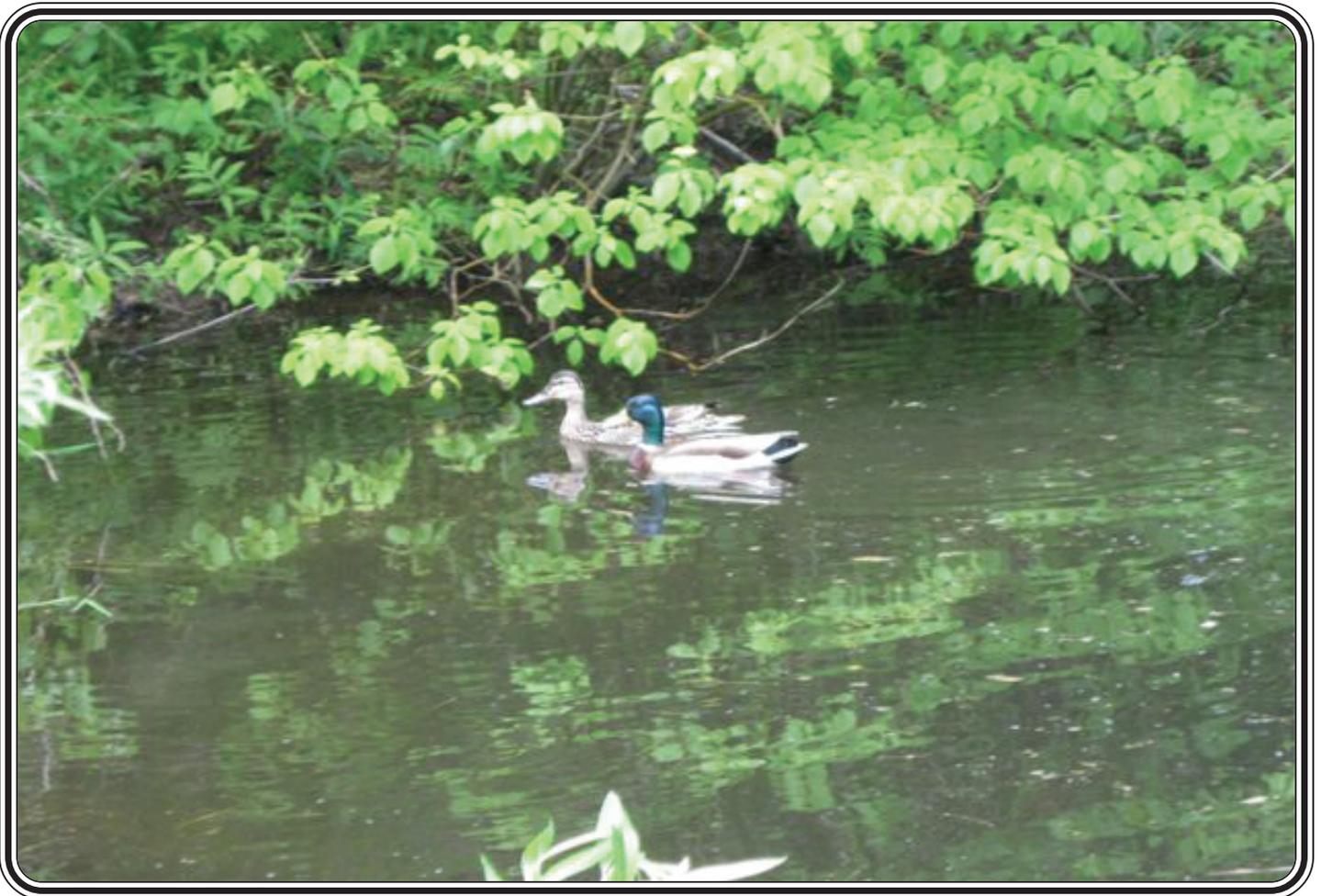


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
AND SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF

# FAYSTON

## VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011



PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING,  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 AT 9:30 A.M.  
AT THE FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# MEETINGS

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## 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

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Fayston Elementary School

## MUNICIPAL PHONE NUMBERS

Town Clerk & Treasurer - 496-2454 x 21, Email: faystontc@madriver.com & faystontres@madriver.com  
Asst. Town Clerk & Asst. Treasurer - 496 -2454 x. 23, Email: assttc@gmail.com  
Asst. to Selectboard - Email: faystonsb@madriver.com or patti@madriver.com  
Listers - 496-2454 x 24, Email: faystonlisters@madriver.com  
Town Garage - 496-8827, Email: faystontowngarage@madriver.com

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATORS HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator		496-2454 x25
	Fax	496-9850
	E-mail	faystonzoning@madriver.com
Town Garage		496-8827
Elementary School		496-3636
	Fax	496-5297
Harwood Union High School		244-5186
		1-800-639-1094
	Fax	882-1199

## **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

Ambulance	496-3600 or 911
Fire	496-2400 or 911
State Police	496-2262 or 911
Valley Health Center	496-3838
Central Vermont Hospital	229-9121
Poison Control Center	1-802-658-3456

## WEBSITES:

Town of Fayston	<a href="http://www.FaystonVT.com">www.FaystonVT.com</a>
Harwood Union High School	<a href="http://www.harwood.org">www.harwood.org</a>
Fayston Elementary School	<a href="http://www.faystonelementary.org">www.faystonelementary.org</a>

Cover: Visitors to the Pond - Photo by Patti Lewis

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## DEDICATION

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### HANNE WILLIAMS

We dedicate this year's Town Report to one of Fayston's beloved citizens and neighbors, Hanne Williams. Hanne passed away on November 23, 2011 after a spirited battle with cancer. Hanne moved to the Valley in 1957 with her husband, Arthur. Hanne and Arthur would spend the next several years teaching elementary school in one-room schoolhouses in Moretown and Fayston. Hanne will be remembered for her wonderfully creative and caring approach to teaching children. She brought an insatiable curiosity and endless delight with the learning process to the classroom, to students, parents and fellow teachers.

Hanne served as the first executive director of the Vermont Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), a position she held for over 40 years until her retirement in 2010. Hanne was also the executive director of the New England Chapter of the AIA for 10 years.

Hanne contributed countless hours of her time and expertise to various civic endeavors including the Fayston Elementary School Board, the Mad River Valley Festival for the Arts, the American Red Cross and numerous other charities. Hanne was also active in the Mad River Valley Players where she acted in numerous productions. Hanne was known as a "can-do" person who had a gift for being able to connect with and embrace folks from all walks of life.

With great appreciation to a life lived to its fullest!

For the Town of Fayston,  
Robert Vasseur  
Jared Cadwell  
Ed Read

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# 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 6, 2012. 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.

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 6, 2012

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### WARNING OF TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 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 2011.
  - 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 several 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. Jared Cadwell's term expires.
  - Article 10. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Fred Spencer'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. Ken Amann's term expires.
  - Article 13. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Ronald Graves, Jr.'s term expires.
  - Article 14. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.
  - Article 15. To elect a Town Agent for a one year term. David Olenick's term expires.
  - Article 16. Shall the Town establish a Conservation Reserve Fund at a starting amount of \$10,000.00 to help preserve our lands with ecological, cultural, or recreational significance in Fayston?
  - Article 17. 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, 2012?
  - Article 18. 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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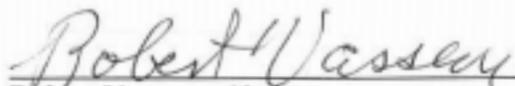
Article 19. Shall the Town of Fayston continue to fill the office of first constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election in accordance with Statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a?

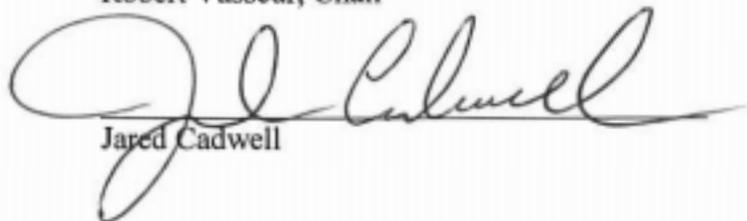
Article 20. Shall the Town vote to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U. S. Congress to propose a U. S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U. S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Article 21. 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 22. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Selectboard;

  
Robert Vasseur, Chair

  
Jared Cadwell

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Edward Read

Dated this 23 day of January, 2012, at Fayston, Vermont

  
Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 24 day of January 2012.

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## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 1, 2011

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The legal voters of the Town of Fayston were notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

9:45a.m.

David Jones (David) read announcements as follows:

PTO will serve lunch after Town Meeting.

If you are Fayston voter and wish to participate please be sure you have checked in and received a yellow tag for recognition.

Chico Bags are on sale in the hall to benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip.

Jared then spoke and asked that the assembly have a moment of silence for William Griffin, Thelma Hunt, Arthur Vasseur, Stewart Sutcliffe and William Heinzerling, community members lost this year. After this moment Mr. Quinn noted that he also had lost his son, Haven, this past fall and that he too was a community member. All will be missed.

David then recognized Adam Greshin (Adam) and asked that with the approval of the body that Adam be allowed to speak at this time. The body agreed in the affirmative.

Adam spoke about three main issues in the Legislature 2011, Health Care, Energy and Tax Reform.

Arthur Williams spoke on the death with dignity act and the fact he believes this would greatly lower the cost of health care.

Gail Breslauer asked about the wavier release bill. Adam would get back to her on this bill.

David thanked Adam for coming and sharing the information.

David noted that Article 22 warned this year was in error as it was voted on last year. He asked if the body has no objections, the article would be eliminated.

Ann Day made a motion to remove Article 22 from the Town Meeting Warning. Tony Egan seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried by voice vote.

10:10AM David turned the microphone over to Robert Vasseur who opened the Town Meeting.

Robert (Robert) Vasseur read Article 1.

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

Nancy Mongeur nominated David Jones.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

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

Ann Day nominated Patti Lewis.

No seconded needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2010.

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Arthur Williams so moved.

Tom Jeffreys seconded.

Jared Cadwell (Jared) spoke to the Town Report dedication for Gini Vasseur with appreciation for her 23 years as Town Clerk. She is not feeling well and could not attend today but a round of applause was given for her service. Ann Day then read the Town Report dedication to her and another round of applause expressed the Towns' appreciation.

Jared noted several items such as:

He recognized a second year with a fund balance. This should allow tax rates to remain on or around .18/\$100.00. He feels the Town is (with the help of Deb Jones and the Auditors) doing a good and positive job of handling the tax dollars.

He noted that with the help of David Frank, Patti Lewis, Marc Dimario, Bob Richards, Kerry Hale and Richard Migneault and grant awards, a new efficient heating system and energy upgrades had been performed within the Municipal Building.

He noted the German Flats culvert and, Randall Road Bridge projects that are intended to be complete this year.

He recognized Stuart Hallstrom, Ben Andrews and Tony Long for their great work on the Town Roads and asked the towns people for this patience as we go into mud season. There is only so much the road crew can do and if one expects a totally smooth paved type road, it ain't happening in Fayston.

David re-read Article 3.

All in favor of reports as given. By voice vote so moved.

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.

Sue Jeffreys so moves.

Nancy Mongeur seconds.

By voice vote so moved.

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

Judi Dimario so moves.

Nancy Mongeur seconds.

Ned Kelley asked how much and if the Selectboard was happy with this. \$750 & yes.

By voice vote so moved.

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

Nancy Mongeur moves that the delinquent tax date be November 1.

Michael Quenneville seconds.

