000	2,000
5310-20.01	Record Preservation	3,000	1,526.63	3,000	3,000
5310-26.00	Postage	700	586.01	700	700
5310-26.02	Training/ Dues	1,500	2,230.51	1,500	3,000
5310-29.00	Grand List Preservation Project	10,000	9,948.03	10,000	8,500
	Total Town Clerk:	75,700	78,757.45	77,700	79,230

MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:

5320-10.00	BCA Salaries/ Workers	1,100	763.75	800	1,200
5320-26.00	BCA Mileage/ Expenses	100	0.00	100	100
5320-31.00	Town Meeting Expenses	1,000	864.34	500	1,200
5320-36.00	Ballot Printing	1,000	419.48	500	1,200
5320-38.00	Tabulator Programming	4,000	3,357.00	2,000	3,000
5320-39.00	BCA -Postage/Ballots	500	58.44	250	400
5320-40.00	BCA -Tax Abatements	250	5,610.42	250	250
	Total Meetings & Elections:	7,950	11,073.43	4,400	7,350

TOWN TREASURER:

5335-10.00	Salary	2,700	2,700.00	2,700	2,700
5335-39.00	Postage	500	392.00	500	500
	Total Town Treasurer	3,200	3,092.00	3,200	3,200

TOWN LISTERS:

5340-10.00	Listers Salaries	38,000	31,849.00	38,000	38,000
5340-20.00	Office Expense	2,500	4,050.96	1,500	1,500
5340-26.00	Mileage	1,000	510.79	1,000	1,000
5340-26.01	Training/Dues	1,000	175.00	1,000	1,000
5340-31.00	Tax Mapping	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
5340-38.00	Computer Services	3,200	3,321.10	3,400	3,400
5340-39.00	Postage	2,000	45.61	1,200	800
	Total Town Listers:	48,700	39,952.46	47,100	46,700

PLANNING & ZONING

5350-10.00	Planning/Zoning Administrator	22,000	19,255.00	22,000	22,000
5350-10.01	ZBA. Clerk	1,200	830.66	1,200	0
5350-10.02	Planning Clerk	2,200	2,479.77	2,200	0
5350-10.03	DRB Clerk	0	2,967.75	1,500	1,800
5350-20.00	Office Expense	3,500	719.41	1,500	2,000
5350-25.00	Planning Consultant	500	0.00	5,000	5,000
5350-26.00	Mileage	1,000	514.05	1,000	800
5350-26.01	ZA Training & Dues	800	215.00	800	800
5350-39.00	Postage	800	263.15	500	500
5350-41.00	Ads-Printing-Notices	1,500	4,819.84	1,500	1,500
5350-42.00	Regional Planning	3,439	3,439.00	3,510	3,573
5350-45.05	Muni Education Grant Expense	800	0.00	800	800
5340-45-07	Economic Development Grant Expense	0	0.00	2,500	0
	Total Planning & Zoning	37,739	35,503.63	44,010	38,773

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Proposed**AUDITORS:**

5360-25.00	Outside Audit	10,800	10,800.00	11,200	11,800
5360-42.00	Town Report Printing & Mailing	4,200	5,212.50	4,600	3,500
Total Auditors:		15,000	16,012.50	15,800	15,300

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING:

5370-20.00	General Office Expense	3,200	3,604.53	3,200	3,200
5370-24.00	Town Offices Equipment	1,200	1,490.90	5,500	1,500
5370-30.00	Town Web-Site	250	236.53	250	250
5370-43.00	Heat	2,500	2,139.42	3,200	2,500
5370-44.00	Electric	2,000	1,986.69	2,000	2,000
5370-45.00	Phone	2,500	2,365.16	2,300	2,300
5370-46.00	Water	725	744.00	725	750
5370-47.00	Maintenance	6,500	5,203.52	6,500	6,500
5370-48.00	Emergency Generator	10,000	10,547.46	0	0
5380-48.01	Town Office ADA & Renovation Review	0	0.00	0	5,000
Total Town Office Building:		28,875	28,318.21	23,675	24,000

PUBLIC SAFETY:

5380-10.00	Constable Salaries	200	0.00	200	200
5380-10.01	Animal Control Officer	2,500	250.00	2,500	1,500
5380-10.03	Health Officer	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	1,200
5380-20.00	ACO/ Constable Expense	500	957.32	400	400
5380-25.01	Law Enforcement	60,000	64,835.53	60,000	68,000
5380-25.02	LED Speed Sign	7,500	7,640.00	0	0
5380-26.00	Constable Vehicle/Mileage	300	58.65	200	200
5380-44.00	Street Lighting	12,000	10,717.05	11,000	10,800
5380-48.00	Animal Boarding Fees	1,000	25.00	800	600
Total Public Safety:		85,200	85,683.55	76,300	82,900

INSURANCE & BONDS:

5400-49.07	Health Ins.-Present Employees	92,500	90,488.48	92,500	98,000
5400-49.08	Health Ins.-Former Employees	30,000	27,961.52	32,500	33,500
5400-49.09	Dental Insurance	6,800	6,129.60	6,500	6,700
5400-49.10	Vision Insurance	0	4.50	0	0
5400-51.00	PACIF Insurance	48,000	47,563.00	50,500	50,500
5400.51.01	Unemployment Insurance	2,000	2,000.00	2,000	0
Total Insurance & Bonds:		179,300	174,147	184,000	188,700

GENERAL SERVICES:

5410-12.00	Payroll Tax FICA/ MEDI	33,000	33,380.10	34,500	36,000
5410-13.00	VMERS - Fringe	18,000	18,393.15	19,000	20,000
5410-13.01	VMERS - Deduction	0	-318.21	0	0
5410-25.00	Recreation	45,000	34,766.19	45,000	45,000
5410-45.00	Wilson House Donation Expense		201.00		
5410-46.00	Green Space & Streets	4,500	3,217.66	3,500	3,500
5410-48.00	Mad Tom Garden	0	28.35	0	0
5410-48.00	Marble Sidewalks Expense	0	1,000.00	0	0
5410-50.00	Old Cemetary Maintenance	600	600.00	600	600
5410-51.00	Landfill/Recycle	11,500	12,181.75	15,000	22,500
5410-52.00	Interest Expense	3,000	0.00	3,000	3,000
5410-53.00	County Tax	48,000	47,802.60	48,000	48,000
5410.54.00	Employee Christmas	675	675.00	675	700
5410-55.00	Contingency	2,000	732.61	2,000	2,000
5410-57.00	Bank Service Charge	250	39.86	200	200
5410-58.00	Hazardous Waste Collection	5,500	2,512.01	7,500	0
5410-59.00	Town Events/Picnic	5,000	4,743.28	3,000	3,000
Total General Services:		177,025	159,955.35	181,975	184,500

Total Administrative Expenses:

796,751	774,499.09	798,060	824,787
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FY17 Town of Dorset Budget		FY15 Approved	FY15 Actual	FY16 Approved	FY17 Proposed
COMMUNITY SERVICES:					
5420-98.01	East Dorset Fire Department	1,200	1,200.00	2,400	2,400
5420-98.02	Dorset Fire Department	1,200	1,200.00	0	0
5420-98.04	Memorial Day	500	0.00	500	1,000
5420-98.05	July 4Th Celebration	0	0.00	0	0
5420-98.09	Manchester Rescue Squad	35,500	34,007.00	34,007	34,007
5420-98.10	East Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,200	3,150.00	3,300	3,300
5420-98.11	Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,200	3,150.00	3,300	3,300
5420-99.01	Bicenquingenary 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	0	0
5420-99.04	Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	0	0.00	100	100
5420-99.02	Northshire Economic Development	0	0.00	0	6,300
Total Community Services:		45,050	42,857.00	43,757	50,557
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:					
HIGHWAY LABOR:					
6000-10.00	Road Crew Wages	176,000	181,840.00	182,000	187,500
6000-10.01	Overtime Wages	20,000	21,036.59	20,500	21,500
6000-59.00	Drug/Alcohol Testing	100	0.00	100	100
Total Highway Labor:		196,100	202,876.59	202,600	209,100
EQUIPMENT FUND:					
6001-24.00	Equipment Fund	115,000	115,000.00	130,000	145,000
Total Equipment Fund:		115,000	115,000.00	130,000	145,000
TOWN SHEDS:					
6002-44.00	Electricity	2,000	2,803.81	2,000	2,500
6002-46.00	Water	725	753.40	725	725
6002-47.00	Maintenance	6,500	2,826.51	4,500	4,000
6002-48.00	Route 30 Salt Shed Expense	0	0.00	60,000	60,000
Total Town Sheds:		9,225	6,383.72	67,225	67,225
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:					
6003-00.00	Equip. Repairs, Supplies & Parts	38,000	43,335.39	40,000	40,000
6003-60.00	Fuel- Gas/Diesel/Kerosene/Lubes	50,000	51,263.42	52,000	50,000
Total Equipment Maintenance:		88,000	94,598.81	92,000	90,000
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS MAINTENANCE:					
6004-25.00	Trees/ Mowing (Hired)	4,000	800.00	4,000	4,000
6004-26.00	Safety/ Training	600	60.00	500	500
6004-27.00	Highway Phones	0	0.00	0	3,600
6004-61.01	Gravel Road Surfaces	28,000	8,553.83	28,000	26,000
6004-61.02	Highway Paving Reserves (Morse Hill Road F	155,000	155,000.00	115,000	105,000
6004-61.04	Cold Patch	100	0.00	100	100
6004-61.05	Paved Roads/Stripe/Crack	12,000	11,018.76	10,000	10,000
6004-61.06	Mud Season/ Storm Emergencies	5,000	0.00	4,000	4,000
6004-61.07	Engineering Expense	5,500	3,460.00	5,500	5,500
6004-62.00	Salt	50,000	72,923.62	60,000	70,000
6004-62.01	Winter Sand/ Winter Gravel	38,000	40,110.68	36,000	38,000
6004-62.02	Chloride	15,000	13,847.40	15,000	15,000
6004-63.00	Culverts	1,200	9,780.45	2,000	1,500
6004-64.00	Equipment Rental	1,000	0.00	800	800
6004-65.00	Road Signs and Guardrail	1,500	352.96	1,200	1,200
6004-66.00	Bridge Maintenance	0	0.00	5,000	2,500
6004-67.00	State General Permit - Stormwater	0	0.00	0	2,000
Total Highway & Roads Maint.:		316,900	315,907.70	287,100	289,700
Total Highway Department:		725,225	734,766.82	778,925	801,025

FY17 Town of Dorset Budget		FY15 Approved	FY15 Actual	FY16 Approved	FY17 Proposed
VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS:					
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	1,600	1,600.00	1,600	1,600
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
7045-98.19	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	10,800	10,260.00	0	0
7045-98.23	Dorset Marble Preservation Association (DM	0	0.00	5,000	15,000
7045.98.24	The Dorset Playhouse	0	0.00	0	2,000
Total Voter Appropriations:		167,500	166,960.00	161,700	173,700
Total General Fund		1,734,526	1,719,082.91	1,782,442	1,850,069
OTHER REVENUES					
4155-00.00	Lister's Income	200	341.00	200	250
4160-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	35,000	30,705.00	32,500	32,500
4161-00.00	Vital Records	0	1,915.00		
4163-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	30,000	28,624.56	32,500	32,500
4165-00.00	State Aid Highways	91,000	94,459.16	93,500	95,000
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)	32,500	31,612.33	38,000	38,000
4172-00.00	Unanticipated income	0	465.18	0	0
4172-10.00	Mad Tom Garden Donations	0	0.00	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	0.00	0	0
4172-32.00	Wilson House Donations	0	0.00	0	0
4172-33.00	DMPA Donation	0	1,000.00	0	0
4173-00.00	Zoning Income	6,500	15,197.80	8,500	11,000
4175-00.00	State Owned Properties	22,500	25,642.10	20,000	20,000
4176-00.00	Fed-Owned Entitlement	11,500	13,025.00	11,500	12,500
4177-00.00	VT. Land Use Tax	25,000	29,596.00	25,000	25,000
4178-00.00	Current Use Penalty	0	0.00	0	0
4185-00.00	Interest Revenue	3,500	3,742.00	3,800	3,800
4190-00.00	Weight Permits	400	415.00	400	400
4195-00.00	Sale of Equipment	0	0.00	0	0
4200-00.00	Traffic Fines	7,500	5,229.24	7,500	7,500
4200-68.00	Muni Education Grant	800	0.00	800	800
4200-71.00	Marble Sidewalks Grant	0	0.00	0	0
4210-00.10	Previous year Surplus	142,122	142,122.00	139,125	20,887
4210-00.00	Other Operating Transfers	0	0.00	0	0
Total Other Revenues:		411,172	427,560.37	415,975	302,787
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX:		1,323,354	1,291,522.54	1,366,467	1,547,282

School Warning, Reports & Budgets



Burr and Burton Academy
founded in 1829



2015 DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS

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 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.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the local Boy Scouts; Ethan Lareau, Jonathan Saunders and Eric Sheldon.

