

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
AND SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF

FAYSTON

VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013



PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING,
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 AT 9:30 A.M.
AT THE FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD

2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2nd Tuesday each month or on call of Chairman

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

On call of Town Clerk

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Fayston Elementary School

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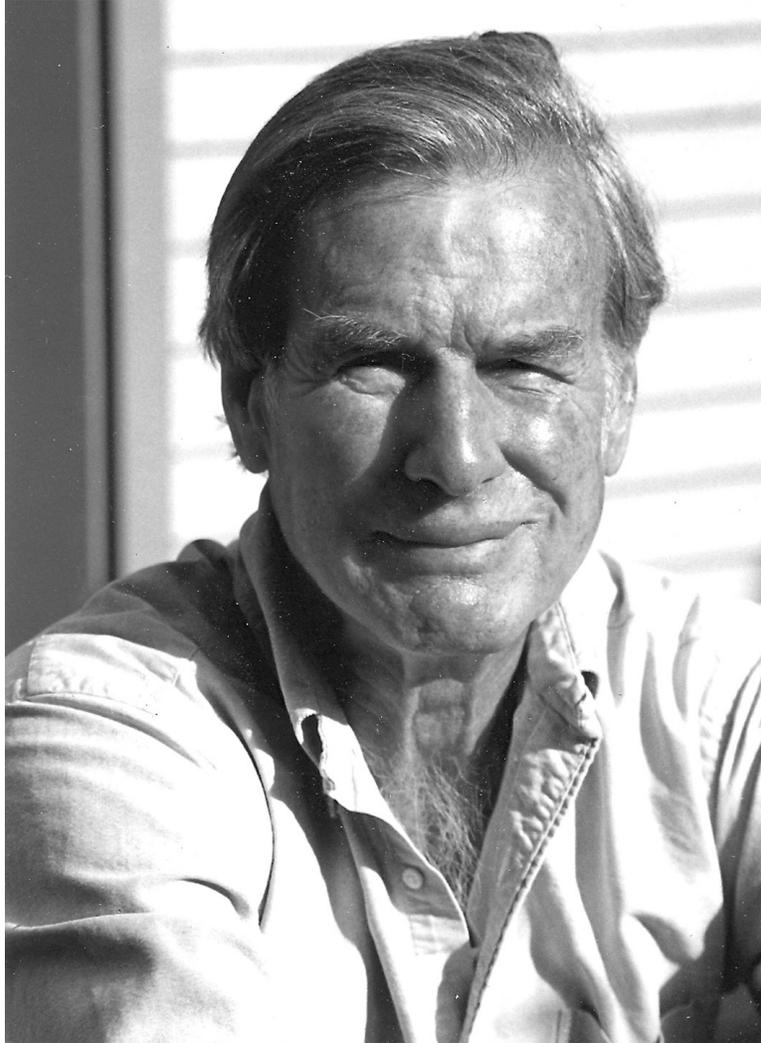
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Fire	496-2400 or 911
State Police	496-2262 or 911
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Central Vermont Hospital	229-9121
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Harwood Union High School	www.harwood.org
Fayston Elementary School	www.faystonelementary.org

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DEDICATION

**ARTHUR WILLIAMS (1926-2013)**

The Town of Fayston and its residents honor and celebrate the life of Arthur Williams who passed away on December 28, 2013. A long time resident of Fayston, Arthur moved here with his wife Hannah in 1958. Arthur was a devoted and generous contributor to the town, the Mad River Valley community and the State of Vermont. The list of his accomplishments and endeavors is truly remarkable. He served three terms as Fayston's Representative to the State Legislature; he served on Fayston's first Planning Commission and started the Mad River Valley Community Fund. He was an original investor in the Sugarbush Ski Resort, started the Friends of the Vermont State House, served as Executive Director of the Vermont Council on the Arts and he founded the Mad River Valley Polo Club. He was a tireless supporter of early childhood education. Toward the end of his life Arthur was an eloquent advocate for Death with Dignity legislation. However, he would frequently say about his many achievements: "none compare with the satisfaction of having a long and loving marriage to Hannah, our wonderful children, grandchildren and my friends." We are fortunate to have known such a kind and decent man.

AN INVITATION

TO ALL CITIZENRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE

The registered voting residents of the Town of Fayston welcome any interested Fayston landowner or winter residents to our annual town meeting to be held at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 A.M. A break in the proceedings will be made at approximately Noon for a shared potluck lunch organized by the Fayston PTO.

The agenda/warning of Town Meeting can be found on page 4 of this report.

Although only residents on the legal checklist are allowed to vote on the issues, we hope you will come, meet your neighbors and become better acquainted with your town and its officers.

For more information about Town Meeting, contact the Municipal Offices at 496-2454 (9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.)



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WARNING OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.
 - Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
 - Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2013.
 - Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.
 - Article 5. Shall the Town pay the Board of Selectmen's expenses, and if so, how much?
 - Article 6. To assess a time of payment of education and municipal taxes (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).
 - Article 7. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
 - Article 8. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term. Patti Lewis' term expires.
 - Article 9. To elect a Selectman for a three-year term. Edward Read's term expires.
 - Article 10. To elect a Lister for a three-year term. Augusta Graves's term expires.
 - Article 11. To elect a Second Constable for a one-year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.
 - Article 12. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term. Zelda LaVanway's term expires.
 - Article 13. Shall the Town vote to eliminate the office of Trustees of Public Money as this pertains to towns that retain possession of a portion of the surplus funds of the United States, received under the Act of 1836, of which Fayston has none?
 - Article 14. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three-year term. Judy Dimario's term expires.
 - Article 15. To elect a Grand Juror for a one-year term. David Jones' term expires.
 - Article 16. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.
 - Article 17. To elect a Harwood Union School District Representative for the balance of Russ Beilke's term to 2016. Susan Daley appointed by School Board to 3/4/14.
 - Article 18. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money (\$1,112,942.30) to pay debts and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2014?
 - Article 19. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?
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Article 20. Shall the voters designate the Town of Fayston as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Fayston Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation d/b/a/ Efficiency Vermont to operate the PACE program.

Article 21. Shall the Town vote to authorize the sale of Town owned lands under 24 V.S.A § 1061? The two parcels are one off Henry's Way (Parcel I.D 08-057, 7.5 +/- Acres) and one off Bassett Hill (Parcel I.D 02-038, 12.4 +/- Acres).

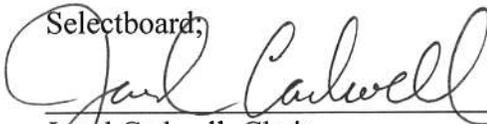
Article 22. **Whereas** the establishment of a Public Bank in Vermont will help towns reduce the local tax burden by offering low cost bonds for public works and depository for their accounts with competitive interest,
Whereas a Public Bank that makes loans and investments in Vermont's people and our economy will help create jobs, income, and economic security for all Vermonters,

We call on the State Legislature to create a Public Bank for Vermont that enhances the work of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, the Vermont Student Assistance corporation, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, the Municipal Bank, and Vermont chartered community banks and credit unions by accepting deposits from the state and municipal governments and making loan programs available for students, homeowners, municipalities and enterprises to make Vermont economically stable, self-reliant and successful.

Article 23. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?

Article 25. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

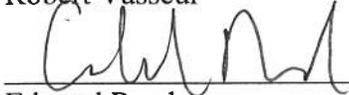
Selectboard:



Jared Cadwell, Chair

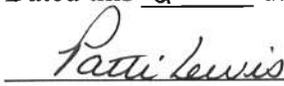


Robert Vasseur



Edward Read

Dated this 28 day of January, 2014, at Fayston, Vermont


Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 28th day of January 2014.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 5, 2013

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston were notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

9:32a.m.

David Jones (David) read announcements as follows:

Reminder to stop and vote the Harwood budget ballot.

Both Adam Greshin (Adam) and Maxine Grad (Maxine) would be joining the assembly at which time David will ask the body if they will be allowed to speak.

If you are visiting the Town or not a legal voter, please do not attempt to vote. If you want to speak you can ask permission to do so.

David asked in an effort to help the Town Clerk fully recognize people that each speaker clearly states their name before speaking.

Taylor Jean Lewis Quenneville agreed to run the microphone. David will recognize you, announce your name and then you may speak.

On your seat is a sheet with Roberts Rules of Order. Please take a moment to read.

David asked permission to conduct the town meeting through its entirety before breaking for lunch. He asked for a vote and hearing no objections he moved that all articles would be heard prior to breaking for lunch.

David read names of those citizens that had died in 2012, John Robertson, Anna Thomas, Andrew Stewart, Julia Ludewig, Joseph Koch, John Ewing, Jonah Rule (Starksboro Resident that died in Fayston), Madeleine Howes, James Hopper, David Wood, and Wayne Johnson, A moment of silence followed.

David noted that nominations for elected officials needed no second.

10:10AM David turned the microphone over to Robert Vasseur (Robert) to deal with article one.

Robert read Article 1.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.

Ann Day nominated David Jones.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Reed Henry nominated Patti Lewis (Patti).

No seconded needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2012.

Judi Dimario so moved.

Mike Quenneville seconded.

Jared Cadwell (Jared) welcomed everyone, and said it was nice to see new faces, and welcomed back familiar folks such as Paul Marble. Jared extended greetings from one who is absent, Arthur Williams. Jared then spoke about ongoing legal negotiations regarding a water dispute in Fayston Farms and his optimism that it will be resolved within 6-9 months. Thanked Stuart Hallstrom (Stuart) for his practical advice on the matter. Jared noted that later on in the meeting they would be presenting a town policy that is being considered regarding the watershed and maintenance of private driveways and culverts.

He noted that in addition to the twice a month Selectboard meetings, each Selectboard (SB) member are representatives on other councils. Jared on the Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee, along with Chuck Martel. He encouraged everyone to get to know Joshua Schwartz, Exec. Director of the MRVDPD. Robert sits on the Mad River Resource Management Alliance currently dealing with the Moretown Land Fill situation. Ed Read (Ed) is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and his business sits on the thoroughfare of Waitsfield.

He stressed that each of the Selectmen is very accessible if there the public has any concerns.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.

Ann Day so moves.

Patty Green-Swift seconded.

Robert noted that while the SB is authorized to borrow money they have not had to in the last few years.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 5. Shall the Town pay the Board of Selectman's expenses, and if so, how much?

Tom Jeffrey's so moved.

Holliday Rayfield seconded.

Jane Hobart asked if they were satisfied with the \$750.00. Answer yes.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 6. To assess a time of payment of education and municipal taxes (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).

Jane Hobart made a motion that taxes are delinquent on November first.

Michael Quenneville seconded.

Rick Rayfield explained that this was an important decision. Taxes are due within 30 days of receiving one's tax bill and delinquent 11/1. Every year some people don't get their taxes in on time for reasons such as illness or a catastrophic weather event and that by making this decision you are supporting the Board of Abatement who hears these cases. Should anyone not like this then the time to take up the conversation is now.

No further discussion.

So moved by voice vote.

Article 7. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Ferris Buck nominates Patti Lewis.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 8. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a one year term. Patti Lewis's term expires.

Judi Dimario nominates Patti Lewis.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Robert spoke on behalf of the Selectboard and their appreciation of the work Patti has done with the difficult job of collecting delinquent taxes.

9:57 a.m. – David recognized that the Representatives were here and did the body favor allowing them to speak at this time.

So moved by voice.

Maxine spoke first thanking the assembly for voting her into office to represent Fayston. She serves on the House Judiciary Committee. They are working on the prescription drug problem, highway safety issues such as cell phones and DUI, the GMO Bill and Death w/Dignity.

Adam spoke next. He is on the Ways and Means Committee. His committee recommended a five cents resident and six cent nonresident education increase. He spoke about break open tickets, early childhood education, gas tax which will probably happen, federal funding received in the past of almost a million dollars, soda tax, and health insurance costs (VEHI), and early childhood education.

David Jones spoke about his concern with the 70 million in taxes the State is trying to raise (gas tax, fuel tax, and income property tax) and wonders when it is going to stop. He does not feel Legislators are getting the message from the average citizen. Adam replied that there are a lot of initiatives and asks that people get in touch with them. Ann Day asked how the sequestration affected taxes. Adam replied there is nowhere for federal funding to go but down. Patti Green-Swift suggested they look away from taxing what people need but rather tax things like soda that people want.

Helen Wybrow noted that schools are unable to keep their budgets down due to health insurance increases.

Raymond Schneck asked what the Legislative position was on transporting tar sands. Adam replied that there is no official view on that.

Rick Rayfield stated that there is 100% inflation of legislative members in our district due to redistricting. Who should people contact? Maxine replied that people can communicate with either herself or Adam.

Gail Breslauer thanked the representatives for speaking today. She noted that there are a lot of new initiatives but reminded the assembly that there is still a lot of post Irene work to be done. She suggested holding off on new taxes as people struggle with town and school budgets. She asked for a show of hands to indicate how frustrated people are with the taxes and the fact we love the State but can't afford any more. She asked that the Selectboard or Town Clerk then send an email of this straw vote to the Legislators. David Jones told her a straw vote could be taken at the end of the meeting under other business.

All thanked the Representatives for attending.

Article 9. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Robert Vasseur's term expires.

Ann Day nominates Robert Vasseur with deep appreciation for all the years he has served as a Selectman, 54 years to date.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 10. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Tony Egan's term expires.

Tom Jefferys nominates Tony Egan (Tony).

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Tony addressed the assembly encouraging everyone to read the Lister report in the Town Report and stating he has been a Lister for eighteen years and Gussie has been one for twice that long. It is time to find some interested people to serve the Town in this capacity. Real Estate taxes are calculated from the grand list which is created by the Listers. There is a lot to it and there are educational opportunities that the Town will pay for to learn about this field. This is a paid position. He hopes that someone younger will be interested in serving.

Article 11. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.

Rick Rayfield drew attention to the 911 report in the Town Report.

Rick Rayfield nominates Allen Tinker.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 12. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Tom Bisbee's term expires.

Jane Hobart nominates Tom Bisbee.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 13. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Debbie Jones's term expires.

Ed Read nominates Deb Jones.

No seconded need.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 14. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.

Reed Henry nominates David Jones.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 15. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.

Ann Day nominates David Olenick.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 16. To elect a Harwood Union School District Representative for a three year term. Russell Beilke's term expires.

Susan Daley nominates Russell Beilke (Russell).

No second needed.

Kevin Wry questioned if there is a conflict of interest for Russell serving because he is also a coach at Harwood. Russell explained that right now he has a waiver allowing him to do both.

He wanted to speak to the Harwood Report but David Jones asked him to wait until he was voted into office.

David Jones restated the question that was moved by voice vote.

Russell then spoke about Harwood's 95% graduation rate, NECAP scores, drawing attention to Page 41 and 42 of the Town Report showing where graduates were going on to school, and imploring everyone to attend the Harwood School Board Meetings.

David did not allow him to put a plug in for the Harwood Budget that was being voted on by ballot.

Article 17. Shall the Town authorize funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund?

\$10,000.00 of which will go towards conserving the Bragg Farm and \$10,000.00 of which will help us preserve further projects of ecological, cultural, agricultural or recreational significance in Fayston?

Sue Jefferys made a motion to authorize the funds.

Liz Levey seconded.

Corey Stephenson (Corey) gave a presentation on the FNRC, its charge, and the process for expending the reserve funds (public meeting and SB approval).

Liza Walker (Liza), from the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) asked to address the assembly specifically to speak to the Bragg Farm project. David asked if there were any objections, hearing none Liza was allowed to speak.

She explained that VLT is a statewide nonprofit organization that conserves land in Vermont.

VLT needs to raise an additional \$175,000.00. With the Town support of \$10,000.00 last year and the \$10,000.00 this year that is 2% of the total price. They are fundraising and applying for grants for the rest. She talked about the farmer they intend to sell to and that it would be a butter making venture.

David Frank stated that he loved this group and their intentions but questions the understanding he had from last year's meeting that the money was going to be available to any citizen in Fayston. He noted that the SB sweats the budget each year and to whom to give money to (such as Home Health and others) and thought the money was to be used for all citizens of the Town, not the few.

Jared said that they did not know at Town Meeting last year that the money would go toward the Bragg Farm, that the money had been discussed as seed money, it was clear the SB would work directly with the FNRC on how the money was used. In this case, and within the guidelines of the fund, the SB felt this was a responsible investment of those monies.

Matt Howes said his family has been here for 150 years and that he has a son that wishes to become a farmer. He is conflicted with this decision because he was under the assumption that the fund was going to be used for more public land and the buildings for public access. He felt \$20,000.00 was too much to ask and that it should be \$10,000.00 and he was not suggesting all of that go toward the Bragg Farm.

Darlene McCormick asks what other Towns were being asked for. Liza answered typically \$20,000.00

Ned Kelley, member of the FNRC said that reserve funds traditionally maintain an average of \$50,000.00. Other projects he mentioned were Kingsbury Farm and Blueberry Lake. If you have a reserve fund it shows other funders that the Town is interested in supporting and saving the natural lands. Therefore, it is very important to build the reserve fund and not just support the farm.

Alan Solomon – stated one of the reasons he lives in Fayston is the uniqueness of the area. He has seen developers that have ruined a city in CT and believes that the Bragg Farm is ideally suited for development with small homes because of its views. He was in support of conservation of the farm.

Liz Levey asked what the State funds had in relationship to the commitment today. Liza answered that they submitted a grant yesterday for \$330,000.00 and when she can say that it is supported by the Town that helps.

Tony Egan – Asked Liza if her math included the additional \$10,000.00 this year. Answer, Yes.

Peter Forbes – said that if these three gentlemen (referring to the Selectmen) think \$20,000.00 is appropriate for the Bragg Farm he backs that. He believes what VLT has done is amazing. The Knoll Farm was this situation and he believes it became a public benefit as well as a benefit for them.

Brian Lavery asked who appraised the 48 acres, view, barn and structure at \$175,000.00. Liza answered that it was a company out of Wells River. They did not consider the view but did look at land that could not be subdivided or sold to others who were not farmers. They looked at comparable sales of farms around Vermont. Jared said that what we have is the history and expertise of VLT and that they followed criteria of a deed restricted land value.

Brian Lavery asked if the FNRC had a budget. Answer – No.

Paul Marble – asked if we talked about where in the tax rolls this land comes in and the fact we are already contributing to this project by those reduced taxes.

Gussie Graves – stated that they had been paying taxes on a house and two acres; the rest will be in current use.

Liza – stated the Listers will have the opportunity to re-assess the property and the rest will be in current use.

Paul Marble wanted to know the numbers.

Liza said that the VLT is paying taxes on the current use value.

Tom Bisbee appreciates the concern about the aggressive gas tax and federal deficit. But speaking for future generations this is only .3% of the town budget.

Ann Day spoke about her conservation of the Knoll Farm in 1983 which was assessed at that time for four million dollars. Patti Green-Swift asked about water quality issues when one pastures animals on a steep slope. Had the VLT gotten any standards for setbacks? Liza answered that the conservation easement would speak to this.

Ed Read (Ed) spoke as someone coming from a farming family and the legitimate nature of the Bragg Farm project and of VLT itself. He feels if one step has been made we might as well finish the job.

Ed noted that the SB has an underlying feeling of a bit of a disconnect with the FNRC.

Ed said his intent was to make a motion to amend the article to \$10,000.00 to go completely to the Bragg Farm and for the coming year work more closely with the FNRC.

Corey said she heard the concerns but she wanted to bring up the point that the FNRC follows the guidelines and that everyone should read those. They had a public forum in January where everyone was invited to attend. She wants to re-establish the fund and to build it.

Kevin Wry agreed with Ed and said that there were two different things to vote on and that we should reject the vote and vote two separate things. He also questioned why the farmer had not shown up at this meeting.

Carey Wilson agreed it is a great project but does question the number. She thinks \$20,000.00 is a lot of money and was surprised to learn that \$10,000.00 had gone to one project in 2012. She wanted to know if there was any way to vote on an amendment under other business. That way we could amend and cut the money down.

David instructed that we had to vote on the article as written or amend the article itself. By the vote the townspeople are telling the SB what they want them to do.

Gussie Graves asked if David was saying that they could amend to \$10,000.00. David answered yes; you can split it any way you like.

David cautioned the body that they could amend the main motion and amend the amendment but that no further amendments could then be made.

Sarah Stavrazy asked how much money was VLT trying to raise to make it successful and what happens if enough money is not raised.

Liza replied that the purchase price was \$792,000.00. \$400,000.00 was raised from charitable organizations. They have \$100,000.00 left to raise. If it is not raised VLT will own the farm for longer and it will drag out the sale to the farmer.

Kathy Cadwell – stated she was going to vote for the article. She said it was a considered proposal brought by the SB, who doesn't like to spend a lot of money. This process brought the Knoll Farm into being. This is an iconic piece of property and this is an opportunity for Fayston to step up and lead.

Mrs. Solomon noted that many people are attracted by the Knoll Farm and spend much money in the Valley.

Helen Wybrow stated that as property owners of a farm that has no tax benefit for having a conservation easement, and all our concerns about spending, that we owe it to ourselves to think long term. She does not feel \$10,000.00 is a whole lot to ask.

Cynthia Seckler asked to call the question. David explained that she was asking to vote on Article 17.

Tom Jefferys seconded.

David explained that there were 88 voters present which meant 58 people needed to vote yes to call the question.

David asked those in favor of calling the question to stand. BCA announced that there was a 2/3 majority standing and the question was called.

David Jones reread Article 17.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Matt Howes stated that he wanted to make an amendment to Article 17. However, the vote had been taken and the motion passed, and David did not see any hands up in order to recognize a speaker, that it was too late to do so.