Rick Rayfield moved that the article be amended adding that the due date for taxes be set by Town Clerk?

Dinsmore Fulton seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the fact that the due date is not the same every year depending on when the Town receives State education tax rates and other factors. They are due 30 days after tax bills go out.

Leo Cohen asked what do "several taxes" mean. Explained that it means education and town taxes, two different taxes.

By voice vote article passes as amended. Article 6. To assess a time of payment of several taxes THE DUE DATE TO BE DETEREMINED BY THE TOWN CLERK (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).

David Jones then asked that the original motion be voted, a no vote would defeat the article a yes vote would allow it to pass.

By voice vote original Article 6 article was defeated.

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

Add Day nominates Patti Lewis

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 8. Shall the Town vote that the Town Treasurer collect current taxes?

Nancy Mongeur so moves.

Tom Jeffereys seconds.

Ken Amann asked if Town Clerk & Treasurer can be the same person and the answer is yes.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 9. Shall the Town authorize the delinquent tax penalty rate of 8 %, 4% which is allocated to the town and 4% to the delinquent tax collector?

Ann Day so moves.

Michael Quenneville seconds.

Ed Read (Ed) then spoke to this issue. Historically the 8% delinquent tax penalty went to the delinquent tax collector (DTC). The Selectboard had explored the idea of making it a salaried position but instead made the decision to put it in front of the voters in the form of this article.

Tony Egan asked if there is statute that allows calls for the 8%. Yes, it reads up to 8%.

Leo Cohen noted that with the \$220,000.00 in delinquencies that the DTC could make \$8800.00.

Arthur Williams asked that if a person was one day late they would incur the 8% penalty. Yes.

Gail Breslauer asked if there had been an increase in delinquent taxes due to the economy. Yes, a slight increase. She asked if the percentage could be lowered in light of this. Ed explained that if the percentage is lowered this may increase our delinquencies as people may not be so quick to pay.

Kim Laidlaw then questioned the town administrative positions, what Patti Lewis does and her salary and the fact she found it difficult to find this information. She was directed to page 23 of the Town Report which clearly shows the salaries. As for duties of the town officers it is suggested she spend a few days in the office to see what it was like.

Rick Rayfield asked if there was any incentive to pay after the 8% penalty was assessed. Yes, there is also interest charged at a rate of 1% for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter. Bill Jeffreys asked if the interest rate is set by the Town. It is by statute but could be lowered by the Town.

Robert Vasseur (Robert) noted that the delinquent tax collector will arrange tax sales and would have last year but for the fact that there were abatement hearings that delayed the process.

David Jones noted that by Statute every Town must have a DTC.

Leo Cohn called the question.

David Jones re-stated the article.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 10. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.

Robert Vasseur nominates Patti Lewis

No seconded needed.

By voice vote so carried.

Article 11. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Edward Read's term expires.

Arthur Williams nominates Ed Read.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 12. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Augusta Graves's term expires.

Tony Egan nominates Gussie Graves.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 13. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.

Rick Rayfield nominates Allen Tinker.

By voice vote so moved.

Allen noted that he sits with the 1<sup>st</sup> Constable on the State Police Community Advisory Council and would love to hear from anyone about their concerns.

Article 14. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Zelda LaVanway's term expires.

Ann Day nominates Zelda LaVanway.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Ken Amman thanked Zelda for all her hard work and years of service.

Article 15. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Debbie Jones's term expires.

Tom Jeffreys nominates Deb Jones.

No seconded need.

Nancy Mongeur asked the assembly to look at the officers list as it appears that it is not Debbie Jone's term that expires but rather Judy Dimario. This was determined to be a typographical error. David Jones noted that with unanimous consent of the body we could fix the article. He asked Tom Jeffreys (who made the original nomination) if this was acceptable to him and it was. Rick Rayfield asked that David once again ask if there were any other nomination from the floor, hearing none, David reread Article 15 replacing Jones with Dimario.

By voice vote so moved.

Judy Dimario asked why there were no microphones for the audience to use as she suspected that some people may be having trouble hearing the conversations. She offered to be a runner for this

purpose next town meeting. Fred Gilbert suggested that folks could sit closer together with the size turnout which would help.

Article 16. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.

Hanna Williams nominates David Jones.

No second needed.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 17. 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 18. 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, 2011?

Sue Jeffreys so moves.

Ann Day seconds.

Ed Read (Ed) went over the income and expenses of the Town budget. Some items of interest were:

Waitsfield road contract increase.

Chapin lawsuit information.

Delinquent tax collector fee and how it was zeroed out.

Highway Department savings.

Insurance savings due to a switch in health care plans for employees and lower claims for PACIF.

Possible future energy savings.

Patti Lewis' salaries were questioned and explained and a job description was asked for.

Carol Hardy noted that the Secretary of State's office has a list of what Town Clerk and Treasurers do on their website. Ed said that there were so many tasks and he could attest to that as he had tried to help Patti during her time in January when she was running the office alone.

Question asked why Listers get paid more than the Selectboard. The amount of work is significant for the Listers.

Joslin Library and the fact that the donation now comes from a more accurate accounting system on the Library's side. Thanked Ken Felderman for stepping in to be on their Board of Directors as Fayston had never had a board member before.

Washington County Court System's decrease in funding.

FES – stands for Fayston Elementary School and the funding is for when the Town uses the building such as for Town Meeting.

Question was asked about green up bags. Nicole Migneault noted that she put out about 300 bags for the event but that if you did not get one you could use a regular trash bag and the town would still pick them up until Monday morning.

Ed noted that the number we were voting on is 908,539.00.

Chuck Martel asked that if we then voted the culvert article of \$30,000.00 then that number would increase to \$938,539.00. Answer yes.

Ann Marie Furey again questioned the Town Clerk & Treasurer salaries and duties.

Leo Cohen asked how we borrowed money and the answer is short term borrowing through a tax anticipation note. historically through NSB.

David Jones re-read the article with the number of \$908,539.00.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 19. Shall the voters authorize a donation to the Joslin Memorial Library in the amount of \$13,395.00 for 2011?

Dinsmore Fulton so moves.

Sue Jeffreys seconds.

Rick Rayfield asked why it was called a donation. Answer, because that is what it is. There is no written agreement or contract with the Library and Fayston.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 20. Shall the voters approve a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 to be drawn from the fund balance for the year ending 2010 for the purpose of culvert replacements on Town Highways?

Corey Stevens so moves.

Nancy Mongeur seconds.

Robert Vasseur (Robert) explained that the project was not complete last year and that this \$30,000.00 would be added to that project and that the Town is using an engineer this time to prepare the bid package for the contractors.

Keith Kuegel asked if he would be notified when the work began and the answer was yes.

Ken Amann asked if there was any money to re-crown the roads. Jared said that yes, this was part of regular maintenance and is within the regular budget.

Judi Dimario said that it was not just the crowning but that the dirt needed to be brought back in from the side of the roads to allow for the water to run off into the ditches.

David restated the article.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 21. 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?

Nancy Mongeur so moves.

Ann Day seconds.

By voice vote so moved.

Article 22. Shall the Town of Fayston continue to fill the office of first constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election in accordance with Statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a?

Article 22 skipped as voted above.

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?

Ann Day so moves.

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Tony Egan seconds.

By voice vote so moved.

Before moving to Article 24 David Jones noted a couple points of order that were asked of him during the meeting.

1. Reconsideration of the previous article can take place until the last word of the next article is spoken. Once the entire article has been read, no reconsideration can take place. State Statute takes precedence over Roberts Rules.
2. As for Article 6. There was no need to go back and vote the original article once the amended article had passed. David apologized for this procedural error.

Article 24. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Leo Cohen asked if there was a way to consider putting the School Board Meeting on the agenda before Town Meeting? Answer, he can ask the Selectboard to consider putting it on the warning for next year.

Ned Kelley and Corey Stevenson made a presentation on the FNRC's McCullough Barn project and asked for donations of money and/or time. Asked if donations would be made out to the Town of Fayston and if those donations could be tax deductible. No clear answer at this time.

12:06 PM

Dona Egan moves to adjourn the meeting.

Arthur Williams seconds.

By voice vote so moved.

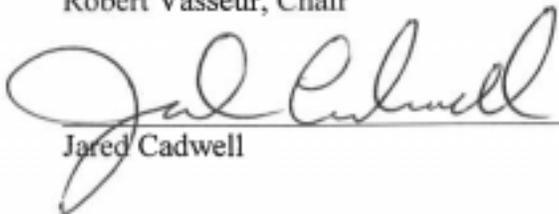
Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Selectboard;



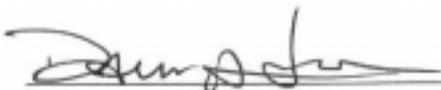
Robert Vasseur, Chair



Jared Cadwell

Edward Read

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, at Fayston, Vermont



David Jones, Moderator



Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

## TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING

Selectman	Robert Vasseur, Chair	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	3 year	2013
Selectman	Edward Read	496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Fayston	3 year	2014
Selectman	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	3 year	2012
Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Delinquent Tax Collector	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2012
School Director	Susan Daley	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	2 year	2013
School Director	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	2 year	2012
School Director	Gregory Carleu	496-7839	P.O. Box 447	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
School Director	Heide Spear	496-7454	P.O. Box 759	Waitsfield	3 year	2013
School Director	Russ Beilke, Chair	406-3224	P.O. Box 501	Waitsfield	3 year	2012
Union School Director	Freddie Graves	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2013
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	2012
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	2012
Cemetery Commissioner	Ken Amann	496-4111	P.O. Box 875	Waitsfield	3 year	2012
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	2013
Trustee of Public Money	Debbie Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	3 year	2013
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	2012
Grand Juror	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Town Agent	David Olenick	496-2267	P.O. Box 25	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Moderator	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2012

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom	496-4726	524 Sharpshooters Road	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Asst. Town Clerk & Tres.	Sarah Stavraký	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 21	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Zoning Administrator	Patti Greene-Swift	496-2454 x 25	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2012
First Constable	Raymond Munn	496-3582	P.O. Box 544	Moretown	1 year	2012
Dog Catcher	Michael Quenneville	496-8827/2190	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2012
Fence Viewer	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Fence Viewer	Ed Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Fence Viewer	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Shingle Inspector	Larry Garrard	496-4175	P.O. Box 545	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2012

Service Officer	Nicole Migneault	496-2083	3685 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	4/14/12
Health Officer	Susan Hale	496-9413	190 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	4/14/12
Energy Coordinator	David Frank	496-9611	1575 Ctr. Fayston Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Emergency Management	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Fire Warden	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Planning Commission	David Koepele, Chair	583-1799	3400 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2012
Planning Commission	Laura Kingsbury	496-2200	P.O. Box 1476	Waitsfield	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					4 year	2014
Planning Commission					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	2012
Develop. Review Board	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
Develop. Review Board	Al Molnar	496-7441	P.O. Box 148	Waitsfield	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 Randall Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2013
Develop. Review Board	Jonathon Shea, Chair	496-7038	4296 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2013
Natural Resource Comm.	Ky Koitzsch	496-5784	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	3 year	2013
Natural Resource Comm.					3 year	2013
Natural Resource Comm.	Cory Stevenson	496-2671	233 Shady Tree Lane	Fayston	3 year	2012
Natural Resource Comm.					3 year	2012
Natural Resource Comm.	Stellan Wollmar	496-3428	P.O. Box 1567	Waitsfield	3 year	2014
Natural Resource Comm.	Ned Kelley	496-9420	576 Smith Road	N. Fayston	3 year	2014
Natural Resource Comm.	Patti Greene-Swift	496-6816	152 Moulton Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
MRVPD	Ed Read/Alternate	496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Waitsfield	1 year	2012
Recreation District	John Stokes	496-2170	916 Phen Basin Road	Fayston	3 year	2014
	Ken Felderman	496-9263	24 Manlin Road	Fayston	3 year	2012
	Lisa Koitzsch	496-9419	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	At Large	
Cntrl. Vt. Reg. Planning					1 year	
TAC					1 year	
Police Advisory Comm.	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
					1 year	2012
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Solid Waste Rep.	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2012
Solid Waste Rep.	Jared Cadwell/Alternate	496-3295	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2012

## ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justice Of The Peace	Ann Day	496-3527	P.O. Box 300	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2013
Justice Of The Peace	Thomas Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	N. Fayston	2 year	Feb. 2013
Justice Of The Peace	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2013
Justice Of The Peace	Lisa Koitzsch	279-2173	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2013
Justice Of The Peace	Fredrick Rayfield	496-5667	P.O. Box 819	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2013

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## 2011 SELECTBOARD REPORT

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Our work for the past year was dominated by the flood events that occurred in May and August. Town roads, ditches and culverts suffered significant damage in key sections of German Flats, Phen and Center Fayston Roads. In addition, a single culvert on Moulton Road and a stretch of Manlin Road suffered major damage. The two flood events incurred over \$164K of trucking, excavating, culvert, paving and gravel expenses to the town.