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 years for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?

Motion was made by Mary Rita Manley and seconded by Terry Hathaway. With no discussion, motion was approved.

The rules of the meeting were suspended to allow Patti Komline, our State Representative to speak. Patti gave a synopsis of education spending and school consolidations. School choice is still a hot topic. Health care exchange is still working out the kinks of the system. Patti encouraged anyone with concerns to reach out to her.

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?

Motion was made by Terry Hathaway and seconded by Lee Fox. Steven Dear, Headmaster spoke about the school and the tuition is \$17,808 for 2015-16 school year. Long Trail students continue to reach out into the community in support of its activities and local groups. With no further questions, the motion carried.

Mark Tashjian then arrived and spoke on behalf of Burr & Burton. They continue to strive to be the best school for students and will continue to evolve and grow and never disconnect itself from the communities that they serve.

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?

Motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Craig Salsgiver. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Lee Fox and seconded by Terry Hathaway. Terry Tyler asked if the amount was already in the budget and the school board responded that it is. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

David Chandler, Chair of the School Board then addressed the group to see if there were any questions concerning the budget that was proposed. No questions were asked and David Chandler went on to explain that the School Board is concerned with rising taxes and have presented a very tight budget.

Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. Article was skipped and Article 7 and 8 were read.

After the articles were read, any other business was discussed. Ralph Colin asked if there would be any repercussions from Montpelier with regards to our increase in spending. Jim Salsgiver explained that Montpelier is more concerned with per pupil spending vs. overall spending and our per pupil cost is only up about 1 ¾ %. Ralph Colin then asked if they had looked at next years spending, Jim Salsgiver explained that they should be in very good shape with all things considered. Ralph Colin then congratulated the Board for their hard work. Ruth Stewart asked if the candidate running for the two year position was in the audience so he may be introduced and the answer was no. Jim Mirenda was not able to attend this evening and sent his regards.

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?

YES 352

NO 87

Article 8: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:

Moderator for 1 year

Kevin O'Toole 422

School Director for two (2) years

David Chandler 401

School Director for three (3) years

James Mirenda 371

A motion was made by Abbott DeRham and seconded by Don Hayward to recess the meeting until 7 am Tuesday, March 3, 2015 for Australian voting.

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, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 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, February 29, 2016:

Article 1: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,250 for the 2016-2017 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 \$16,250 in tuition support to the Long Trail School for the 2016-2017 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017?

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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 1, 2016:

Article 7: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,714,664, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,029 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.74% lower than spending for the current year.

Article 8: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:

1. Moderator for 1 year
2. School Director for two (2) years
3. 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 1, 2016.

Dated this 7th day of January 2016.

DORSET BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

David Chandler, Chair

Jennifer Allen, Clerk

Vickie Haskins

Jim Mirenda

James Salsgiver

**Dorset School
Principal's Report
January 2016**

The Dorset School has approximately 190 students for this school year. This is a slight decrease from last year (200), but still an increase over the past five years (170). Many families who tuition their children, or who move to Dorset tell me that it is based on the reputation of the school. That reputation is due to the skill and dedication of our teachers and staff as well as the support and involvement of our parents and community.

Much of our Professional Development is now being offered in-house through the BRSU. This has the dual advantages of cost efficiency, and (more importantly) supporting a culture of collaboration and a shared language and skill set amongst our teachers. Throughout the school year and across the summer, teachers participate in workshops where they develop curriculum and/or refine their instructional strategies. Our Math and Literacy coaches reinforce this professional development with 'in the classroom' support and training for our teachers. They spend one trimester each in each of the six schools in the SU.

At the school level, teachers meet twice a week in data teams and planning teams. This allows them time to collaborate, to discuss concerns and to share the methods of instruction that are working for our students. This is in addition to our regular faculty meetings and JISP professional development time.

Teachers in grades K-8 utilize the Guided Reading and Readers' Workshop models based on Fountas and Pinnell. Our Writers' Workshop is based on the work of the Lucy Calkins Writing Program. The workshop models in Language Arts allow each student to work at their own pace, and to pursue their own interests, while learning the core skills necessary to be a good reader and writer. In Math, we are working with the Engage NY curriculum, which is open source and closely aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Many of our teachers have studied the Guided Math approach, which, similar to the Language Arts program, allows for a great deal of differentiated instruction and guidance from the teacher.

We have continued our commitment to Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs), and students are now beginning to put documentation of their goal mastery into an ePortfolio, which will follow them from year to year. As students become more proficient at working with their teachers to identify specific goals in academics, dispositions toward learning and civic ethics, the emphasis turns to reflecting on the ways in which they mastered their goals, as well as the struggles they may have had along the way. Many of our student led conferences now implement the use of technology by the students as they demonstrate to their parents which goals they have mastered, and which they are currently working toward.

We are in the process of extending our 1:1 Chromebook initiative, currently in grades 5-8 to grades 3 and 4. Each primary classroom has computer stations as well as iPads and Chromebooks.

Our middle school teachers are working this year with a Middle School Specialist Consultant. In addition to further research on how adolescents learn best, we are looking for ways to stabilize our structure, which can fluctuate from year to year based on the number of students in each grade.

Charlie Wise, a parent at The Dorset School has facilitated a series of presentations for our Middle School students from local professionals. So far this year, they have spoken to a Forester, a Civil Engineer and a Luthier. It is great to help our students see the vast array of career opportunities they will have as adults!

Our teachers are encouraging our students to stretch beyond the walls of The Dorset School. This year one of our own auditioned for and was accepted into the Green Mountain Music District V Festival.

Students regularly enter and are recognized in writing contests. Our Trout in the Classroom project has students research and do field work before raising and releasing their trout into a local stream. All of our students participate in the Southern Vermont Arts Center Art Show each year as well as Art Show here at The Dorset School. Fifth graders spend a night in the Boston Museum of Science, and sixth graders will be attending an outdoor Wilderness Camp this spring. 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 set instructional goals as well as individual student goals in an effort to further personalize their learning. It has the additional benefit at this time of providing us with consistency as we transition from one state test to another.

We took the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) last year for the first time. This is a computer adaptive test, which took the place of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Our students did extremely well, surpassing the state average in almost every category.

We are grateful to all of the community members who support our school in many ways. The Adopt a Classroom program, where community members and businesses sponsor a classroom or program, allows staff to purchase supplies and/or programs that would not be possible within the budget. 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 past five years, we have renovated bathrooms, replaced the roof and elevator, replaced and consolidated our boilers and leased a new bus. As the building ages, we need to continue to invest in the physical structure of the school. After this year, we should be able to take a hiatus from re-roofing, but our gym floor will need replacing within the next few years. We are fortunate to have a head of maintenance and a school board who is knowledgeable in and supportive of these efforts!

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 have used the gym for Bromley Scouting weekend for the fifth 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, it is a pleasure to work with you for the good of our children!

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosanna Moran, Principal

Dorset School Board of Directors
March 2016

2015 began with our same goals and objectives. We, the Dorset School Board of Directors, want to provide the best K-12 education possible for each of our students. Being conscious of Town of Dorset taxpayers, we strive to do this in as cost effective a way as possible.

In the Dorset School, which is a K-8 program, our focus remains, to create a learning environment that promotes personalized learning, and engages each student so that they can develop academically, socially, and emotionally to the best of their ability. This includes providing comprehensive special education opportunities for those who need them.

Upon graduation, most of our students go on to attend Burr and Burton Academy or The Long Trail School. Both institutions offer outstanding opportunities for our students, who use these schools as platforms from which to launch their lives in a variety of fruitful directions.

In June, 2015, Vermont Legislators passed Act 46. This landmark law is intended to provide equal access to high quality education for all students in the State of Vermont. After close examination one finds that it is a comprehensive and complex law. Among other things, it requires that all School Boards throughout the state consolidate into larger entities. For those school districts that don't consolidate within the 4-year allowable time frame, the law authorizes the Agency of Education to assign those school districts to a group they deem as the best fit. At the same time there is a component of the law called the Allowable Growth Rate, which immediately penalizes those schools whose 2016-2017 budgets exceed the specific growth rate set for them. Dorset's rate is 1.33%. The message sent by Act 46 is clear. It is best for each district to make a concerted effort to determine for itself what combination of districts is the best fit for their community.

Since June, 2015, the Dorset School Board has spent a lot of time understanding Act 46, and then seeking to find the best way to respond. The steps the Board has taken to publicize Dorset's Act 46 options include:

- Information session providing an overview of Act 46. This was held on September 22, 2015;
- A public forum held on October 27, 2015. The purpose was to begin a discussion as to how the Town of Dorset should respond to Act 46. The main outcome was an understanding that the Board should explore the development of a Merger Study Committee;
- November School Board meeting. After much discussion open to the public, we voted to join the Merger Study Committee that includes Manchester, and the Mountain Towns RED (Flood Brook School), Sunderland, Danby, and Mount Tabor.

The mandate of the Merger Study Committee is to collect a wide range of data, examine those data, and consider all reasonable options. If a recommendation comes out of the Merger Study committee's deliberations, it will be submitted to each participating district for a public vote. It is

likely that, at the 2017 Annual town Meeting, the Town of Dorset will be voting on a proposal to dissolve the current School district, and form a new and larger school governance entity.

The document following this report provides information on Act 46 and the Merger Study process as defined by the law. It also discusses where Dorset stands with respect to the Merger Study process. Hopefully, this will answer any questions you may have.

While Act 46 has taken up much of our time and energy, the Board has had to work through its usual slate of tasks. This includes producing a budget for our FY '17 (2016/2017) school year. At our Board meeting held on Thursday, January 7, 2015, we approved our budget for the coming FY17 school year. You will be pleased to know that our approved budget reflects a decrease in the education tax rate for Dorset. Although the Board would like to take all the credit for this outcome, and we do believe we have produced a good budget for FY17, we must also admit to a degree of luck with a number of factors that worked in our favor. The most significant factor is another increase in our number of "Equalized Pupils". Our "Education Spending" amount for FY17 is budgeted to increase by just about 1%. But, the increase in Equalized Pupils of more than 3.8% makes this translate into a 2.7% decrease in the 'Education Spending per Equalized Pupil' number; this is the number that determines our tax rate. Included in these figures is a separately warned article for which we are asking voter approval. This is to add \$100,000 to our Building & Grounds Fund to help cover identified and important maintenance on our building. What this means is that the Allowable Growth Rate set by Act 46, which has hit many school districts quite hard, is not impacting the town of Dorset for FY17. However, as student numbers can go down as well as up, we are fully aware that we need to continue to be vigilant with our spending, as positive results one year can easily reverse in the next.

Another recent development that you should know about is that our Superintendent of 9 years, Daniel French, announced that he is stepping down and has accepted a job in the Graduate Education Department at St. Michael's College. We thank him for his years of service and for the leadership he has provided. He will be missed.

In closing we want to thank the Town of Dorset for its continued support. This year we have seen parental and towns people involvement at many levels. And for this we are thankful. In all cases it has been valuable and important. In some cases, it has been profoundly powerful and making enormously positive contributions to the Board's decision making process. Participation and involvement from you, our taxpayers and our constituents, will be even more important and valuable in the coming year. Collectively we face decisions that will affect the education of our students for many years to come. We ask you to make the effort to keep up to date, develop a firm understanding of the issues, and participate in as many public events as possible. In all likelihood we, as a town, will face a vote next year that will affect the education system in our valley for years to come. We are all working hard to be prepared for that eventuality. In closing, we all thank you for the privilege of serving you on the Dorset School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Dorset School Board of Directors

From The Dorset School Board

The Dorset School - Act 46 – Where we are today & the process going forward

Act 46 is the 2015 law requiring all School Districts in Vermont to work toward merging into larger School Districts. There are some tax incentives available for completing mergers, but there is also a provision in the law that, if a District does not move forward with a merger, the State will decide where that District will be merged.

Dorset joining a Merger Study Committee

The Dorset School Board believes that there have been advantages to our operating as a system with other School Districts in our Supervisory Union, and that was a major factor in The Dorset School Board's decision to join a Merger Study Committee, together with Manchester, Mountain Towns RED (Flood Brook), Sunderland, Danby and Mt. Tabor. Since the law passed, all the School Districts in the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union have held a number of meetings – individually and as a group – to discuss options for responding to Act 46. These discussions led the individual School Districts above to conclude that one option that should be studied further would be a merger of the above School Districts.

The Merger Study Process – as per Vermont Law

Vermont Law has a long-standing process for undertaking such a School Merger Study (Title 16, Section 706). Per 706, a Merger Study Committee ("MSC") is made up by representatives of each of the Districts considering merger. This is designed to include School Board Members and members of the public. It is worth noting that the School Boards and the Supervisory Union have no direct role in this process once the MSC is formed. The District School Board does not need to approve any recommendations. However, a School District's representatives on the MSC may decide to withdraw from the MSC, if they do not agree that the MSC continues to represent the best interests of their School District.