Article 18. Shall the Town authorize funds in the amount of \$2000.00 for the Couples Club?

Jill Ellison - asked for an explanation of what this was.

Ed responded that the fields had been wiped out a couple of years ago by the floods. They had been repaired but this money was to cover operating cost for this coming year due to the depletion of funds for the repairs. He also believes they need to purchase some equipment.

Kim Laidlaw asked if they were asking for funds from the other Towns and Ed replied that he believed so.

Ann Day made a motion to authorize the funds.

Karen Anderson seconded.
So moved by voice vote.

Article 19. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2013?

Paul Marble – made a motion that this article be put off until after lunch.

David Jones ruled this out of order because it had already been decided at the beginning of the meeting to continue with all articles until they were complete.

Jared made a motion to authorize the funds.
Liz Levey seconded.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?

Tom Jefferys moves the article.
Jane Hobart seconds.

Ed went over the budget. The \$1,021,614.00 is a 4% increase in the municipal budget from 2012. He noted the \$172,000.00 in back taxes that had been collected. He explained how the SB puts together a budget in that they meet 4-5 times over the winter with rough drafts and then hone in on the numbers as they quibble and angst over the smallest \$100.00 donations. They try to balance the needs of the entire Town, the roads being primary. Jared noted that the capitol funds are being used to replace worn out equipment for either the Town or the Fire Department. Ed noted too that the State does not give us much money any more to help with the roads. This year we would be purchasing a new truck, dual axle, more heavy duty.

Reed Henry asked why the Town needs a ten wheeler. Ed answered that there were two main reasons. One is moving gravel from the gravel pit. It will be less wear and tear on the town trucks and will not be overloaded. Also, when we have to travel for material it will be fewer loads.

Reed Henry did not agree.

Jared noted that his understanding was from District 6 that Route 100 is scheduled for improvement later this spring. Jane Hobart asked what PILOT meant. It is Payment In Lieu of Taxes.

Robert clarified that the actual amount of taxes we are asking to be raised is \$688,969.00 but now we must add \$22,000.00 just voted with previous articles.

Ed said that to be clear the budget, with approved articles, is now \$1,043,614.00.

Holiday Rayfield asked for clarification of the donation numbers which was explained by Ed.

Fred Gilbert said his understanding was that Route 100 will be paved from Waitsfield to Warren this spring but not Waitsfield Village until the water project is complete. The bridge by the Lareau farm is slated to be replaced in 2014 or 2016.

No further discussion.

David Jones re-read Article 20.
By voice vote so moved.

Article 21. Shall the voters enact the following resolution?

That the Town express its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values and our natural resources; and

That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands; and

That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills; and

That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and the CEOs of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pipe Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil and Enbridge Inc.

Darlene moves to enact Article 21 as written.
Susan Jefferys seconds.

Darlene McCormick – spoke to the article reading information regarding each of the numbers.
Judi Dimario – thanked everyone who signed the petition and spoke about the sands, pipes and that the oil was for export and not for our use.

No further discussion.
So moved by voice vote.

Article 22. Shall the Town vote to start next year’s Town Meeting at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?

Sue Jefferys so moves.
Judi Dimario seconds.
No further discussion.
So moved by voice vote.

Article 23. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Jared spoke about Page 30-32 in the Town Report. This is a Highway Access Permit Ordinance that the SB is considering adopting. Not an action item for this meeting but he did want to use this forum to remind property owners that it is their responsibility to maintain culverts and ditches on their properties. As more flood events happen we need to be able to distribute the flow of water and unfortunately it is seems to be in more legal ways than necessary.

Nicole Migneault would like the heat in the room turned up next year. She also encouraged everyone to become a member of the Fayston Historical Society and pay the dues. She also thanked the ski areas for allowing the kids to ski for free on Town Meeting Day.

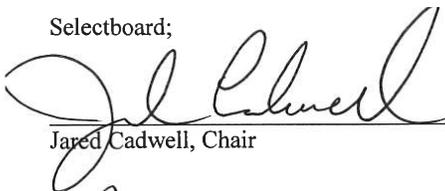
Helen Wybrow wanted to make everyone aware of the community wide visioning process that had taken place regarding what the school can be in the future, i.e. a community resource.

David Jones thanked Taylor for volunteering to run the microphone and thanked the PTO for their wonderful lunch. He then asked if everyone agreed to start the School Board meeting at 1:30. All agreed by voice vote.

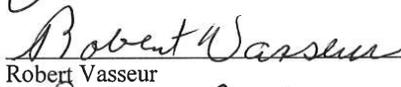
12:24 p.m. – Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Robert seconded.
So moved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patti Lewis

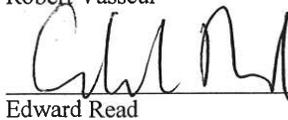
Selectboard;



Jared Cadwell, Chair



Robert Vasseur



Edward Read

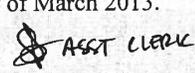


David Jones, Moderator

Dated this 26 day of March, 2013, at Fayston, Vermont



Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 26th day of March 2013.
@ 2:16 PM 

TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING

Selectman	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	3 year	2016
Selectman	Edward Read	496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Fayston	3 year	2014
Selectman	Jared Cadwell, Chair	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	3 year	2015
Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Delinquent Tax Collector	Patti Lewis	496-2454	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2014
School Director	Susan Daley, Clerk	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	2 year	2015
School Director	Doug Mosle	496-2877	218 Lockwood Brook Road	Fayston	2 year	2014
School Director	Gregory Carleu	496-7839	P.O. Box 447	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
School Director	Heide Spear, Chair	496-7454	P.O. Box 759	Waitsfield	3 year	2016
School Director	Jill Ellis	496-1113	2121 N. Fayston Road	North Fayston	3 year	2015
Union School Director	Susan Daley	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	3 year	2016
Lister	Augusta Graves	496-3230	P.O. Box 936	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
Lister	Fred Spencer	496-2426	1912 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2015
Lister	Tony Egan	496-3927	589 Glen View Road	Fayston	3 year	2013
Second Constable	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Cemetery Commissioner	Ken Amann	496-4111	P.O. Box 875	Waitsfield	3 year	2015
Cemetery Commissioner	Zelda LaVanway	496-4201	2913 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	3 year	2014
Cemetery Commissioner	Tom Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2016
Trustee of Public Money	Debbie Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	3 year	2016
Trustee of Public Money	Judy DiMario	496-3367	P.O. Box 617	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
Trustee of Public Money	Ronald Graves, Jr.	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2015
Grand Juror	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Town Agent	David Olenick	496-2267	P.O. Box 25	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Moderator	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2014

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom	496-4726	524 Sharpshooters Road	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Asst. Town Clerk & Tres.	Sarah Stavraký	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 21	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Zoning Administrator	John Weir	496-2454 x 25	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2014
First Constable	Raymond Munn	496-3582	P.O. Box 544	Moretown	1 year	2014
Dog Catcher	Jeremiah Rutledge	496-4424	483 Smith Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Fence Viewer	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Fence Viewer	Ed Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Fence Viewer	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Shingle Inspector	Larry Garrard	496-4175	P.O. Box 545	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2014

Service Officer	Nicole Migneault	496-2083	3685 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2014
Health Officer	Susan Hale	496-9413	190 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Energy Coordinator	David Frank	496-6666	c/o 866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Emergency Management	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Fire Warden	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Planning Commission	David Koepele, Chair	583-1799	3400 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2016
Planning Commission	VACANT				4 year	2013
Planning Commission	Geoff Slater	496-6793	116 Pine Tree Lane	Fayston	4 year	2013
Planning Commission	Fred Gilbert	496-3615	1702 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	4 year	2014
Planning Commission	VACANT				4 year	2014
Planning Commission	Carol Chamberlin	496-4611	21 Randell Road	N. Fayston	4 year	2015
Planning Commission	Polly McMurtry	496-2922	2807 N. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	4 year	2015
Planning Commission	Chuck Martel, Altern.	496-5932	713 Randall Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2014
Develop. Review Board	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
Develop. Review Board	Leo Cohen	496-2638	1558 Tucker Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
Develop. Review Board	Michael Quenneville	496-2190	353 Murphy Road	N. Fayston	2 year	2014
Develop. Review Board	Chuck Martel	496-5932	713 Randell Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2016
Develop. Review Board	Jonathon Shea, Chair	496-7038	4296 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2016
Develop. Review Board	Carol Chamberlin, Alt.	496-4611	21 Randell Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2014
Natural Resource Comm.	Ky Koitzsch	496-5784	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	3 year	2016
Natural Resource Comm.	Gene Fialkoff	496-6668	1667 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2016
Natural Resource Comm.	Cory Stevenson	496-2671	233 Shady Tree Lane	Fayston	3 year	2015
Natural Resource Comm.	Lisa Koitzsch	496-5784	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	3 year	2015
Natural Resource Comm.	VACANT				3 year	2014
Natural Resource Comm.	Ned Kelley	496-9420	576 Smith Road	N. Fayston	3 year	2014
Natural Resource Comm.	Stan Button	583-3285	P.O. Box 285	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
MRVPD	Ed Read, Alternate	496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Waitsfield	1 year	2014
Recreation District	John Stokes	496-2170	916 Phen Basin Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
	Ken Felderman	496-9263	24 Manlin Road	Fayston	3 year	2015
Cntrl. Vt. Reg. Planning	Carol Chamberlin	496-4611	21 Randell Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
TAC	Kevin Russell	496-7877	781 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
Police Advisory Comm.	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2013
	VACANT				1 year	2012
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
MR Res. Mngmt. All.	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2014
MR Res. Mngmt. All.	Jared Cadwell, Alternate	496-3295	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2014

ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justice Of The Peace	Ann Day	496-3527	P.O. Box 300	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2014
Justice Of The Peace	Thomas Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	N. Fayston	2 year	Feb. 2014
Justice Of The Peace	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2014
Justice Of The Peace	Lisa Koitzsch	279-2173	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2014
Justice Of The Peace	Fredrick Rayfield	496-5667	P.O. Box 819	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2014

SELECTBOARD REPORT FOR 2013

We first would like to acknowledge and thank Ann Day for her sixty (yes, that is 6 – 0) years of civic duty in the Town of Fayston. She has been a faithful election clerk, Justice of the Peace and chronicler of Fayston/Valley History during her residency on Bragg Hill and Knoll Farm. She will now divide her time between New Hampshire and Vermont homes but she promises to attend Town Meeting as often as she is able.

The Selectboard appreciates the many years of work that our listers, Tony Egan, Fred Spencer and Gussie Graves have provided the Town. However, they don't want to do it forever! We are seeking qualified candidates to replace them. Please contact Tony, Fred or Gussie – or the Selectboard if you're interested!

The Selectboard would like to highlight a few town initiatives and projects that were completed or undertaken in 2013. Roadwork included the replacement of the large culvert under North Fayston Road and, by all accounts, the collaboration between the Town's road crew and Kingsbury Construction was successful. Other road projects included regular grading and top-dressing of our gravel roads, ditch clean-outs, and roadside brush cutting. The Selectboard and Road Foreman, Stuart Hallstrom, have agreed to budget time, equipment and money in order to re-build the surfaces of our extensive 32+ mile gravel road network over the next 3-5 years. Fortunately, the town owns its source of gravel (Sharpshooter's Road Pit), so the major cost will be the gravel crusher.

The Town, as part of its scheduled capital equipment program, replaced one of its aging single axle dump trucks with a 2013 double axle dump truck. We are noticing efficiencies due to its greater load capacity and fuel economy.

The Selectboard and DRB (Development Review Board) have worked with the Clark family to resolve the road access/roadway issues from Route 17. It appears that a solution has been struck. The SB also is steadfast in its intent to put the Chapin/Regan/Spector "water flow" litigation to rest. However, those concerns may result in a trial this summer. The Town's insurance is covering much of the cost of its defense. However, taxpayers will note that our 2014 budget will maintain its legal budget at the same level as previous years.

Patti Lewis and Sarah Stavraky, our terrific front office administrators, continue to coordinate and oversee the restoration of town records. The town budget reflects the expense of this essential work.

The Selectboard thanks Deb Jones for her bi-weekly reconciliation of bank accounts. She is turning over this responsibility to Russ Bowen. We are grateful for the great transparency and security that this system provides.

The Selectboard also thanks Sue Hale for her service as the Town's Health Officer. She is stepping down after several years of handling occasional tenant-landowner concerns. We are looking for qualified candidates to fill this position!



2013 ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

The Fayston Zoning & Planning Administrator's (ZA) responsibility is to attend to all Zoning Permit activities, issue permits, enforce the zoning regulations, keep detailed records of permit activity, and provide guidance to permit applicants. The ZA also provides administrative support to the Planning Commission for town plan and land use regulation work, and to the Development Review Board for all Conditional Use and Subdivision applications. The ZA is charged with interpreting the Land Use Regulations. On Dec. 13, 2011, a new set of Land Use Regulations were approved, which supersede all previous versions. These can be accessed at the Town Office or on the Town of Fayston Web site (www.faystonvt.com).

In 2013, the ZA and the Development Review Board worked closely to review a grand total of 68 applications (almost double the total from the prior year), as follows:

Type of Zoning Permit:	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Subdivision & Amendments	2	2	4	3	4	9	16	13
Single-Family Homes	11	2	8	5	6	5	10	13
Additions/Other Structures	37	27	25	25	27	43	35	31
Certificates of Occupancy	7	2	5	4	11	12	23	28
Conditional Use	11	3	5	3	2	6	11	11
Home Occupation	0	1	1	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Wastewater applications are reviewed by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division, which implements the state-wide Wastewater Permit Program. The state issued 17 permits to Fayston landowners in 2013, up 9 from the previous year. Fayston continues to require that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for once a new residence or wastewater system is constructed. This certificate is applied for through the Zoning & Planning office. Forms can be obtained by mail or on the Town of Fayston Website under Permits.

Fayston Zoning Permits are required for all new buildings, additions, decks, sheds, barns, garages, accessory buildings, home occupations, accessory apartments, ponds, subdivisions, and other uses detailed in the Land Use Regulations. Applications, minutes of public hearings, zoning regulations, agendas, and Notices of Decisions are all available at the Town Office and Town of Fayston Web site. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the ZA Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Weir, Fayston Zoning and Planning Administrator, 802-496-2454 ext. 25 • faystonzoning@madriver.com

LISTERS REPORT 2013

Our last reappraisal was in 2010. At that time our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 100.33 and our COD was 6.15. The CLA for 2013 is 105.84 and the COD is 8.06. The area we see having the greatest discrepancy is still in properties with more than 6 acres.

Declaration of Vermont Homestead

The Homestead Declaration is required to be filed out each year. If you sell your home you must file notice to withdraw your Vermont Homestead Declaration. If you purchase a new home you must declare your homestead status. **DECLARE YOUR HOMESTEAD EACH YEAR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!**

THERE ARE PENALTIES FOR NOT FILING TIMELY.

Information on Education Property Tax Rates, Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment can be obtained by going to the web site at <http://tax.vermont.gov> or by calling 802-828-2515. This is for residential purposes only.

PLEASE NOTE A CLAIM FOR A PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT MUST STILL BE FILED EACH YEAR — THE FORM IS in the Vermont income tax booklet. There is more information on the State of Vermont web site.

The Listers are still encouraging new folks for our listing position(s). The job, as a Lister, can be exciting. There

is a good educational program through the Listers Association (VALA) as well as the Vermont Property Appraisers Certification Program. A back ground in Building Construction and/or Real Estate is always helpful but not necessary. Please come and talk with us if you have any interest.

As always the Listers are appreciative of all comments and questions that would help us to make the listing process more comfortable for you and the Listers.

See you in the fall during our Town drive around and permit follow up.

Respectfully Submitted

Board of Listers

Augusta Graves

Fred Spencer

Tony Egan

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2013

Happy 2014,

Third year as your Town Clerk/Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collector was somewhat quieter than the last with no elections.

A benefit from this has been that Sarah Stavrazy, Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer, has been able to spend time back scanning land records. As of the end of December she has gone back as far as 1998. This is a feat considering the indexing and scanning processes needed. Please thank her for her hard work and dedication in the preservation of your valuable land records.

Speaking of preservation, at the end of this year I sent all our old vital record books out with Kofile to go through the preservation process. They disassemble the books, treat the fragile pages to prevent further deterioration and return them to us in protective sleeves. There are a few land record books to go through the process in 2014 and after that I plan to start on the old and extremely fragile town reports from 1910 forward.

Now changing hats to Treasurer the topic is taxes. The Selectboard made the decision to waive an 8% penalty, (imposed by the State but reversible by decision of the Selectboard) for those that filed late Homestead Declarations in 2013. **This was a ONE time exception, so please file your forms by April 15, 2014 to avoid the penalty.**

It has been a pleasure to work with and for you in 2013 and look forward to the opportunity to do so in 2014.

Sincerely,
Patti

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$1,130.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$1928.00 (\$613.00 net)
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$360.00 (\$80.00 net)
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$25,890.60

DOG LICENSE FEES	NEUTERED	UNNEUTERED
On or before April 1 st	\$8.00	\$12.00
After April 1 st	\$10.00	\$16.00

Please remember all owners or keepers of domestic dog and wolf-hybrids who are 6 months of age or older must obtain a license on or before April 1, 2014. To obtain a license the animal must have a valid rabies vaccination and a copy of the certificate filed with the town clerk. **If you license by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope.**

VITAL RECORDS – BIRTHS 8 – DEATHS 6 – MARRIAGES 7

I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And, because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do what I can. Edward Everett Hale – American clergyman and writer (1822-1909)

FAYSTON CEMETERY COMMISSION'S REPORT FOR 2013

The Fayston Cemetery Comm. assisted in 3 interments, 2 inurnments, sold 2 lots and oversaw 3 headstone replacements in South Fayston.

In North Fayston, the Comm. assisted in 2 inurnments, bought back 2 lots, sold 1 lot, and 1 headstone placement. This year we plan to purchase more flag staffs and make much needed repairs on some grave stones.

It is required that the Grievance Notice be displayed in a public place in each town. Fayston has few of these so it was placed on the 80+ yr. old cottonwood in North Fayston Cemetery. (Not one protested) In 2010, the trees had to be removed, thus a nevermore picture.

Income	
Balance in checking acct.	\$ 477.07
Grave openings	2,050.00
Lot Sales	1,345.00
Edward Jones (Int. Perpetual Care)	<u>5,201.87</u>
	\$ 9,073.94
Expenditures	
Grounds Care	\$ 5,500.00
Grave Openings	1,320.00
Stove & Flag Works (60 Flags)	60.00
Vermont Cemetery Assc. Dues	25.00
Corner stones	100.00
Corner stone placement	75.00
Lilac and Info. cards	90.00
Lot Buy-back	510.00
Edward Jones (Perpetual Principle)	<u>375.00</u>
	\$ 8,055.00
Total Assets	
Checkbook Balance	1,018.94
Perpetual Care Fund	31,324.57
Restricted Fund	<u>117,657.94</u>
	\$150,001.45

Ken Amann Tom Bisbee Zelda LaVanway



Photo by Zelda LaVanway

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

The following article first appeared in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Newsletter in November 2013. It is reprinted here by permission.

BETHEL'S CITIZENS PLUS: THE FUTURE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS?

Bethel, a Windsor County town of slightly more than 2,000, was one of those municipalities hit hard by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Roadways and homes were swept away by the powerful waters of the converging branches of the White River, and the pounding rains swelled normally placid tributary creeks to roaring torrents, stranding residents for days without power. The storm caused more than \$7 million in damage to the town and its residents' property.

As the days following the storm crept by, many residents, still without power and unable to communicate with the outside world, grew frustrated with local officials, who were doing their best to respond to a disaster of unprecedented scope that destroyed or damaged much of their town's infrastructure. David Aldrighetti, Bethel Fire Chief, remembers it well. "I watched how hard the town government and the town manager were working to try and fix everything," he said, "but the people seemed to be really upset that no one was taking care of them."

Eventually, much of Bethel's local infrastructure was repaired, in part thanks to the work of the municipal government and the state. Many agreed, however, that Bethel's response to the disaster, both from its government and its citizens could have been better.

In stepped Todd Sears, who happened to move to Bethel just ten days before Irene savaged the town. Sears worked with town officials and private residents to create Citizens Plus (C+), a community-wide volunteer group dedicated to citizen-led disaster planning and recovery efforts. The initiative has already met with welcome acclaim from Bethel's citizens and many emergency responders. "I think that a key element to what we are doing is that it is homegrown, neighborhood-centric, and utterly personal," he said, citing reasons for the organization's acceptance.

Citizens Plus divides its efforts into three categories: Public Education, Local Self Help (i.e., Neighbor-on-Neighbor Assistance and Situational Awareness), and Institutional Augmentation. In the Public Education component, volunteers visit every household in Bethel and help families to prepare for a future natural disaster or large-scale emergency. Local Self Help divides Bethel into a number (8-10) of neighborhood zones or clusters of households, each with a designated geo-lead who lives and operates in that zone. This model establishes a reporting/ command chain through which information can quickly flow into Bethel's First Responder's command structure and thence into the town's Emergency Operations Center. Institutional Augmentation enables Bethel's Emergency Management Director to fill in any gaps of the town's Incident Command System and other emergency service systems with well-trained volunteers.

Since the inception of Citizens Plus, the Bethel Select board has been briefed twice on its development. According to Sears, "The municipal government has been on board from Day 1." That sentiment was echoed by Selectperson William Hall. "The Select board is very supportive of the Citizens Plus initiative," he said. "It is important that citizens be prepared for emergencies and it is important that people have a plan for dealing with the aftermath of an emergency. C+ does that in such a way that involves people directly in the process. The formation and development of C+ has gone a long way toward making people feel comfortable that the town will be better prepared in the event of a future event."