We fully expect that close to 85% of those expenses will be covered by state and federal emergency funds. Through the combined efforts of Kingsbury Construction, Griffin & Griffin Excavation, S.T. Paving and our town road crew the town's damaged infrastructure was repaired in a remarkably short time span. We applaud the "can-do" attitude of everyone involved; especially, all the volunteers who helped with the Valley wide clean-up efforts.

As part of the town's efforts to upgrade road infrastructure, eight culverts were replaced on German Flats road, one on Moulton Road, two on Phen Road and two on Center Fayston Road. The expense of the new culverts and their installation was covered by the town budget and matching funds from the State of Vermont. We are budgeting for 4-6 culvert replacements in the coming year. Other infrastructure projects completed in the past year were the replacement of Randall Road Bridge and the shimming and re-paving of Hill # Nine (the guardrails received a temporary fix and will be fully replaced this year).

This past year marked the first full year of Patti Lewis's and her assistant, Sarah Stavraky's administration of the Town Office. We are pleased with how smooth and efficient the transition has been. With the assistance of Selectboard member, Ed Read, and budget advisor/consultant, Deb Jones, an improved system of checks and balances have been implemented for the administration of town finances. Patti and Sarah will give a short presentation on town office procedures at Town Meeting.

This winter will mark the second year of the wood pellet boiler/furnace operation at the municipal building. We've realized significant savings (in excess of \$2k) in our heating bills. We thank David Frank, Patti Lewis and Mark DiMario for their work on the installation and monitoring of this new system. In addition, energy savings occurred due to the installation of new light fixtures, exterior doors and insulation in the building.

The Town has engaged legal counsel to defend and represent its interests in two legal actions. In the matter of Susan and Bruce Chapin of Fayston Farms, the town is engaged in a mediation process with all parties to come to a satisfactory resolution. In the matter of True North, the Town has entered an appearance in the appeal of the Town's DRB decision. Both legal matters will be costly, thus the increase in the legal budget line from \$15k in 2011 to \$20K in 2012.

The Selectboard wishes to thank the Town's citizens for all their contributions to the Valley's and region's post-Irene flood recovery efforts. We're proud to be Vermonters!

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

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In 2011, the Fayston Planning Commissioners continued to work diligently to revise the Fayston Land Use Regulations (LURs). The final version of the new LURs was approved by the Select Board in December. This new version, dated Dec. 13, 2011, supersedes all earlier versions of the LURs. It can be accessed at the Fayston Town Office or on the Town Web site ([www.faystonvt.com](http://www.faystonvt.com)).

As part of this work and in preparation for its revision of the Town Plan (to begin in 2012), the Planning Commission undertook a variety of actions throughout the year. These included:

- Reviewing information presented by the Mad River Valley Planning District and Vermont Fish and Wildlife about the potential effects of development over time on natural resources and communities under the existing LURs.
  - Reviewing data about Fayston's growth rate over the last 20 years, most of which occurred in Rural Residential zoning districts.
  - Taking into account the Regional Housing District Plan from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and new requirement that towns include a strategy for accommodating projected growth in upcoming Town Plan revisions.
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The Planning Commission welcomes public attendance at its meetings, which are held on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fayston Town Hall. Public participation is especially welcomed as the Commission begins revising the Town Plan in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Dave Koepele (Chair), Polly McMurtry, Chuck Martel, Laura Kingsbury, Fred Gilbert  
 The Fayston Planning Commission

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## FAYSTON LISTER'S REPORT 2011

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The reappraisal of 2010 is holding up very well. Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 100.33 ending 2010 and it was 100.98 ending 2011. The increase in the percentage is a good indicator of our sales being very close to the listed values.

### Declaration of Vermont Homestead

The Homestead Declaration is no longer required to be filed each year as of 2010. 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.

### 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 purpose only.

**PLEASE NOTE A CLAIM FOR A PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT MUST STILL BE FILED EACH YEAR – THE NEW FORM IS HS-145.** There is more information on the State of Vermont web site.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Board of Listers  
 Augusta Graves

Fred Spencer

Tony Egan

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## 2011 ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

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The Fayston Zoning & Planning Administrator's (ZA) responsibility is to attend to all Zoning Permit activities, 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](http://www.faystonvt.com)).

In 2011, the ZA worked closely with the Development Review Board to review a grand total of 48 applications, as follows:

<b><u>Type of Zoning Permit:</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
Subdivision & Amendments	4	3	4	9	16	13	12
Single-Family Homes	8	5	6	5	10	13	17
Additions/Other Structures	25	25	27	43	35	31	37
Certificates of Occupancy	5	4	11	12	23	28	26

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Conditional Use	5	3	2	6	11	11	10
Home Occupation	1	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wastewater Permits	9	9	16	12	11	24	25

Wastewater applications are no longer reviewed by the Fayston Zoning & Planning offices but by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division, which implements the state-wide Wastewater Permit Program. The state issued 9 permits to Fayston landowners in 2011. Fayston continues to require that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for once a new 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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karla Hostetler

Fayston Zoning and Planning Administrator

802-496-2454 ext. 25

faystonzoning@madriver.com

## TOWN CLERK INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2011

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$1000.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$1,001.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$-15.00
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$22,369.13

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, 2012. 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 would like the license sent by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope.

### DOG LICENSE FEES

	NEUTERED	UNNEUTERED
On or before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
After April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$10.00	\$16.00

### VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS	8
DEATHS	8
MARRIAGES	9

Dear Town of Fayston Residents,

While I have been your Treasurer for seven years and Assistant Town Clerk ten, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during my first year as your Town Clerk. The days never cease to amaze as they fly by with a diverse list of scheduled and unscheduled tasks that arise. I wish to thank our new Assistant Town Clerk & Assistant Treasurer, Sarah Stavrazy, for her help with the many duties and responsibilities.

Last year there were valid questions raised about what a Town Clerk and Town Treasurer do with their time at the office. I look forward to sharing this important information with you on Town Meeting Day.

See you then.

Patti Lewis

## FAYSTON CEMETERY COMMISSION'S REPORT FOR 2011

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The Fayston Cemetery Comm. assisted in 2 full internments and 1 monument placement in South Fayston. In North Fayston there was 1 full and 1 cremation internment and 2 monument placements.

This year we closed off the lower portion of the new section in South Fayston and will hay it next year, thus with the hopes that this will end the thoughtless destruction.

### Income

Balance in checking acct.	\$ 355.82
Grave opening	800.00
Northfield Savings Bank (CD transfer)	1,300.00
Int. on CD	9.34
Edward Jones (Int. Perpetual Care)	<u>4,200.00</u>
	\$ 6,665.16

### Expenditures

Grounds Care	\$ 5,500.00
Grave Opening	700.00
Stove and Flag Works (60 flags)	60.00
Vermont Cemetery Asso. dues	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 6,285.00

### Total Assets

Checkbook balance	\$ 380.16
Perpetual Care Fund	30,830.00
Fayston Restricted Cemetery Fund	<u>92,394.64</u>
	\$123,604.80

Fayston Cemetery Commission  
 Ken Amann  
 Tom Bisbee  
 Zelda LaVanway

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2011

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Hurricane Irene deposited just over 5 inches of water in my rain gauge in North Fayston on Sunday August 26, 2011. If we assume that this is a reasonable average for the Mad River Valley, it is possible that eleven billion, five hundred twenty-one million gallons of water fell into our 144 square mile watershed during the storm. That's 11,521,000,000 gallons!

Here is the formula: One inch of rain on one acre of ground produces about 25,000 gallons of water. This is the average capacity of an in-ground home swimming pool. Since there are 640 acres in a square mile, our Valley of 92,168 acres collected about 125,000 gallons of water per acre.

Our already saturated fields and forests absorbed some of that water, but most of it wrecked havoc for our friends and neighbors who live along the Mad River in Waitsfield and Moretown. And our beloved little river contributed mightily to the destruction in Waterbury.

We are all familiar with the devastation that Irene left from North Carolina to the Canadian border and we are acutely aware of the suffering and loss that our near neighbors had to endure. We were equally awed by the

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outpouring of volunteers who arrived with buckets and shovels, back hoes and bulldozers, sandwiches and sanitation supplies.

Valley residents who live at higher elevations responded immediately and gave unstintingly of their time and cash. Fortunately, most of us were spared damage to our families and homes by hurricane force and tropical force winds. Had there been wide spread devastation at higher altitudes in the Valley, our response and recovery would have been vastly more complicated.

When I sat down at this time last year to write about hurricane preparedness, little did I think that this year would be the year that the largest and most powerful storm ever to hit the mid northeastern seaboard would visit Vermont on the last Sunday in August.

Fayston sustained damage to our infrastructure that is documented elsewhere in this yearly report. But we were well prepared for this storm and our citizens are to be commended for their response to this event. Our Select board and town officials and employees were swift and thorough in their decisions and returned our community to normal very quickly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Tinker, Emergency Management Director

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## FAYSTON NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – 2011

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### **The Proposed Conservation Reserve Fund Explained:**

According to a 2006 survey of Fayston residents, our town's best assets are its rural character, scenic beauty, natural resources and recreational opportunities. Both full and part-time residents strongly believed in the need to protect and preserve these special features. The most recent Fayston Town Plan has incorporated these views and has adopted the specific goal 3.9:

“The responsible use, careful stewardship, maintenance, preservation and enhancement of Fayston's natural resources, rural character, natural heritage and environmental quality for the benefit of current and future generations.”

In a time of rapid growth and development in Fayston, a critical tool for achieving this goal is our ability to conserve our land. Therefore, we are asking voters to approve the creation of a Conservation Reserve Fund to help:

- **Minimize** conversion of **our best** forest and farmland to non-forestry and non-agricultural uses.
- **Maintain** Fayston's **rural character**, aesthetics, and scenic values.
- **Preserve** open space and **access to** open space.
- **Promote a working landscape by promoting local forestry and farming** and forest and farm products.
- **Enhance** wildlife habitat, water quality and recreational uses of Fayston's **natural assets**.
- **Educate** the public on the **value of conserving** our natural resources and our rural heritage.
- **Manage** town forests and other conserved farm, forest or **recreational property** held by the town of Fayston.