The Merger Study Committee generally explores an option that is expected to be worth consideration at the start of the process. However, the Merger Study Committee can decide to explore other options as well. Ultimately, the Merger Study Committee produces a report in a form set out in 706, with a recommendation – to pursue one particular option, or to not pursue any merger option. If there is a recommendation, and the State Board of Education approves the Study, then this would be put to the voters of each district for vote for their decision. If some Districts approve, but others do not, it may still be possible to move forward with a merger, excluding those Districts that voted to not participate. Under Act 46, any Districts opting out of a merger plan would likely be assigned merger partners by the State in 2019.

What would a merger mean for The Dorset School

It is important to note that Act 46 is dealing with School Districts (school governance). Act 46 does not directly talk about making changes at the School level. In Vermont, most School Districts are organized at the Town level – one District for one Town, as in Dorset. This law seeks to create larger School Districts which would be charged with providing education to our kids across several Towns, and generally in several Schools. The local Town School Board would be replaced by a new School Board representing several Towns. Act 46 does not specify any changes in the Schools used to educate students – but the new larger Board would oversee the existing Schools, and would decide how best to educate our students in that larger District, going forward. There is no suggestion that the State would be prepared to undertake any

process of creating new and bigger Schools to replace existing Schools – as that would be a very large financial undertaking.

Has a decision been made on how we will move forward under Act 46?

The Dorset School Board believes that there have been advantages to our operating as a system with other School Districts in our Supervisory Union and that there should be advantages to continuing this partnership as we are required to change our governance structure. We believe that being united in one Board could enable us to continue to gain economies of scale, coordinate general teacher content and methodologies, while preserving the uniqueness and the character of each school in the district. However, the Dorset School Board does not believe that we have “the answer” to the best new governance structure for the education of our children. We expect to be active participants in the Merger Study process, and we do want to assure you that we will continue to look out for the best interests of Dorset's children as we undertake this Study Process. And, we believe it is important to keep in mind that the voters of Dorset will have the final say in any change in governance.

Dorset School District

FY17 Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Early Education	\$33,000	\$22,989	\$42,000	\$72,000	\$74,208
Regular Education K-8	1,378,180	1,447,695	1,446,537	1,466,723	1,507,594
Regular Education 9-12	1,487,606	1,600,893	1,638,898	1,658,924	1,567,237
Health Services	37,352	37,272	38,975	39,000	40,131
Library/Media Services	145,000	144,658	148,029	147,034	181,740
Board	27,840	22,524	28,030	27,195	27,830
Office of the Superintendent	93,695	93,695	102,848	102,848	111,810
Fiscal Services	20,350	19,887	24,415	21,415	19,162
School Administration	242,281	247,963	255,756	256,962	265,130
Plant and Grounds Operations	239,282	228,035	280,572	260,682	247,726
Vehicle Operation Services	163,995	162,324	138,096	139,925	143,276
Special Education	998,498	1,015,729	1,183,188	1,191,303	1,357,593
Extracurricular/Enrichment	53,922	51,557	51,080	57,560	58,694
Foodservice Program	<u>97,356</u>	<u>112,295</u>	<u>112,708</u>	<u>110,878</u>	<u>112,533</u>
Total Budget to be Voted	\$5,018,357	\$5,207,516	\$5,491,132	\$5,552,449	\$5,714,664
Warned Article	<u>8,926</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,027,283</u>	<u>\$5,216,442</u>	<u>\$5,521,132</u>	<u>\$5,582,449</u>	<u>\$5,814,664</u>

Program Summary

PK-8 Programs/Dorset School	\$2,390,368	\$2,454,788	\$2,513,753	\$2,550,764	\$2,631,032
9-12 Education Program	1,487,606	1,600,893	1,638,898	1,658,924	1,567,237
Administration	141,885	136,106	155,293	151,458	158,802
Special Education	<u>998,498</u>	<u>1,015,729</u>	<u>1,183,188</u>	<u>1,191,303</u>	<u>1,357,593</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,018,357</u>	<u>\$5,207,516</u>	<u>\$5,491,132</u>	<u>\$5,552,449</u>	<u>\$5,714,664</u>

Dorset School District

FY17 Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<u>Local/Miscellaneous</u>					
1300 Tuition	\$24,400	\$79,195	\$85,400	\$92,793	\$78,600
1500 Interest	1,000	555	500	500	500
1900 Donations/Miscellaneous	2,000	10,296	2,000	2,548	2,000
1910 Town Rent of Building	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
5400 Prior Year Adjustments	0	388	0	6,210	0
	<u>\$103,400</u>	<u>\$166,434</u>	<u>\$163,900</u>	<u>\$178,051</u>	<u>\$157,100</u>
<u>State/Federal/Subgrants</u>					
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$60,585	\$60,479	\$62,608	\$62,608	\$66,580
3400 State Placed Regular Ed	15,400	0	0	0	0
4810 Forest Revenue	4,300	4,203	4,300	4,000	4,000
	<u>\$80,285</u>	<u>\$64,682</u>	<u>\$66,908</u>	<u>\$66,608</u>	<u>\$70,580</u>
<u>Special Education</u>					
1941 Special Ed Service Fees	\$0	\$5,590	\$1,827	\$10,113	\$10,500
3201 Special Ed Block Grant	99,767	99,767	104,028	104,028	112,944
3202 Spec. Ed. - Reimbursement	436,192	431,766	561,127	578,042	666,142
3204 Early Education Block Grant	19,149	19,149	18,560	18,560	22,407
	<u>\$555,108</u>	<u>\$556,272</u>	<u>\$685,542</u>	<u>\$710,743</u>	<u>\$811,993</u>
<u>Extracurricular/After School Program</u>					
1900 After School Fees/Donations	\$10,000	\$14,042	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
2700 Subgrants	10,885	11,292	6,965	9,343	10,471
	<u>\$20,885</u>	<u>\$25,334</u>	<u>\$16,965</u>	<u>\$23,343</u>	<u>\$24,471</u>
<u>Foodservice Program</u>					
1600 Lunch/Milk Sales	\$39,000	\$55,333	\$50,400	\$58,000	\$58,000
3400 State Lunch Match	900	1,013	900	900	900
4400 Federal Lunch Reimb.	25,000	29,423	30,100	32,000	32,000
	<u>\$64,900</u>	<u>\$85,769</u>	<u>\$81,400</u>	<u>\$90,900</u>	<u>\$90,900</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$824,578	\$898,491	\$1,014,715	\$1,069,645	\$1,155,044
3100 Education Spending	4,227,848	4,227,848	4,630,067	4,630,067	4,677,170
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS	\$5,052,426	\$5,126,339	\$5,644,782	\$5,699,712	\$5,832,214
Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised Above	(25,143)		(123,650)		(17,550)
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$5,027,283</u>		<u>\$5,521,132</u>		<u>\$5,814,664</u>

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FUND BALANCES	General	Building & Grounds Reserve	Donations / Classroom Supplies	Grants & Subgrants	Medicaid
Actual Balance June 30, 2014	(\$44,710)	\$71,403	\$6,295	\$18,585	\$23,070
Actual Revenue FY15	\$5,126,339		\$9,492	\$14,108	\$30,218
Actual Expenditures FY15	(5,207,516)	(\$29,853)	(11,898)	(17,750)	(13,728)
Lighting Project Incentives & Loan Lighting Project Expenditures	46,650 (55,576)	(5,193)			
Actual Balance June 30, 2015	(\$134,813)	\$36,357	\$3,889	\$14,943	\$39,560
Anticipated Revenue FY16	\$5,699,712				
Anticipated Expenditures FY16	(5,552,449)	(\$33,000)			
Warned Article - Approved March 2015	(30,000)	30,000			
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2016	(\$17,550)	\$33,357			
Budgeted Revenue FY17	\$5,832,214				
Budgeted Expenditures FY17	(5,714,664)	(\$55,000)			
Warned Article - March 2016	(100,000)	100,000			
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2017	\$0	\$78,357			

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			FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 Anticipated	FY17 Budget
EARLY EDUCATION							
1100	320	Contracted Services	<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>\$22,989</u>	<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$72,000</u>	<u>\$74,208</u>
REGULAR EDUCATION K-8							
1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$916,877	\$929,547	\$931,584	\$944,202	\$961,727
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	15,108	25,165	30,119	30,329	31,033
1100	115	Salaries-Summer School	3,200	3,925	3,300	6,122	6,000
1100	120	Substitutes	14,000	14,404	15,500	16,500	17,000
1100	210	Group Medical	258,139	287,329	295,369	292,187	312,922
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	99,297	98,238	106,076	109,148	110,398
1100	331	ESL Assessment	31,734	31,734	15,489	15,489	15,314
1100	592	Instructional Services/Geometry	0	3,498	2,900	546	0
1100	610	Teaching Supplies	11,000	14,124	11,000	10,000	11,000
1100	620	Instructional Materials	7,600	7,240	7,600	7,600	7,600
1100	739	Equipment	2,600	2,266	2,600	2,600	2,600
2100	320	Support Services	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
			<u>\$1,359,555</u>	<u>\$1,417,470</u>	<u>\$1,421,537</u>	<u>\$1,435,723</u>	<u>\$1,476,594</u>
Instructional Support							
2200	270	Tuition/PD Contractual	\$15,625	\$28,364	\$22,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
2200	325	Prof Dev/District	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<u>\$18,625</u>	<u>\$30,225</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$31,000</u>	<u>\$31,000</u>
Total Regular Education K-8			<u>\$1,378,180</u>	<u>\$1,447,695</u>	<u>\$1,446,537</u>	<u>\$1,466,723</u>	<u>\$1,507,594</u>
REGULAR EDUCATION 9-12							
1130	330	Tutoring/Services-504	\$22,778	\$12,451	\$12,800	\$36,847	\$24,000
1130	564	Tuition - Out of State	81,300	68,760	42,750	71,485	44,175
1130	566	Tuition - Private In State	1,370,600	1,505,280	1,570,278	1,535,826	1,483,625
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	12,928	14,402	13,070	12,900	13,437
2100	330	Support Services-504	0	0	0	1,866	2,000
			<u>\$1,487,606</u>	<u>\$1,600,893</u>	<u>\$1,638,898</u>	<u>\$1,658,924</u>	<u>\$1,567,237</u>
HEALTH SERVICES							
2130	110	Salaries	\$29,831	\$29,831	\$30,875	\$30,875	\$31,647
2130	120	Substitutes	500	595	750	750	750
2130	210	Group Medical	3,714	3,712	3,881	3,901	4,209
2130	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	2,807	2,718	2,969	2,974	3,025
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Health Services			<u>\$37,352</u>	<u>\$37,272</u>	<u>\$38,975</u>	<u>\$39,000</u>	<u>\$40,131</u>
LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES							
2220	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$53,738	\$53,738	\$55,619	\$55,495	\$56,882
2220	115	Salaries-Tech Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
2220	115	Salary-Para/Support	19,423	19,146	19,064	17,940	18,395
2220	120	Substitutes	500	544	600	600	600
2220	210	Group Medical	26,782	26,772	27,987	28,088	30,307
2220	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	8,557	8,416	8,759	8,711	8,868
2220	331	Technology Assessment	0	0	0	0	30,488
2220	340	Technical Services	3,000	3,188	3,000	3,200	3,200
2220	610	Library Books & Supplies	7,000	8,683	7,000	7,000	7,000
2220	730	Technology/Computers	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,171</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total Library/Media Services			<u>\$145,000</u>	<u>\$144,658</u>	<u>\$148,029</u>	<u>\$147,034</u>	<u>\$181,740</u>

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			FY15	FY15	FY16	FY16	FY17
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
BOARD							
2310	111	Salaries	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2310	220	Benefits	230	232	230	230	230
2310	330	Contracted Service/Clerical	1,610	1,166	1,500	1,500	1,500
2310	360	Legal Services	2,500	53	2,500	2,500	2,500
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	15,900	15,404	16,000	15,217	15,800
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	946	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total Board			<u>\$27,840</u>	<u>\$22,524</u>	<u>\$28,030</u>	<u>\$27,195</u>	<u>\$27,830</u>

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

2321	331	Assessment	<u>\$93,695</u>	<u>\$93,695</u>	<u>\$102,848</u>	<u>\$102,848</u>	<u>\$111,810</u>
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FISCAL SERVICES

2520	320	Purchased Services/Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,037	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
2520	331	BRSU Assessment	15,100	15,100	15,915	15,915	13,662
2520	370	Audit	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Total Fiscal Services			<u>\$20,350</u>	<u>\$19,887</u>	<u>\$24,415</u>	<u>\$21,415</u>	<u>\$19,162</u>