Chief Aldrighetti continues to serve as a liaison with and an active participant in the group.

Currently, Citizens Plus organizers are training volunteers, often using online FEMA courses. Over the next couple of months, Citizens Plus volunteers will continue to visit every home in town to discuss possible emergency preparations and responses. The effectiveness of Citizens Plus remains to be seen, but municipal oversight and community buy-in coupled with efforts at transparency look to keep the group on the path to local, effective disaster mitigation. Concluded Sears, "We believe that if we can help to enable simple and small improvements in attaining positive outcomes in the wake of disaster, then we are doing good work. If our impact is greater than simple and small, then all the better."

For further information on Citizens Plus, contact Chief David Aldrighetti at 802-353- 6433 or bethelvtfire@comcast.net.

Jonathan Williams, Associate VLCT Advocacy and Information

Submitted by Allen Tinker

**FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**COMPILATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

PLEASE NOTE:

AS OF 2009

**THE SELECTBOARD MADE THE DECISION TO NO LONGER REPRODUCE THE
AUDIT/COMPILATION REPORTS FOR THE FAYSTON TOWN REPORT.**

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OR VIEWED ON LINE AT FAYSTONVT.COM**



Girls On The Run

TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2013

		Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	2014
Income						
INCOME						
	4000 · Town Taxes	741,393.77	710,969.00	30,424.77	104.28%	
	4010 · State Aid Highway	67,559.94	65,000.00	2,559.94	103.94%	67,000.00
	4015 · Green Mountain Valley School	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00
	4020 · Liquor licenses	1,130.00	1,000.00	130.00	113.0%	1,000.00
	4025 · Marriage licenses	-60.00	200.00	-260.00	-30.0%	200.00
	4035 · Dog licenses	613.00	1,000.00	-387.00	61.3%	1,000.00
	4040 · Other income	6,158.20	2,500.00	3,658.20	246.33%	2,500.00
	4041 · Hall rental	2,265.00	2,000.00	265.00	113.25%	2,000.00
	4042 · Fees	25,740.60	25,000.00	740.60	102.96%	25,000.00
	4043 · Permits-EW	170.00	300.00	-130.00	56.67%	200.00
	4048 · Zoning-fees	12,449.40	4,000.00	8,449.40	311.24%	10,000.00
	4050 · Waitsfield road work	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100.0%	5,500.00
	4052 · Delinquent tax interest	14,443.44	18,000.00	-3,556.56	80.24%	15,000.00
	4054 · Delinquent tax penalties	12,528.02	0.00	12,528.02	100.0%	0.00
	4065 · Interest-CD	360.84	1,000.00	-639.16	36.08%	500.00
	4075 · Interest - General Fund	4,160.65	5,000.00	-839.35	83.21%	5,000.00
	4550 · Fines	541.50	0.00	541.50	100.0%	0.00
	4700 · Current Use	29,906.00	25,000.00	4,906.00	119.62%	29,000.00
	4755 · Tax Overpayments	0.07	0.00	0.07	100.0%	0.00
	4805 · PILOT	15,725.60	15,000.00	725.60	104.84%	15,725.00
	499 Fund Balance Prior Year	158,145.00	158,145.00	0.00	100.0%	91,660.80
	Total INCOME	1,102,731.03	1,043,614.00	59,117.03	105.67%	
	Total Income	1,102,731.03	1,043,614.00	59,117.03	105.67%	275,285.80
Expense						
ADMINISTRATIVE						
	5305 · Pound	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%	2,000.00
	5320 · Legal					
	0703 · Chapin Lawsuit	7,387.02	0.00	7,387.02	100.0%	0.00
	0709 · Clark Appeal	10,272.50	0.00	10,272.50	100.0%	0.00
	5317 · Zoning & Planning	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.0%	0.00
	5320 · Legal - Other	680.12	20,000.00	-19,319.88	3.4%	20,000.00
	Total 5320 · Legal	18,689.64	20,000.00	-1,310.36	93.45%	20,000.00
	5321 · Consulting	711.25	1,500.00	-788.75	47.42%	1,500.00
	5322 · Audit expense	10,535.00	10,000.00	535.00	105.35%	6,500.00
	5323 · Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	5325 · Public Safety	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	5335 · MRV Solid Waste Alliance	2,706.00	2,706.00	0.00	100.0%	3,721.00
	5340 · Contingency & miscellaneous	1,178.94	1,000.00	178.94	117.89%	1,000.00
	5910 · Leagues of Cities & Towns	2,137.00	2,137.00	0.00	100.0%	2,350.00
	5920 · Loan Interest	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	600.00
	ADMINISTRATIVE - Other	0.13	0.00	0.13	100.0%	0.00
	Total ADMINISTRATIVE	38,557.96	40,543.00	-1,985.04	95.1%	38,271.00

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PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2013

		Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	2014
BENEFITS						
	5050 · Hospitalization	73,738.15	75,400.00	-1,661.85	97.8%	86,000.00
	5055 · Retirement	11,554.53	12,000.00	-445.47	96.29%	12,800.00
	5060 · Taxes - payroll	18,681.43	20,000.00	-1,318.57	93.41%	22,700.00
	5065 · Uniforms	1,541.34	1,800.00	-258.66	85.63%	1,800.00
	5066 · Dental	8,699.84	10,000.00	-1,300.16	87.0%	10,000.00
	Total BENEFITS	114,215.29	119,200.00	-4,984.71	95.82%	133,300.00
ELECTIONS						
	6005 · Election clerks	70.00	1,000.00	-930.00	7.0%	750.00
	6010 · Supplies	26.99	1,000.00	-973.01	2.7%	1,250.00
	6015 · Town Report	3,435.44	4,000.00	-564.56	85.89%	4,000.00
	Total ELECTIONS	3,532.43	6,000.00	-2,467.57	58.87%	6,000.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT						
	5090 · Blades	8,157.12	5,000.00	3,157.12	163.14%	5,000.00
	5095 · Diesel	49,203.20	48,000.00	1,203.20	102.51%	50,000.00
	5100 · Repairs	19,479.76	15,000.00	4,479.76	129.87%	25,000.00
	5105 · Gasoline	163.46	700.00	-536.54	23.35%	700.00
	5110 · Oil	1,364.65	2,000.00	-635.35	68.23%	2,000.00
	5115 · Other parts	5,783.56	4,000.00	1,783.56	144.59%	5,000.00
	5120 · Rental	8,494.46	8,000.00	494.46	106.18%	9,000.00
	5125 · Tires	10,901.32	8,000.00	2,901.32	136.27%	9,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	103,547.53	90,700.00	12,847.53	114.17%	105,700.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE						
	5130 · Electricity	1,639.00	1,500.00	139.00	109.27%	1,500.00
	5140 · Maintenance and repairs	2,559.14	4,500.00	-1,940.86	56.87%	4,500.00
	5150 · Telephone	1,502.64	1,500.00	2.64	100.18%	1,500.00
	Total HIGHWAY GARAGE	5,700.78	7,500.00	-1,799.22	76.01%	7,500.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES						
	5170 · Salaries	134,205.95	149,000.00	-14,794.05	90.07%	153,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY SALARIES	134,205.95	149,000.00	-14,794.05	90.07%	153,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES						
	5070 · Calcium	8,588.00	10,000.00	-1,412.00	85.88%	14,000.00
	5075 · Sand	10,660.95	10,000.00	660.95	106.61%	11,000.00
	5080 · Other supplies	1,017.67	1,500.00	-482.33	67.85%	1,500.00
	5085 · Salt	28,760.94	30,000.00	-1,239.06	95.87%	30,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	49,027.56	51,500.00	-2,472.44	95.2%	56,500.00
INSURANCE						
	5400 · Property and Casualty	16,486.00	18,159.00	-1,673.00	90.79%	18,994.00

TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2013

		Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	2014
	5410 · Public Officials	2,576.00	2,576.00	0.00	100.0%	2,896.00
	5430 · Workers' comp	7,686.00	7,686.00	0.00	100.0%	9,741.00
	5435 · Employment Practices	1,098.00	1,098.00	0.00	100.0%	1,310.00
	5440 · VLCT Unemployment	1,030.00	1,028.00	2.00	100.2%	805.00
	Total INSURANCE	28,876.00	30,547.00	-1,671.00	94.53%	33,746.00
	MUNICIPAL BUILDING					
	5450 · Cleaning	1,758.98	1,900.00	-141.02	92.58%	1,900.00
	5455 · Electricity	2,300.12	2,500.00	-199.88	92.01%	2,500.00
	5460 · Heat	2,520.51	1,500.00	1,020.51	168.03%	1,500.00
	5465 · Other	684.78	700.00	-15.22	97.83%	700.00
	5470 · Maintenance	1,906.00	6,000.00	-4,094.00	31.77%	6,000.00
	5475 · Telephone	2,932.72	3,000.00	-67.28	97.76%	3,000.00
	Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING	12,103.11	15,600.00	-3,496.89	77.58%	15,600.00
	OFFICE					
	5600 · Computer expenses	4,542.20	4,500.00	42.20	100.94%	4,500.00
	5605 · Equipment purchase	1,066.54	1,500.00	-433.46	71.1%	1,500.00
	5610 · Listers-expenses	1,174.90	1,000.00	174.90	117.49%	1,000.00
	5611 · 911 Wages	1,787.31	1,200.00	587.31	148.94%	1,200.00
	5612 · Tax Mapping	1,818.75	2,500.00	-681.25	72.75%	2,500.00
	5615 · Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	2,250.00
	5625 · Postage	1,599.32	2,000.00	-400.68	79.97%	2,000.00
	5630 · Equipment rental	2,374.49	2,000.00	374.49	118.73%	2,300.00
	5635 · Supplies	2,370.75	4,000.00	-1,629.25	59.27%	3,000.00
	5650 · Seminars/dues	1,624.00	2,500.00	-876.00	64.96%	2,500.00
	5655 · Bank fees	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.0%	0.00
	Total OFFICE	20,658.26	23,450.00	-2,791.74	88.1%	22,750.00
	PLANNING					
	5700 · Advertising	896.79	2,000.00	-1,103.21	44.84%	2,000.00
	5705 · CVRPC	1,420.65	1,421.00	-0.35	99.98%	1,488.30
	5706 · FNRC	928.90	1,000.00	-71.10	92.89%	1,000.00
	5710 · ZA Exp/Misc	255.88	2,000.00	-1,744.12	12.79%	1,000.00
	5711 · Planning-supplies	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
	5714 · MRVPD	23,842.00	23,764.00	78.00	100.33%	30,000.00
	5720 · Planning/DRB Resources	40.00	500.00	-460.00	8.0%	500.00
	5830 · Zoning Administration	13,182.48	17,000.00	-3,817.52	77.54%	19,200.00
	Total PLANNING	40,566.70	48,185.00	-7,618.30	84.19%	55,688.30
	SALARIES					
	5810 · Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector	51,478.20	51,408.00	70.20	100.14%	51,408.00
	5812 · Selectboard Assistant	10,608.00	10,608.00	0.00	100.0%	10,930.00
	5815 · Listers	14,669.80	18,400.00	-3,730.20	79.73%	18,400.00
	5838 · Asst TC & Asst Treasurer	19,225.44	21,000.00	-1,774.56	91.55%	22,000.00

TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2013

		Jan 1 - Dec 2, 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	2014
Total SALARIES		95,981.44	101,416.00	-5,434.56	94.64%	102,738.00
TAXES						
	5900 · Joslin Library Donation	21,991.25	17,593.00	4,398.25	125.0%	20,211.00
	5905 · FES Usage	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	20,000.00
	5925 · Washington County	27,200.00	27,200.00	0.00	100.0%	27,000.00
	5930 · Donations	20,738.00	20,738.00	0.00	100.0%	18,738.00
	5935 · Recreation District	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%	12,500.00
Total TAXES		102,429.25	98,031.00	4,398.25	104.49%	98,449.00
TRANSFERS						
	5345 · Transfer to School District	0.00		0.00	0.0%	
	5346 · Transfer to State Education	0.00		0.00	0.0%	
	8001 · Transfer-road retreatment	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.0%	80,000.00
	8002 · Transfer-equipment	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00	100.0%	80,000.00
	8003 · Transfer-bridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%	3,000.00
	8004 · Transfer-fire equipment	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	100.0%	23,000.00
	8006 · Transfer to road construction	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%	30,000.00
	8008 · Transfer re-appraisal reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
	8011 · Transfer - FNRC Conser Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	10,000.00
	8013 · Transfer Record Preservation	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	100.0%	8,000.00
	8014 · Culvert Reserve	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	100.0%	9,000.00
Total TRANSFERS		228,000.00	228,000.00	0.00	100.0%	248,000.00
Waitsfield & Fayston Fire Dept.						
	5380 · Waitsfield/Fayston Contract	33,667.97	33,942.00	-274.03	99.19%	35,700.00
Total Waitsfield & Fayston Fire Dept.		33,667.97	33,942.00	-274.03	99.19%	35,700.00
Total Expense		1,011,070.23	1,043,614.00	-32,543.77	96.88%	1,112,942.30
Net Income		91,660.80				

CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM 2014 - 2019

PURPOSE:

Municipalities are authorized to adopt capital budgets and programs under 24 VSA Section 4430, the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, provided a facilities and services plan has been adopted as part of the town plan. Such a plan has been adopted by the Town of Fayston. The purposes of the capital budget and program are:

- to stabilize the tax rate;
- to improve municipal management practices;
- to enable orderly growth and development consistent with the town's fiscal ability to provide facilities and services, in accordance with the town plan; and
- to anticipate facility and service problems and take advantage of opportunities for service efficiencies.

As a planning tool, the expenditures listed in the capital program are not binding on the Town until adopted by the voters as part of an annual budget.

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

1. Identification of Capital Projects

A capital project is any major, nonrecurring expenditure, such as land or road equipment purchase, or building construction or improvement. These differ from regular, ongoing operating expenses, such as salaries, utilities, road maintenance, etc.

According to Vermont's law, "A capital budget shall list and describe the capital projects to be undertaken during the coming fiscal year, the estimated cost of those projects, and the proposed method of financing. A capital program is a plan of capital projects proposed to be undertaken during each of the following five years, the estimated cost of those projects, and the proposed method of financing." (24 VSA Section 4430)

To develop Fayston's capital program, the Selectmen identified the capital projects they anticipate over the next six years. Among their considerations were condition of present equipment, equipment needs, new growth requirements, and facilities to store additional equipment. The School Board identified capital projects they anticipate. Due to the lack of a capital program at Harwood Union High School, additional capital costs at the High School could not be factored.

2. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

In order to determine Fayston's capacity to finance future capital expenditures, a financial analysis of the Town's expenditures and revenues was developed. Trends in expenditures, both operating and capital since 2008, were studied. Types of expenditures -- roads, schools, fire and police, and general administration -- were broken out to identify where growth is occurring. Changes in the grand list, tax rate, and other sources of revenue were also analyzed.

Based on past trends, as adjusted, projections were made of the Town's future revenue base and operating expenditures to the year 2019. Capital project costs and grand list growth (the major revenue base) are given in today's dollar. Debt service already committed to by the Town was factored into the projections, as well. A tax rate was applied to the projected grand list to estimate future revenues. By subtracting projected operating costs, an estimate of revenue available for capital expenditures was derived. These calculations are contained in the Appendix.

3. BUDGET AND PROGRAM

Capital projects were programmed according to the expected timing of their need. The method of funding for the projects (outright purchase, short term notes, reserve fund, etc.) was based on municipal financial practices and the ability of the budget to absorb expenditures. In other words, if a project would result in a major increase in the tax rate for one year, phasing of the expenditure either by funding through a note, depreciation account, or reserve fund was proposed. The result is a more even distribution of annual expenditures by the municipality and a more stable tax rate.

Adoption of the Capital Budget and Program:

The capital budget and program is adopted in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 4404(a) of the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act. This section requires at least one public hearing by the Selectmen and filing of the proposal with the Town Clerk and Secretary of the Planning Commission at least 15

TOWN OF FAYSTON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	TOWN OF FAYSTON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS						Budget
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	
REVENUE							
GRAND LIST	2,855,775	2,869,051	3,686,637	3,691,756	3,722,860	3,669,008	
TAX RATE	2.008/2.0629	2.01/2.14	1.55/1.64	1.495/1.536	1.548/1.547	1.683/1.613	
TAX REVENUE	\$ 5,767,464	\$ 5,766,793	\$ 5,714,287	\$ 5,519,175	\$ 5,762,894	6,174,940.46	
STATE AID - TOWN	65262	87649	65139	65031	66306	65000	
STATE AID-REAPPRAISAL	11086	0	11039	0	11058	0	
FEDERAL/STATE-SCHOOL	223853	193864	169049	164001	212367	195104	
OTHER - TOWN	116792	107398	139706	165496	154173	109500	
OTHER - SCHOOL	50849	32500	32500	32500	28500	28500	
FAYSTON ED FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,235,306	\$ 6,188,204	\$ 6,131,720	\$ 5,946,203	\$ 6,235,298	\$ 6,573,044	
EXPENDITURES - OPERATING							
ROADS	233179	211120	217932	259711	272270	298700	
POLICE & FIRE	28640	26221	25942	30296	30997	33942	
GENERAL ADMN	414490	450294	450379	390888	403056	432787	
PLANNING	44880	38569	39078	40660	37955	48185	
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOWN TOTAL	\$ 721,189	\$ 726,204	\$ 733,331	\$ 721,555	\$ 744,278	\$ 813,614	
SCHOOL - ELEM.	1538587	1607044	1600273	1602920	1656480	1699586	
HARWOOD (see note)	1128414	1067901	929074	938365	1135379	1340987	
DEBT SVCE - ELEM	44347	52551	45419	37952	34270	9250	
SCHOOL TOTAL	\$2,711,348	\$2,727,496	\$2,574,766	\$2,579,237	\$2,826,129	\$3,049,823	
TOTAL OPERATING - BOTH	\$ 3,432,537	\$ 3,453,700	\$ 3,308,097	\$ 3,300,792	\$ 3,536,137	\$ 3,854,187	
CAPITAL							
TOWN	168000	163000	216000	206000	200000	208000	
SCHOOL	28849	13631	13631	13631	35000	55000	
TOTAL OP'G AND CAPITAL	\$ 3,629,386	\$ 3,630,331	\$ 3,537,728	\$ 3,520,423	\$ 3,771,137	\$ 4,117,187	
LONG TERM DEBT							
TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SCHOOL	201825	149274	103855	65903	30903	0	
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	201825	149274	103855	65903	30903	0	
Est'd Ed'n Fund payment	\$ 1,995,538	\$ 1,955,627	\$ 2,180,818	\$ 2,319,700	\$ 2,597,747	2779589	

FIVE YEAR TREND ANALYSIS
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

REVENUE	
GRAND LIST	5.5%
TAX RATE	2.5% (2010 to 2013)
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	2.0%
FED/STATE AID	0.0%
OTHER REVENUE	-4.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	1.5%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
ROADS	5.0%
POLICE & FIRE	3.5%
GENERAL ADMN/PLANNING	1.5%
SCHOOLS	2.5%
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2.0%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	7.0% (using estimated payment amounts)

	STABLE TAX RATE	PROJECTED REVENUE FIVE YEAR TREND					
Note change:	of \$1.68	COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE					2013 budget as base
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
GRAND LIST	\$3,870,803	\$4,083,698	\$4,308,301	\$4,545,258	\$4,795,247	\$5,058,985	
TAX RATE	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	
TAX REVENUE	\$6,502,950	\$6,860,612	\$7,237,946	\$7,636,033	\$8,056,014	\$8,499,095	
FED/STATE	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	
OTHER REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,762,950	\$7,120,612	\$7,497,946	\$7,896,033	\$8,316,014	\$8,759,095	

	PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURES					
	COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE					
	2012 Budget as base					
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
ROADS	313,635	329,317	345,783	363,072	381,225	400,287
POLICE & FIRE	35,130	36,360	37,632	38,949	40,312	41,723
GEN'L ADMN/PLANNING	439,279	445,868	452,556	459,344	466,235	473,228
SCHOOLS	3,116,587	3,194,502	3,274,365	3,356,224	3,440,129	3,526,132
TOTAL OPERATING	3,904,631	\$4,006,046	\$4,110,335	\$4,217,589	\$4,327,902	\$4,441,370
BALANCE FOR CAPITAL, DEBT SVCE & STATE	\$2,858,319	\$3,114,566	\$3,387,610	\$3,678,444	\$3,988,113	\$4,317,725
TOWN CAPITAL	248,000	248,000	248,000	248,000	248,000	248,000
DEBT SERVICE/SCHOOL	-	-	-	-	-	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$2,610,319	\$2,866,566	\$3,139,610	\$3,430,444	\$3,740,113	\$4,069,725
Projected Payment to State Education fund	\$ 2,974,160	\$ 3,182,351	\$ 3,405,116	\$ 3,643,474	\$ 3,898,517	\$ 4,171,414
Surplus/deficit at \$1.68 tax	(\$363,842)	(\$315,786)	(\$265,506)	(\$213,030)	(\$158,404)	(\$101,689)