The Selectboard will approve all expenditures from the Conservation Reserve Fund. The Natural Resources Committee will make recommendations to the Select Board for their approval. The fund could potentially be used in one of the following ways:

- To provide **local-matching funds** as required to capture private, state or federal grants for significant conservation projects.
  - To purchase resource/recreational lands or conservation easements in a Fayston-only project, **in cooperation** with Fayston landowners and/or nonprofit organizations.
  - For technical assistance (including ,but not limited to, legal work, surveying, appraisals, etc) **to landowners who want to permanently protect** natural, scenic or recreational resources important to the town of Fayston.
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The requested amount of \$10,000 works out to roughly \$10 per family to start the fund. We hope you will consider this a sound and important investment in protecting the rural character, recreation accessibility and natural resources of our town.

### **FNRC Highlights from 2011**

The restoration of the McCollough Barn on German Flats road is progressing nicely. The concrete foundation was poured, and final site grading completed this past fall. Some of the barn frame has already been restored and the rest will be completed by early spring in time for a May frame raising. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us for this exciting event! If all goes well, the barn will be completed by early July. Thanks again to all the community volunteers that have made this project possible. We could not have done it without you!

We have also recently submitted a grant application to have the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) help integrate the new barn, parking lot and Fayston School Nature Studies interpretive area into an enhanced trailhead, as well as repair damage to the Mad River Path from Tropical Storm Irene. This will insure better and more informed access to the Chase Brook Town Forest.

Our Spring amphibian crossing project was very successful with Patti Green-Swift as area coordinator and 5 volunteers working the roads. Over 200 amphibian crossings in just two days at the base of Tucker Hill Road and 70 crossings on Bragg Hill were recorded. Another two new crossing sites were identified as well on Center Fayston Road and Randell Road. The program is part of a broader Valley-wide initiative spearheaded by Friends of the Mad River. We would really appreciate more help with the crossing sites as well as exploring a few new sites we have not yet had time to explore. Please contact us if you are interested in heading out on the first dark and rainy nights to help these creatures during their annual spring migration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ky Koitzsch, chair  
Lisa Koitzsch, secretary  
Ned Kelley, treasurer

Gene Fialkoff, member  
Stan Button, member  
Cory Stephenson, member

## **FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

### **COMPILATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**AS OF 2009**

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

**INSTEAD COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FAYSTON  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OR VIEWED ON LINE AT FAYSTONVT.COM**

## TOWN OF FAYSTON

## PROFIT &amp; LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

		Jan - Dec 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2012
<b>Income</b>						
<b>INCOME</b>						
	4000 · Town Taxes	702,307.42	631,233.78	71,073.64	111.26%	
	4010 · State Aid Highway	65,030.59	65,000.00	30.59	100.05%	\$65,000.00
	4015 · Green Mountain Valley School	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$4,000.00
	4020 · Liquor licenses	1,000.00	900.00	100.00	111.11%	\$900.00
	4025 · Marriage licenses	-15.00	200.00	-215.00	-7.5%	\$200.00
	4035 · Dog licenses	1,001.00	1,200.00	-199.00	83.42%	\$1,200.00
	4036 · Restoration	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	\$0.00
	4039 · Penalty - Homestead Filing	1,050.20	0.00	1,050.20	100.0%	\$0.00
	4040 · Other income	7,281.03	2,000.00	5,281.03	364.05%	\$2,000.00
	4041 · Hall rental	520.00	1,500.00	-980.00	34.67%	\$1,000.00
	4042 · Fees	22,283.13	22,000.00	283.13	101.29%	\$22,000.00
	4043 · Permits-EW	280.00	300.00	-20.00	93.33%	\$300.00
	4048 · Zoning-fees	5,776.70	4,000.00	1,776.70	144.42%	\$4,000.00
	4050 · Waitsfield road work	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	100.0%	\$4,800.00
	4052 · Delinquent tax interest	33,181.09	15,000.00	18,181.09	221.21%	\$15,000.00
	4054 · Delinquent tax penalties	26,841.79	0.00	26,841.79	100.0%	\$0.00
	4065 · Interest-CD	2,814.12	5,000.00	-2,185.88	56.28%	\$3,000.00
	4075 · Interest - General Fund	8,404.63	5,000.00	3,404.63	168.09%	\$5,000.00
	4550 · Fines	37.00	0.00	37.00	100.0%	\$0.00
	4700 · Current Use	30,513.00	22,000.00	8,513.00	138.7%	\$25,000.00
	4805 · PILOT	15,726.80	15,000.00	726.80	104.85%	\$15,000.00
	Fund Balance Prior Year	138,087.13	138,087.13	0.00	100.0%	\$153,778.80
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>1,070,920.63</b>	<b>801,633.78</b>	<b>269,286.85</b>	<b>133.59%</b>	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,070,920.63</b>	<b>801,633.78</b>	<b>269,286.85</b>	<b>133.59%</b>	<b>\$322,178.80</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>						
	5305 · Pound	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	100.0%	\$2,300.00
	5320 · Legal					\$0.00
	0703 · Chapin Lawsuit	6,117.49				
	0704 · Spector Tax Appeal	775.50				
	0705 · True North	2,469.00				
	0706 · MRVHC	514.50				
	5317 · Zoning & Planning	511.50				
	5320 · Legal - Other	303.73	15,000.00	-14,696.27	2.03%	\$20,000.00
	<b>Total 5320 - Legal</b>	<b>10,691.72</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>-4,308.28</b>	<b>71.28%</b>	
	5321 · Consulting	1,075.41	2,000.00	-924.59	53.77%	\$1,500.00
	5322 · Audit expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$6,250.00
	5323 · Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	\$300.00
	5325 · Public Safety	30.00	500.00	-470.00	6.0%	\$500.00
	5335 · MRV Solid Waste Alliance	2,490.00	2,500.00	-10.00	99.6%	\$2,706.00
	5340 · Contingency & miscellaneous	157.56	1,000.00	-842.44	15.76%	\$1,000.00
	5910 · Leagues of Cities & Towns	1,915.00	1,915.00	0.00	100.0%	\$2,035.00
	5920 · Loan Interest	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	\$600.00
	<b>Total ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>24,969.69</b>	<b>32,116.00</b>	<b>-7,146.31</b>	<b>77.72%</b>	<b>\$37,191.00</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>						
	5050 · Hospitalization	66,655.81	58,000.00	8,655.81	114.92%	\$75,142.63
	5055 · Retirement	10,783.00	11,000.00	-217.00	98.03%	\$12,000.00
	5060 · Taxes - payroll	17,993.48	20,000.00	-2,006.52	89.97%	\$20,000.00
	5065 · Uniforms	1,322.04	1,800.00	-477.96	73.45%	\$1,800.00
	5066 · Dental	8,071.42	8,000.00	71.42	100.89%	\$9,000.00
	<b>Total BENEFITS</b>	<b>104,825.75</b>	<b>98,800.00</b>	<b>6,025.75</b>	<b>106.1%</b>	<b>\$117,942.63</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>						
	6005 · Election clerks	60.00	2,000.00	-1,940.00	3.0%	\$2,000.00
	6010 · Supplies	29.90	2,000.00	-1,970.10	1.5%	\$2,500.00
	6015 · Town Report	3,308.31	4,000.00	-691.69	82.71%	\$4,000.00
	<b>Total ELECTIONS</b>	<b>3,398.21</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>-4,601.79</b>	<b>42.48%</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>

# TOWN OF FAYSTON

## PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

	Jan - Dec 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2012
<b>FIRE</b>					
5380 · Waitsfield contract	30,296.36	29,108.00	1,188.36	104.08%	\$30,150.00
<b>Total FIRE</b>	<b>30,296.36</b>	<b>29,108.00</b>	<b>1,188.36</b>	<b>104.08%</b>	<b>\$30,150.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>					
5090 · Blades	4,278.46	5,000.00	-721.54	85.57%	\$5,000.00
5095 · Diesel	47,068.81	32,000.00	15,068.81	147.09%	\$40,000.00
5100 · Repairs	11,542.57	15,000.00	-3,457.43	76.95%	\$15,000.00
5105 · Gasoline	463.58	1,000.00	-536.42	46.36%	\$1,000.00
5110 · Oil	1,564.33	2,000.00	-435.67	78.22%	\$2,000.00
5115 · Other parts	2,679.55	5,000.00	-2,320.45	53.59%	\$4,000.00
5120 · Rental	4,828.50	7,000.00	-2,171.50	68.98%	\$7,000.00
5125 · Tires	7,629.93	9,000.00	-1,370.07	84.78%	\$6,000.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>80,055.73</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>4,055.73</b>	<b>105.34%</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY GARAGE</b>					
5130 · Electricity	264.05	500.00	-235.95	52.81%	\$400.00
5140 · Maintenance and repairs	1,804.85	3,000.00	-1,195.15	60.16%	\$4,500.00
5150 · Telephone	1,383.64	1,200.00	183.64	115.3%	\$1,500.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY GARAGE</b>	<b>3,452.54</b>	<b>4,700.00</b>	<b>-1,247.46</b>	<b>73.46%</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY SALARIES</b>					
5170 · Salaries	127,459.12	139,000.00	-11,540.88	91.7%	\$146,000.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY SALARIES</b>	<b>127,459.12</b>	<b>139,000.00</b>	<b>-11,540.88</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>\$146,000.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY SUPPLIES</b>					
5070 · Calcium	10,091.71	10,000.00	91.71	100.92%	\$10,000.00
5075 · Sand	9,439.20	10,000.00	-560.80	94.39%	\$10,000.00
5080 · Other supplies	507.96	1,000.00	-492.04	50.8%	\$1,000.00
5085 · Salt	28,693.95	30,000.00	-1,306.05	95.65%	\$30,000.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES</b>	<b>48,732.82</b>	<b>51,000.00</b>	<b>-2,267.18</b>	<b>95.56%</b>	<b>\$51,000.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
5400 · Property and Casualty	9,617.00	12,031.00	-2,414.00	79.94%	\$14,044.16
5410 · Public Officials	1,707.00	1,707.00	0.00	100.0%	\$1,962.97
5430 · Workers' comp	7,356.00	7,356.00	0.00	100.0%	\$8,060.00
5435 · Employment Practices	837.00	837.00	0.00	100.0%	\$1,119.87
5440 · VLCT Unemployment	810.00	810.00	0.00	100.0%	\$1,038.00
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>20,327.00</b>	<b>22,741.00</b>	<b>-2,414.00</b>	<b>89.39%</b>	<b>\$26,225.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDING</b>					
5450 · Cleaning	1,860.00	1,900.00	-40.00	97.9%	\$1,900.00
5455 · Electricity	2,423.04	2,500.00	-76.96	96.92%	\$2,500.00
5460 · Heat	2,370.00	4,000.00	-1,630.00	59.25%	\$3,000.00
5465 · Other	16.96	500.00	-483.04	3.39%	\$500.00
5470 · Maintenance	7,264.52	8,500.00	-1,235.48	85.47%	\$6,000.00
5475 · Telephone	2,854.24	3,000.00	-145.76	95.14%	\$3,000.00
<b>Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING</b>	<b>16,788.76</b>	<b>20,400.00</b>	<b>-3,611.24</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>
<b>OFFICE</b>					
5600 · Computer expenses	3,923.51	4,000.00	-76.49	98.09%	\$4,000.00
5605 · Equipment purchase	2,333.00	3,000.00	-667.00	77.77%	\$1,500.00
5610 · Listers-expenses	375.43	1,500.00	-1,124.57	25.03%	\$1,000.00
5611 · 911 Wages	1,032.00	1,000.00	32.00	103.2%	\$1,000.00
5612 · Tax Mapping	1,479.00	2,050.00	-571.00	72.15%	\$2,500.00
5615 · Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	\$2,250.00
5625 · Postage	1,244.70	2,000.00	-755.30	62.24%	\$2,000.00
5630 · Equipment rental	3,109.27	3,100.00	9.27	100.3%	\$3,100.00
5635 · Supplies	4,484.13	5,000.00	-515.87	89.68%	\$5,000.00
5650 · Seminars/dues	1,619.60	2,500.00	-880.40	64.78%	\$2,500.00
<b>Total OFFICE</b>	<b>21,850.64</b>	<b>26,400.00</b>	<b>-4,549.36</b>	<b>82.77%</b>	<b>\$24,850.00</b>