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

2410	110	Principal Salary	\$98,026	\$98,026	\$101,457	\$100,477	\$102,989
2410	115	Salaries-Staff	60,280	61,206	62,347	61,807	63,313
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	45,201	46,164	47,235	47,235	50,966
2410	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	19,374	19,258	20,117	19,890	20,287
2410	325	Professional Development	5,000	1,730	5,000	5,000	5,000
2410	332	Services	0	807	800	853	875
2410	491	Service Contract-Copier/Printers	6,000	11,741	10,400	11,500	11,500
2410	530	Telephone	2,000	3,824	2,000	3,800	3,800
2410	531	Postage	1,000	803	1,000	1,000	1,000
2410	580	Local Transportation	400	0	400	400	400
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total School Administration			<u>\$242,281</u>	<u>\$247,963</u>	<u>\$255,756</u>	<u>\$256,962</u>	<u>\$265,130</u>

PLANT OPERATIONS/GROUNDS

2620	110	Salaries	\$67,357	\$70,050	\$71,215	\$71,733	\$73,536
2620	120	Substitutes	3,500	1,471	2,000	2,000	2,000
2620	210	Group Medical Insurance	20,834	26,981	26,600	32,366	34,923
2620	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	13,541	13,504	13,931	14,007	14,341
2620	325	Conference Fees	300	0	300	300	300
2620	420	Rubbish Removal	4,000	4,955	4,500	5,000	5,000
2620	490	Repairs & Maintenance	28,000	21,365	28,000	28,000	28,000
2620	580	PD/Travel/Memberships	1,650	610	1,500	1,500	1,500
2620	610	Custodial Supplies	13,500	17,749	19,000	18,000	18,000
2620	622	Electricity	35,500	27,337	35,500	25,000	25,000
2620	624	Fuel Oil	45,400	38,713	42,900	32,000	35,000
2620	720	Lighting Retrofit/FY16	0	0	4,426	4,426	4,426
2620	730	Equipment	2,700	1,056	27,700	23,350	2,700
2630	430	Maintenance	2,500	1,938	2,500	2,500	2,500
2630	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>2,306</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Plant and Grounds			<u>\$239,282</u>	<u>\$228,035</u>	<u>\$280,572</u>	<u>\$260,682</u>	<u>\$247,726</u>

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			FY15	FY15	FY16	FY16	FY17
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES							
2711	110	Salaries	\$63,874	\$55,522	\$58,429	\$58,658	\$60,027
2711	120	Substitutes	3,000	5,517	2,000	3,000	3,000
2711	210	Group Medical	19,541	15,588	16,178	17,687	19,083
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	10,351	8,682	9,379	9,610	9,831
2711	390	Physicals/CDL	2,420	2,642	2,420	2,500	2,500
2711	520	Bus Insurance	1,159	1,720	1,790	1,535	1,600
2711	580	PD/Travel	200	648	500	200	500
2711	910	Bus Lease Payments	34,350	37,186	16,000	16,835	16,835
2740	430	Maintenance	12,000	19,171	12,500	12,500	12,500
2740	611	Tires	2,000	1,215	2,500	2,500	2,500
2740	622	Electricity	600	1,453	1,400	1,400	1,400
2740	626	Diesel	14,000	12,970	14,500	13,000	13,000
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	500	10	500	500	500
Total Vehicle Operation Services			<u>\$163,995</u>	<u>\$162,324</u>	<u>\$138,096</u>	<u>\$139,925</u>	<u>\$143,276</u>

SPECIAL EDUCATION - PK-8

PK Services

1100	320	Contracted Services/PK	\$6,000	\$4,366	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100	331	Instruction/Support Assmnt PK	67,670	67,670	0	0	0
2400	331	Administration Assessment	1,950	1,950	0	0	0
			<u>\$75,620</u>	<u>\$73,986</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Instruction

1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$133,387	\$133,387	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	77,588	85,411	81,845	88,735	94,021
1100	120	Substitutes	2,500	5,572	3,500	3,500	3,500
1100	210	Medical Insurance	75,191	54,866	15,066	13,000	17,414
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	24,783	27,032	12,467	13,543	14,202
1100	332	ESY/Tutoring/Para Support	5,000	3,342	0	1,000	0
1100	561	Tuition	0	31,565	0	0	0
1100	610	Supplies/Equipment	5,900	3,579	0	0	0
			<u>\$324,349</u>	<u>\$344,754</u>	<u>\$112,878</u>	<u>\$119,778</u>	<u>\$129,137</u>

Student Support

2100	330	Contracted Services	\$7,000	\$4,085	\$0	\$0	\$0
2152	110	Salaries/Speech	65,326	65,326	0	0	0
2152	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	23,403	21,740	23,794	24,839	25,466
2152	210	Group Medical	26,782	26,652	7,533	7,533	8,128
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	10,013	9,359	3,299	3,469	3,555
2152	610	Supplies	700	288	0	0	0
2711	510	Transportation K-8	0	7,134	0	0	0
			<u>\$133,224</u>	<u>\$134,584</u>	<u>\$34,626</u>	<u>\$35,841</u>	<u>\$37,149</u>

Instructional Support

2200	270	Tuition/PD Contractual	\$3,125	\$3,469	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Administration

2400	490	Copier, Postage, Advertising	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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BRSU Services

2160	331	OT Assessment	\$11,472	\$11,472	\$0	\$0	\$0
2190	331	PT Assessment	3,500	3,500	0	0	0
2400	331	Administration Assessment	17,076	17,076	0	0	0
			<u>\$32,048</u>	<u>\$32,048</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Total Special Education PK-8

<u>\$568,916</u>	<u>\$588,841</u>	<u>\$147,504</u>	<u>\$155,619</u>	<u>\$166,286</u>
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			FY15 <u>Budget</u>	FY15 <u>Actual</u>	FY16 <u>Budget</u>	FY16 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY17 <u>Budget</u>
SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION							
<u>Instruction/Support</u>							
1100	330	Tutoring/ESY	\$5,200	\$5,085	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100	561	Public Service Fees	0	0	0	0	0
1100	566	Tuition to Private In-State	64,000	109,104	0	0	0
1100	595	Private Service Fees	305,304	239,568	0	0	0
2100	320	Contracted Services	9,100	11,813	0	0	0
2152	595	Speech Services	24,400	28,480	0	0	0
2711	519	Transportation	5,100	16,360	0	0	0
			<u>\$413,104</u>	<u>\$410,410</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>BRSU Services</u>							
2160	331	OT Assessment	\$863	\$863	\$0	\$0	\$0
2190	331	PT Assessment	3,501	3,501	0	0	0
2400	331	Administrative Assessment	12,114	12,114	0	0	0
			<u>\$16,478</u>	<u>\$16,478</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Special Education-Secondary			<u>\$429,582</u>	<u>\$426,888</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>BRSU Assessments</u>							
Early Education					\$30,535	\$30,535	\$37,086
Student Services K-8					438,367	438,367	497,520
Student Services 9-12					441,696	441,696	495,019
Support Services/Administration					125,086	125,086	161,682
Total BRSU Services					<u>\$1,035,684</u>	<u>\$1,035,684</u>	<u>\$1,191,307</u>
Total Special Education PK-12			<u>\$998,498</u>	<u>\$1,015,729</u>	<u>\$1,183,188</u>	<u>\$1,191,303</u>	<u>\$1,357,593</u>
EXTRACURRICULAR/ENRICHMENT							
<u>Sports Coordination</u>							
1400	115	Coaching/Referees	\$5,550	\$3,840	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	448	299	359	358	359
1400	330	Referees	1,400	1,295	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720	115	Transportation	1,000	637	1,000	1,000	1,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	117	49	122	121	122
			<u>\$8,515</u>	<u>\$6,120</u>	<u>\$7,331</u>	<u>\$7,329</u>	<u>\$7,331</u>
<u>School Year Programs</u>							
1400	110	Extracurricular Stipends	\$3,150	\$4,050	\$4,200	\$4,300	\$4,300
1400	390	Field Trips/Activities	10,000	9,008	10,000	10,000	10,000
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	255	327	339	346	347
2720	115	Transportation	1,000	2,218	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	117	118	245	242	245
			<u>\$14,522</u>	<u>\$15,721</u>	<u>\$16,784</u>	<u>\$16,888</u>	<u>\$16,892</u>
<u>After School Program</u>							
1400	115	Program Instructors	\$23,275	\$25,443	\$20,387	\$26,526	\$26,526
1400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	2,260	2,887	2,333	3,696	3,700
1400	610	Supplies	2,000	792	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720	115	Transportation	3,000	547	2,000	1,000	2,000
2720	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	350	47	245	121	245
			<u>\$30,885</u>	<u>\$29,716</u>	<u>\$26,965</u>	<u>\$33,343</u>	<u>\$34,471</u>
Total Extracurricular/Enrichment			<u>\$53,922</u>	<u>\$51,557</u>	<u>\$51,080</u>	<u>\$57,560</u>	<u>\$58,694</u>

Dorset School District**FY17 Budget**

	FY15	FY15	FY16	FY16	FY17
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
FOODSERVICE PROGRAM					
3100 110 Salaries	\$37,073	\$37,076	\$37,153	\$37,222	\$38,141
3100 210 Group Medical	14,418	14,418	15,066	7,533	8,128
3100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	4,865	4,620	4,989	5,623	5,764
3100 332 Workshops/Conferences	500	0	500	500	500
3100 490 Repairs & Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
3100 610 Supplies	2,500	5,910	5,000	5,000	5,000
3100 730 Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
3100 630 Food/Milk	<u>36,000</u>	<u>50,271</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>
Total Foodservice Program	<u>\$97,358</u>	<u>\$112,295</u>	<u>\$112,708</u>	<u>\$110,878</u>	<u>\$112,533</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED	\$5,018,357	\$5,207,516	\$5,491,132	\$5,552,449	\$5,714,664
Warned Article	<u>8,926</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$5,027,283</u>	<u>\$5,216,442</u>	<u>\$5,521,132</u>	<u>\$5,582,449</u>	<u>\$5,814,664</u>

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ESTIMATES
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District: Dorset County: Bennington		T059 Bennington - Rutland		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$0.955 of spending per equalized pupil
				9,955	1.00
				11,167	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,669,051	\$5,027,283	\$5,491,132	\$5,714,884
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	\$80,000	\$100,000
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$4,669,051	\$5,027,283	\$5,621,132	\$5,814,884
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	\$22,868	\$25,143	\$123,650	\$17,550
7.	Total Budget	\$4,911,919	\$5,052,426	\$5,644,782	\$5,832,214
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$77,834	\$93,685	\$102,848	\$111,810
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	\$22,868	\$25,143	\$123,650	\$17,550
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$814,456	\$824,578	\$1,014,715	\$1,165,044
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$814,456	\$824,578	\$1,014,715	\$1,165,044
14.	Education Spending	\$4,097,463	\$4,227,848	\$4,630,067	\$4,677,170
15.	Equalized Pupils	281.80	284.35	299.65	311.21
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,540.32	\$14,868.46	\$15,451.58	\$15,028.98
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	\$0.72	\$8.49	NA
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 (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2016 (per equp)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,455	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	District Threshold
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$15,658.97
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,540	\$14,868	\$15,452	\$15,028.98
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	158.893% based on \$4,151	160.134% based on \$5,185	183.353% based on \$6,458	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$15,028.98 ÷ (\$9,955.00 / \$1,000))	\$1.4936 based on \$0.94	\$1.5993 based on \$0.99	\$1.6172 based on \$0.99	\$1.5097 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Dorset equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.51)	\$1.4936	\$1.5993	\$1.6172	\$1.5097
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	108.73%	108.91%	106.84%	107.50%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5097 / 107.50%)	\$1.3612 based on \$0.94	\$1.4679 based on \$0.99	\$1.5309 based on \$0.99	\$1.4044 based on \$1.00
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) ((\$15,028.98 ÷ \$11,167) x 2.00%)	2.86% based on 1.60%	2.88% based on 1.60%	2.94% based on 1.60%	2.69% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.69%)	2.86% based on 1.60%	2.88% based on 1.60%	2.94% based on 1.60%	2.69% based on 2.00%

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,167 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Daniel M. French, Ed.D.
January 2016

There were several leadership changes in our school system during the 2014-2015 school year. Randi Kulis was promoted from Special Education Director to the position of Director of Student Services. Daryl Houk was hired as a Special Education Director, and Tom Quinn was hired as the Principal of the Manchester Elementary-Middle School. All three of these leaders bring extensive experience to their positions. We were fortunate to have found such talented leaders to join our organization.