GENERAL/CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2013

	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2014			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$40,543.00	\$38,557.96	\$38,271.00
BENEFITS	\$119,200.00	\$114,215.29	\$133,300.00
ELECTIONS	\$6,000.00	\$3,532.43	\$6,000.00
FIRE	\$33,942.00	\$33,667.97	\$35,700.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$90,700.00	\$103,547.53	\$105,700.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$7,500.00	\$5,700.78	\$7,500.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$149,000.00	\$134,205.95	\$153,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$51,500.00	\$49,027.56	\$56,500.00
INSURANCE	\$30,547.00	\$28,876.00	\$33,746.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$15,600.00	\$12,103.11	\$15,600.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$23,450.00	\$20,658.26	\$22,750.00
PLANNING	\$48,185.00	\$40,566.70	\$55,688.30
OFFICER SALARIES	\$101,416.00	\$95,981.44	\$102,738.00
TAXES	\$98,031.00	\$102,429.25	\$98,449.00
TOTAL	\$815,614.00	\$783,070.23	\$864,942.30
CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2014			
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$80,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$80,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOWN RECORD RESTORATION	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
CULVERT RESERVE	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
FNRC	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$208,000.00	\$228,000.00	\$248,000.00
GENERAL & CAPITAL FUND TOTALS	\$1,023,614.00	\$1,011,070.23	\$1,112,942.30

2014 REVENUE ESTIMATES

	A	B	C	D
		ESTIMATE 2013	ACTUAL 2013	ESTIMATE 2014
1				
2				
3	4010 - STATE AID - HIGHWAY	\$65,000.00	\$67,559.94	\$67,000.00
4	4700 - CURRENT USE	\$25,000.00	\$29,906.00	\$29,000.00
5	4075/4065 - INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	\$6,000.00	\$4,521.49	\$5,500.00
6	4052 - INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	\$18,000.00	\$14,443.44	\$15,000.00
7	4805 - PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	\$15,000.00	\$15,725.60	\$15,725.00
8	4050- WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
9	4035/4020/4025 - LICENSES (DOG/LIQUOR/MARRIAGE)	\$2,200.00	\$1,683.00	\$2,200.00
10	4043/4048 - PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	\$4,300.00	\$12,619.40	\$10,200.00
11	4042 - FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	\$25,000.00	\$25,740.60	\$25,000.00
12	MISCELLANEOUS (4040/4041/4550/4755)	\$4,500.00	\$13,923.27	\$4,500.00
13	4054 DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES	\$0.00	\$12,528.02	\$0.00
14	4015 - GMVS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
15	*STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL		\$11,077.00	
16	** RECORD RESTORATION FUNDS (4036)		\$2,124.00	
17				
18	TOTAL ABOVE REVENUE	\$174,500.00	\$208,150.76	\$183,625.00
19				
20	FUND BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	\$158,145.00	\$158,145.00	\$91,660.80
21				
22	TOTAL REVENUE	\$332,645.00	\$366,295.76	\$275,285.80
23				
24	TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General)	\$1,021,614.00	\$1,043,614.00	\$1,112,942.30
25				
26	TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED (Line 23 - Line 21)	\$688,969.00	\$677,318.24	\$837,656.50
27				
28	*Designated For Reappraisal Expense Only			
29	** Designated for Record Preservation Only			

FIXED ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2010	2011	2012	2013
REAL PROPERTY				
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)	\$589,200.00	\$589,200.00	\$589,200.00	\$589,200.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT ROADS (.10AC)	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)	\$312,200.00	\$312,200.00	\$312,200.00	\$316,700.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)	\$390,400.00	\$390,400.00	\$390,400.00	\$390,400.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)	\$95,900.00	\$95,900.00	\$95,900.00	\$95,900.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00
HENRYS WAY (7.5AC)	\$128,300.00	\$128,300.00	\$128,300.00	\$128,300.00
SCHOOL (7AC)	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)	\$18,600.00	\$18,600.00	\$18,600.00	\$18,600.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (73.34AC) CHASE BKOOK CEMETERIES (3)	\$261,100.00	\$261,100.00	\$261,100.00	\$274,700.00
TOTAL	\$3,189,300.00	\$3,189,300.00	\$3,189,300.00	\$3,207,400.00
ROAD DEPARTMENT				
2013 TRUCK				\$105,107.00
2009 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$105,396.39	\$94,856.76	\$85,371.08	\$76,833.97
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$65,610.00	\$59,049.00	\$53,144.10	\$47,829.69
2002 MACK TRUCK	\$33,244.59	\$29,920.14	\$26,928.13	\$0.00
2004 GRADER	\$76,763.70	\$69,087.33	\$62,178.60	\$55,960.74
2003 LOADER	\$50,191.65	\$45,172.49	\$40,655.24	\$36,589.72
2009 GMC PICKUP	\$24,149.34	\$21,734.41	\$19,560.97	\$17,604.87
2011 BACKHOE		\$89,100.00	\$80,190.00	\$72,171.00
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$365,355.67	\$428,920.13		\$432,096.99

REQUEST FOR FUNDS 2014

NAME	Approved 2012	Approved 2013	Approved 2014
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
BOY/GIRL CLUB/YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
CIRCLE (fka Battered Women's Service)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCL	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
CTRL. VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
MAD RIVER VALLEY HC, INC.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
PEOPLE'S H&W CLINIC	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
RETIRED & SENIOR VOL. PROGRAM	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS TEAM	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
VT. ASSOC. BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
VT. CTR. FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
SUB TOTAL	\$17,738.00	\$18,738.00	\$18,738.00
FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
JOSLIN LIBRARY	\$14,200.00	\$17,593.00	\$20,211.00
MR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE	\$2,706.00	\$2,706.00	\$3,721.00
MAD RIVER RECREATION DISTRICT	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
SUB TOTAL		\$52,799.00	\$56,432.00
TOTAL		\$71,537.00	\$75,170.00



WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department recently held the annual election of officers on January 8th for the year 2014. The slate of officers is as follows:

Chief- Bub Burbank

1st Assistant Chief- Paul Hartshorn

2nd Assistant Chief- Lester Miller Jr.

Captain- Travis Michaud

Lieutenants- Adam Cook
Tristan Weide

Secretary- Shannon Young

Treasurer- Gordy Eurich

Moderator- George Gabaree Jr.

We recognized these members for their years of service for the year ending 2013:

- Paul Hartshorn- 55 Years
- Owen Wimble- 40 Years
- Bub Burbank- 35 Years
- Travis Michaud- 20 Years
- Todd Farnham- 5 Years
- Trey Winnicki- 5 Years
- Adam Cook- 4 Years
- Jared Young- 4 Years
- Lane Laboeuf- 2 Years
- John Zimmerman- 1 Year

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department is always accepting applications from women and men in the town Waitsfield and Fayston to become a member of our department. If you are interested please contact Chief Bub Burbank at 802-279-2846.

Waitsfield-W	Fayston- F	Moretown-M	Warren-Wa	
Officers		Town	Active Firefighters	Town
Chief	Bub Burbank	W	Jack Corliss	F
1 st Assistant Chief	Paul Hartshorn	W	Todd Farnham	W
2 nd Assistant Chief	Lester Miller, Jr	W	Eric Haskin	W
Captain	Travis Michaud	Wa	Andrew Johnson	W
Lieutenant	Adam Cook	W	Tripp Johnson	Wa
Lieutenant	Tristan Weide	W	Lane LeBoeuff	M
Secretary	Shannon Young	W	Bob Lockett	F
Treasurer	Gordon Eurich	W	Jake Lockett	F
Moderator	George Gabaree, Jr	W	Trey Winnicki	W
			Jared Young	W
			John Zimmerman	Wa
			Owen Wimble	W
			Aaron Newton	W
			Lance Andrews	F
Resignations			Dave Roberts	F
Ted Tremper				
Gaelen Brown				
** Acknowledgment and thanks to these men for their time of service				

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (MRVAS)

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service takes great pride striving to provide the highest quality of EMS and Rescue service for the four Valley communities.

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service (MRVAS) has been your local, volunteer ambulance service since 1970.

MRVAS provides 24-hour Emergency Medical Service to anyone in the Mad River Valley. We keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of the community and advances in medical care through ongoing training, high-quality equipment and technological upgrades. This year MRVAS responded to a record number of emergency calls, 423.

A highly dedicated group of 60+ volunteers, many with advanced certification, perform emergency response, advanced life support and timely transportation services.

MRVAS volunteers contribute an average of 60 hours per month with no financial compensation.

MRVAS operates with four departments and many members volunteer in multiple disciplines:

- EMTs undergo state-certified, ongoing training in classroom and clinic at basic or advanced levels. They attend to the medical needs of patients during transport to the hospital and operate under the control of the Central Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department. Every crew includes advanced-care EMTs who provide pharmacological, advanced airway and circulation interventions, while non-MRVAS Paramedics are available on-call.
- Drivers operate three type-II ambulances (two are four-wheel drive) and a type-I four-wheel-drive rescue vehicle. DHART helicopter service provides time-sensitive transport of critically injured patients.
- Dispatchers answer 'the call' and dispatch crew and vehicles. As the first contact for a patient, they ensure that the appropriate MRVAS services get to the right place asap. They do this from their home or business with calm, efficient communication.
- Rescue includes EMTs, drivers, local firefighters and other volunteers. This team extracts patients from motor vehicle accidents or other complex situations requiring specialized equipment and techniques, including snowmobile, off-road and water rescues.

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at www.mrvas.org for more information. Also, we use the E-911 system and look for E-911 numbers when responding to every emergency location. Is your location marked so we could find you in an emergency? Please help and make sure your numbers are in place and clearly visible from both directions when approaching your driveway.

We wish to thank our Valley residents, second home owners and visitors who support our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is with your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to function as a well-trained team of professionals. Unlike many services in our neighboring communities we continue to provide our services without receiving any municipal funding. It is our pleasure to serve you.

Please consider a donation or consider volunteering! We need your support.

If you have any question please contact our office at 496-8888 or visit our website listed above.

Richard M. Lord, EMT I-03,
President, MRVAS

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2013 TOWN REPORT

The vision of the Mad River Path Association (MRPA) is for a network of public pathways throughout the Mad River Valley. The MRPA is working to achieve this vision by building, maintaining, supporting and conserving a system of public pathways in order to foster a healthy community by connecting the people, schools, businesses and special places of the Mad River Valley. The organization employs a full-time Executive Director and a 10 hour-per-week trail worker, during the summer months. An 11-member board of directors oversees the MRPA and the maintenance of 8 miles of trail.

In 2013, the MRPA had an operating budget of approximately \$85,000, 11.7% of which came from the Mad River Valley Recreation District, which is, in turn, funded by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston. The remainder is funded through events, donations, membership dues and grants.

In 2013, the organization drafted a new 5 year strategic plan. The plan expanded the vision of the Mad River Path Association to encompass the creation of a network of public pathways throughout the Mad River Valley, in addition to its original vision for path through the center of the Valley parallel to the River.

Two sections of path were expanded in 2013. Thanks to the 1824 House Inn, the West Greenway Path was extended from its former terminus, near the gazebo, to Route 100, across from the 1824 House Inn. And, in the fall of 2013, at the request of the Warren Selectboard, the MRPA accepted management responsibility for the reopened connector trail between the Warren School and Warren Village. Improvements and signage will be installed in the spring of 2014.

This year, for the first time, the MRPA, in cooperation with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission collected trail count data from different sections of the Path System. It is estimated that the entire path system sees approximately 20,000 visits per year. We hope to continue collecting trail count data in 2014 in order to begin to track trends in usage.

The MRPA participated, sponsored, or benefitted from a number of special events in 2013. The 18th annual Mad Dash was a resounding success, attracting approximately 350 runners, 70 children for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont Kids Fun Run and a record level of business sponsorship. The MRPA extends its deep appreciation to the many businesses which sponsored this year's Dash, especially Sugarbush Resort, which was the lead sponsor of this year's Dash. The MRPA is also a beneficiary of SIPtemberfest and extends its sincere thanks to Megan Schultz of Meg's Events for organizing a wonderful SIPtemberfest in 2013.

The MRPA, in conjunction with Four Winds Institute, also hosted the first of three workshops for early childhood educators and parents. These workshops, held on sections of the Path System, are designed to inform, inspire and support teachers in facilitating outdoor play and exploration, while also introducing them to sections of the Path.

Other Highlights from 2013 include:

- Distributed regular bi-monthly newsletters via email (to subscribe, visit www.madriverpath.com);
- Enjoyed record membership and donation revenues;
- Convened a biannual gathering of the Mad River Valley Trails Collaborative;
- Provided technical assistance to the Waitsfield Conservation Commission's management planning for the Wu Ledges Town Forest;
- Wrote 4 new Landowner Information Bulletins regarding Path Management, Landowner Liability, Trail Easements, and Purchases of Trail Easements;
- Upgraded our information technology and acquired in house GIS capability;
- Hosted StoryWalk® on the West Greenway and, for the first time, the Warren Path.

The MRPA enjoys close working relationships with many organizations around the Valley, including Friends of the Mad River, Vermont Land Trust, Mad River Valley Planning District, Catamount Trail Association, Mad River Riders, Waitsfield Elementary School, Mad River Valley Recreation District, Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Rotary Club, the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren, approximately 65 business sponsors, 400 individual members, volunteers, friends, and supporters.

To learn more about the Path, or to subscribe to our periodic newsletter, visit www.madriverpath.com.

Respectfully submitted by:

William E. Flender, Executive Director

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

The Mad River Valley Health Center (MRVHC) is committed to promoting and facilitating access to health services to the local community. We wish to thank the Valley Towns for their financial support of MRVHC in the past, and look forward to your continued support of our mission.

Our key accomplishments for this year:

- Organized and ran the “Chez Henri Cup Challenge” ski race with a record amount raised by the event.
- Co-ordinated the “Kids Fun Run” at the “Mad Dash”.
- Worked with “Safe Routes to School” by granting easements to the Town of Waitsfield and Green Mountain Power so that Old County Rd. can intersect with Rt. 100 at 90°.
- Held the fifth annual “Bike and Trike Sale”.
- Stored and distributed bike racks throughout the Valley.
- Connected to the municipal water system.

In addition to our own fund-raising efforts and rental income, the Health Center relies heavily on contributions from the Valley Towns in order to cover operating expenses. These contributions allow MRVHC to offer quality space to healthcare providers at a competitive rate. We respectfully request the same contribution as last year as determined by the number of residents using the facility.

Fayston	\$5000.
Waitsfield	\$5000.
Warren	\$5000.

Financial support from the Valley Towns enables the MRVHC to achieve its mission and best serve the community. Specifically, the Health Center is:

- A modern, community owned, health center in keeping with the character of the Valley.
- A custom designed medical office space leased to a variety of healthcare providers including Family Practice, Mental Health, Alternative Medicine and Physical Therapy. The building provides improved privacy and confidentiality and is fully accessible by the disabled and Mad River Valley Ambulance.
- An active and growing resource for a wide variety of community Health Education services and workshops.

Together, MRVHC and the Valley Towns will continue our partnership to provide the Mad River Valley Community with excellent healthcare for all residents and visitors.

Thank you,
The MRVHC Board of Directors

Jack Miner (Warren) – President
 Laura Carleau (Fayston) – Vice President
 Duncan Brines (Waitsfield) – Treasurer
 Gene Scarpato (Waitsfield) – Secretary
 Suzanne Chamberlain (Waitsfield)
 Maxine Grad (Moretown)
 Susan Marks (Moretown)
 Betty McCaffrey (Fayston)



MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens (MRVSC) Board of Directors wishes to thank the select boards, businesses, and citizens of the four Valley towns for their support of our work providing nutritional meals and health and wellness opportunities for seniors in our community. We are also deeply grateful to the many community volunteers who make our programs possible.

The Central Vermont Community Land Trust, CVCLT, provides MRVSC with kitchen and dining space at its Evergreen Place housing facility, located on Route 100 in Waitsfield, just north of the Route 100/Route 17 junction. In FY2013, we served over 5,300 meals at the senior dining room, with three weekly group meals (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays) and daily Meals on Wheels (MOW) meal preparation on Mondays-Fridays. Please drop in during a lunch on Tuesdays or Thursdays or breakfast on Monday to check us out. Times for meals and activities are posted in the Valley Reporter and on Front Porch Forum.

MRVSC receives support from the Central Vermont Council on Aging, Vermont Food Bank, Vermont Center for Independent Living, the four Valley towns, Mad River Valley Rotary, and community fundraisers and donations. The Central Vermont Council on Aging now provides additional funding support for the use of local foods. We look forward to working with area farmers to expand our use of local produce and meats in the coming year.

In addition to meals, MRVSC coordinates activities, lectures, and wellness resources with area health agencies, including the Support and Services at Home (SASH) program. SASH program staff members Kenneth Russell and Boo Smith, RN are onsite in Evergreen Place twice weekly and provide free exercise programs, games, educational talks, and blood pressure checks.

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice provides nursing support for monthly foot clinics and seasonal flu clinics.

In 2013, we were awarded a grant from the Planseon Trust administered by the Warren Church, which will support three field trips for seniors in our community. In December, we gathered 26 seniors for a trip to Trapp Family Lodge where we enjoyed a delicious holiday lunch.

The departure of the dynamic duo of Gail and Heli Heitzger, who moved out of the Valley in October, has left a big hole in our hearts. They devoted over 14 years of service to the MRVSC in various roles.

Our new part-time site coordinator, Dara Torre, has picked up where Gail left off organizing programs, reporting, and outreach. Dara works directly with Lorraine Wimble to plan meals to coordinate with special events, guests, birthdays, etc. Lorraine, a longtime MRVSC employee, plans and prepares all meals, with assistance from her loyal kitchen volunteer staff.

Two devoted board members, Kathie Friedman and Carole Crossman, completed their terms as President and Vice President. Our sincere thanks to them for all their work and creativity over the years. There are a variety of ways to make a difference in the lives of seniors, and your feedback is important to us. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions for us, please contact the MRVSC board at mrpsc@gmavt.net.

MRVSC Board of Directors:

Val Hale

Fran Plewak

Vince Gauthier

Alice Tenbeau, MOW Co-Coordinator

Gene Fialkoff, MOW Co-Coordinator

Anna Stegemoeller

Marise Lane

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) was created in 1985 by the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren to carry out a program of planning for the Mad River Valley directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic well being. In 2013, MRVPD's work focused in five areas: professional planning, leadership, partnership, awareness, and grants. MRVPD brought \$508k in grants to the MRV in 2013, either through direct grant pursuit or through guidance to town officials or local entities. This results in \$1.2 million since 2009. Following is a highlight of MRVPD projects and initiatives during 2013.

Economic Development

The Villages of Waitsfield and Warren are two of seven designated villages or downtowns across the state receiving extensive assistance in long-range strategic economic development planning and strategies for targeted flood recovery work. The work, made possible with CDBG-DR funding, spans economic analysis, architectural/infrastructure support, and marketing/branding.

The Municipal Planning Grant funded *MRV Economic Development Study for Flood Resilience* project consists of a fact-based assessment of the MRV's economic health, identification of industry sectors of strategic economic importance, establishment of an economic baseline and development of draft policies to support these growing economic sectors.

Flood Resilience

The MRV served as focus of the EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program, which included an identification of vulnerabilities to long-term flood resilience, lessons learned from Irene, and recommendations to support local resilience. A final report focused will be released in Spring 2014.

The MRVD/Stockholm Resilience Centre collaborative project: *Exploring pathways to transformations in post-disaster-event communities: a case study on the Mad River Valley*, took place over Fall 2013. A final report is expected Summer 2014.

Rural Resources

A documentary film and historical essay were produced as part of the MRV Hill Farm Research Project, a conversation and analysis focused on the past and future of hill farming in the MRV. The MRV Hill Farm Research Project was awarded 2013 Project of the Year from both the Vermont Planning Association and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Housing

The MRV Housing Coalition celebrated completion of its first Valley Affordable Land Initiative project, which facilitates affordable homeownership for first time homeowners who live or work in the Mad River Valley by greatly minimizing the cost of buying land.

Selectboard Funding Forum

MRVPD organized the eighth annual Three Town Selectboard Meeting in November. The Valley-wide meeting proved to be an effective avenue for local groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests and for coordination between the three Selectboards.

Budget

For FY14, MRVPD requests \$30,778 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush. This represents the third funding increase request in the past 13 years. A 7 voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a Selectboard member and Planning Commissioner from each town and a representative from the Mad River Chamber of Commerce, oversee MRVPD activities. Representatives from Sugarbush and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve as non-voting members. Meetings are open to the public and usually held the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait House in Waitsfield, 7pm. Executive Director, Joshua Schwartz, can be reached at 496-7173 or mrvpd@madriver.com. Additional information may be found at MRVPD's website: www.mrvpd.org.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland (Warren), Chair	Chris Pierson (Waitsfield)	Laurie Emery (CVRPC)
Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair	Steve Shea (Waitsfield)	
Jared Cadwell (Fayston)	Peter Hans (MRV Chamber)	
Chuck Martel (Fayston)	Margo Wade (Sugarbush)	

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

Since its inception in 1993 the Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) has evolved into an organization that provides financing and additional support to assist new and existing recreation programs within the membership towns of Fayston, Warren and Waitsfield. MRVRD distributes funds upon review and approval of a submitted proposal and budget.

The MRVRD continued the yearly support of the Skatium, the Mad River Path Association and the Mad River Park. The latter to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields as well as to lease the field for public use. Other contributions included support for 4th grade Girls on the Run participants as well as scholarships to various kids' camps around the MRV.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We have projected grants of more than \$30,000 for the year and expect more requests to come during the summer months.

The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to contact any member of the Board to discuss funding guidelines for their proposals or programs. The board meets monthly to discuss requests and encourages involvement and input from community members. Our meetings are always open to the public and are usually held at the Fayston Elementary School. Please visit MRVRD's website to view the proposal guidelines at www.madriverrec.com.

The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 2-3 year terms. We are looking for one or two more members from Fayston and one more member from Warren and Waitsfield. Contact any of us if you are interested.