## TOWN OF FAYSTON

## PROFIT &amp; LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2011

	Jan - Dec 11	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2012
<b>PLANNING</b>					
5700 · Advertising	1,229.49	700.00	529.49	175.64%	\$900.00
5705 · CVRPC	1,314.60	1,350.00	-35.40	97.38%	\$1,420.00
5706 · FNRC	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$1,000.00
5710 · ZA Exp/Misc	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	\$2,000.00
5711 · Planning-supplies	400.00	500.00	-100.00	80.0%	\$500.00
5712 · Planning-postage	126.18	200.00	-73.82	63.09%	\$200.00
5714 · MRVPD	21,010.00	21,010.00	0.00	100.0%	\$21,010.00
5715 · Town Plan	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	\$0.00
5720 · Planning/DRB Resources	175.00	1,000.00	-825.00	17.5%	\$500.00
5730 · Computer Equipment	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	\$300.00
5830 · Zoning Administration	15,404.80	15,800.00	-395.20	97.5%	\$16,000.00
5840 · ZA Asst. 1	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	\$0.00
<b>Total PLANNING</b>	<b>40,660.07</b>	<b>44,260.00</b>	<b>-3,599.93</b>	<b>91.87%</b>	<b>\$43,830.00</b>
<b>SALARIES</b>					
5805 · Town Clerk 2010	790.38	0.00	790.38	100.0%	\$0.00
5810 · Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector	48,000.07	48,000.00	0.07	100.0%	\$50,400.00
5812 · Selectboard Assistant	10,400.00	10,400.00	0.00	100.0%	\$10,400.00
5815 · Listers	11,594.44	18,000.00	-6,405.56	64.41%	\$18,000.00
5826 · Delinquent tax collector	15,285.91	0.00	15,285.91	100.0%	\$0.00
5838 · Asst TC & Asst Treasurer	15,649.34	17,000.00	-1,350.66	92.06%	\$21,000.00
<b>Total SALARIES</b>	<b>101,720.14</b>	<b>93,400.00</b>	<b>8,320.14</b>	<b>108.91%</b>	<b>\$99,800.00</b>
<b>TAXES</b>					
5900 · Joslin Library Donation	13,395.00	13,395.00	0.00	100.0%	\$14,200.00
5905 · FES Usage	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$20,000.00
5925 · Washington County	23,532.00	23,532.00	0.00	100.0%	\$25,753.00
5930 · Donations	17,188.00	17,188.00	0.00	100.0%	\$17,738.00
5935 · Recreation District	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%	\$12,500.00
<b>Total TAXES</b>	<b>86,615.00</b>	<b>86,615.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$90,191.00</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>					
5345 · Transfer to School District	0.00	2,534,291.00	-2,534,291.00	0.0%	
5346 · Transfer to State Education	0.00	1,873,808.77	-1,873,808.77	0.0%	
8001 · Transfer-road retreatment	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$55,000.00
8002 · Transfer-equipment	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$60,000.00
8003 · Transfer-bridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$3,000.00
8004 · Transfer-fire equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$15,000.00
8006 · Transfer to road construction	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$35,000.00
8008 · Transfer re-appraisal reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$5,000.00
8013 · Transfer Record Restoration	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$8,000.00
8014 · Culvert Reserve	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%	\$9,000.00
<b>Total TRANSFERS</b>	<b>206,000.00</b>	<b>4,614,099.77</b>	<b>-4,408,099.77</b>	<b>4.47%</b>	<b>\$190,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>917,141.83</b>	<b>5,346,638.77</b>	<b>-4,429,496.94</b>	<b>17.15%</b>	<b>968,979.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>153,778.80</b>	<b>-4,545,004.99</b>	<b>4,698,783.79</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>	

## FAYSTON CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM 2012 - 2017

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### 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 2006, 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 2017. 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

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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 fifteen days prior to the hearing. The Planning Commission may submit a report to the Selectmen on the proposal prior to the hearing. The capital budget and program is then adopted by an act of the legislative body promptly after the final public hearing.

### **Process for Use and Updating a Capital Budget and Program:**

As the Selectmen prepare their budget for Town Meeting, the first year of the capital program is reviewed for inclusion as the capital budget for that year. Adjustments are made as necessary to the capital budget to reflect more recent cost data and any changes in financing.

The projections for operating expenses and grand list used in developing the program should be weighted against actual experience and modified as necessary. At the same time as the budget is prepared, other capital items in the program should be reviewed. If there are any changes in these items, they can be made at this time. Examples of changes are deferral of a project due to unforeseen priority needs or financial constraints, and additions to the program. Each year as the capital budget is finalized, one more year is added to the capital program. Suggestions for new capital projects should be solicited from the planning commission and road commissioner. The school board should prepare their capital projects so they can be factored. As the capital projects are added, consideration should be given to the method of financing them. Projections of operating expenditures and debt service should be extended at the same time to determine the effect of any capital items on the budget for the additional year.

### **Format for the Capital Budget and Program:**

The chart on the following page represents the Fayston Capital Budget and Program for the period 2012- 2017. The chart lists Capital Projects which is a list of the Town's anticipated capital needs, including various road equipment, road and bridge improvements, town buildings, and reserve accounts. A cost is listed for each item in columns representing the years within the program period. A total dollar amount for capital expenditures is provided by year. Contributions to Depreciation Accounts and Reserve Funds present the timing and amount of proposed "deposits" to reserve funds for various anticipated capital projects.

The capital projects for 2012 in the Town Report will show the NET total amount of capital expenditures proposed and represent the year's capital expenditures, minus revenues taken from existing reserve funds, plus revenues deposited in reserve funds.



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## TOWN OF FAYSTON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>REVENUE</b>						
GRAND LIST	2,750,633	2,818,728	2,855,775	2,869,051	3,686,637	3,691,756
TAX RATE	1.734/1.672	1.7795/1.7684	2.008/2.0629	2.01/2.14	1.55/1.64	1.495/1.536
TAX REVENUE	\$4,671,015	\$5,017,336	\$5,767,464	\$5,766,793	\$5,714,287	\$5,519,175
STATE AID - TOWN	65509	83530	65262	87649	65139	65000
STATE AID-REAPPRAISAL	10963	11058	11086	0.0	11039	0.0
FEDERAL/STATE-SCHOOL	208483	194709	223853	193864	169049	164001
OTHER - TOWN	105525	96617	116792	107398	139706	105400
OTHER - SCHOOL	22000	50677	50849	32500	32500	32500
FAYSTON ED FUND	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,083,495</b>	<b>\$5,453,927</b>	<b>\$6,235,306</b>	<b>\$6,188,204</b>	<b>\$6,131,720</b>	<b>\$5,886,076</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES - OPERATING</b>						
ROADS	206276	247275	233179	211120	217932	270700
POLICE & FIRE	19455	20273	28640	26221	25942	29108
GENERAL ADMN	367551	395833	414490	450294	450379	388471
PLANNING	46464	56659	44880	38569	39078	44260
DEBT SERVICE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOWN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$639,746</b>	<b>\$720,040</b>	<b>\$721,189</b>	<b>\$726,204</b>	<b>\$733,331</b>	<b>\$732,539</b>
SCHOOL - ELEM.	1336381	1446820	1538587	1607044	1600273	1602920
HARWOOD - (see note)	1131678	1076731	1128414	1067901	929074	938365
DEBT SVCE - ELEM	48938	46642	44347	52551	45419	37952
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,516,997</b>	<b>\$2,570,193</b>	<b>\$2,711,348</b>	<b>\$2,727,496</b>	<b>\$2,574,766</b>	<b>\$2,579,237</b>
NOTE: HUHS costs for 2008 and forward are estimated using the previous years' compound annual rate of change.						
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<b>OPERATING - BOTH</b>	<b>\$3,156,743</b>	<b>\$3,290,233</b>	<b>\$3,432,537</b>	<b>\$3,453,700</b>	<b>\$3,308,097</b>	<b>\$3,311,776</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
TOWN	155000	160000	168000	163000	216000	176000
SCHOOL	0.0	28677	28849	13631	13631	13631
<b>TOTAL OPERATING &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$3,311,743</b>	<b>\$3,478,910</b>	<b>\$3,629,386</b>	<b>\$3,630,331</b>	<b>\$3,537,728</b>	<b>\$3,501,407</b>
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>						
TOWN	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCHOOL	181062	134420	201825	149274	103855	65903
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>181062</b>	<b>134420</b>	<b>201825</b>	<b>149274</b>	<b>103855</b>	<b>65903</b>
Est'd payment to State	\$1,676,631	\$2,011,957	1995538	1955627	\$2,180,818	\$2,319,700

## FAYSTON CAPITAL PROJECTS

PURCHASES & EXPENSES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
TOWN:						
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	35000	30000	30000	30000	30000	30000
ROAD RETREATMENT	55000	55000	55000	55000	55000	55000
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000
FIRE EQPT RESERVE	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
BRIDGE RESERVE	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
REAPPRAISAL	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TOWN RECORDS REST.	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
CULVERT RESERVE	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000
<b>TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>

**FIVE YEAR TREND ANALYSIS**  
**COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
GRAND LIST	6.0%
TAX RATE	-3.0%
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	3.0%
FED/STATE AID	-1.0%
OTHER REVENUE	1.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	1.5%
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	
ROADS	5.5%
POLICE & FIRE	8.5%
GENERAL ADMN/PLANNING	1.0%
SCHOOLS	1.0%
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	-5.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1.0%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	10.0%

(using estimated payment amounts)

**STABLE TAX RATE**  
**Note change: of \$1.60**

**PROJECTED REVENUE FIVE YEAR TREND**  
**COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE**  
2011 budget as base

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
GRAND LIST	\$3,913,261	\$4,148,057	\$4,396,940	\$4,660,757	\$4,940,402	\$5,236,826
TAX RATE	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
TAX REVENUE	\$6,261,218	\$6,636,891	\$7,035,105	\$7,457,211	\$7,904,644	\$8,378,922
FED/STATE	226,711	224,444	222,199	219,977	217,778	215,600
OTHER REVENUE	139,969	142,068	144,199	146,362	148,557	150,786
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,627,898</b>	<b>\$7,003,403</b>	<b>\$7,401,503</b>	<b>\$7,823,551</b>	<b>\$8,270,979</b>	<b>\$8,745,308</b>

**PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURES**  
**COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE**  
2011 Budget as base