We completed the centralization of special education services under the BRSU budget. The centralization of these services is a requirement of Vermont law. All of these costs except paraeducator costs are now organized under the BRSU budget with each member district being assessed a share of the costs based on its relative number of students. The centralization of paraeducator costs was optional under the law. The BRSU Board decided not to centralize paraeducators since many of these staff provide non-special education services at the local district level. Although we have accomplished the centralization of special education costs, special education staff themselves for the most part remain employees of their local districts because the shift to the BRSU as their employer of record must be negotiated through the collective bargaining process, and that process is currently under way.

Our districts moved forward with full implementation of expanded access to early education programs in order to meet the requirements of Act 166. Under this law, districts pay a fixed amount to approved early education providers for 10 hours a week of early education services for each student. Districts are allowed to count these children in their equalized pupil totals which then lowers tax rates. The mechanics of early education funding under Act 166 will take a few years to work out, but the educational benefits of early education are well established and support making this important investment in the future success of our students.

A major education reform law, Act 46, was enacted by the General Assembly in May 2015. Act 46 is landmark legislation that will have a significant impact on the organization of Vermont's public education system. The most prominent aspect of Act 46 pertains to school district consolidation which is seen as the long-term solution for controlling education spending and addressing education quality and equity concerns on a statewide basis. Our school board members spent the summer becoming familiar with the consolidation provisions of the law. School boards held community engagement events to share their understanding of the law and how it might impact their districts. This initial exploration of Act 46 consolidation options will now move forward as groups of our districts organize formal merger study committees. These committees will be responsible for creating merger plans to submit to the State Board of Education and ultimately the voters in each community.

Act 46 also includes several mechanisms to encourage the restraint of education spending in the near term. The required wording of budget articles on district warnings has been changed to include information on how proposed budget amounts relate to changes in education spending per equalized pupil. Another change has been the implementation of a new spending penalty cap. Both of these changes were included in Act 46 to encourage the restraint of education spending at the local level in order to lower education property tax rates state wide.

Act 46 is the latest in a series of policy challenges our districts have navigated in recent years. Our ability to do so has been the direct result of the hard work of school board members and their interest in open public deliberations on difficult and often contentious issues. We have been successful because we have challenged our organization to look for opportunities for improvement in what might otherwise be characterized as an adverse regulatory context. I am confident that with your continued support our districts will be able to create a more efficient and effective governance structure for our educational system under Act 46. Changing our governance structure, however, is a means to an end not an end in itself. Our challenge will be to ensure the new governance structure can meet or exceed our expectations for delivering on the desired end results for our students in the 21st Century.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2015**

The Dorset School

Enrollment	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Resident	-	9	13	17	25	22	24	22	25	21	-	-	-	-	178
Non-Resident	-	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	10
Total	0	10	15	17	25	22	24	25	28	22	0	0	0	0	188

Dorset Enrollment

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Dorset	-	9	13	17	25	22	24	22	25	21	-	-	-	-	178
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	21	20	23	92
Other	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	4	38
Total	25	9	13	18	25	22	24	22	25	21	31	24	22	27	308

DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Dorset of School Directors engaged RHR Smith & Company, CPAs of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY15 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 362-2452.

**Annual AHERA Notification
Dorset School District
March 2016**

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

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY15 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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Equipment / Software Reserves</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Balance June 30, 2014	\$57,341	\$4,801	(\$22,962)
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY15	1,145,080	0	\$2,039,876
Actual Expenditures FY15	<u>(1,127,969)</u>	<u>(1,449)</u>	<u>(1,989,233)</u>
Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$71,432</u>	<u>\$6,352</u>	\$27,681
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY16	1,692,295	0	\$9,413,263
Anticipated Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,700,070)</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>(9,676,210)</u>
Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2016	<u>\$60,657</u>	<u>\$7,652</u>	(\$235,266)
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Budgeted Revenues FY17	2,004,152	0	\$9,858,054
Budgeted Expenditures FY17	<u>(2,034,152)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,622,788)</u>
Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$27,657</u>	<u>\$10,652</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
General Budget - FY17**

	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
ESL					
District Shared Positions	\$69,744	\$143,032	\$87,158	\$87,124	\$90,094
Technology Staff	49,828	104,209	138,066	139,484	216,085
Administration	0	0	0	0	224,206
Accounting	762,733	746,972	783,801	788,442	799,891
Transportation	149,285	133,756	152,652	137,820	142,996
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>547,200</u>	<u>560,880</u>
	<u>\$1,031,590</u>	<u>\$1,127,969</u>	<u>\$1,706,677</u>	<u>\$1,700,070</u>	<u>\$2,034,152</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Interest	\$1,800	\$865	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	500	121	500	500	500
ESL Services Fees (Additional Staff)	0	73,288	0	0	0
District Shared Teachers	49,828	104,209	138,066	139,484	216,085
Transportation Service Fees	0	0	545,000	547,200	560,880
Grant Administration	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,115</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Revenues	<u>\$77,128</u>	<u>\$202,598</u>	<u>\$696,566</u>	<u>\$712,184</u>	<u>\$802,465</u>
Assessments	<u>942,462</u>	<u>942,462</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>
Fee/Assessments	<u>\$942,462</u>	<u>\$942,462</u>	<u>\$980,111</u>	<u>\$980,111</u>	<u>\$1,201,687</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$1,019,590</u>	<u>\$1,145,060</u>	<u>\$1,676,677</u>	<u>\$1,692,295</u>	<u>\$2,004,152</u>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	<u>12,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$1,031,590</u>		<u>\$1,706,677</u>		<u>\$2,034,152</u>

	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>ESL</u>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$61,954	\$112,004	\$57,755	\$57,516	\$58,954
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	18,926	19,787	19,885	21,456
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,290	10,462	6,116	6,223	6,184
2200 320 Professional Development	2,000	1,554	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 580 Travel	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 610 Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
ESL Subtotal	<u>\$69,744</u>	<u>\$143,032</u>	<u>\$87,158</u>	<u>\$87,124</u>	<u>\$90,094</u>
<u>District Positions/Shared Teachers</u>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$43,722	\$83,626	\$112,830	\$114,510	\$167,212
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	7,182	7,708	7,746	24,362
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	3,606	12,632	11,028	10,728	15,511
2200 320 Professional Development	2,500	769	6,500	6,500	9,000
District Shared Positions Subtotal	<u>\$49,828</u>	<u>\$104,209</u>	<u>\$138,066</u>	<u>\$139,484</u>	<u>\$216,085</u>
<u>Technology Staff</u>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$145,003
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	0	0	53,375
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	0	18,328
2200 320 Professional Development	0	0	0	0	2,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Technology Staff Subtotal	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$224,206</u>

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
General Budget - FY17

		<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<u>Administration</u>						
2321 110	Superintendent	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
2321 110	Assistant Superintendent	64,890	64,890	67,161	66,512	68,175
2321 115	Salaries - Staff	217,723	212,059	225,733	216,413	219,597
2321 210	Medical Insurance	108,986	103,890	109,778	108,703	118,467
2321 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	53,978	50,467	54,466	53,938	53,514
2321 320	Professional Development	17,500	16,536	19,500	19,500	19,500
2321 321	Board Development	3,000	2,894	3,000	3,000	3,000
2321 330	Superintendent Search	0	0	0	10,000	0
2321 330	Contracted Services	1,500	1,007	1,500	9,000	1,500
2321 330	Minutes	538	0	538	538	538
2321 330	Accounting System	16,000	13,313	16,000	16,277	16,500
2321 330	Flex Plan Administration	1,000	1,005	1,000	1,020	1,000
2321 330	Alarm System Monitoring	300	264	300	264	300
2321 360	Legal	5,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
2321 370	Audit	6,250	6,250	8,000	7,000	7,000
2321 423	Custodial/Trash	3,200	2,928	3,200	3,200	3,200
2321 440	Equip Rent/Copier	2,500	2,557	2,500	2,500	2,500
2321 441	Rent	62,343	62,343	63,925	63,925	65,850
2321 520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,725	5,660	5,900	5,305	5,500
2321 530	Telephone	2,200	492	2,000	2,000	2,000
2321 530	Internet	8,300	8,210	8,300	7,952	8,200
2321 531	Postage	3,400	3,352	4,700	4,000	4,000
2321 540	Advertising	1,500	2,001	1,500	1,500	1,500
2321 580	Local Travel	7,000	5,356	7,000	6,000	6,000
2321 610	Supplies	10,000	9,892	10,000	10,000	10,000
2321 670	Tech Supplies/Services	5,800	2,553	5,800	6,200	6,200
2321 670	Schoolmessenger	2,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
2321 670	Schoolmaster	13,400	13,948	14,000	14,471	14,750
2321 670	Haiku	0	12,305	0	0	12,500
2321 670	IQM2	4,500	3,330	4,500	5,180	4,500
2321 739	Equip Purchase	500	500	500	500	500
2321 810	Dues	<u>5,400</u>	<u>6,470</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,544</u>	<u>6,600</u>
Administration Subtotal		<u>\$762,733</u>	<u>\$746,972</u>	<u>\$783,801</u>	<u>\$788,442</u>	<u>\$799,891</u>
<u>District Accounting</u>						
2510 115	Salaries - Staff	\$96,656	\$90,230	\$101,403	\$101,324	\$102,532
2510 210	Medical Insurance	37,006	29,681	35,448	20,407	24,765
2510 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>15,623</u>	<u>13,845</u>	<u>15,801</u>	<u>16,089</u>	<u>15,699</u>
District Accounting Subtotal		<u>\$149,285</u>	<u>\$133,756</u>	<u>\$152,652</u>	<u>\$137,820</u>	<u>\$142,996</u>
<u>Transportation</u>						
2711 519	Transportation Contracts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$545,000</u>	<u>\$547,200</u>	<u>\$560,880</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>\$1,031,590</u>	<u>\$1,127,969</u>	<u>\$1,706,677</u>	<u>\$1,700,070</u>	<u>\$2,034,152</u>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY17**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn RED	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
ADM K-6/8												
District Share	1069.67		181.82	300.80		263.05			80.00	87.60	156.40	
ESL	<u>\$90,094</u>		<u>\$15,314</u>	<u>\$25,335</u>		<u>\$22,156</u>			<u>\$6,738</u>	<u>\$7,378</u>	<u>\$13,173</u>	
ADM K-6/8												
District Share	1069.67		181.82	300.80		263.05			80.00	87.60	156.40	
Technology/District Services (80%)	<u>\$179,365</u>		<u>\$30,488</u>	<u>\$50,439</u>		<u>\$44,109</u>			<u>\$13,416</u>	<u>\$14,688</u>	<u>\$26,225</u>	
ADM												
Percentage	2,245.10	110.90	311.97	593.74	12.00	468.43	115.31	33.00	152.75	105.85	190.35	150.90
Technology/SU (20%)	<u>\$44,841</u>	<u>\$2,213</u>	<u>\$6,231</u>	<u>\$11,859</u>	<u>\$240</u>	<u>\$9,356</u>	<u>\$2,303</u>	<u>\$659</u>	<u>\$3,051</u>	<u>\$2,114</u>	<u>\$3,802</u>	<u>\$3,013</u>
ADM												
Percentage	2,245.10	110.90	311.97	593.74	12.00	468.43	115.31	33.00	152.75	105.85	190.35	150.90
Administration	<u>\$774,391</u>	<u>\$38,218</u>	<u>\$107,606</u>	<u>\$204,796</u>	<u>\$4,140</u>	<u>\$161,573</u>	<u>\$39,773</u>	<u>\$11,383</u>	<u>\$52,687</u>	<u>\$36,510</u>	<u>\$65,656</u>	<u>\$52,049</u>
District Accounting												
(Assessment to districts is based on staff FTE)	<u>\$142,896</u>	<u>\$2,524</u>	<u>\$15,282</u>	<u>\$40,655</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$35,189</u>	<u>\$2,524</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$7,850</u>	<u>\$15,701</u>	<u>\$15,701</u>	<u>\$4,206</u>
Assessed Expenditures												
	<u>\$1,231,687</u>	<u>\$42,955</u>	<u>\$174,921</u>	<u>\$333,084</u>	<u>\$6,052</u>	<u>\$272,383</u>	<u>\$44,600</u>	<u>\$13,724</u>	<u>\$83,742</u>	<u>\$76,391</u>	<u>\$124,557</u>	<u>\$59,268</u>
Less Surplus from Accounting Services												
Accounting Allocation FY16		2.02%	10.43%	27.86%	1.49%	24.04%	2.02%	1.49%	5.96%	10.64%	10.64%	3.62%
Surplus Applied	<u>(\$15,529)</u>	<u>(\$314)</u>	<u>(\$1,620)</u>	<u>(\$4,294)</u>	<u>(\$231)</u>	<u>(\$3,733)</u>	<u>(\$314)</u>	<u>(\$231)</u>	<u>(\$926)</u>	<u>(\$1,652)</u>	<u>(\$1,652)</u>	<u>(\$562)</u>
Less Surplus Used at Previous Year ADM												
ADM 12/14	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 Allocation		4.99%	14.01%	26.53%	0.63%	21.26%	4.77%	1.39%	6.57%	4.58%	8.80%	6.46%
Surplus Applied	<u>(\$14,471)</u>	<u>(\$722)</u>	<u>(\$2,027)</u>	<u>(\$3,840)</u>	<u>(\$91)</u>	<u>(\$3,076)</u>	<u>(\$590)</u>	<u>(\$202)</u>	<u>(\$951)</u>	<u>(\$663)</u>	<u>(\$1,274)</u>	<u>(\$935)</u>
Total Surplus Applied	<u>(\$30,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,036)</u>	<u>(\$3,647)</u>	<u>(\$8,134)</u>	<u>(\$322)</u>	<u>(\$6,809)</u>	<u>(\$1,004)</u>	<u>(\$433)</u>	<u>(\$1,877)</u>	<u>(\$2,315)</u>	<u>(\$2,926)</u>	<u>(\$1,497)</u>
Assessment												
	<u>\$1,201,687</u>	<u>\$41,919</u>	<u>\$171,274</u>	<u>\$324,950</u>	<u>\$5,740</u>	<u>\$265,574</u>	<u>\$43,596</u>	<u>\$13,291</u>	<u>\$81,865</u>	<u>\$74,076</u>	<u>\$121,631</u>	<u>\$57,771</u>