Jeff Whittingham, Waitsfield – President
 Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer
 Jonathon Goldhammer, Waitsfield - Secretary
 Dayna Lisaius, Warren
 John Stokes, Fayston

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2013)	\$33,636.93
Income:	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest & debit	\$12.54
Total Income	\$37,512.54
Expenditures:	
Couples Club	\$3,000.00
Elwin Neill	\$5,000.00
Friends of the Mad River	\$2,681.83
Girls on the Run	\$680.00
Mad River Disc	\$459.80
Mad River Park	\$6,000.00
Mad River Path	\$10,000.00
Mad River Riders	\$3,000.00
Skatium	\$8,000.00
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$490.00
Warren Tennis Courts	\$2,500.00
Misc	\$20.00
Total Expenditures	\$41,831.63
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2013)	\$29,317.84
Projected Grants for 2014	\$34,450.00

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

(802) 244-7373 / fax (802) 244-7570

January 11, 2014

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes. Northfield and Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2013, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 11, 2013 and on October 5, 2013. A total of 390 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 5 % of our population. We collected over 1095 gallons, 1,500 pounds and 3,684 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) or up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. Starting with the 2014 season as a result of product stewardship legislation Vermonters will be able to bring their latex and oil based paints to our Household Hazardous Waste Collections. We are again planning two collection day events in 2014 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 10 and October 4, 2014. We will also be holding a satellite collection in Northfield on October 4, 2014.

Over 482 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2013. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station, Northfield Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc..

The Alliance is working with The Highfields Institute to provide training and educational programs that results in the composting of food scraps that have been diverted from Washington West Supervisory Union school waste streams. A total of 44 tons of food scraps from Washington West Supervisory Union School District were collected during the 2012-2013 school year for composting at the Grow Compost of Vermont facility in Moretown. Grow Compost waived their tipping fee for WWSU to encourage their participation in the program. Thanks for Grow Compost's support of the school program. The Alliance textile recycling program at the Moretown Landfill in conjunction with the Southeastern Vermont Community Action was moved to the side of the driveway at the Moretown Town Office on Route 2. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens and shoes to this site at no charge. A total of 1.6 Tons were collected in 2013 Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The seventeenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 54 compost bins and 14 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Eighteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2013. A total of ~ 508 tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 26. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 3, 2014. In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program.

The certification of Cell 3 of the Moretown Landfill, Inc. (MLF). expired on July 15, 2013 and at that point the landfill was closed. An application for a Cell 4 has been submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The permitting process with public participation will begin in 2014. Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad

River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Moretown Landfill, Inc. participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. From October, 2012 through September, 2013 more than 61 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY 14 assessment for the administrative and program costs is \$2.75 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Northfield, Ruth Ruttenberg; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Chris Pierson, Warren, Cindi Jones; Waterbury, Ed Steele and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.



MRV TV HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR: ENCOURAGING NON-PROFITS AND LOTS OF MEETINGS!!

Mad River Valley Television is the Valley's public access television station dedicated to giving community members access to the airwaves. MRV TV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRV TV broadcasts locally generated programs with a focus on public, educational and governmental (PEG) programming such as town meetings and community events. In 2013 Mad River Valley Television covered all meetings of the Fayston Selectboard, as well as most meetings of the Fayston Elementary and Harwood Union School Boards. All meetings are on the MRV TV website, www.mrvtv.com, within a few days of their airing on the cable channel.

Mad River Television lately has focused on partnering with area non-profits that serve the Valley to provide coverage of the valuable programs they sponsor. In the past MRV TV provided some coverage of selected community events but with their increased focus on municipal coverage is now reaching out to community organizations asking for help. The station wants nonprofits to identify someone in their own organization who can become the "point person" for coverage, or potentially include MRV TV in budgets or any grants that are requested as a way of providing outreach and visibility for the nonprofits' programs.

In the last few months MRV TV has had a wide range of shows from community nonprofit producers. Vermont Dog Rescue has had a monthly show featuring the dogs that are available for adoption and information on how their rescue operation works. Green Mountain Global Forum regularly has internationally renowned speakers with programs on topics such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, and other global issues. Hannah's House is a nonprofit that has MRV TV videotape their series of workshops and talks on strengthening the family unit. All these varied community events and shows, in the programming mix with MRV TV's extensive coverage of local school and select board meetings, help to create a true picture of the diversity of the Mad River Valley. In addition MRV TV is a member of the Vermont Media Exchange (VMX) which provides access to state wide programming from the other public access stations.

From one show first on the air in April 2000, to the full 2 channel line-up that is now offered, MRV TV continues to be available to the community with training on equipment so the public can access "their" airwaves. MRV TV also has a full studio available for taping shows and accepts prepared programs for broadcast. MRV TV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Additionally, each year the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren have granted MRV TV sponsorships funds, which help to defray the cost of municipal meeting coverage.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRV TV, please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at tv@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, selected programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at www.mrvtv.com.

Members of the MRV TV board are: John Daniell, Dan Eckstein, Michael Hock, Lisa Italiano, Liz Levey, Lisa Loomis, Adele Nicols, Brian Shupe, and Rob Williams. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member. You can find staff and board profiles and contact information on our website. Hope to see you down at our studio soon!

FRIENDS OF THE MAD RIVER ANNUAL REPORT TO WATERSHED TOWNS 2013

The Friends of the Mad River (FMR) is a private, membership-based non-profit organization committed to protecting and enhancing the ecological, recreational, and community values of the Mad River and its watershed. More info on the web: www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org

In 2013, FMR focused on the second year of the **Watershed Restoration and Resiliency** effort, started in 2012.

While the Friends of the Mad River has worked to address flood resiliency issues for many years, recent flood events including the localized flooding and erosion of May 2011 and the catastrophic Tropical Storm Irene later that year brought focus and urgency to this work. It is clear that we need to plan now for future flood events, and do everything we can to mitigate impacts from flooding and erosion. The increase in extreme weather events associated with climate change further highlights the urgency of this issue.

FMR prioritized several key strategies including: address stormwater now and in the future (untreated stormwater exacerbates flooding), conserve important forestland and wetlands, educate the public about flood preparedness, prevent development and future encroachment in flood and erosion prone areas, improve our transportation infrastructure (roads, culverts, bridges) in order to be more flood/erosion proof, and improve our riparian buffers to slow flood waters, protect the land from erosion, and increase the health of the river.

Watershed Restoration and Resiliency Projects completed in 2013 include:

Managing Stormwater

Collaborated with the University of Vermont (UVM) and other partners to install a demonstration bioretention facility (a type of high functioning rain garden) at the Village Square shopping center in Waitsfield, a priority area according to a 2011 UVM study.

Continued to highlight best practices information for flood preparation and stormwater management for homeowners. Contracted with a stormwater engineer to offer onsite advice for homeowners in improving stormwater and driveway infrastructure on their properties. Information about this project can be found on our website.

Improving Riparian Buffers

FMR planted more than 1,700 trees and shrubs along the Mad River shoreline in 2013. We partnered with groups including the Intervale Conservation Nursery, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and the Green Mountain Valley School to complete plantings in 4 different areas.

Improving Transportation Infrastructure

Partnered with the Town of Fayston to secure funding to address 3 priority erosion areas on back roads. This work follows a watershed wide erosion inventory and Better Backroads training completed in 2012.

Continued working to upgrade priority culverts in the watershed. FMR partnered with VT Fish and Wildlife, VT Agency of Natural Resources and US Fish and Wildlife staff to prioritize projects that improve aquatic habitat and flood resiliency. Thirteen projects were identified, and currently FMR is moving forward with the engineering and design (coordinating the contracting and covering the cost) for four of these projects.

Preventing Future Encroachment

Supported the Town of Warren in passing Fluvial Erosion Hazard zoning regulations. The regulations prevent future development in erosion prone areas, thereby avoiding future damage to life and property. Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zoning is already in place in the Town of Waitsfield.

Respectfully submitted, Kinny Perot, President, Board of Directors

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THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Mad River Conservation Partnership, a coalition of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Friends of the Mad River and the Vermont Land Trust, was formed in 2001 to coordinate and strengthen efforts to protect the Valley's working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, ecological resources and recreational lands. More than 44 conservation projects have been completed, resulting in the conservation of 9,754 acres of land in the Mad River watershed.

Conservation highlights in 2013 include the permanent protection of two Fayston properties: the 48 acre **Bragg farm** and the 127 acre **Jefferys property** on Strong Road.

With tremendous support from the Conservation Partnership, the Town of Fayston and the Mad River Valley community, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) completed the Bragg farm conservation project, protecting one of the Valley's most iconic and historic hill farms.

VLT had purchased the Bragg farm in 2012 as a part of its Farmland Access Program, which provides qualified farm seekers with opportunities to purchase affordable and conserved farms. On December 6th, 2013 VLT sold the Bragg farm to Marisa Mauro of Ploughgate Creamery. Mauro will renew a small scale dairy operation on the farm focused on the production of artisanal butter and fresh cheeses.

The Bragg farm was sold to Ploughgate Creamery subject to a permanent conservation easement which will forever protect the farm from subdivision and residential development, and ensure the scenic and productive farmland will contribute to local agriculture in the Mad River Valley for generations to come.

The conservation of the iconic Bragg farm was supported by generous donations from 225 members of the Mad River Valley community, including individuals, families, businesses, artists and skiers! A \$20,000 contribution from the Fayston Conservation Reserve Fund and a \$320,000 grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board provided essential funding for the purchase of a conservation easement on the farm.

The conservation of a second Fayston property in 2013 was made possible by the **Bill and Sue Jefferys**, who donated a conservation easement to the Vermont Land Trust to permanently protect 127 acres of their family's forestland and farmland on Strong Road. The easement will protect the property's pastures, managed forestland and wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams and vernal pools.

The Jefferys are the 32st landowners in the Mad River watershed who have significantly contributed to the health and future of our landscape through the voluntary conservation of their land. More than 7,352 acres of land in the watershed (75% of all the land conserved) has been protected through conservation easement donations.

In 2014, the Conservation Partnership will continue to work with municipal leaders, conservation commissions and landowners to seek and respond to opportunities to protect land that is important to the health of our landscape, the vitality of our economy, and the quality of life in our community. These conservation priorities include productive farmland and sugarbushes, wildlife corridors and habitat; frontage and floodplain along the Mad River and headwater streams; and private and public lands that offer opportunities for recreation and education.

Please contact Liza Walker at 496-3690, or stop by Conservation Partnership's office in the General Wait House, to learn how to conserve the land you care about and participate in land conservation in the Mad River Valley.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liza Walker, *Mad River Valley Director, Vermont Land Trust*

Kinny Perot, *President, Friends of the Mad River*

Jared Cadwell, *Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee*

Joshua Schwartz, *Executive Director, Mad River Valley Planning District*



Bragg Farm Photo by Dennis Curran

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF FAYSTON - JANUARY 2014

In many ways 2013 felt like a celebratory year for the Joslin Library. There were multiple events commemorating the Library's 100th year, including a party in August attended by over 100 people, as well as less formal occasions throughout the year. But there has also been a more general, increased feeling of joy and community in the library on a daily basis. Many afternoons find the children's room filled with students who come to the library almost every day, reading, using the computers, socializing. A poster inviting patrons to share things they love about the library resulted in several comments about the warm, cozy atmosphere, access to books, and helpful staff. On different occasions both locals and visitors have expressed that "every library should feel like this one." To borrow the slogan, "Come for the mountains, stay for the valley," at the library, people come for the books (or the free wifi or the magazines or because they meant to go to the town offices), but stay for the chance to engage with other readers and community members in a safe and welcoming environment conducive to creating connection.

Hopefully our ever-evolving print and electronic collections, increased and diversified programming, and collaborations with other local organizations contribute to this sense of community and ownership our patrons feel. Traditional library use remains strong with steady circulation numbers and increased daily traffic. Use of electronic resources increases each year, as does use of the public computers. At well over 1,000 for the year, program attendance is not only larger than previous years, but some programs reached out to people who had never or rarely been to the library before. Our goal is to continue to expand our offerings so we're meeting practical, informational and recreational needs of people throughout the community.

We have been fortunate this year to partner with the Warren and Moretown libraries, Waitsfield Elementary School, and the Waitsfield Children's Center to broaden our offerings and reach. And as always, the library is supported by a strong network of dedicated volunteers, supportive trustees, The Friends of the Library, and both patrons and visitors who give this library its unique, delightful character.

Thanks for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Worland, Librarian



CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 17, 753 people in 9,264 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, ongoing disaster relief, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 3 Fayston households representing 6 individuals this past year included:

- 2 households with 5 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 1 person from 1 household used our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic to resolve IRS controversies and learn about their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers.

Community Action thanks the residents of Fayston for their generous support this year!

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Central Vermont Community Land Trust (CVCLT) requests to be included on the Town Warning for support of \$250 from the Town of Fayston. The amount is the same that we have requested from Fayston, and received, for the last several years.

We request this support as the primary affordable housing provider in the Mad River Valley, where we have the Wheeler Brook apartments in Warren and the Vermont Mobile Home Park, Mad River Meadows and Evergreen Place apartments in Waitsfield.

During the past two years, CVCLT has completed extensive water and road infrastructure work at Vermont. At Mad River Meadows and Evergreen Place, we continue to expand the Support and Services at Home program called SASH, which improves health care outcomes in our elderly and disabled communities by getting participants the support they need to live longer in their homes.

On the homeownership side, CVCLT offers Fayston residents:

- Homebuyer education classes to prepare people for responsible homeownership
- Post-purchase counseling
- Foreclosure counseling
- Low-interest loans for safety, healthy and energy upgrades to homes

As a community-based nonprofit organization, we need to generate support from the towns we serve, as well as from individuals and area businesses. Further, our private and public sector funders want us to demonstrate that we are seeking – and receiving – community support for our efforts. In this way, funding approval from the towns we serve demonstrates that the citizenry recognizes and supports our commitment to sound community development.

We would be grateful for a commitment from Fayston this coming year.

Martha Englert
Deputy Director, CVCLT

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CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Empowering Seniors and Caregivers Senior Helpline 1-800-642-5119

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For over forty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has assisted elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Fayston.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are case management; information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. Programs sponsored by CVCOA include the Senior Companion Program and RSVP.

Older residents of the town of Fayston often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized case plan, and to connect with them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Fayston is Donald Brown, who can be reached at 802-476-0116.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the town of Fayston.

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Because There's No Place Like Home

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 102 year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, and international travelers' health.. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

Twelve Month Report of CVHHH Services to the Town of Fayston December 1, 2012 – November 30, 2013 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	130
Hospice Care	0
Long Term Care	98
Maternal Child Health	5
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	233
TOTAL PATIENTS	12
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	15

*Audited figures not available at the time of report submission. Preliminary figures are not expected to vary significantly.

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Fayston through 2014 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rouse, President/CEO, or Lindsay Kurrle, Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities since 1967 through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. CVRPC is governed by appointed representatives from each municipality in the region.

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and enhanced consultations with local officials. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of BEOP's (Basic Emergency Operations Plans). Continuing with its energy work from 2010, CVRPC worked with Efficiency Vermont on the Home Energy Challenge assisting the 15 Central Vermont communities that joined the Challenge. The Commission's work continued this year with providing assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC received a grant to work with towns on assessing green infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws. CVRPC began its Regional Plan 2016 update process with its "*Plan Central Vermont*" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by assisting with the management of the Mad River Resource Management Alliance and the Mad River Valley Planning District, updating the bridge and culvert inventory, the Capital Budget and Improvement Plan, zoning review and analysis, Safe Routes to School, MRV Scenic Byway, Home Energy Challenge, Mad River watershed map, town survey on planning issues, and a comprehensive review of the Town's planning efforts.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Significant staff time this year was spent working with municipalities on mapping and analysis of current bylaws to understand how they influence future development patterns. CVRPC can also provide model bylaws and assist municipalities with the administration of grants.

Thank you for your continued support for local and regional planning. Please call us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org and Find us on Facebook!

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director
Carol Chamberlin, Commissioner



FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

...serving families in Fayston

The Family Center of Washington County fosters the positive growth and development of young children and their families. The Family Center's array of services includes: infant, toddler and preschool child care, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities – for mothers and fathers, training for child care providers, assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care, and planning and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

Among the individuals in Fayston who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 were:

- *1 who consulted our **Child Care and other Resource and Referral services**, receiving assistance in finding suitable child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available to them.
- *5 **families** who received assistance paying for child care.
- *1 **individual** who were served by one of our specialized **Home Visiting services**, providing parent and family education and support.

We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Fayston. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Lee S. Lauber, Executive Director, at 262-3292, Ext. 118, e-mail us at familycenter@fcwcv.org, or visit our website at www.fcwcv.org.

"...fostering the positive growth and development of young children and their families."

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

Who We Are

GMTA is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMTA is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter and fixed routes to densely population areas, while providing extensive individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled services to our rural locations.

Total Service Received

For FY13, the Town of Fayston received the following service for residents who qualified for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled or human service transportation:

- 1 Individual Fayston resident received ongoing transportation service
- 63 Individual trips were provide by GMTA through either Volunteer Driver or shuttle
- 2,632 Total miles traveled to meet service need

Our Services

Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled Transportation

GMTA provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid or Elderly and Disabled funds, or both. We offer those in need the scheduling and payment of rides and provide service through volunteer drivers or bus service. GMTA also provides service to the general public for critical care needs such as radiation and dialysis treatments. All services are supported through our partnership with the Vermont Center for Independent Living and Central Vermont Council on Aging. Trips include:

- ❖ Medical treatment
 - ❖ Meal site programs
 - ❖ Radiation/Dialysis Treatments
 - ❖ Senior Center and Adult Day Care
 - ❖ Prescription and Shopping needs
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Social Service

GMTA collaborates with the VT Agency of Human Services and area providers to support the needs of those seeking access to human services. Trips include:

- ❖ Vermont Association of the Blind
- ❖ Reach Up job training
- ❖ Central Vermont Substance Abuse
- ❖ Washington Family Center
- ❖ Washington County Mental Health
- ❖ Vocational Rehabilitation

Mad Bus Ridership Snapshot

GMTA offers the following fixed route deviated service and Snow Cap Commuter during winter ski season operations. The numerous Mad Bus routes, all being free of charge except for the Snow Cap Commuter, serve those who visit or reside in the Mad River Valley that seek alternative transportation to work, play or shop.

FY13 Mad Bus Seasonal Ridership:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>RIDERSHIP</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE FY12-FY13</u>
VALLEY FLOOR	8,350	41.5%
MOUNT ELLEN	23,480	39.5%
SATURDAY EVENING	2,133	-5.5%
MOUNTAIN CONDO	14,064	20.9%
ACCESS ROAD	14,841	30.0%
SNOW CAP	731	-4.8%
HARWOOD	62	-69.0%
MAD RIVER GLEN	737	New Service

Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to our shuttle vehicles, GMTA uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated rides to those residing in rural locations outside the fixed route service area. Volunteer Drivers are generous residents within the area who provide cost effective and community oriented transportation services under the management of GMTA. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive, design their own schedule and are the foundation of our rural services.

If you are interested in becoming a GMTA Volunteer Driver within your community, please contact us at 802.223.7287 or info@gmtaride.org.

Thank You

Thank you to the taxpayers of Fayston for your continued financial support of GMTA's public transportation service and for your commitment to community transportation.

Information

Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on GMTA services at 802.223.7287 or gmtaride.org.

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services.

In 2013, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic provided 2551 patient interactions, including 1464 medical visits, to 654 individual patients, a 19% increase over 2012. 336 of these patients were new to the Clinic. We provided 220 medical consults, 602 diagnostic tests, and 52 dental referrals. Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and assistance programs. We also helped many of the 654 patients navigate the application process for a variety of programs including, VHAP, Medicaid, Catamount, Ladies First, Medicare, Healthy Vermonters, Affordable Meds, and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program. We were able to successfully enroll them 658 times, many in more than one program.

In 2013, Fayston residents came for 3 medical visits, representing 2 unduplicated patients. We provided case management for 1 individual, and provided prescriptions and pharmaceutical samples 4 times. We helped 1 individual navigate the new health care system and successfully enroll into health insurance and assistance programs. We did dental history screenings for both individuals

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2013, over 120 volunteers gave over \$179,000 worth of their time serving our patients. We also received over \$273,000 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for our patients, paid for \$17,066 of diagnostic testing, and got another \$29,000 of tests donated.

In July, we began a new oral health program and have a network of regional dentists who are seeing our patients on a referral basis. This is a program we hope to grow, and have just received a grant to install a chair and dental equipment in order to provide oral hygiene for our patients on site.

2013 was our fourth year of providing special Women's Clinics, in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, and funded by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Ladies First. Complete women's physicals, self-examination techniques, and access to free mammograms, other diagnostic tests, and insurance coverage have brought comprehensive and preventive care to another group of central Vermont's uninsured residents.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus the Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 49 Vermont towns. While our income guidelines go up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), over 83% of our patients fall under 185% FPL (\$21,257 gross a year for an individual - \$28,694 for a couple).

2014 will continue to bring changes to Vermont's health care system, as the federal Affordable Care Act and state legislation continue to be implemented. The new Health Care Exchange, called "Vermont Health Connect" began in October 2013 and has brought many challenges to those wanting to sign up. This on-line system is supplemented by face-to-face "patient navigators," very much along the lines of what PHWC has been doing for years to assist our patients apply for and enroll in various health insurance and assistance programs.

However, many of Vermont's current programs have disappeared, including Catamount Health Assistance Plan and Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP). Cost-sharing for patients – premiums, co-pays, and deductibles – are currently proposed to change significantly. Dental care for adults is not covered under Exchange plans.

This has caused uncertainty and some turmoil among our patients, current policy-holders, and the public, as employees and employers are examining how they currently provide and access health coverage. We are intimately involved in the public policy discussions on how these changes will occur and impact our patients, and intend to do all we can to help our patients continue to access quality and affordable health care, both through private and public insurance coverage, and at the Clinic.