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
ROADS	285,589	301,296	317,867	335,350	353,794	373,253
POLICE & FIRE	31,582	34,267	37,179	40,340	43,768	47,489
GEN'L ADMN/PLANNING	437,058	441,429	445,843	450,302	454,805	459,353
SCHOOLS	2,605,029	2,631,080	2,657,390	2,683,964	2,710,804	2,737,912
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>\$3,359,258</b>	<b>\$3,408,071</b>	<b>\$3,458,280</b>	<b>\$3,509,955</b>	<b>\$3,563,171</b>	<b>\$3,618,006</b>

<b>BALANCE FOR CAPITAL,</b>						
<b>DEBT SVCE &amp; STATE</b>	<b>\$3,268,639</b>	<b>\$3,595,332</b>	<b>\$3,943,223</b>	<b>\$4,313,595</b>	<b>\$4,707,808</b>	<b>\$5,127,302</b>
TOWN CAPITAL	190,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
DEBT SERVICE/SCHOOL	38,000	27,903				
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$3,040,639</b>	<b>\$3,382,429</b>	<b>\$3,758,223</b>	<b>\$4,128,595</b>	<b>\$4,522,808</b>	<b>\$4,942,302</b>

Projected Payment to State						
Education fund	<b>\$2,551,670</b>	<b>\$2,806,837</b>	<b>\$3,087,521</b>	<b>\$3,396,273</b>	<b>\$3,735,900</b>	<b>\$4,109,490</b>
Surplus/deficit at \$1.60 tax	<b>\$488,969</b>	<b>\$575,592</b>	<b>\$670,702</b>	<b>\$732,322</b>	<b>\$786,908</b>	<b>\$832,812</b>

## GENERAL/CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2012

	<i>BUDGET 2011</i>	<i>ACTUAL 2011</i>	<i>BUDGET 2012</i>
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2012</b>			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$32,115.00	\$24,959.69	\$37,191.00
BENEFITS	\$98,800.00	\$104,825.75	\$117,942.63
ELECTIONS	\$8,000.00	\$3,398.21	\$8,500.00
FIRE	\$29,108.00	\$30,296.36	\$30,150.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$76,000.00	\$80,055.73	\$80,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$4,700.00	\$3,452.54	\$6,400.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$139,000.00	\$127,459.12	\$146,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$51,000.00	\$48,732.82	\$51,000.00
INSURANCE	\$22,741.00	\$20,327.00	\$26,225.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$20,400.00	\$16,788.76	\$16,900.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$26,400.00	\$21,850.64	\$24,850.00
PLANNING	\$44,260.00	\$40,660.07	\$43,830.00
OFFICER SALARIES *1	\$93,400.00	\$101,720.14	\$99,800.00
TAXES	\$86,615.00	\$86,615.00	\$90,191.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$732,539.00</b>	<b>\$711,141.83</b>	<b>\$778,979.63</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2012</b>			
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
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 - voted 3/1/2010	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$9,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$206,000.00</b>	<b>\$206,000.00</b>	<b>\$190,000.00</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; CAPITAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$938,539.00</b>	<b>\$917,141.83</b>	<b>\$968,979.63</b>

\*1 - Actual incl. del tax \$15285.91



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## 2012 REVENUE ESTIMATES

	<i>ESTIMATE 2011</i>	<i>ACTUAL 2011</i>	<i>ESTIMATE 2012</i>
4010 - STATE AID - HIGHWAY	\$65,000.00	\$65,030.59	\$65,000.00
4700 - CURRENT USE	\$22,000.00	\$30,513.00	\$25,000.00
4075/4065 - INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	\$10,000.00	\$10,234.62	\$8,000.00
4052 - INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	\$15,000.00	\$32,581.05	\$15,000.00
4805 - PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	\$15,000.00	\$15,726.80	\$15,000.00
4050- WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
4035/4020/4025 - LICENSES (DOG/LIQUOR/MARRIAGE)	\$2,300.00	\$1,991.00	\$2,300.00
4043/4048 - PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	\$4,300.00	\$6,056.00	\$4,300.00
4042 - FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	\$22,000.00	\$22,369.13	\$22,000.00
4036 - RESTORATION	\$2,500.00	\$1,816.00	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS (HS 131 Penalty/Other Income/Hall Rental/Zoning Fines)	\$3,500.00	\$4,617.65	\$3,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES	\$0.00	\$11,878.50	\$0.00
4015 - GMVS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
*STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL	*11,039.00	*11,039.00	*11,039.00
<b>TOTAL ABOVE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$170,400.00</b>	<b>\$211,614.34</b>	<b>\$168,400.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>\$138,088.00</b>	<b>\$108,087.13</b>	<b>\$153,778.80</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$308,488.00</b>	<b>\$319,701.47</b>	<b>\$322,178.80</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General)</b>	<b>\$908,539.00</b>	<b>\$938,539.00</b>	<b>\$968,979.63</b>
<b>TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED (Line 23 - Line 21)</b>	<b>\$600,051.00</b>	<b>\$618,837.53</b>	<b>\$646,800.83</b>

\*Designated Only For Reappraisal Expense



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## FIXED ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>					
MUNICIPAL BLDG. & LAND (6.7AC)	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$589,200.00	\$589,200.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT RDS (.10AC)	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$312,200.00	\$312,200.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$390,400.00	\$390,400.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$95,900.00	\$95,900.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00
HENRYS WAY (7.5AC)	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$128,300.00	\$128,300.00
SCHOOL (7AC)	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$18,600.00	\$18,600.00
GERM. FLTS RD (73.34AC) CHASE BK. CEMETERIES (3)	\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00	\$261,100.00	\$261,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,879,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,879,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,879,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,189,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,189,300.00</b>
<b>ROAD DEPARTMENT</b>					
2009 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK		\$130,019.00	\$117,107.10	\$105,396.39	\$94,856.76
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$90,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$72,900.00	\$65,610.00	\$59,049.00
2002 MACK TRUCK	\$45,603.00	\$41,042.70	\$36,938.43	\$33,244.59	\$29,920.14
1999 MACK TRUCK	\$24,624.00	\$22,161.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004 GRADER	\$105,300.00	\$94,770.00	\$85,293.00	\$76,763.70	\$69,087.33
2003 LOADER	\$68,850.00	\$61,965.00	\$55,768.50	\$50,191.65	\$45,172.49
2001 CHEVROLET PICKUP	\$8,505.00	\$7,654.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2009 GMC PICKUP			\$26,832.60	\$24,149.34	\$21,734.41
2000 BACKHOE	\$40,176.00	\$36,158.40	\$32,542.56	\$29,288.31	\$0.00
2011 BACKHOE					\$89,100.00
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$393,058.00</b>	<b>\$484,771.20</b>	<b>\$437,382.19</b>	<b>\$394,643.98</b>	<b>\$334,063.37</b>

## DONATIONS

NAME	Approved 2012
CIRCLE FKA BATTERED WOMEN'S	\$300.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL	\$100.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	\$250.00
CTRL. VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$2,000.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$588.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$7,000.00
MAD RIVER VALLEY HC, INC.	\$5,000.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,000.00
PEOPLE'S H&W CLINIC	\$100.00
RETIRED & SENIOR VOL. PROGRAM	\$200.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISES TEAM	\$100.00
VT. ASSOC. BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00
VT. CTR. FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,738.00</b>

## WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department continues to operate under agreement of the towns of Waitsfield and Fayston with a 60-40% cost share arrangement. The department responded to 75 calls for the year 2011.

Calls by type	Waitsfield	Fayston	Mutual Aid Moretown	Total
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident</b>	9	8	3	20
<b>Fire Alarm (smoke)</b>	12	5		17
<b>CO detector</b>	5	5		10
<b>GMP Assist (power lines)</b>	4	1		5
<b>Chimney Fire</b>	3	2		5
<b>Structure Fire</b>	1			1
<b>Car Fire</b>	1			1
<b>Gas/Propane leak</b>	3	2		5
<b>Ambulance Assist</b>	3			3
<b>Flood Conditions</b>	1			1
<b>Gas Odor</b>	2			2
<b>Kitchen Fire</b>		1		1
<b>Appliance Malfunction</b>				0
<b>Brush Fire</b>				0
<b>Dumpster Fire</b>	1			1
<b>Good Intent</b>	1	1	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Percent</b>				

Firefighter training continues to be a large part of the activities for 2011. In addition to our monthly in-house trainings, we also participated in a propane emergency preparedness course that was presented by Matt Stevens of Essex along with departments from Moretown, Warren and Granville. It involved 8 hours of classroom work, and 5 hours of practical. Propane for the practical part of the course was generously donated by Bourne's Energy. We were also involved in a mass casualty training at Harwood Union High School, which simulated a school bus/multiple car accident. A joint training with Moretown Fire department in the use of large diameter hose was done in the fall. In addition, Tristan Weide completed certification of Firefighter II, a 100 hour course. Other members participated in weekend courses offered throughout the state.

2011 was the year of flooding, first in May, with flash floods damaging many roads. This necessitated working with road crews to monitor road conditions and assist in traffic control. In August, the massive flooding from Tropical storm Irene had us lending aid in any way we could-from assisting with road closures, monitoring water conditions, assisting with evacuations, and providing information regarding passable routes, to the pumping out of basements and wash down of Route 100 and nearby areas covered with dried silt.

Our department numbered 24 members as of December 31st and is as follows:

### Officers

Chief	Delbert Palmer	Waitsfield
1st Asst. Chief	Paul Hartshorn	Waitsfield
2nd Asst. Chief	Bub Burbank	Waitsfield
Captain	Travis Michaud	Waitsfield
Lieutenant	Jack Corliss	Fayston
Lieutenant	Lester Miller, Jr	Waitsfield
Secretary	Shannon Young	Waitsfield
Treasurer	Gordon Eurich	Waitsfield
Moderator	George Gabaree, Jr	Waitsfield

### Active Firefighters

Adam Cook	Waitsfield	Bob Lockett	Fayston
Todd Farnham	Waitsfield	Jake Lockett	Fayston
Jeremy Goff	Waitsfield	Theodore Tremper	Waitsfield
Shane Grace	Waitsfield	Tristan Weide	Waitsfield
Eric Haskin	Waitsfield	Owen Wimble	Waitsfield
Andrew Johnson	Waitsfield	Trey Winnicki	Waitsfield
Tripp Johnson	Waitsfield	Jared Young	Waitsfield
Scott Kingsbury	Waitsfield		

Respectfully submitted,  
 Delbert Palmer, Chief (retired)  
 Bub Burbank, Chief

## 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.

With 57 members, MRVAS operates with four disciplines: Medical Team (comprised of First Responder/Emergency Care Attendants, Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic and Advanced), Dispatchers, Drivers, and Rescue personnel, all volunteers from valley communities:

- Fayston — 18
- Moretown — 3
- Waitsfield — 16
- Warren — 18

Two of our members own a business in Waitsfield and dispatch from their shop during the day, are residents of Granville.

During the past year MRVAS responded to a total of 412 calls that were transported:

- Fayston — 59
- Moretown — 52
- Waitsfield — 160
- Warren — 141

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at [www.mrvas.org](http://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 without receiving any municipal funding. It is our pleasure to serve you.

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

Kevin Van Schaick  
President, MRVAS

## THE MAD RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Report for 2011

221 members

The Chamber embarked on many divergent paths in 2011 - refocusing its energy and funding. The following is a highlight of those changes and initiatives:

### **Marketing:**

- Funded local events via a grant process in the amount of \$30,000. Organized and ran the Warren 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events.
- Ended its 10 year “Community Sponsorship Marketing Program” (local businesses adding a small service charge to customers’ bills on a voluntary basis) method of funding marketing and events in favor of a flat fee per participating business.
- Changed the allocation of marketing funds **from** 10% event support and 90% marketing **to** 80% event support and 20% marketing.
- Moved toward a more local-marketing focus versus out-of-state marketing with agreements that Sugarbush and Mad River Glen do the “heavy lifting”.
- Ran an Ultimate Winter Vacation giveaway on Facebook.
- Improved the *Ski The Valley Passport* ([www.skithethevalley.net](http://www.skithethevalley.net)) product for increasing midweek winter visits with

value-added offers by local merchant members.