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	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 Anticipated	FY17 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
PK Sites	\$104,766	\$98,886	\$214,859	\$217,023	\$223,155
Early Education Instruction/Support	204,659	210,478	260,037	251,202	259,542
Direct Services	195,200	222,827	34,154	67,674	70,679
Cornerstone Program	160,188	124,521	136,582	138,624	148,173
Services K-6/8	0	0	2,951,281	3,026,077	3,062,273
Services 7/9-12	0	0	4,251,296	4,407,351	4,250,479
Behavior Analyst	0	0	112,117	88,185	90,672
Psychological Services PK-12	223,754	224,935	234,692	255,752	258,978
Occupational/Physical Therapy PK-12	298,319	293,200	311,991	309,606	318,870
Administration PK-12	583,161	584,822	619,653	648,933	665,300
Transportation PK-12	<u>168,533</u>	<u>229,564</u>	<u>248,103</u>	<u>265,783</u>	<u>274,667</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,938,580</u>	<u>\$1,989,233</u>	<u>\$9,374,765</u>	<u>\$9,676,210</u>	<u>\$9,622,788</u>
REVENUE					
Cornerstone Program	\$160,188	\$115,074	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Services	363,733	452,391	34,154	67,674	70,679
IDEA Grants	553,000	587,958	615,000	651,173	601,876
EEI Grant	0	11,143	0	0	0
Medical Grant	49,988	57,844	81,203	50,008	51,584
Miscellaneous	0	<u>420</u>	0	0	0
REVENUE SUBTOTAL	<u>\$1,126,909</u>	<u>\$1,224,830</u>	<u>\$730,357</u>	<u>\$768,855</u>	<u>\$724,139</u>
Assessments	<u>815,046</u>	<u>815,046</u>	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>9,133,915</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,941,955</u>	<u>\$2,039,876</u>	<u>\$9,374,765</u>	<u>\$9,413,263</u>	<u>\$9,858,054</u>
Surplus to Reduce Assessments	<u>(3,375)</u>		0		<u>(235,266)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,938,580</u>		<u>\$9,374,765</u>		<u>\$9,622,788</u>

	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 Anticipated	FY17 Budget
Early Education					
PK Sites					
1100 110 Salaries/Instruction	\$54,176	\$54,176	\$117,295	\$120,838	\$123,759
1100 115 Paraeducators/Subs	17,013	14,554	16,504	15,485	15,599
1100 210 Group Medical	21,492	21,326	22,293	22,367	24,133
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	7,810	7,188	13,199	13,675	13,464
1100 610 Supplies	1,250	1,114	2,000	1,250	2,000
2152 110 Salaries/Speech	0	0	37,654	37,510	38,372
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	0	0	3,414	3,398	3,328
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	2,500	528	2,500	2,500	2,500
2200 581 Dues/NAEYC Fees	<u>525</u>	0	0	0	0
Total PK Sites	<u>\$104,766</u>	<u>\$98,886</u>	<u>\$214,859</u>	<u>\$217,023</u>	<u>\$223,155</u>
Early Education Instruction					
Instruction					
1100 110 Salary	\$81,125	\$77,723	\$86,684	\$83,067	\$85,144
1100 112 ESY	0	315	3,000	1,902	2,000
1100 210 Medical	23,857	22,009	25,445	24,369	26,293
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	8,575	7,944	9,276	8,806	8,759
1100 320 Instructional Services	0	11,143	10,000	6,145	7,145
1100 320 Instructional Services/IDEA	0	5,881	0	10,450	9,807
1100 610 Supplies	300	757	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	2,248	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>\$118,057</u>	<u>\$129,771</u>	<u>\$141,405</u>	<u>\$141,739</u>	<u>\$146,148</u>

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	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 Anticipated	FY17 Budget
Speech/Support					
2100 320 Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$588	\$1,000
2152 110 Salary - Speech	53,098	50,014	71,349	68,345	70,014
2152 112 ESY	0	200	2,000	920	1,000
2152 210 Medical	19,722	18,414	19,431	23,067	24,889
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	5,982	5,367	7,852	7,543	7,491
2152 610 Supplies	300	297	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	2,500	1,498	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,917</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>\$86,602</u>	<u>\$80,707</u>	<u>\$118,632</u>	<u>\$109,463</u>	<u>\$113,394</u>
Total Early Ed Instruction	<u>\$204,659</u>	<u>\$210,478</u>	<u>\$260,037</u>	<u>\$251,202</u>	<u>\$259,542</u>
Occupational Therapy					
2160 110 Salary	\$11,362	\$18,983	\$16,819	\$5,888	\$6,035
2160 210 Medical	3,571	5,966	5,337	2,013	2,172
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>1,758</u>	<u>2,919</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>953</u>
	<u>\$16,691</u>	<u>\$27,868</u>	<u>\$24,814</u>	<u>\$8,854</u>	<u>\$9,160</u>
Physical Therapy					
2190 110 Salary	\$7,073	\$16,361	\$16,564	\$0	\$0
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>574</u>	<u>1,319</u>	<u>1,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$7,647</u>	<u>\$17,680</u>	<u>\$17,938</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Occupational/Physical Therapy/PK	<u>\$24,338</u>	<u>\$45,548</u>	<u>\$42,752</u>	<u>\$8,854</u>	<u>\$9,160</u>
Administration					
2420 610 Testing Supplies/Adv/Postage	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$3,542</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Early Education Services	<u>\$234,997</u>	<u>\$259,568</u>	<u>\$308,789</u>	<u>\$266,056</u>	<u>\$274,702</u>
Direct Services PK-8					
1100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$20,492	\$23,361	\$23,315	\$22,639	\$23,205
1100 110 Salary/Paraeducators	0	0	0	30,820	32,280
1100 210 Medical	9,574	10,786	7,380	7,417	8,003
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	2,455	2,948	2,459	5,798	6,191
1100 580 Travel	1,500	0	0	0	0
2152 110 Salary/Speech Teacher	108,731	130,787	0	0	0
2152 210 Medical	32,856	38,362	0	0	0
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,592	13,278	0	0	0
2152 580 Travel	2,500	1,417	0	0	0
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	<u>5,500</u>	<u>1,888</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Special Ed Direct Services	<u>\$195,200</u>	<u>\$222,827</u>	<u>\$34,154</u>	<u>\$67,674</u>	<u>\$70,679</u>
Cornerstone Program					
1100 110 Salary/Teachers & Behaviorist	\$86,153	\$64,562	\$66,684	\$69,563	\$71,306
1100 115 Salary/Paraeducators	14,291	12,003	14,791	13,154	16,834
1100 120 Substitutes	0	1,215	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100 210 Medical	40,640	32,142	34,853	27,418	29,584
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,604	9,184	10,754	10,789	10,949
1100 610 Program Supplies/Services	5,000	237	5,000	5,000	5,000
2100 320 Counseling Services	0	0	0	8,200	10,000
2200 325 Professional Development	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,178</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Cornerstone Program	<u>\$160,188</u>	<u>\$124,521</u>	<u>\$136,582</u>	<u>\$138,624</u>	<u>\$148,173</u>

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		<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
Services Provided to Students In Grades Educated by Schools in the Supervisory Union						
<u>Instruction</u>						
1100 110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$1,033,520	\$1,027,858	\$1,034,845
1100 112	ESY Services	0	0	34,000	26,682	30,000
1100 120	Substitutes	0	0	14,000	14,000	14,000
1100 210	Medical	0	0	244,389	261,636	290,167
1100 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	109,445	106,879	107,000
1100 320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	0	0	14,435	17,965	14,735
1100 320	Instructional Services/IDEA	0	0	0	7,850	4,649
1100 500	Tuition	0	0	502,747	629,569	621,098
1100 590	Special Education Services	0	0	59,000	40,320	41,500
1100 592	District Services/Extraordinary	0	0	210,035	178,482	182,000
1100 610	Supplies & Equipment	0	0	37,500	37,500	37,500
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,259,071</u>	<u>\$2,348,741</u>	<u>\$2,377,494</u>
<u>Student Support</u>						
2100 320	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$16,900	\$9,246	\$9,308
2100 112	ESY Support Services	0	0	0	4,558	5,000
2100 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	367	404
2140 110	Salary/Counseling	0	0	2,100	6,860	6,300
2140 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	169	581	508
2140 320	Evaluations	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
2140 320	Counseling Services	0	0	20,200	23,250	17,550
2152 110	Salary/Speech Teacher	0	0	396,275	405,822	406,311
2152 112	ESY Services	0	0	6,000	7,973	8,000
2152 120	Substitutes	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
2152 210	Medical	0	0	99,291	96,245	103,847
2152 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	42,325	43,264	42,341
2152 320	Speech/Auditory Services	0	0	450	1,170	1,210
2152 610	Speech Supplies	0	0	7,000	7,000	7,000
2711 519	Transportation Services	0	0	2,500	2,000	0
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$613,210</u>	<u>\$628,336</u>	<u>\$627,779</u>
<u>Staff Support</u>						
2213 325	Prof Development/Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
2214 325	District Prof Development	0	0	32,000	2,000	10,000
2214 580	Travel	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$79,000</u>	<u>\$49,000</u>	<u>\$57,000</u>
Total Services/Grades in the SU		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,951,281</u>	<u>\$3,026,077</u>	<u>\$3,062,273</u>
Services Provided to Students In Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union						
<u>Instruction</u>						
1100 110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,761	\$71,711
1100 115	Paraeducators	0	0	0	27,188	35,369
1100 112	ESY Services	0	0	6,000	15,374	15,500
2160 210	Medical	0	0	0	7,533	8,128
1100 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	484	9,641	12,237
1100 320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	0	0	145,810	127,587	108,790
1100 3/500	Summer Services	0	0	95,127	126,414	120,300
1100 500	Tuition	0	0	1,458,641	1,669,544	1,621,414
1100 590	Special Education Services	0	0	2,210,449	2,021,462	1,930,923
1100 610	Supplies	0	0	0	6,100	6,000
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,916,511</u>	<u>\$4,065,804</u>	<u>\$3,930,372</u>