We are very grateful to have had the support of every town in central Vermont, including Fayston, as we do our work. This helps us leverage other funding from foundation and corporation grants. Thank you again for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.

Peter Youngbaer, Director

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Is an Important Resource to the Residents of Fayston

With your support, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club provided the following services to young people and families in Fayston during the past service year:

- 2 Teens were provided with ongoing Substance Abuse Treatment. This includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching, and support for families.
- 12 Teens were provided with critical information and education about the challenges and realities of teen parenting through presentations of the Bureau’s Teen Parent Panel, comprised of pregnant and parenting Washington County teens.

This year’s funding request represents approximately \$17.85 per person served. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most of the services provided to Fayston residents have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

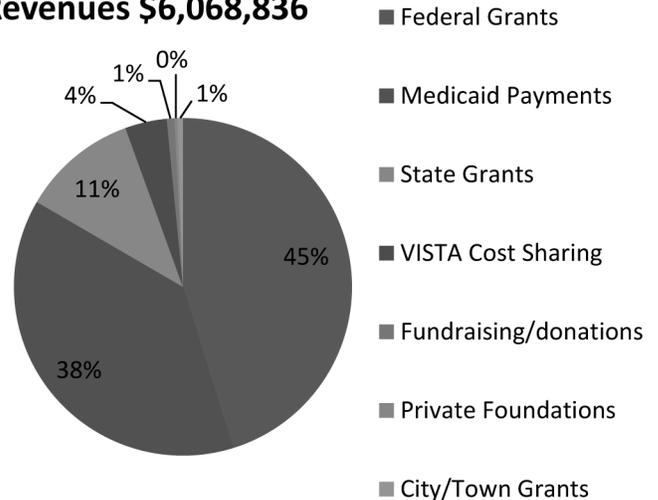
The Bureau’s mission is “To provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont.” We accomplish this through a variety of programs including: • youth & family counseling; • a program for runaway youth; • a transitional living program for homeless youth; • an adolescent substance abuse treatment program; • a teen parent program; • a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; • a peer outreach program; • two teen centers; • a substance abuse prevention program; and • a 24 hour crisis service. The Bureau also operates 6 statewide youth-focused coalitions. All Bureau services are available to Fayston residents.

Referrals to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club come from parents, teachers and other school personnel, other area organizations, the Vermont Department of Children and Families, the Vermont Department of Corrections, churches, police officers, and young people themselves. Many referrals are received through the agency’s 24-Hour Crisis Response Service.

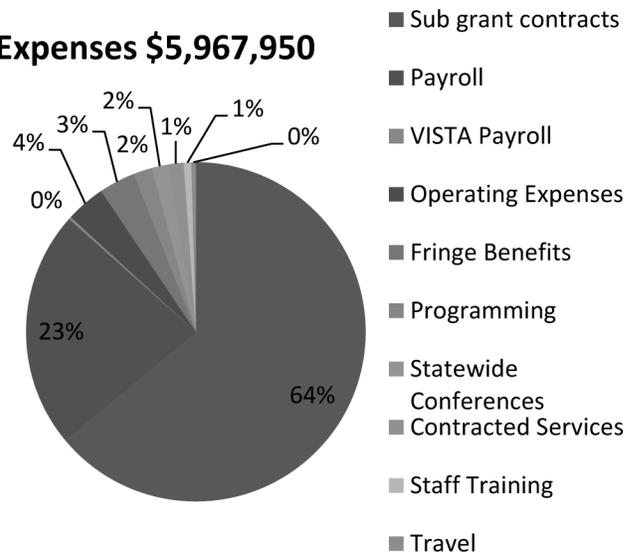
The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit, social service agency. All programs and services are funded by foundations, state government, federal government, private donations, area towns, Medicaid, private insurance, and fundraising activities. Thank you for your continued support!

For Information and Assistance Call The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club - 229-9151 24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week

Revenues \$6,068,836



Expenses \$5,967,950



2012-2013 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

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Michelle Baker, Director of Finance	Susan Neill, Accountant
Laura Titus, Administrative Assistant	Angela Young, Admin. Asst.-Spec. Educ./
Tisa Rennau, Admin. Asst.-Curriculum/Data Mgmt.	Medicaid Clerk/Website Manager
Ray Daigle, Director of Facilities	Craig Donnan, Systems Admin. of Technology

Strengthening Our PK-12 Educational Organization

The primary goal of the Washington West Supervisory Union is to ensure that students have the knowledge, skills, and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives, which justifies the resources invested by the community. The WWSU Administrative Team, in conjunction with building principals and local board members, are working to develop and implement many initiatives to further enhance and improve our schools for students and employees. Our continued focus remains on the development and design of sustainable programs and increased capacity, maximizing efficiency and effectiveness defined in our WWSU Action Plan, which is revised annually. The mission of our WWSU Action Plan is to engage and support all learners through the development and implementation of a rigorous PreK-12 comprehensive curriculum to meet the diverse needs of all students in all content areas aligned with State and National Standards. To that end, we have instituted improvements to our support systems for all learners, created new curriculum, and offered a number of professional learning opportunities for staff to support the implementation of these efforts.

Legislation around consolidating school districts and changing the responsibilities of the WWSU Board under Act 153/156 are continued areas of focus. WWSU administrators and board members continue to spend time evaluating our timeline for compliance with the law. Additionally, the Vermont Board of Education has proposed to dissolve the Windsor Northwest Supervisory Union. The proposal will allow students in Hancock and Granville to continue school choice in grades K-12. Under the current plan recommended by the Agency of Education, WWSU will acquire the operational oversight for these two town school districts. We are strongly opposed to this plan. WWSU Board members and our Superintendent testified in November and December regarding the serious impact this would have on the WWSU, especially around our estimates of the increased costs. Meetings remain ongoing in an attempt to find another reasonable alternative. A final decision regarding this proposal is expected by the State Board in June 2014. We expect continued pressure from Montpelier to consolidate school districts and to centralize services at the SU level.

Some other highlights this year include:

- A technology coordinator shared across the valley elementary schools was hired, and has allowed us to support technology in a more efficient and cost effective manner.
- The first WWSU technology plan was developed and is being implemented. This is a new state Agency of Education requirement. This document represents collaborative efforts across all schools and outlines improvements to be made in infrastructure, students/staff technology access, and instruction. A leadership team with representation from all schools meets regularly with central office administration to continue making progress in these areas.
- New Vermont Special Education regulations were implemented that resulted in many changes to procedures for students with disabilities, age birth to three, and the transition to school.
- Professional learning opportunities were developed and provided for staff during summer and on early release days throughout the year. Some topics included Integration of Technology into Classrooms, Supporting Students in Trauma, and Research-based Instructional Practices in Mathematics.

In partnership with WWSU, Harwood Union High School applied and was accepted into the League of Innovative

Schools (LIS). LIS is a network of schools working on redesigning high schools to provide students with a relevant and rigorous education that prepares students for careers, post-secondary education, and citizenship. In addition, collaborative support offered through the LIS will support Harwood with the transition to fulfill the development of personalized learning plans and flexible pathways as outlined in the recent passage of the Act 77 legislation.

- Throughout the schools of WWSU, 39 new employees were hired to replace exiting or retiring employees for the 2013-14 school year, resulting in over \$300K in savings.
- Collaborative efforts to develop and implement curriculum documents, assessments, and instructional practices in alignment with common core standards and each other continued across all schools. Preparation to transition to a new statewide assessment system in 2015 is underway.
- Compliance with the new Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Vermont requirements for health care was achieved.
- One of the main responsibilities of boards is policy work. Policy development continues, and we will soon have adopted approximately 66 common policies and 15 sets of procedures in our 6 districts.

The students in the WWSU continue to work hard, give their very best, and make us all very proud. Our parents and community members continue to support our work and our schools. We will strive to make continuous growth and to stretch ourselves to make all of our schools the very best they possibly can be. We will remain at the table advocating for our students and our communities at the state level, so that future changes will only result if and when improved student outcomes can be demonstrated or cost efficiencies realized. Changing for the sake of change will not be a WWSU path. We have made changes to increase our efficiencies over the past 4 years, while working even more closely together to achieve more than we can alone. At the same time, we honor and respect the differing traditions and cultures of our six individual towns. We are committed to respecting and maintaining each school's individuality while achieving our goals. We believe that working closely together administratively, and as boards, we will be able to strengthen our local schools and keep them viable despite declining enrollment. Please do not hesitate to contact the WWSU team anytime to share your thoughts. We appreciate hearing from you.

Finally, we thank you for your continued support. The board, administration, staff and students greatly appreciate it.

2014-2015 CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET INFORMATION

Washington West Supervisory Union serves approximately 1,943 students (Fall 2013), grades Pre-Kindergarten (PK) through grade 12, in five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

Student Enrollment

Fall Average Daily Membership (ADM*) at WWSU schools over the past four years is as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Fayston Elementary (Pk-6)	118.34	101.00	99.02	108.60
Moretown Elementary(Pk-6)	130.42	106.45	104.40	102.40
Waitsfield Elementary(Pk-6)	155.53	136.80	138.40	147.88
Warren Elementary(Pk-6)	153.20	150.85	155.40	153.90
Waterbury-Duxbury (Pk-8)	655.40	659.60	674.72	651.19
Harwood Union High School(7-12)	761.50	723.62	716.49	672.15
TOTAL WWSU	1,974.39	1,878.32	1,888.43	1,836.12

*Note: PK students attending school at least 10 hours/week are weighted at .40 in the ADM count. Students in grade K through 12 are weighted at 1.0. This creates a difference in total students, 1,943, and the ADM. Washington West is a Supervisory Union organized in accordance with Vermont Title 16, Section 261 and 261a.

Personnel:

The WWSU Central Office Budget is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils effective with the 2014-2015 budget. The Central Office budget includes the following Central Office Personnel:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Superintendent	1.00
Director of Curriculum & Assessment	1.00
Director of Student Support Services	1.00
Director of Finance and Operations	1.00

Director of Buildings & Grounds (funded through MOU with HUHS)	1.00
Technology Coordinator (funded through MOU with Valley Schools)	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Support	1.00
Administrative Assistant/Data Support Specialist	1.00
Systems Administrator	1.00
Accountant	1.78
Accounts Payable	1.00
Payroll & Benefits	1.00
Medicaid Clerk	.50
Total Central Office	14.28

Total Supervisory Union Personnel I includes Central Office as well as the following number of school personnel:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Principal	9.00
Assistant Principal	1.00
Director of Special Education – HU	1.00
Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer– HU	2.00
Teachers (Pk- Grade 12; all subjects)	213.54
Instructional Support Staff/Technology	87.10
Administrative Support Staff	13.00
Food Service Staff	14.42
Custodial Staff	20.42
Total Employees FTE's throughout the WWSU District (FY2015)	361.48

The General Assessment

The General Assessment includes expenses for the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and the Systems Administrator as well as technology infrastructure and applications used by the WWSU and all member schools including PowerSchool, BlackBoard Connect and Google Vault as well as SpEd Doc. The FY2015 budget includes upgrading the current accounting system which was purchased in 1999 and is outdated and inefficient.

The Superintendent is the CEO of the district. The Superintendent develops and oversees all SU and school policies, oversees the district Principals and handles a variety of Human Resource issues, including collective bargaining and legal matters.

The Director of Curriculum and Assessment is responsible for the development and implementation of curriculum and assessments aligned with State and National Standards. By Vermont Statute the supervisory union must establish and ensure implementation of a supervisory union-wide curriculum and provide for professional development across all schools in the supervisory union. The Director of Curriculum coordinates Supervisory Union wide professional development and oversees the teacher supervision and evaluation program, including the mentoring program for new teaching staff. The director of Curriculum also manages the Consolidated Federal Grants program for the Supervisory Union.

The Systems Administrator is responsible for managing all computer hardware and software systems and connectivity at the Central Office and provides technical support throughout the district on a variety of issues including connectivity, wireless networks, server management, backup systems, phone systems and content filtering. The Systems Administrator has conducted and updated Technology Audits for all schools in the supervisory union. In addition, the Systems Administrator is actively pursuing e-rate reimbursement for all eligible technology equipment and services throughout the SU.

Based on the Proposed FY2015 Budget, the General Assessment for each school district in the SU is as follows:

Fayston	\$ 32,836	Waterbury-Duxbury	\$221,557
Moretown	\$ 34,047	Harwood Union	\$251,309
Waitsfield	\$ 46,165	Total	\$636,208
Warren	\$ 50,294		

Special Education Assessment

The Special Education Assessment includes the Director of Student Support Services and support staff. The Director of Student Support Services ensures effective, efficient delivery of Special Education and other student support services throughout the SU.

The Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services also serves as the Supervisory Union's Medicaid Clerk. The Medicaid Clerk's work generated \$201,613 in Medicaid Income throughout the WWSU in FY2013, of which \$181,852 flowed directly to WWSU member school districts.

The Special Education Assessment based on the Proposed FY2015 Budget is shown below. The Assessment is eligible for approximately 56% Reimbursement through the State's special education funding formula. The reimbursement generated on the Assessment is sent directly to the local school districts and is reflected in the school districts' revenues, not the Supervisory Union.

		SpEd Reimbursement Received Directly by School District	Net Cost SpEd Assessment
Fayston	\$ 7,653	\$ 4,359	\$ 3,294
Moretown	\$ 7,935	\$ 4,520	\$ 3,415
Waitsfield	\$ 10,759	\$ 6,129	\$ 4,630
Warren	\$ 11,721	\$ 6,677	\$ 5,044
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$ 51,635	\$29,414	\$22,221
Harwood Union	\$ 58,569	\$33,364	\$25,205
Total	\$148,272	\$84,463	\$63,809

Business Manager and Fiscal Services Assessment

The Business Manager and Fiscal Services Assessment include the Director of Finance and Operations and her support staff as well as the cost of an annual Financial Audit of the supervisory union performed by a Certified Public Accounting firm.

The Director of Finance and fiscal services staff are responsible for all financial matters including developing budgets, all financial reports, internal controls, management of cash and investments, payroll and accounts payable for all school districts in the supervisory union. Responsibilities also include a variety of local, state and federal reporting requirements, grants management, construction management and risk management. In addition, the Director of Finance works collaboratively with other administrators to support food service, facilities and transportation operations. Based on the Proposed FY2015 budget the combined Business Manager & Fiscal Services Assessment is as follows:

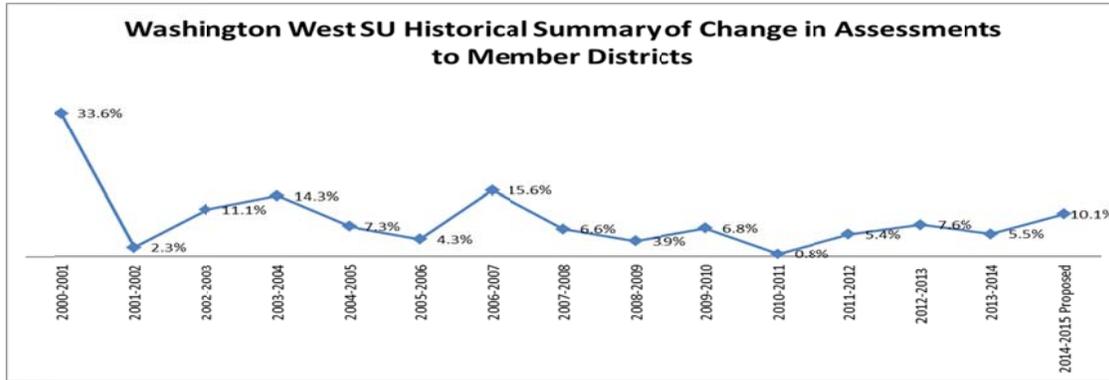
Fayston	\$ 21,984	Waterbury-Duxbury	\$148,333
Moretown	\$ 22,795	Harwood Union	\$168,252
Waitsfield	\$ 30,907	Total	\$425,943
Warren	\$ 33,672		

In total the General, Special Education, Business Manager and Fiscal Services expenses that make up the WWSU Central Office Assessment are as follows based on the FY2015 Budget. The increase in the overall budget is 8.4% resulting in a Central Office assessment increase of 10.1%.

	FY2014	Fall12 ADM (est from DOE)	ESTIMATE- FY2015	FY2015 Equalized Pupils (Frozen)	
Fayston	\$ 57,635	99.02	\$ 62,473	97.09	5.16%
Moretown	\$ 60,766	104.40	\$ 64,776	100.67	5.35%
Waitsfield	\$ 80,556	138.40	\$ 87,831	136.50	7.26%
Warren	\$ 90,451	155.40	\$ 95,688	148.71	7.91%
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 392,722	674.72	\$ 421,525	655.10	34.82%
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 417,034	716.49	\$ 478,129	743.07	39.50%
	\$ 1,099,164	1,888.43	\$ 1,210,422	1,881.14	100.00%

The supervisory union expenditure budget is offset by interest income and administrative funds from federal grants, and the net amount is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils.

Overall, the supervisory union central office assessment represents approximately 3.6% of total general fund expenses of \$33,528,221 (FY2015 Proposed) managed by the supervisory union for itself and member districts. The percentage of total expenses for the central office is actually lower than 3.6%, if, in addition to the general fund, consideration is also given to the amount of special revenue grants (over \$2M), and proprietary funds managed by the supervisory union.



The following is the Cost Per Equalized Pupil for all schools in the Washington West SU for 5 years. The Cost per Equalized Pupil is determined by the voter approved general expenditures, less anticipated revenues, which yields Education Spending. Education Spending is divided by Equalized Pupils to determine the Cost Per Equalized Pupil.

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015 Preliminary
Fayston	\$ 12,549	\$ 13,199	\$ 14,199	\$ 15,406	\$ 15,289
Moretown	\$ 14,643	\$ 14,484	\$ 14,992	\$ 15,965	\$ 16,919
Waitsfield	\$ 12,721	\$ 12,669	\$ 13,172	\$ 14,472	\$ 14,741
Warren	\$ 11,563	\$ 11,069	\$ 11,517	\$ 12,483	\$ 13,105
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$ 12,060	\$ 12,503	\$ 12,870	\$ 13,773	\$ 14,845
Harwood Union High School	\$ 12,466	\$ 12,634	\$ 12,793	\$ 14,030	\$ 15,421
<i>Vermont State Average</i>	\$ 12,230	\$ 12,288	\$ 12,789	\$ 13,546	



WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Summary Budget

	FY2013 Budget	FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Budget	FY2015 Proposed
Expenditures				
General (Includes Superintendent's Office, Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)				
Salaries	\$ 355,612	\$ 353,697	\$ 369,940	\$ 387,603
Benefits	94,479	98,644	100,411	109,343
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	132,564	136,573	129,303	150,236
	<u>\$ 582,655</u>	<u>\$ 588,914</u>	<u>\$ 599,654</u>	<u>\$ 647,182</u>
Special Education				
Salaries	\$ 100,087	\$ 94,854	\$ 104,221	\$ 116,959
Benefits	29,652	28,621	32,451	32,355
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	1,515	1,283	1,515	1,515
	<u>\$ 131,254</u>	<u>\$ 124,758</u>	<u>\$ 138,187</u>	<u>\$ 150,829</u>
Business Office				
Salaries	\$ 86,250	\$ 86,250	\$ 90,563	\$ 93,733
Benefits	29,347	28,705	32,037	32,863
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	5,100	5,548	6,800	6,801
	<u>\$ 120,697</u>	<u>\$ 120,503</u>	<u>\$ 129,400</u>	<u>\$ 133,396</u>
Fiscal Services				
Salaries	\$ 172,618	\$ 172,977	\$ 180,296	\$ 186,674
Benefits	70,766	66,795	77,826	77,119
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	10,300	1,992	10,300	36,100
	<u>\$ 253,684</u>	<u>\$ 241,764</u>	<u>\$ 268,422</u>	<u>\$ 299,893</u>
Total SU Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,088,290</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,300</u>
Revenue				
Interest	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -
Grants	14,019	12,750	10,000	10,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	31,434	20,852	25,999	10,878
<i>General Assessment</i>	551,537	551,537	580,381	636,209
<i>Special Education Assessment</i>	127,403	127,403	133,746	148,271
<i>Business Manager Assessment</i>	117,157	117,157	125,242	131,135
<i>Fiscal Services Assessment</i>	246,240	246,240	259,795	294,808
Total Assessments to Member Districts	1,042,337	1,042,337	1,099,164	1,210,422
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 1,088,290</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,300</u>

Assessments to Member Districts (Based on EQUALIZED PUPILS for FY2015)

				FY2015 EP'S Frozen
Fayston	\$ 56,048	\$ 57,635	\$ 62,473	97.09
Moretown	59,072	60,766	\$ 64,776	100.67
Waitsfield	75,914	80,556	\$ 87,831	136.50
Warren	83,711	90,451	\$ 95,688	148.71
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	366,033	392,722	\$ 421,525	655.10
Harwood Union HS #19	401,559	417,034	\$ 478,129	743.07
Total Assessments	<u>\$ 1,042,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,164</u>	<u>\$ 1,210,422</u>	1,881.14

WARNING OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Warning of 2014 Meeting of the Fayston Town School District**

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 1:00 PM, to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.
- Article 3: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Fayston Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- Article 4: Shall the School District pay the School Director's stipends, and if so, how much?
- Article 5: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Greg Carleu's term expires.
- Article 6: To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Doug Mosle's term expires.
- Article 7: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Jill Ellis's term expires.
- Article 8: To elect a Treasurer for the School District for a one-year term; Sarah Stavraky's term expires.
- Article 9: To see if the School District shall appropriate funds in the amount of \$20,000 to the Maintenance Reserve Fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA, Section 2804, for the purpose of capital improvements and facilities maintenance projects.
- Article 10: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,714,844 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
- Article 11: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Heidi Spear, Chair

Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk

Greg Carleu

Jill Ellis

Doug Mosle

Received and recorded this 22 day of January, 2014.

Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Patti Lewis

WARNING FOR 2014 HARWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

**WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING OF
HARWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19
February 22, 2014**

The legal voters of Union High School District No. 19 (Harwood Union High School), consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Harwood Union High School Library on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the morning to act upon the following business to wit:

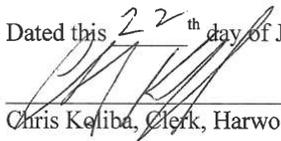
- ARTICLE I:** To elect the officers of the District: a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve for one year.
- ARTICLE II:** To hear and act upon the reports of the District officers.
- ARTICLE III:** To set salaries and expenses, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the District.
- ARTICLE IV:** To have presented by the Board of the Union School District their estimate of expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget. (See Articles VIII).
- ARTICLE V:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of short term notes to pay debts and expenses, of the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in anticipation of and pending receipt of revenues.
- ARTICLE VI:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to employ a public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the School District and prepare the Annual Financial Report.
- ARTICLE VII:** Shall the District, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §563(10), provide notice of the availability of the School District's annual report in lieu of distributing the report; said annual notice of the availability of the annual report shall be made by publication in the District's newspaper of record and by posting notice in two public places within each member town school district at least 30 days in advance of the District's annual meeting?
- ARTICLE VIII:** To transact any other business within the scope of the Warning for this meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 4, 2014, (Town Meeting Day), for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the member districts on the following business, said ballots being brought to the Harwood Union High School cafeteria, following the closing of polls in the members districts, where they will be commingled and counted.

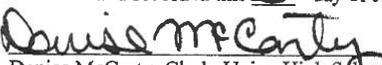
ARTICLE IX: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$13,547,626 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014? (Australian Ballot).

ARTICLE X: Shall Harwood Union High School District No. 19 authorize school building water supply system improvements in an amount not to exceed \$425,000, subject to reduction from available grants-in-aid, loan forgiveness and other financial assistance, to be financed over a term not to exceed twenty years? (Australian Ballot).

Dated this 22th day of January 2014, at Duxbury, Vermont.


Chris Keliba, Clerk, Harwood Union Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this 23th day of January 2014.


Denise McCarty, Clerk, Union High School District No. 19

MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL MEETING 2013

March 5, 2013 at 1:30 PM

David Jones called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

Thank you to the PTO for a great lunch. Many clapped.

David Jones asked that the School Board Directors and Administrator introduce themselves.

David Jones then turned the meeting over to Russell Beilke for nomination of a School Moderator. Russell Beilke welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation in the School Meeting portion of the day.

Turnout was significantly less than in previous years.

Article 1: To Elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.

Kathy Cadwell nominated David Jones. No second is required.

Carried by voice vote. David Jones unanimously elected Moderator for the next year.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.

Motion by Jared Cadwell and duly seconded by Kathy Cadwell. Carried by voice vote. Jean Berthiaume was permitted to speak as a non-resident, by voice vote.

Jean Berthiaume introduced himself as the new school Principal, having served at Harwood Union High School, both in academics and administration for 17 years prior to coming to Fayston Elementary School. He feels "at home" in our small community having grown up in a similar town. He mentioned the pride Fayston has in its past and current history, and that there is much to celebrate as Fayston Elementary prepares for the 50th Anniversary this fall. The Celebration will be largely grant funded and is taking the form of an all-school project, including extensive oral and pictorial history from community members of all ages.

And, in the framework of celebration, Fayston has the highest NECAP scores in the state! And, students continue to be engaged and excited in the classrooms. The PTO is pursuing its 501c3 status, making donating even more appealing. The partnership between PTO and the school allows for additional learning opportunities that are not covered within the school budget, such as Artist in Residence activities. This spring brings Troy Wunderle and Cirkus Smirkus back to Fayston! The community was encouraged to come to the final performance.

Also, in an effort to identify the community's priorities for Fayston Elementary and its building/grounds, three study circle evenings were scheduled, including members of the staff, the administration, and the community. These meetings were so fruitful that a fourth evening was requested. The outcome yielded action items, such as the creation of multi-generational learning opportunities, landscape visioning including a more accessible playground, expanded use of the Nature Trail system, a parking lot re-design focused on increased safety, additional farm-to-table options/opportunities, and the like, enhancing the educational, recreational and social value of our school. Jean Berthiaume was pleased that by asking and listening to the community, these priorities were identified BY the community.

Report was accepted as presented.

Article 3: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Fayston Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Motion by Cory Stephenson and duly seconded by Holliday Rayfield that they be so authorized. Carried by voice vote.

Article 4: To set the salary and/or expense reimbursements, if any, to pay the Officers of the district.

David Jones asked for the current amount - \$750. for School Directors and \$500. for Treasurer.

Motion by Holliday Rayfield and duly seconded by Jane Hobart that School Directors are paid \$750. each in expenses and that the Treasurer be paid \$500. The question was asked as to when this amount was last increased. Not within anyone's recollection.

Article 5: To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Susan Maclean Daley's term expires.

A motion was made by Jane Hobart that the name Susan Maclean Daley be placed in nomination.

Carried by voice vote. Susan Maclean Daley unanimously elected School Director for a term of two years.

Article 6: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Heidi Spear's term expires.

A motion was made by Kim Laidlaw that the name Heidi Spear be placed in nomination.

Carried by voice vote. Heidi Spear unanimously elected School Director for a term of three years.

Article 7: To elect a Treasurer for the School District for a one-year term; Sarah Stavraky's term expires.

A motion was made by Ann Day that the name Sarah Stavraky be placed in nomination.

Carried by voice vote. Sarah Stavraky unanimously elected Treasurer for a one-year term.

Article 8: To see if the School District shall appropriate any funds to the Maintenance Reserve Fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA, Section 2804, for the purpose of capital improvement and facilities maintenance projects - \$55,000.

Motion by Jared Cadwell and duly seconded by Cari Wilson that they so appropriate said funds. The prior fund balance was \$45,015.

Heidi Spear and Russell Beilke answered many questions asked in regard to current and future uses of this fund. The maintenance template and audit was discussed as to a five - year plan and beyond. There seemed to be some confusion as to where this money was coming from. Heidi Spear clarified that it was a portion of the "surplus" from last year's budget. Matt Howe called for the question, Kathy Cadwell seconded. The Board of Civil Authority requires 2/3 approval of the body. They counted and it passed.

The question was called.

Carried by voice vote.

Article 9: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,708,836 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014.

Motion by Ann Day and duly seconded by Matt Howe that the sum of \$1,708,836 be voted for that purpose. Heidi Spear then presented the budget for 2013-2014, highlighting the following:

This is a level-service budget Fayston's is the lowest increase in the WWSU Health insurance has increased 14%. Her presentation went through the areas of greatest change from the previous year, allowing explanation, prior to expected questions. She also explained the Master Contract with the HEA and WWEA, the ability to negotiate without attorneys and union representatives, and the enormous cost savings as a result.

Questions were asked in regard to transportation increases, and insurance increases. Howard Wynne asked why our expenses/taxes continue to increase when our enrollment continues to decline. Heidi Spear explained the funding formula and the unfairness of the determination of pupil count. Pupil count is determined within a single week in the fall and is not reflective of the ACTUAL number of students educated throughout the year. Questions were raised in regard to the ratio of student to teacher, and FTE counts were explained. Jared Cadwell spoke in appreciation of the effort required by the Board in keeping the increase in expenses to 2.2%. Kim Laidlaw asked for more transparency at WWSU in regard to salaries and other expenses. Gussie Graves called for the question, Cory Stephenson seconded. The Board of Civil Authority requires 2/3 approval of the body. They counted and it passed. The question was called. David Jones called the vote. Howard Wynne called for a paper ballot. David Jones advised that 7 or more people would need to stand with him. They did and a paper ballot was provided.

There were 55 ballots cast: 34 in favor 20 in opposition (1 ballot was "spoiled")

Motion approved by paper ballot.

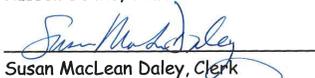
Article 10: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Rick Rayfield offered the community's thanks to Freddie Graves for her service on the Harwood Union High School Board. Russell Beilke invited community members to join the Board at the meetings, which take place at the school, the third Tuesday of every month. Jane Hobart encouraged the community to seek out volunteer positions within the school, as it is enriching to all.

Motion by Rick Rayfield and duly seconded by Ann Day that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried by voice vote.

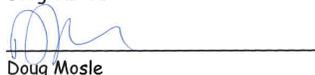
Respectfully submitted by Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk, Fayston School Board of Directors.


Russell Beilke, Chair


Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk


Heidi Spear


Greg Carleu


Doug Mosle

FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY - MARCH 2014

As the principal of Fayston Elementary School, I am proud to report that the quality of education that our children receive remains high relative to most elementary schools in Vermont. We are a high performing school across all demographics relative to even other Valley schools. Our reputation and performance has sustained and slightly improved our overall student population. New families continue to confirm for me that our school is a special place where relationships and cooperation between school and community are key elements to student success. In the year and years ahead there are many changes and challenges that we and all Vermont schools will face as we shift to the Common Core State Standards and transform education to best support students for the world of today and tomorrow.

Early Education at FES

Fayston School's early education program is comprised of a 3-year-old program offered by partnership pre-schools throughout the Washington West Supervisory Union. In house we have a pre-K 4 program offered for the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday. Rachel Foley is our pre-4 teacher and Judy Long is our instructional assistant. We are fortunate to have this talented and dynamic team working together to deliver a high quality program for our 4 year olds. Finally, we have a full day kindergarten program offered 5 days a week by a truly gifted teacher Beth Abbott-Koch.

The Fayston Early Education Committee supports our early education programs. The purpose of this unique committee is to serve as an advisory group comprised of Fayston Elementary School staff, parents, and now members of our partnership pre-K programs in the Valley. This group addresses a variety of topics such as: the structure of Fayston's developmental screening process, class configurations, preschool program certification, current legislation impacting early education, and more. The committee strives to ensure Fayston provides high quality early educational experiences for children, as well as learning opportunities for families and the greater community. We are currently discussing new workshops for parents, how to expand our pre-K offerings in cost neutral (or cost benefit) ways, and how to address our need for a developmentally appropriate playground for our youngest students here at Fayston School.

As you may have heard, the Vermont Legislature, Governor and new Education Secretary Rebecca Holcombe support expanding our pre-k programs here in Vermont. The research has demonstrated that funds invested in quality early education programs produce powerful returns. Early intervention is a critical component for students with learning challenges. Our pre-Kindergarten enables teachers to assess students' needs and abilities more effectively, leading to early intervention and reduction in Special Education costs. Increased instructional time combined with hands-on learning opportunities will help all students meet the increased demands of the new Common Core Curriculum Standards. Research data further demonstrates that children in Full Day Kindergarten classes show greater reading and mathematics achievement gains and improved social and emotional skills than those in part time programs.

Programming

There are many important programs happening at FES here. Here are a few:

We continue to participate in the Four Winds Program for students in grades K-6. The program involves trained parents and community members to come into our classrooms to teach students about the elements of nature and how water, sunlight, wind, rocks, and erosion all shape the ever-changing landscape in which we live. Throughout the year, they study the physical environment that supports life on Earth and the forces that affect them over time. Children explore the interactions between the living and non-living components of the world around us. Students also practice important skills including: listening actively, asking questions, making and recording observations, and communicating findings.

FES multi-age literacy teams are making great strides in student learning. Using regular assessments and data analysis, teams are creating trimester goals and developing early interventions for struggling learners. Tremendous gains can be seen across the school as our enthusiasm for reading grows.

We are expanding and exploring technology that supports students and families at home during school breaks, and summer vacation. Two examples are Raz-Kids and Lexia. Raz-Kids gives students and teachers hundreds of

interactive, leveled books spanning 27 levels of difficulty, covering a wide range of subjects. In addition to engaging kids at their reading level and in their area of interest, this award-winning student-centric site gives kids 24/7 Web access to the practice they need to become better, more confident readers. At the same time, teachers can customize assignments, view reports, and track student progress every step of the way. Lexia stands as one of the most rigorously researched and independently evaluated programs in the world. In numerous studies published in peer-reviewed journals, Lexia has been found to accelerate development of foundational literacy skills.

We have expanded on our popular Lego Robotics program this year. Allison Schlageter, our Tech Integration Specialist and Jason Stevenson, our School Counselor, offer our students Lego Robotics to provide students with opportunities for social interaction and skill development in the areas of problem solving, critical thinking and creativity using the popular Lego Mindstorms system. This program introduces younger students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. Student teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society.

Gretchen Frank has again taken a leadership role in coordinating parent and community volunteers to support this year's Winter Sports Program. I am truly impressed with the number of parents and community members involved in making this tradition at FES such a huge success for our students!

Landscape and Playground Update

Last winter, we participated in a visioning process for 4 consecutive weeks, culminating in a list of priorities for our landscape and playground improvements. Here is a brief update regarding what has happened since:

Safe Routes To School Engineering Scope/Study was conducted beginning in the spring of 2013 and concluded this September. This study considered all pathways and sidewalks on the Fayston campus and included safe passage to the Town Forest crossing German Flats Road. The Town of Fayston and the Fayston School Board jointly applied for a federal grant to support the sidewalk project. We have just learned that we were denied these funds.

This past fall, UVM Landscaping Design students took the list of priorities that were created by the Study Circle participants and developed concept maps. This was a service-learning and place-based learning project for UVM students. At the end of January, UVM professor Stephanie Hurley and some of her students presented their work to the community at a potluck organized by the FES PTO.

We are now narrowing our scope and eager to move into the implementation phase beginning as early as the spring of 2014. Partial funding has been raised to support this project.

Improvements and Changes in the Months and Year Ahead

This year we embark on a new system called MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) to better support student learning using data teams. In any system work there are challenges in terms of implementation. We are working through these challenges and making improvements. The three tiers of support include universal best practices in all classrooms (Tier I), specific interventions that are offered to a student in the short term to boost or support learning in a specific area of concerned growth or development (Tier II), and special education for students on Individual Education Plan IEP or 504 Plans (Tier III). There are 5 components of Vermont's Multi-tiered System of Support: 1. A Systemic and Comprehensive Approach, 2. Effective Collaboration between professionals 3. High-quality Instruction and Intervention that is Responsive and Differentiated, 4. Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System, 5. Expertise (Well-designed Professional Development).

A significant part of our ongoing staff meeting and professional development work is centered on the implementation of the Common Core Vermont Standards. The Common Core Standards is an aspirational document with a set of high-quality academic expectations in English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics that define both the knowledge and skills all students should master by the end of each grade level in order to be on track for success in college and career. They were created through a Vermont-led initiative and have been adopted by more than forty states, including Vermont.

The Common Core Vermont Standards have replaced our previous Vermont standards.

- The standards establish consistent learning goals for all students –regardless of where they live – so that children will stay on track in school when moving from one state to another.
- With a clear roadmap of academic expectations, students, parents and teachers can work together toward shared goals.
- The standards are relevant to the real world, focusing on the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in life after high school, in both post-secondary education and a globally competitive workforce.
- A diverse team of teachers, parents, administrators, researchers and content experts developed the Common Core to be academically rigorous, attainable for students, and practical for teachers and districts.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Implementation of the Common Core State Standards CCSS is completely in the hands of states and school districts. Here at Fayston School we have a leadership team that has been engaged with other school leadership teams in our supervisory union to prepare our teaching staff with important information and training on the key shifts in instruction. Through our early release days we have been engaged in further professional learning and training on how teacher instruction will need to change to support student learning and skills.

Assessment of Student Performance

Assessments capture a “snapshot” of student performance on a given day. Assessment scores may be impacted by many factors, such as social interactions, personal health and emotional wellness, various learning issues, whether or not a child has had breakfast or lunch, whether or not the child is well rested, etc. Assessments are one piece of information and must be combined with classroom observations, review of daily work and close communication with families in order to gain an accurate and complete profile of any student.

Our assessment data is being used in two important ways: to provide accountability to the community and to have a means of evaluating our programs and practices. We are also able to monitor individual student growth and more effectively adjust instruction to meet particular needs. Measuring student achievement is an important way of determining the quality of a school. In addition to that measure, a school is successful when all children are held to high expectations in their learning as well as their behavior.

Next year our students will not take the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Instead, our students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). The SBAC is a state-led consortium working to develop next-generation assessments that accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness. Smarter Balanced is one of two multistate consortia awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Education in 2010 to develop an assessment system aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) by the 2014-15 school year. Unlike the NECAP, which assesses students learning in the fall, the SBAC will be taken in the spring.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)

In the fall of 2005, the Vermont Department of Education introduced a statewide testing program for students in grades three through eight. The New England Common Assessment Program NECAP, a series of custom designed tests developed in collaboration with the Rhode Island and New Hampshire Departments of Education, measures student proficiency in reading, math and writing Grade Expectations (GEs). Reading and math are assessed in grades three through eight, and writing is assessed in grade five. The NECAP science assessment takes place at the fourth grade level in the spring where all other NECAP assessments are administered in October. More information on the NECAP assessments is available at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_assessment/necap.html or by speaking to your child’s teacher.

What are the Grade Expectations (GEs)?

The Grade Expectations provide specific benchmarks for Vermont’s Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. They provide guidance for the design of local curriculum selection; instruction and assessment by telling us what children should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a given grade. Specifically, GEs address student expectations in math, reading and writing skills required for state assessments. More information on GEs is available at: http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html#grade_expectations.

Current & Historical Grade 4 NECAP Science Results

	PROFICIENT/ PROFICIENT WITH DISTINCTION
2008 FAYSTON	94%
2008 STATE AVG.	48%
2009 FAYSTON	93%
2009 STATE AVG.	52%
2010 FAYSTON	84%
2010 STATE AVG.	54%
2011 FAYSTON	91%
2011 STATE AVG.	53%
2012 FAYSTON	73%
2012 STATE AVG.	53%
2013 FAYSTON	86%
2013 STATE AVG.	48%

Current & Historical NECAP Math & Reading Results

	MATH GR. 3-6 PROFICIENT/ PROFICIENT WITH DISTINCTION	READING GR. 3-6 PROFICIENT/ PROFICIENT WITH DISTINCTION
2007 FAYSTON	91%	75%
2007 STATE AVG.	63%	70%
2008 FAYSTON	84%	83%
2008 STATE AVG.	70%	63%
2009 FAYSTON	89%	82%
2009 STATE AVG.	66%	72%
2010 FAYSTON	89%	78%
2010 STATE AVG.	65%	73%
2011 FAYSTON	77%	69%
2011 STATE AVG.	65%	73%
2012 FAYSTON	95%	86%
2012 STATE AVG.	66%	71%

**General Information About the Fayston Elementary School
Current and Historical Enrollment By Grade:**

YEAR	PK 3 &4	GRADE K	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	TOTAL
2006-07	14	9	15	13	13	20	15	17	116
2007-08	16	12	10	19	12	16	22	15	122
2008-09	27	13	16	12	20	15	19	23	145
2009-10	17	18	13	18	12	19	15	20	132
2010-11	16	12	19	14	17	11	16	15	120
2011-12	12	12	11	19	12	16	11	17	110
2012-13	18	12	14	11	20	15	17	11	118
2013-14	18	11	12	13	11	19	16	18	108

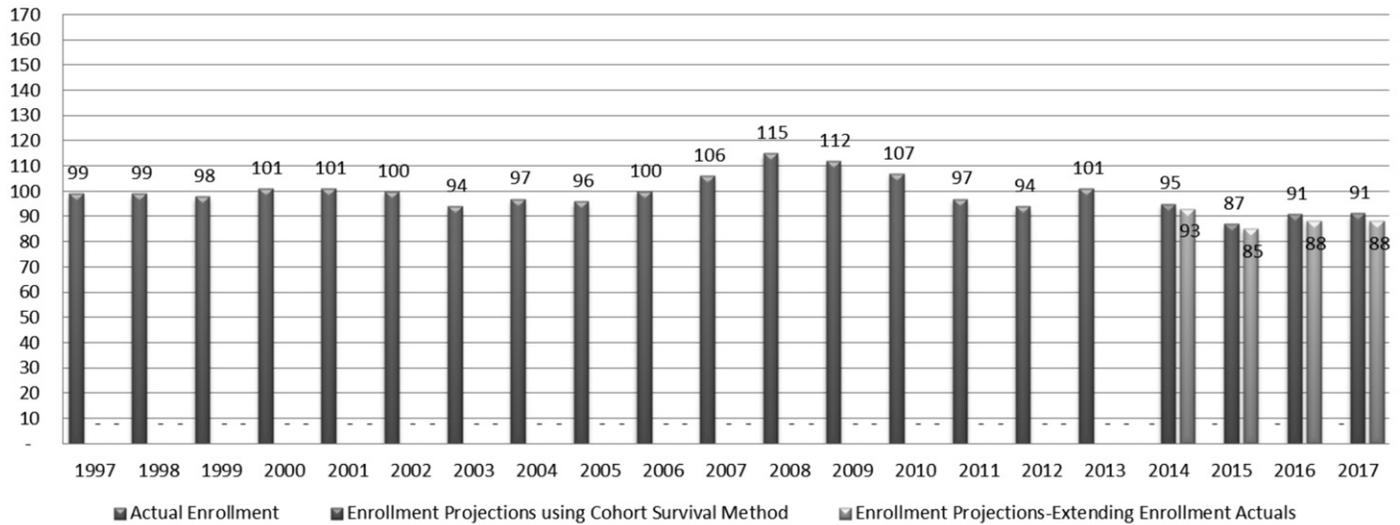
2013-2014 Current Class Sizes:

GRADE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
PRESCHOOL	8
KINDERGARTEN	11
GRADES 1&2 #1	13
GRADES 1&2 #2	12
GRADES 3&4 #1	15
GRADES 3&4 #2	15
GRADES 5&6 #1	17
GRADES 5&6 #2	17
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE	13.5

Home-Schooled: 0 (May receive some school services or participate in some classes.)