- Ran a successful Facebook giveaway campaign for 2 Grace Potter Flynn Theater performance tickets in October.

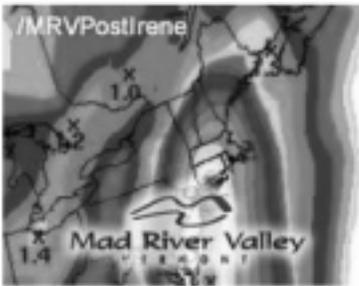
### **Member Benefits:**

- Changed the chamber group insurance to Blue Cross/Blue Shield effective 1/1/12.
- Hosted social and networking mixers each month in 2011.
- Staffed and maintained the Wait House Visitor Center.
- Offered a substantial savings on a Sugarbush All Mountain Pass.
- Continued improvements on MadRiverValley.com including display of Sugarbush events on the community calendar. Anyone can enter events on the event page.
- Improved tracking and reporting for individual member pages on the chamber site.

### **Economic Development:**

- Was awarded a \$50,000 USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant for benefit of the Mad River Food Hub.
- Participated in two business expos with the Mad River Business Builders (Feb and Aug)

### **Tropical Storm Irene:**



This event was one of the defining moments of our state and our community. What we found was that the Valley thinks of “Community” as a verb. The outpouring of money, time, support and care was incredible and inspiring. On that rainy Sunday afternoon and realizing there was going to be significant damage, board director Steve Butcher made a Facebook page called MRV-post-Irene. Steve and I hit the ground running on Monday morning and for several days following, posting road closures, photos, information and matching urgent need with available help. The Facebook page quickly became the go-to source for current info. Over the coming weeks the page was taken over by the Flood Headquarters staff for day-to-day management.

I am proud of the chamber’s role in the Irene recovery period, and proud of the chamber’s role in our community overall. It is only as strong and effective as the members make it- so if you’re interested in local business and local economy, please call Susan Klein at 496-3409.

Jim Halavonich, Bridges Resort (Chair)  
 Lisa Lang, Weathertop Mountain Inn (Sec.)  
 Jim Westhelle, Sugarbush Resort

Doug Hall, Hall & Holden (Treas.)  
 Peter Hans, Discovery Map  
 Kurt Gruending, WCVT

Susan Klein, Executive Director  
 Robbie Chula, Assistant

## **MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2011 TOWN REPORT**

2011 was a challenging year for the Mad River Path Association (MRPA)! It was also a year of productivity and success.

In 1988, the Mad River Valley Recreation District formed a committee of interested local citizens to support the creation of a pedestrian path from Warren to Waitsfield. This committee was named the Mad River Valley Rivers and Trails Committee. This initiative was an outgrowth of a valley-wide visioning forum. In 1989 the committee became the Mad River Recreation Path Association and the first section of path, The Warren Path was completed in 1991. By 1992, the name was changed to the Mad River Path Association and it became a 501(c)3 organization. Membership fees, donations from individuals and corporations, and grants from the Mad River Valley Recreation District, as well as from private and public funding sources help to sustain the organization and maintain the Mad River Path. MRPA welcomes volunteers to help with fundraising, community outreach, and trail development and maintenance.

The MRPA board is comprised of 11 directors from various towns in the Mad River Valley. The board adopted a Strategic Plan in 2009, which guides the efforts of the organization to fulfill its mission statement:

*The mission of the MRPA is to build, maintain, support and conserve a system of continuous public pathways from Warren to Moretown to foster a healthy community by connecting the people, schools, businesses and special places of the Mad River Valley.*

In 2011, the MRPA was challenged by: the closure of the east Greenway, damage to most of the Path sections by Irene, and the resignation of our executive director, Autumn Foushee. The MRPA board wishes Autumn great success and is grateful to have had her as the Executive Director of the MRPA for nearly two years. The search for a new Executive Director for the MRPA is underway. The MRPA continued to receive funding from the Mad River Valley Rec District to support operating costs. MRPA also received a generous grant from the Alice R. Schwendler CLAT. With these funds from the Alice Schwendler CLAT, the MRPA hired a seasonal trail worker, Tom Welter, to help maintain the Path.

The MRPA put on a Landowner Appreciation dinner and community party, the Path Pizza Party, following the MRPA's Annual Meeting, on May 27<sup>th</sup>. MRPA also hosted two great fundraising events and was the beneficiary of a third. In April 2010, MRPA began a new partnership with Sugarbush to host the Sugarbush Adventure Games. MRPA will be partnering with Sugarbush again in 2012. The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Dash was re-routed to be a road race and it was a success, in spite of the Mad River Valley community being in a state of recovery from Irene. Nearly 200 participants showed up on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, it was a race to remember. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Dash will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We look forward to collaborating with the Mad River Valley Health Center to make the 17<sup>th</sup> Mad Dash the most special one yet. Come out and DASH for the MRPA! The MRPA was a beneficiary of the SIPtemberfest, which is a beer tasting event held at Mad River Glen. It was a lot of fun—all thanks to Meg's Events, Mad River Glen and the many brewers who participated.

#### **Some MRPA 2011 highlights include:**

- Completing the bridge over Clay Brook, which connects the Path from Riverside Park to the Sugarbush Snowmaking Pond Path and the Kingsbury Farm Path. This bridge was made possible due to the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks Recreation Trails Grant Program (RTP). The RTP awarded the MRPA \$18,671. The owners of the Golden Lion Riverside Inn generously donated a trail access easement to the MRPA for the Clay Brook Bridge and the Mad River Path. Thanks Michael and Melinda Carr! Happily this bridge withstood Irene's wrath.
- Successful Sugarbush Adventure Games and Mad DASH fundraisers. MRPA collaborated with Harwood teachers and Harwood Middle students to support SAG Kid's Triathlon. A new MRPA fundraising committee has been formed with representation from all 4 Valley towns.
- The Valley Dog Network, originally an ad hoc committee of the MRPA formed to address dog issues on the MRP, hosted the Wags for Bags Dog Show and Festival at Lareau Farm on July 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Path and Pets, and to raise awareness about the new dog waste stations that have been installed on all Path sections! The funding for the 10 stations came from the Rotary Club, and several Valley dog lovers.
- Restoration & reopening, following Irene, of the following Path sections: The Austin Walk, the Snowmaking Pond Path, the Bridge Street Connection, the Millbrook Trail, and the west Greenway in Waitsfield. The Kingsbury Farm Path literally disappeared in the flood. It will be rebuilt in the spring of 2012.
- Several work parties throughout the year, and especially after Irene, helped to build and maintain Path sections, as well address flooding damage and invasive species removal. Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped out!
- The MRPA web site was redesigned and launched in December of 2011. [www.madriverpath.com](http://www.madriverpath.com)
- A successful membership drive that resulted in our largest membership base ever! In 2011, over 400 members supported MRPA's efforts to build and sustain the Mad River Path.
- Cooperating partnerships with community groups like the Mad River Valley Recreation District, Friends of the Mad River, the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Vermont Land Trust, the Innkeepers' Association, the Safe Routes to School Initiative, the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, VFN, The Rotary Club, Vast and the Mad River Ridge Runners.

#### **MRPA Board of Directors:**

Laura Brines (Pres.), Mac Rood (Vice Pres.), Betsy Jondro (Treasurer/Secretary), Rocky Bleier, Tara Hamilton, Dinsmore Fulton, John Atkinson, Dori Ross, Fred Gilbert, Harrison Snapp, and Mike Ware.

## MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

The Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. is committed to promoting and improving access to health services to meet the needs of the community. We wish to thank the community towns for their financial contributions to the MRVHC, Inc. in the past, and look forward to your continued support.

It's hard to believe, but the 'new' Health Center is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. An "official" celebration and open house was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Change was the dominant theme at the Mad River Valley Health Center during 2010. An unexpected vacancy of 25% of the building provided the impetus to re-arrange the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office configuration, and improve services available to the community. The Board's ability to capitalize on this opportunity was the result of our continued focus on community needs, while managing the building itself. At the close of 2010, the health center is once again fully occupied and financially stable.

### Key accomplishments

- Planned, and completed a significant renovation of the second floor
- Recruited Three Moons Wellness Center, an alternative health provider
- Recruited three new mental health providers, including one child and family specialist in response to specific community needs
- Raised \$37,500 in funds from grants & donations to date (our goal is \$60,000)
- Co-organized the third Valley Walk and Roll Festival
- Held the second annual Bike & Trike Sale, netting \$888 and having the potential to become an annual, long term fund raiser for the health center
- Organized the Chez Henri Cup Challenge, again netting \$4,000 in donations
- Continued to support Safe Routes to School in Waitsfield and Moretown, enabling more children to bike or walk to school
- Expanded the board to include:
  - Duncan Brines
  - Gene Scarpato
  - Patty Smith
- Oversaw the renovation of the first floor (planned, managed and funded by CVMC) to accommodate a new primary care provider

The Health Center operating budget includes contributions from the Valley towns. We respectfully request the following amounts, determined based on number of residents using the facility:

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

Financial support from Valley towns enables the MRVHC, Inc. 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 services, 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, Inc and the Valley Towns will continue our partnership to provide the Mad River Community with excellent health care services for all residents and visitors.

Thank you.

Chuck Martel, President, Fayston  
 Suzanne Chamberlain, Vice President, Waitsfield  
 Dara Torre, Secretary, Moretown  
 Dave Ellison, Treasurer, Warren  
 Duncan Brines, Waitsfield  
 Connie Colman, Warren

Adam Greshin, Warren  
 Darren Misenko, Duxbury  
 Gene Scarpato, Waitsfield  
 Patty Smith, Fayston

## MRV SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. & MEALS ON WHEELS AT EVERGREEN PLACE

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens (MRVSC) continue to achieve their mission of providing social, educational, charitable and nutritious meals to elders at the Senior Center located at Evergreen Place and through the Meals on Wheels Program. All this is made possible in a large part through the generous financial support of the four Valley Towns. Our annual fund raising efforts also help to cover any shortfall in funding that is part of all senior centers.

We also could not survive without the very dedicated corps of community volunteers who so generously give their time to deliver Meals on Wheels or serve lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at our congregate meals site at Evergreen Place. This year 2011, we served over 5450 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to our Meals on Wheels (MOW) recipients. We average 15 to 25 MOW each week.

The Senior Center space also provides a venue for a variety of activities for community members to participate in on a weekly basis. Our volunteer Board organize social activities, such as music, health talks, games and films. A popular program is our "Arm-Chair Travel" with lunch and food typifying the country presented. We travel the world once a month! Central Vermont Home & Health Hospice holds various clinics, such as the Flu clinic, and the well attended foot clinic every six weeks. Our volunteer nurse offers monthly Blood Pressure screenings.

We appreciate that the Valley Community recognize the importance of providing meals to seniors in the congregate setting or in their residences when needed. Attendance at a congregate meals improves the participants' health and sense of well being as it provides an opportunity to socialize with others while sharing a nutritious meal. Home delivered meals enable frail seniors to stay in their homes in their community rather than being institutionalized at a much greater cost to society.