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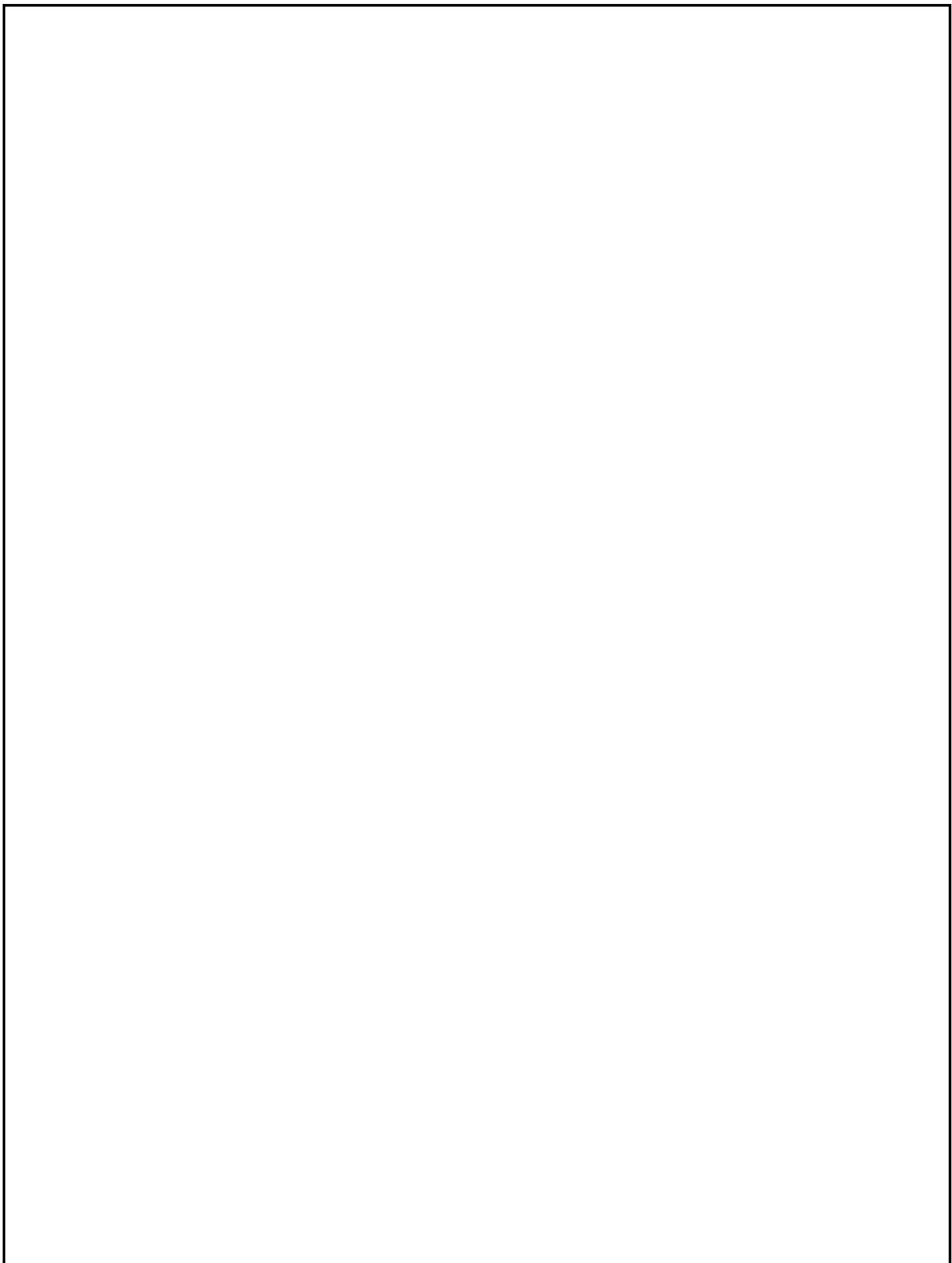
	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
Student Support					
2100 320 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$5,926	\$6,507
2140 320 Evaluations	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
2140 3/500 Counseling Services	0	0	86,100	78,172	79,250
2152 3/500 Speech Services	0	0	190,335	165,567	159,850
2160 3/500 Occupational Therapy Services	0	0	17,400	12,582	12,900
2190 3/500 Physical Therapy	0	0	1,000	7,500	1,000
2711 519 Transportation Services	0	0	23,450	57,000	45,600
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$334,785</u>	<u>\$341,747</u>	<u>\$320,107</u>
Total Services/Grades Outside the SU	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,251,296</u>	<u>\$4,407,351</u>	<u>\$4,250,479</u>
Behavior Analyst					
2160 110 Salary	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$55,000	\$56,375
2160 210 Medical	0	0	14,808	19,851	21,419
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	7,309	5,834	5,878
2160 610 Supplies	0	0	2,000	1,000	500
2200 320 Professional Development	0	0	5,000	3,500	3,500
2200 580 Travel	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$112,117</u>	<u>\$88,185</u>	<u>\$90,672</u>
Psychological					
2100 110 Salary/Psychologists	\$171,479	\$171,480	\$177,482	\$177,767	\$182,211
2100 210 Medical	26,205	26,205	27,384	27,384	29,548
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	16,570	16,012	17,126	37,901	34,519
2100 611 Materials & Supplies	3,000	2,954	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 325 Professional Development	3,000	4,882	6,000	6,000	6,000
2200 580 Travel	3,500	3,402	3,700	3,700	3,700
Total Psychological	<u>\$223,754</u>	<u>\$224,935</u>	<u>\$234,692</u>	<u>\$255,752</u>	<u>\$258,978</u>
Occupational Therapy K-12					
2160 110 Salary	\$132,453	\$124,831	\$132,029	\$141,523	\$145,061
2160 210 Medical	41,630	39,235	41,898	45,222	48,794
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	20,507	19,195	20,870	22,408	22,416
2160 610 Supplies	2,000	935	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 320 Professional Development	1,500	1,263	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200 580 Travel	5,000	2,618	7,500	7,500	7,500
	<u>\$203,090</u>	<u>\$188,077</u>	<u>\$205,797</u>	<u>\$220,153</u>	<u>\$227,271</u>
Physical Therapy K-12					
2190 110 Salary	\$64,371	\$55,083	\$57,381	\$73,230	\$75,061
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,220	4,440	4,761	6,069	6,078
2190 610 Supplies	300	52	300	300	300
2200 580 Travel	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>\$70,891</u>	<u>\$59,575</u>	<u>\$63,442</u>	<u>\$80,599</u>	<u>\$82,439</u>
Total Occupational/Physical Therapy	<u>\$273,981</u>	<u>\$247,652</u>	<u>\$269,239</u>	<u>\$300,752</u>	<u>\$309,710</u>

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	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
Administration					
2400 110 Director of Student Services	\$100,940	\$100,940	\$104,473	\$100,000	\$102,500
2400 110 Program Directors	247,801	249,124	257,443	251,292	257,574
2400 115 Salaries - Clerical	39,202	37,144	38,444	38,072	39,024
2400 210 Medical	80,504	85,327	89,168	94,212	101,652
2400 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	40,388	39,778	41,890	77,482	75,556
2400 325 Professional Development	13,000	12,940	15,000	15,000	15,000
2400 330 Contracted Service	4,500	5,564	4,500	6,000	6,000
2400 360 Legal	5,000	1,953	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400 531 Telephone/Postage	1,950	636	1,600	1,600	1,600
2400 540 Advertising	2,000	814	5,000	3,000	3,000
2400 580 Travel	8,000	8,968	10,000	10,000	10,000
2400 610 Supplies/Software/Copier	7,500	8,224	7,500	7,500	7,500
2400 739 Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>\$553,785</u>	<u>\$551,412</u>	<u>\$583,018</u>	<u>\$612,158</u>	<u>\$627,406</u>
Transportation Administration					
2711 110 Coordinator	\$20,000	\$19,429	\$20,109	\$20,021	\$20,522
2711 210 Medical	0	6,561	6,749	6,749	7,282
2711 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>3,376</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>3,777</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>4,090</u>
	<u>\$23,376</u>	<u>\$29,868</u>	<u>\$30,635</u>	<u>\$30,775</u>	<u>\$31,894</u>
Total Administration	<u>\$577,161</u>	<u>\$581,280</u>	<u>\$613,653</u>	<u>\$642,933</u>	<u>\$659,300</u>
Transportation					
2712 115 Salary/Drivers & Assistants	\$106,744	\$143,136	\$131,410	\$159,871	\$167,775
2712 210 Medical	0	7,209	22,599	7,533	8,128
2712 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	17,789	24,605	22,894	26,434	26,706
2712 430 Repairs & Maintenance	10,000	16,455	12,000	16,000	16,000
2712 500 Services/Insurance	1,000	1,425	2,000	2,000	2,000
2712 540 Advertising	1,500	366	1,500	1,000	1,000
2712 580 Prof Dev/Travel	0	302	0	500	500
2712 592 Services/Districts	0	3,340	0	9,500	10,000
2712 610 Supplies	1,500	534	1,200	1,200	1,200
2712 620 Fuel	30,000	32,192	36,000	32,000	32,000
2712 910 Bus Lease Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>9,745</u>	<u>9,358</u>
Total Transportation	<u>\$168,533</u>	<u>\$229,564</u>	<u>\$248,103</u>	<u>\$265,783</u>	<u>\$274,667</u>
Total Special Education/Early Education	<u>\$1,938,580</u>	<u>\$1,989,233</u>	<u>\$9,374,765</u>	<u>\$9,676,210</u>	<u>\$9,622,788</u>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY17**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn. Towns	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
1 PK Sites - Less Medicaid covered costs												
2 Students at Site	\$202,231									12	29.95	
3 Site Based Early Education										\$108,993	\$93,238	
4 Early Education - Instruction - Less IDEA covered costs												
5 ADM (less site)	162.28		24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	6.25	4.00	10.00
6 Percentage Allocation			14.9%	\$3.1%		29.8%			9.7%	3.9%	2.5%	5.2%
7 Early Education Instruction	\$136,341		\$20,290	\$45,159		\$40,648			\$13,232	\$5,250	\$3,361	\$8,401
8 Early Education - Speech - Less IDEA covered costs												
9 ADM (less site for udf17)	174.28		24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	18.25	4.00	10.00
10 Percentage Allocation			13.9%	30.8%		27.8%			9.0%	10.5%	2.3%	5.7%
11 Early Education Speech	\$113,394		\$15,713	\$34,972		\$31,478			\$10,247	\$11,875	\$2,602	\$6,507
12 Early Ed Instructional/Support Services - Less IDEA covered costs												
13 ADM	204.23		24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	18.25	38.95	10.00
14 Percentage Allocation			11.8%	26.3%		23.7%			7.7%	8.9%	16.6%	4.9%
15 Early Ed Instructional Support Services	\$9,160		\$1,083	\$2,411		\$2,170			\$706	\$819	\$1,523	\$448
16 Services K-6/8 - Includes Cornerstone Program - Less IDEA covered costs												
17 Projected FY17 Enrollment	1,093.66	11.28	169.73	291.80	0.00	259.05	2.72	1.83	91.25	86.60	158.40	21.00
18 Percentage Allocation		1.0%	15.5%	26.7%	0.0%	23.7%	0.2%	0.2%	8.3%	7.9%	14.5%	1.9%
19 Services K-6/8	\$3,205,797	\$33,065	\$497,520	\$855,341	\$0	\$759,341	\$7,973	\$5,353	\$267,476	\$253,848	\$464,312	\$61,558
20 Services 7/9-12												
21 Projected FY17 Enrollment	858.65	88.92	100.00	213.69	10.00	146.00	110.12	30.17	48.75			111.00
22 Percentage Allocation		10.4%	11.6%	24.9%	1.2%	17.0%	12.8%	3.5%	5.7%			12.9%
23 Services 7/9-12	\$4,250,479	\$440,171	\$495,019	\$1,057,804	\$49,502	\$722,726	\$545,115	\$149,349	\$241,321			\$549,472
24 Behavior Analysis/Psychological/OT/PT/Administration/Transportation - Less IDEA and Medicaid covered costs												
25 Projected FY17 Enrollment	2,156.54	100.20	293.88	559.24	10.00	453.43	112.84	32.00	155.75	104.85	192.35	142.00
26 Percentage Allocation		4.6%	13.6%	25.9%	0.5%	21.0%	5.2%	1.6%	7.2%	4.9%	8.9%	6.6%
27 PsychOT/PT/Adminin/Transportation	\$981,247	\$45,137	\$133,450	\$254,143	\$4,906	\$206,062	\$51,025	\$15,700	\$70,650	\$48,081	\$87,331	\$64,762
28 Deficit Raised												
29 Prior Year Overall Assessment Allocation												
30 Deficit Raised	\$235,266	\$13,645	\$28,232	\$52,699	\$1,647	\$62,581	\$14,822	\$4,235	\$12,224	\$10,352	\$14,586	\$20,233
31 TOTAL FY17 ASSESSMENT	\$9,133,915	\$532,018	\$1,191,307	\$2,302,529	\$56,055	\$1,825,006	\$616,935	\$174,647	\$615,866	\$439,218	\$666,353	\$711,381



BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

January 6, 2016



Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2016-2017 school year. With the pressures of the allowable growth rates under Act 46 and the challenges faced by our sending schools and communities, we have set our tuition at \$16,250, an increase of 1.88%, despite contracted faculty salary increases of 2.8% and benefits increasing roughly 8%. We recognize that our sending schools face the same difficult economics that we face, and we are seeking to alleviate some of their financial pressures.

In considering our tuition, we call your attention to a few points:

- We are most proud of the quality of our faculty and their dedication to students. Meaningful teacher-student relationships are one of the hallmarks of this school, and we are able to attract and retain unusually skilled teachers in no small part thanks to the support of our sending communities.
- We remain fully committed to superb programming in academics, athletics and the creative arts, ensuring that BBA students benefit from tremendous learning experiences and opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- We continue to raise significant capital dollars to support infrastructure growth. In the past five years, thanks to private donations, we have installed a world-class turf field, launched the Mountain Campus program in environmental studies, launched the Student Success Program to support the aspirations of first-generation college bound students, and put iPads in the hands of every student and teacher. Just this past year, we invested in the Target program, created a STEAM lab maker space, and, in partnership with Hildene, are launching a program in food systems and agricultural studies housed in their newly constructed, state-of-the-art greenhouse.
- Along with infrastructure investment, our team of educators constantly thinks about ways to improve our curriculum and teaching. This year, along with a variety of other steps forward, we have instituted Flex Block, which give students the responsibility and flexibility to maximize their use of time, seek extra help, and find enrichment opportunities.
- We augment our tuition with \$700,000 in endowment draw, \$2 million in international student revenues, and \$1 million in annual fundraising. These added sources of revenue ensure that we are able to provide programs and services that far exceed what would be possible on tuition dollars alone.