Three -Year-Old Preschoolers participating in the WWSU Preschool Partnership: 10

Fayston Elementary School - Kindergarten thru Grade 6 Enrollment History at October 1st & Projections



Fayston Elementary School Faculty and Staff

Name	Alma Mater	Credentials	Position
Professional Staff			
Beth Abbott-Koch	VT College of Norwich	BA	Kindergarten Teacher
Carolyn Adams	SUNY/Crane School	BA Music Ed	Music Teacher
Doug Bergstein	UVM/Lesley College	BS Business, M. ED	5/6 Teacher
Justina Boyden	UVM	BA Ed, M. Ed. Spec Ed	1/2 Teacher
Rachel Foley	Indiana Univ of PA/PITT Univ	BA Elem Ed K-6, Early Ed	Preschool Teacher
Jean Goldhammer	Univ of NE/JSC	BS	1/2 Teacher
Amy Jamieson	UVM	BA/MS Communication	Speech/Language Pathologist
Erin Koch	UVM/Boston College	BS Ed., M Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Carla Lewis	U of Nebraska/UVM	BA, M. Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Erika Lindberg	Boston U/St. Michael's	BA French Lang/Lit, ED	French Teacher
Carol Mangan	Penn State/UVM	BS Elem Ed/MS Reading & Language Arts	Special Educator
Nora McDonough	Union Institute	M. Ed. Art	Art Teacher
Carey Rounds	VT Tech Coll/UVM	AS Nursing/BS Health Mgmt	School Nurse
Allison Schlageter	SUNY Oneonta/St. John Fisher	BS Elem Ed-Science	Technology Integration Specialist/Librarian
	College/Nazareth College	MS Science & Tech	
		MS Science, Comp. Ed	
Jason Stevenson	Univ of Alabama/UVM	BS Psych. MS Counseling	School Counselor
Rachel Vanderhoff	Northern Michigan Univ	BS Phys Ed K-12/Health 6-12	PE Teacher
Cristal Vasseur	UVM/JSC	BA Ed./Psychology	5/6 Teacher
Mary Jane Wright	U of Denver/SUNY New Paltz/UVM	BS Psych/M. Ed., CAGS Lit/Lang Arts	Literacy Teacher
Support Staff			
Dave Cheney			Custodian
Ashley Gummelt	Univ of Hartford	BFA Visual Comm Design	Instructional Assistant
Mary Hoyne	Univ of New Brunswick	BA Office Management	Instructional Assistant
Cheryl Joslin	Newbury College	AS	Food Service Director
Judy Long			Preschool Assistant
Alexandra Morse	U of Delaware/Sierra Nevada Coll	BFA Photography	Instructional Assistant
Linda Moulton			Instructional Assistant
Leslie Sellars	Limestone College	BA Elementary Ed.	Food Service Assistant
Joanna Von Recklinghausen			On Staff Substitute
Ted Withey			Director of Maintenance

Fayston Elementary School Faculty and Staff

Name	Alma Mater	Credentials	Position
<i>Administration</i>			
Jean Berthiaume	Lyndon State/UVM	BS Social Science (Sed Ed) M. Ed Curr & Instruction	Principal
Michele Ballard	Johnson & Wales University	AS Hotel/Restaurant Mgmt BS Hospitality Mgmt	Administrative Asst.

Professional Staff: 13.02 full time equivalent Instructional Assts: 3.57 full time equivalent Principal: 1 Admin Asst: 1 Food Service Dir: 1 Food Service Asst: 1 Director of Maintenance: 1 Custodian: 1 (.25 full time equivalent) On Staff Substitute: 1	Student School Year: 180 days Faculty School Year: 190 days Preschool: 10 hours per week (2) 5 hour days Grades K-6: 35 hours per week (5) 7 hour days Faculty: 7.75 hours per day for full day faculty
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The Fayston School Board

Heidi Spear, Chair Doug Mosle Jill Ellis
 Greg Carleu Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk

The Fayston Elementary School Board holds monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are held at the school and begin at 6:30pm, unless otherwise posted, and are open to the public. Justina Boyden, our first and second grade teacher is the staff representative at board meetings. The Board welcomes and encourages input and feedback. Please consider attending a meeting to learn more about how decisions are made for your school.

In closing, I am honored to lead and learn with such a dedicated staff here at FES. I am working closely with our devoted school board to support a high performing school in a fiscally responsible way. I look forward to my continued work with this school community to provide our students with an excellent education. I invite you all to visit and learn more about our elementary school and explore ways you can be a part of this special place.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jean Berthiaume– Fayston Elementary School Principal



FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2012-2013 BUDGET	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	559,994	564,354	585,791	586,812	
Benefits & Staff Development	215,959	199,378	218,430	214,181	
Contracted Services	17,360	121	8,500	700	
Contracted Services - WWSU Preschool Partnership	17,622	17,622	21,262	32,604	
Materials and Equipment	41,300	41,181	41,300	40,810	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	852,235	822,656	875,283	875,107	0.0%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY ED</u>					
Salaries	108,528	104,517	112,361	110,218	
Benefits & Staff Development	32,003	24,923	31,510	25,975	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	22,575	14,079	13,950	18,500	
Materials and Equipment	3,000	3,170	3,500	1,200	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	166,106	146,690	161,321	155,892	-3.4%
<u>COMPENSATORY/LITERACY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	47,159	48,798	49,771	38,952	
Benefits & Staff Development	6,757	5,726	6,219	4,787	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY/LITERACY EDUCATION	53,916	54,524	55,990	43,739	-21.9%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	17,369	18,050	18,331	19,866	
Benefits & Staff Development	4,662	6,815	4,789	4,833	
Contracted Services & Supplies	250	366	250	250	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	22,281	25,231	23,370	24,949	6.8%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	24,316	24,612	25,663	25,420	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,202	2,370	2,900	2,997	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,650	418	1,650	1,250	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	29,168	27,400	30,213	29,667	-1.8%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	30,210	30,559	31,827	32,554	
Benefits & Staff Development	13,430	12,281	14,414	15,713	
Contracted Services & Supplies	950	613	950	750	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	44,590	43,452	47,191	49,017	3.9%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
In-service	3,000	861	3,000	2,000	
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	3,000	861	3,000	2,000	-33.3%
<u>LIBRARY/MEDIA & AV/TECHNOLOGY</u>					
Salaries	23,400	25,523	22,776	18,329	
Benefits & Staff Development	9,322	4,794	5,128	4,698	
Contracted Services		1,051		11,000	
Materials, Internet & Equipment	21,400	18,157	16,100	28,411	
TOTAL LIBRARY/MEDIA & AV/TECHNOLOGY	54,122	49,524	44,004	62,438	41.9%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	<u>2012-2013</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2012-2013</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2013-2014</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2014-2015</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
<u>SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
Salaries/Stipends	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	
School District Treasurer	500	538	500	538	
Secretary /Board Meeting Minutes		975		1,000	
Benefits	325	381	325	650	
Legal, Insurance, Advertising, Dues	10,550	4,260	8,550	8,650	
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE	<u>15,125</u>	<u>9,904</u>	<u>13,125</u>	<u>14,589</u>	11.2%
<u>WASH. WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>36,508</u>	<u>36,767</u>	<u>37,445</u>	<u>40,479</u>	8.1%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Salaries	110,768	115,856	116,385	119,656	
Benefits & Staff Development	31,456	36,480	39,169	43,493	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,350	6,013	3,350	3,350	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>145,574</u>	<u>158,349</u>	<u>158,904</u>	<u>166,498</u>	4.8%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	6,300	6,216	6,567	6,766	
Payroll & Accounting Services	13,241	13,065	13,622	15,212	
Banking Services	-	975	-	-	
Audit	3,000	3,300	3,700	3,700	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	<u>22,541</u>	<u>23,556</u>	<u>23,889</u>	<u>25,678</u>	7.5%
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>					
Salaries	45,194	43,237	46,754	48,761	
Benefits & Staff Development	8,375	5,314	8,951	6,590	
Building Supplies & Operations	107,560	86,774	115,560	107,860	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>161,129</u>	<u>135,325</u>	<u>171,265</u>	<u>163,211</u>	-4.7%
<u>TRANSPORTATION (WWSU Transportation Assessment)</u>	<u>46,185</u>	<u>45,719</u>	<u>50,586</u>	<u>45,580</u>	-9.9%
<u>FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	0.0%
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal	30,000	30,000	-	-	
Interest	270	-	-	-	
Debt Interest	4,000	7,895	9,250	4,500	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>34,270</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>9,250</u>	<u>4,500</u>	-51.4%
<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>18,685</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>9,000</u>	500.0%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS	1,690,750	1,638,172	1,708,836	1,714,844	0.4%
Fayston Special Article -Contribution to Maintenance Reserve	35,000	35,000	55,000	20,000	
	-	-	-	-	
Total Fayston Elementary School	<u>\$ 1,725,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,172</u>	<u>\$ 1,763,836</u>	<u>\$ 1,734,844</u>	-1.6%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2012-2013 BUDGET	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
Revenues					
Local Revenue					
Town Rental	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Interest on Investments	8,500	9,690	8,500	8,500	
Miscellaneous	-	233	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	80,281	42,256	95,152	38,026	
State Revenue					
Special Education Reimbursement	68,710	56,910	66,839	62,126	
Transportation Reimbursement	14,685	14,857	14,973	19,930	
Mainstream Block Grant	37,252	37,252	34,460	33,629	
EEE Grant	500	1,934	1,100	4,700	
Small School Grant	47,874	47,792	58,907	50,126	
Federal Revenue					
JOBS (one time)	24,521	24,521	-	-	
IDEA-B Grant	16,825	11,775	16,825	11,400	
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	2,000	1,350	2,000	2,000	
Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues	321,148	268,570	318,756	250,437	-21.4%
Education Spending Grant	\$ 1,404,602	\$ 1,404,602	\$ 1,445,080	\$ 1,484,407	2.7%
Total Revenues	\$ 1,725,750	\$ 1,673,172	\$ 1,763,836	\$ 1,734,844	-1.6%

Maintenance Reserve Fund Balance - 24 VSA, Section 2804

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2013	\$ 45,059
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund	\$ 55,000
Interest Income 2014	\$ 51
Expenses paid FY2014 to date	\$ -
Ending Balance January 2014	<u>\$ 100,110</u>

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FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2012-2013 BUDGET	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Fayston Elementary & Harwood Union				
<u>Fayston Elementary School:</u>				
Equalized Pupils	98.92	93.80	97.09	3.5%
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 14,199	\$ 15,406	\$ 15,289	-0.8%
Base Education Spending per Pupil **	\$ 8,723	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,382	
District Spending Adjustment	162.78%	168.35%	162.96%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate **	\$ 0.890	\$ 0.940	\$ 1.010	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.449	\$ 1.583	\$ 1.646	4.0%
% of Fayston students at Fayston Elementary School	52.71%	49.53%	50.47%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.764	\$ 0.784	\$ 0.831	
<u>Harwood Union School District:</u>				
Equalized Pupils (Fayston 7-12)	88.75	95.58	95.28	-0.3%
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 12,793	\$ 14,030	\$ 15,421	9.9%
Base Education Spending per Pupil **	\$ 8,723	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,382	
District Spending Adjustment	146.66%	153.32%	164.37%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate **	\$ 0.890	\$ 0.940	\$ 1.010	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.305	\$ 1.441	\$ 1.660	15.2%
% of Fayston students at Harwood Union	47.29%	50.47%	49.53%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.617	\$ 0.727	\$ 0.822	
<u>Combined (PK-12):</u>				
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	187.67	189.38	192.37	1.6%
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.380	\$ 1.511	\$ 1.653	9.4%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.98%	101.57%	105.84%	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate**	\$ 1.366	\$ 1.488	\$ 1.562	5.0%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.79%	2.89%	2.95%	1.8%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate**	\$ 1.380	\$ 1.440	\$ 1.510	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.367	\$ 1.418	\$ 1.427	0.6%

Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2014-15 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district

** As estimated by the AOE, final rate to be determined by the Legislature

**Changes and/or adjustments made to the education funding formula may change these estimates.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Fayston Elementary School
S.U.: Washington West S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2013 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, FY2013 enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
 (40 schools in cohort)

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Sherburne Elementary School	PK - 6	101	8.09	0.80	12.48	126.25	10.11
	Whitingham School	PK - 5	106	12.40	0.80	8.55	132.50	15.50
	Beeman Elementary School	PK - 6	109	9.30	1.00	11.72	109.00	9.30
	Fayston Elementary School	PK - 6	110	10.70	1.00	10.28	110.00	10.70
	Underhill ID School	K - 4	110	8.10	1.00	13.58	110.00	8.10
-> Larger	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	111	7.90	1.00	14.05	111.00	7.90
	Currier Memorial USD #23	PK - 6	113	10.50	1.80	10.76	62.78	5.83
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			142.03	12.41	1.00	11.45	142.06	12.41

School District: Fayston
LEA ID: T075

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

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

FY2012 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2012 FTE < 100
 (51 school districts in cohort)

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

Cohort Rank by FTE
 (1 is largest)
 5 out of 51

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

Smaller ->	Addison	K-6	93.07	\$16,160
	Dover	K-6	93.73	\$13,021
	Mt. Holly	K-6	95.49	\$14,235
	Fayston	K-6	96.40	\$14,996
	Newport Town	PK-5	96.72	\$8,403
-> Larger	Whitingham	K-6	97.54	\$12,868
	Sherburne	PK-6	98.26	\$11,773

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

62.61 \$14,206

FY2014 School District Data

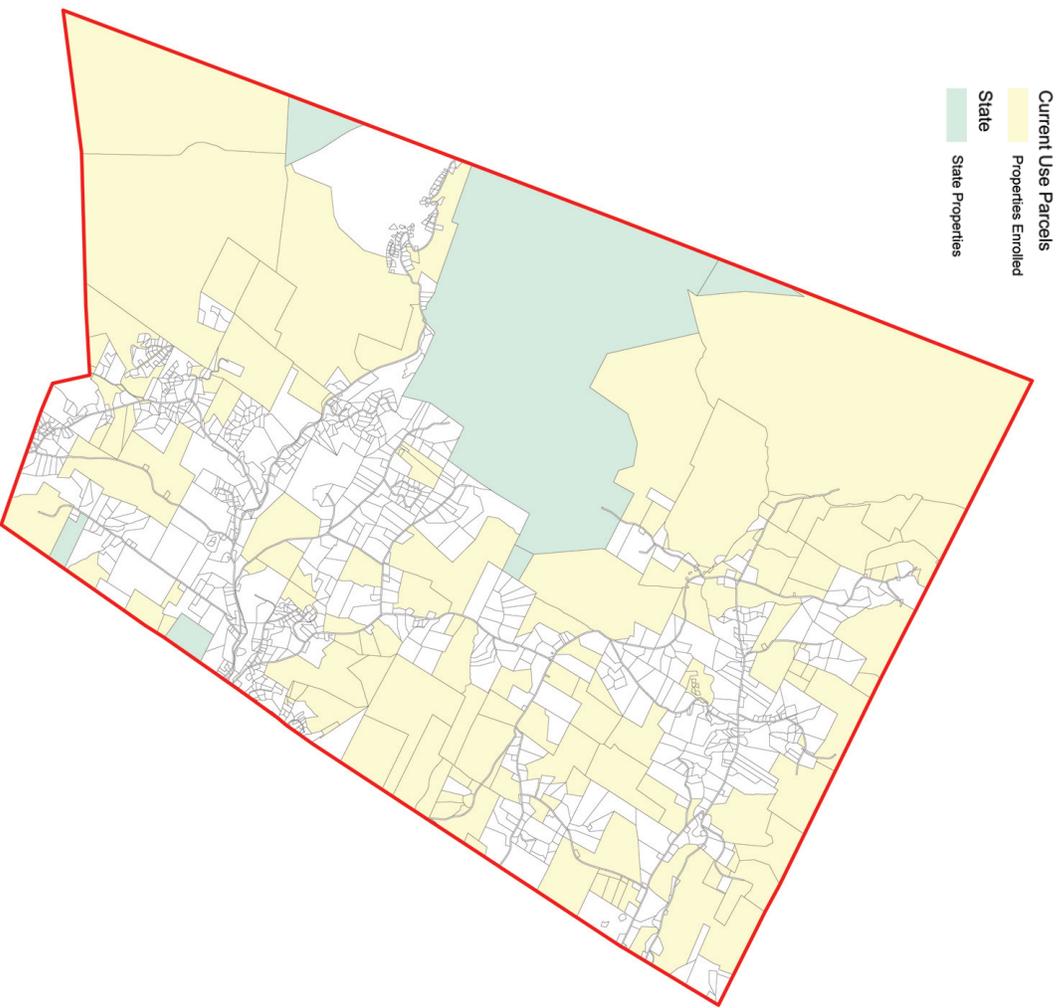
LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist Equalized Pupils	SchIDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchIDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
	T180 Salisbury	K-6	85.44	14,886.33	1.5291	1.5675	94.92%	1.6514
Smaller ->	T001 Addison	K-6	87.77	13,746.35	1.4120	1.3972	112.40%	1.2430
	T170 Roxbury	PK-6	92.37	10,403.64	1.0687	1.0687	96.23%	1.1106
	T075 Fayston	PK-6	93.80	15,405.97	1.5825	1.5112	101.57%	1.4879
	U023 Currier Memorial USD #23	K-6	96.19	13,698.38	1.4071	-	-	-
-> Larger	T143 North Hero	K-6	96.99	14,191.05	1.4577	1.4577	89.11%	1.6358
	T151 Peacham	PK-6	99.46	14,679.19	1.5079	1.5079	96.60%	1.5610

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

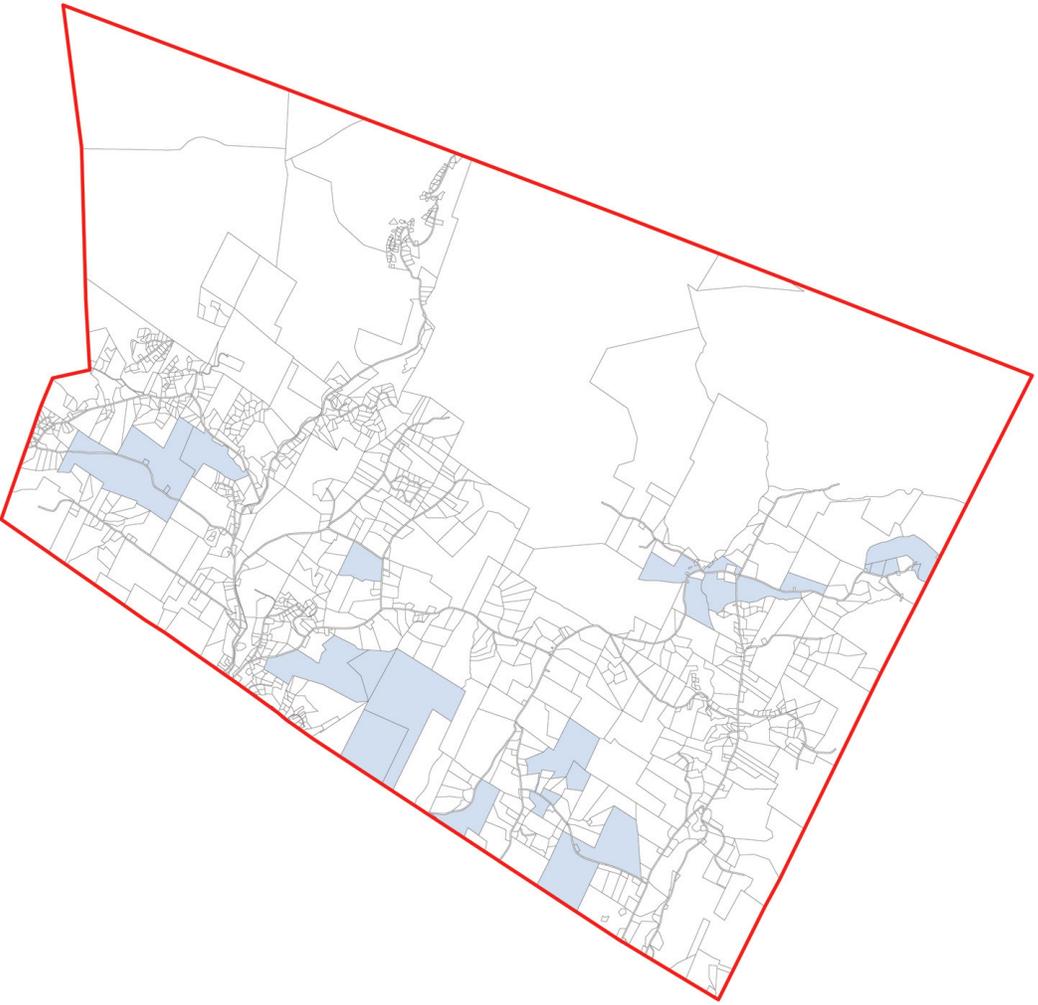
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

**Parcels Enrolled in Current Use
November 2013**



**Parcels With Vermont Land Trust Easements
January 2014**



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