BBA cherishes its relationship with our sending communities. We seek to be an important resource, a reason that people want to live in our communities, and a source of strength and pride for all. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Seth B. Bongartz
Chair, Board of Trustees

Burr and Burton Academy Budget

	Audited Financials 2014-2015	Current Forecast 2015-2016	Draft Budget 2016-2017
OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS			
Tuition and fees	\$13,069,947	\$13,168,507	\$13,511,911
Food Service	300,371	329,336	335,000
Contributions and grants - operating	992,587	1,000,700	1,000,000
Endowment Draw	634,289	655,790	700,000
Other (Gate Receipts, Yearbook, Graduation Fees, Permits)	75,930	63,000	63,000
Total revenue	\$15,073,124	\$15,217,333	\$15,609,911
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and wages	8,312,146	8,386,920	8,621,754
Employee benefits	2,726,064	2,933,438	3,168,113
Total personnel	\$11,038,210	\$11,320,358	\$11,789,867
Advertising	18,367	15,000	15,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	294,378	242,998	240,000
Depreciation	1,406,762	1,223,586	1,112,784
Equipment and leases	159,844	117,813	119,933
Insurance	202,717	197,078	210,202
Interest	37,333	43,589	47,364
Professional development	92,996	98,500	100,000
Professional fees	118,380	124,500	124,500
Purchased services and service contracts	787,517	816,783	800,000
Repairs and maintenance	159,871	155,000	155,000
Room and board	192,650	205,200	213,593
Scholarships and awards	35,309	40,000	40,000
Supplies	680,936	733,499	700,000
Telephone and postage	72,247	86,048	85,000
Transportation and travel	420,132	447,038	450,000
Utilities	338,135	325,173	326,473
Total operating expenses	\$16,055,784	\$16,192,163	\$16,529,716
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$982,660)	(\$974,830)	(\$919,805)

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

Dear residents of Dorset,

Long Trail School is proud of the role we play in the Vermont education scene. For forty years we have provided meaningful learning experiences to students in this region. Now serving more than 28 communities, Long Trail continues to meet and exceed the goals of its families by recognizing each student's passions and encouraging their growth. Every day we see the achievements that our warm family atmosphere fosters.

Long Trail offers unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges. With over 180 students this year from nearby towns and several countries, we celebrate keen classroom engagement through interdisciplinary and multi-graded courses, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. Students connect with, learn from and challenge each other daily. From Model UN programs to our engineering and science clubs, kids are thinking and learning with an eye toward the world...and to their future. Projects test their abilities to think beyond textbooks and assignments regularly provide opportunities to push the boundaries of expectations.

Fundamental to our work with students is a sense of purpose and place in community. Student organizations work with local groups and churches to assist others. Fundraising for causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders and see the difference they can make.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the unique educational experiences we offer. Here is some data to highlight the successes funded by your investment in a Long Trail education.

- 94% college attendance rate
- 23 International Baccalaureate (IB) diplomas awarded in the last 3 years;
2012-2014 avg. LTS pass rate 83%; avg. global pass rate 78.9%
- SBAC scores

ELA/Literacy (% level 3 or above)	LTS	statewide
Grade 6- 11 students	100%	53%
Grade 7- 21 students	76%	55%
Grade 8- 25 students	76%	54%
Grade 11- 14 students	71%	58%
Mathematics (% level 3 or above)		
Grade 6- 11 students	82%	37%
Grade 7- 21 students	52%	43%
Grade 8- 25 students	60%	40%
Grade 11-16 students	56%	37%

We are steadfast in our desire to improve the lives of our students. We have played a role in the lives of thousands of alumni over the years and are pleased to continue to be a pivotal partner in educating area children. We welcome you to stop by anytime and see the excitement in action.

LTS engaged a new auditing firm and the attached results have been audited by them and approved by the trustees. The format is slightly different than what we have submitted in the past but the results conform to our financial statements at June 30 of each year end.

Sincerely,
Steven E. Dear, Head of School



Long Trail School
Statement of Operations
Years Ended June 30

	AUDITED 2013-2014	AUDITED 2014-2015
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Total Tuition and Fees	\$2,753,419	\$3,165,448
Program Support Revenue	544,327	584,179
Financial Aid	(574,210)	(615,460)
Auxiliary Programs	10,927	23,191
Contributions	314,670	356,290
Investment income for operations	130,187	140,675
Total Support & Revenue	<u>\$3,179,320</u>	<u>\$3,654,323</u>
 EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Educational and Supporting programs	2,732,500	2,925,420
Auxiliary Services	56,397	25,460
Total Program Support	<u>2,788,897</u>	<u>2,950,880</u>
Supporting Services		
General Administration	827,318	912,320
Fundraising	199,204	178,769
Total Supporting Services	<u>1,026,522</u>	<u>1,091,089</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,815,419</u>	<u>\$4,041,969</u>
 OTHER REVENUE AND GAINS	\$ 661,205	\$ 464,950
 NET OPERATING RESULTS	\$ 25,106	\$ 77,304

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 29TH AND MARCH 1ST, 2016**

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, February 29, 2016 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 \$13,000.

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 1, 2016.

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 1, 2016, 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 Moderator for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE C: To elect a Treasurer for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE D: To elect a Clerk for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE E: Shall the voters of the of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,437,005, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE F: 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 \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 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.

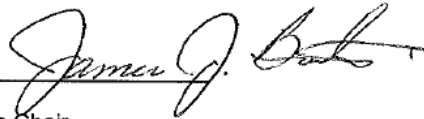
Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Register to Vote! Applications for addition to voter checklist must be received by the Town Clerk's Office of said District by Wednesday, February 24, 2016 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

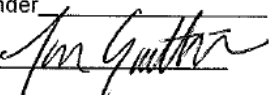


Rickey Harrington, Vice Chair

Edward Letourneau, Clerk

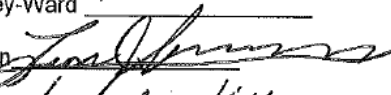
Gloria Alexander

Jon Gauthier



Jessica Gulley-Ward

Leon Johnson

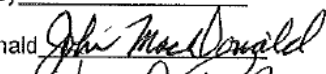


Jackie Kelly

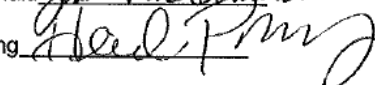


Francis Kinney

John MacDonald



Heidi Pickering



Received for recording this 28 day of January 2016

Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or
Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD,



FREE college planning event

for parents & students

*Concerned about college costs?
Anxious about the application process?
Wondering how to create a college list?*

Join VSAC to minimize the unknown.

Choose a date & location:

Saturday

March 19

Saint Michael's College

April 2

Castleton University

Monday evening

April 4

Lyndon State College
(with the NEK College Fair)

Attend & enter
to win an iPad!

**Register
today!**

vsac.org/CollegePathways

- applying to college: step by step
- your college search: factors to consider and tools to use
- tackling a college admissions essay
- free college during high school
- strategies for the SAT/ACT tests
- financial aid and college costs ...

and more!

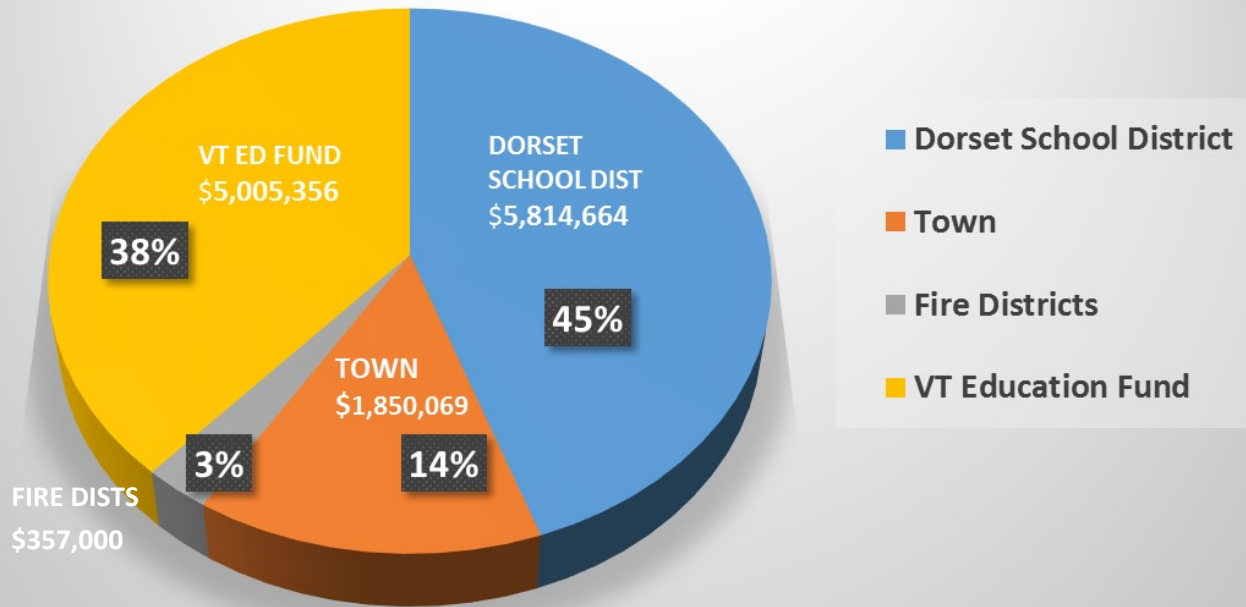


Questions? 888-943-7301

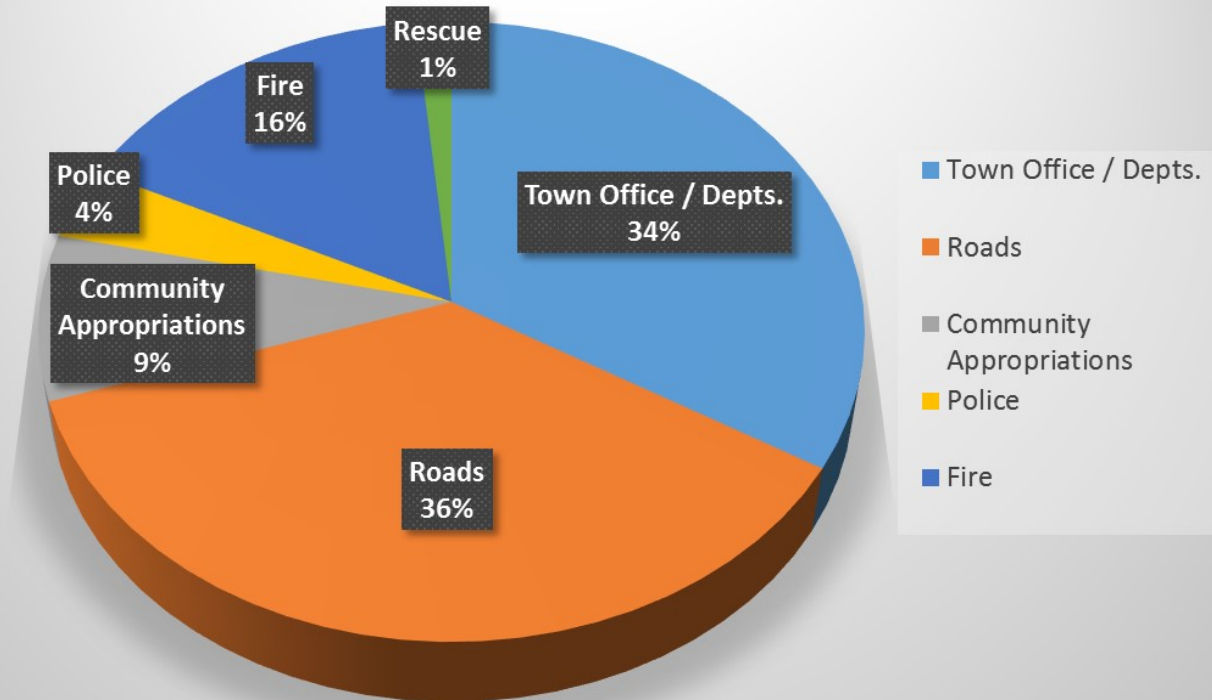
College Pathways is funded by VSAC;
by Vermont State GEAR UP, a federally
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Dorset Property Tax Dollars: \$13,027,089



Total Dorset Municipal Spending = \$2,207,069





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