The following year, 2012 we will enter into another program sponsored by the Land Trust of Central Vermont. SASH ,(Support and Services at Home) which facilitates health services to support aging at home. The SASH team coordinates transitions from hospital, rehab and general health services to enable seniors to remain in their homes.

In 2011 , we received a Grant from Senator Bernie Sanders that enabled us to purchase a commercial dishwasher and other needed up-grades to the kitchen.

We continue to develop the Emergency Preparedness Plan as mandated by the National Meals on Wheels Association and FEMA Management Institute. This will enable our Board of Directors and various emergency people throughout our community to respond and recover from an emergency that could impact our seniors. The relevance and necessity for such a plan can not to be over stated, as having suffered Hurricane Irene this past August, it is absolutely essential to have an effective and efficient plan in place. Our Board is working with the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) to complete this plan.

Thanks to all Valley residents for supporting us !

Carole Crossman, President MRVSC  
 Kathie Friedman, Vice President  
 Val Hale, Treasurer  
 Kathy Koepele, Secretary  
 Fran Plewak, Activities Director  
 Helmut Hietzker  
 Vince Gauthier  
 Alice Tenbeau, Meals on Wheels Coordinator



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## MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT

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The Mad River Valley Planning District was created to carry out a program of planning directed toward the physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic wellbeing of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren. In 2011, the Planning District continued its work on a broad range of projects, including building relationships with and between the MRV's various municipal boards, volunteer groups, and business community. Highlights of the year include engaging the community through the MRV Renewable Energy Series, supporting the creation of the Mad River Food Hub, developing and funding the MRV Trail Collaborative, connecting local leaders with UVM students to address community challenges, and providing support and coordination for Tropical Storm Irene recovery and resiliency.

Following is a summary of MRVPD projects and initiatives during 2011.

### Grants

- Obtained \$2,938 through the VT Energy Climate Action Network (VECAN) to undertake a series of MRV Renewable Energy forums.
- Obtained an EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance grant in conjunction with the State of VT focusing on disaster recovery and long-term resilience planning.
- MRV received funding for all three of its requests through the Community Local Government Grant Program, totaling \$17,016: Mad River Glen for Historic District nomination (\$7,920), Warren Blair Barn restoration/preservation project (\$7,116), and update Warren's Historic District Register to include the Timber Crib dam (\$1,980).
- Obtained a second technical assistance grant through the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program in support of the MRV Trails Collaborative.
- Submitted a \$15k consortia grant application to undertake a baseline economic analysis of the MRV through the VT Dept. of Economic, Housing & Community Development's Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) program.
- Provided grant writing assistance and letters of support to various groups that applied for grants, such as Friends of the Mad River (National Life River Restoration Program), Town of Warren (Transportation Enhancement Grant), Town of Fayston (VYCC Trail Transportation Enhancement Program), Mad River Path Assoc. (New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund, FP&R's Recreation Trail Grant, VYCC Trail Transportation Enhancement Program), Central VT Regional Planning Commission (HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Project, VVDH Food Systems Planning Grant), Mad River Food Hub (VT Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, VHCB Farm Viability Enhancement Program, VT Sustainable Jobs Fund, USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program, Agency of Ag's Agricultural Innovation Center Infrastructures Development Program).

### Selectboard Funding Forum

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

### Data

As specified by its Memorandum of Understanding, MRVPD maintains a database and develops an annual data report. The updated Valley Data Report is available at [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### Energy

MRVPD developed a five-part MRV Renewable Energy Discussion presentation series focusing on: Local Energy History & The Foundation for our Energy Future, Residential & Community Solar Projects, Financing Energy Projects & VT's Energy Plan, Biomass, and Energy Conservation, Efficiency, & Weatherization. Summaries and presentations are available at [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### Recreation

MRVPD hosted a third Mad River Valley Trails Summit designed to enhance networking and connections between MRV trail organizations. The Trail Summits spurred the creation of the MRV Trails Collaborative, focusing on

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developing a trail inventory, MRV-wide trail map, and coordinated trail projects. This work will continue through 2012 with the help of a technical assistance grant recently received from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program.

### **Conservation**

MRVPD serves as a key partner in the Forest, Wildlife, & Communities planning initiative, focused on creating a coordinated approach to wildlife and forestland conservation through assisting in conservation efforts across town boundaries and providing mapping data, planning information and guidance that could benefit landowners and local conservation planning efforts. In the past year the project has refined wildlife habitat maps, developed a suite of non-regulatory tools, and coordinating discussions between the towns' CC, PC, DRB, and SB. Three grants have been received to further the efforts, including landowner outreach, development of a conservation planning manual, and development of town build-out analysis. Build-out analysis and coordinated maps have been created for the three MRV towns.

### **Mad River Path**

The Steering Committee continues to hold the Path as one of its top priorities. MRVPD attends Path Board meetings, holds a seat on the Land Owner Committee, and provides general assistance, especially in regards to working on specific properties, fundraising opportunities, securing grants, and exploring opportunities for collaboration with municipalities.

### **UVM Course**

Now in its third year, the MRV served as the focus of a fall UVM Service Learning Class entitled *Local Community Initiatives*. Twenty UVM students took active roles in MRV projects addressing a variety of essential community issues. The students broke into groups with resident partners focusing on four projects throughout the semester: Compost Power, Waitsfield Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, Mad Rive Valley Health Center, and MRV Solar Farm. Final reports and presentations are available at [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### **Budget**

For FY13, MRVPD requests level funding at \$21,010 from all four of its funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush. A seven 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 ex-officio. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait House in Waitsfield at 7pm. The Executive Director, Joshua Schwartz, can be reached at 496-7173 or [mrvpd@madriver.com](mailto:mrvpd@madriver.com). Additional information may be found at MRVPD's website: [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Jared Cadwell (Fayston), Chair  
 Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair  
 Chuck Martel (Fayston)  
 Bob Ackland (Warren)  
 Bill Parker (Waitsfield)  
 Steve Shea (Waitsfield)  
 Jim Halavonich (MRV Chamber)  
 Margo Wade (Sugarbush)  
 Laurie Emery (CVRPC)

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director



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 Justina Boyden*

## 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.

This was a demanding year for MRVRD funds! The MRVRD continued the yearly support of the Skatium, the Mad River Path Association and the Mad River Park to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields as well as to lease the field for public use. MRVRD contributed to Brooks Field to get the softball field lights back in working order, to the Fayston School for trail work, and to 4<sup>th</sup> grade Girls on the Run participants. MRVRD provided scholarships to various camps around the MRV in support of struggling families in addition to contributing towards a barn raising that will serve as an educational station at the trail head across from the Fayston School. Tropical Storm Irene brought in a few big requests in order to put things back to where they were at Couples Field and parts of the Mad River Path.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We have projected grants of \$35,000 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](http://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.

Ken Felderman, Fayston – President  
Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer  
Helen Kellogg, Waitsfield - Secretary

Dean Hammel, Waitsfield  
Dayna Lisaius, Warren  
John Stokes, Fayston

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2011)	\$54,939.67
<b>Income:</b>	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest & debit	\$116.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$37,616.46</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Brooks Field Lights	\$4,016.00
Mad River Park	\$5,000.00
Mad River Path	\$20,200.00
Couples Club – Irene Repair	\$10,000.00
Friends of the Mad River	\$2,040.00
Skatium	\$11,000.00
Fayston Barn – Trail Head	\$9,700.00
Girls on the Run	\$597.50
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$1,325.00
Tucker Hill Tennis	\$1,600.00
Fayston Trails Project	\$1,740.00
Phone	\$70.68
Advertising	\$55.86
Web Design & Hosting	487.70
Postal Box	\$34.00
Banking fees	\$35.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$67,901.74</b>
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2011)	\$24,654.39
Projected Grants for 2012	\$35,000.00



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## MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

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January 23, 2012

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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 2011, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 14, 2011 and on October 1, 2011. A total of 334 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 4.2% of our population. We collected over 1,030 gallons, 1,525 pounds and 3,736 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. A special five day collection following Tropical Storm Irene was held at the Moretown Landfill between September 2 and September 6, 2011. An additional 2,890 gallons, 3,463 pounds and 1,680 feet of fluorescent bulbs were collected at this event. 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. Remember that latex paint is not a hazardous waste and will not be accepted. You can mix latex paint with kitty litter to solidify it and dispose of the mixture in your garbage. We are again planning two collection day events in 2012 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 12 and October 6, 2012.

Over 787 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2011. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc.. There is also a tank at the Northfield Transfer Station. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil at a cost of fifty cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station, fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and no charge at the Northfield Transfer Station for proper disposal. A car and truck oil filter crusher is also available for Alliance residents at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. at a cost of seventy five cents per filter.

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(WWSU) school waste streams. 5.94 tons of food scraps from Harwood were collected between September and December, 2011, 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 to the school program. Grow Compost diverted over 923 tons of food scraps and other organic waste in 2011 which became a rich organic compost or soil amendment. The Alliance textile recycling program at the Moretown Landfill continues in conjunction with the Southeastern Vermont Community Action. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens and shoes to this site at no charge. A total of 3.4 Tons were collected in 2011. You can recycle books with the electronic waste at the Moretown Landfill. Visit our web site at [madriverrma.org](http://madriverrma.org). You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The fifteenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 26 compost bins and 11 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 Sixteenth 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 2011. A total of ~ 1,133 tires and ~3 tons of metal were collected during this event. In the fall the Alliance participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 29. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 5, 2012. 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 Moretown Landfill , Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge if you also bring your trash for disposal at a fee. The no fee recycling is done as part of the arrangement between the Alliance and the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for being the "host district" for the facility. Single stream recycling is a reality in the Alliance. You can bring your mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for recycling. The recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Casella Earthwise Transfer Station and Moretown Landfill, Inc. also participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. As a result of new Vermont legislation, after July 1, 2011, computers, printers, monitors and televisions could be recycled at no charge. A total of all e-waste collected in 2011 was 51.30 tons. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) 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 12 assessment for the administrative and program costs remains at \$2.00 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, Fred White; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa, Warren, Ken Blair; Waterbury, Ed Steele and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

## MRRMA BUDGET 2012

<b>INCOME</b>		Budget	
Town Assessments Per Capita	(\$2.00)		2012 11 difference
	2010 population		
Duxbury	1337	2,674	64
Fayston	1353	2,706	216
Moretown	1658	3,316	(-144)
Northfield	6207	12,414	934
Roxbury	691	1,382	280
Waitsfield	1719	3,438	72
Warren	1705	3,410	(-60)
Waterbury	5064	10,128	(-570)
<b>Subtotal Assessment</b>	<b>19,734</b>	<b>39,468</b>	<b>792</b>
MLF Education		24,769	721
<b>Subtotal Education Income</b>		<b>24,769</b>	<b>721</b>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste:</b>			
MLF HHW		14,856	433
Ag. Pest. Grant		5,000	1,089
Small Quantity Generators		2,500	
DEC SWIP HHW Grant		12,723	31
<b>Subtotal HHW Income:</b>		<b>35,079</b>	<b>1,553</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income:</b>			
Compost Bins		2,213	(-1263)
Tires		2,750	
Electronic Waste		1,000	(-750)
<b>Subtotal Misc. Income</b>		<b>5,963</b>	<b>(-2013)</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>105,279</b>	<b>1,053</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Administration:			
Administratio 783 hours		28,188	2,638
Travel/Office		3,755	
Insurance		1,208	8
Solid Waste Manager Association		1579	647
Subtotal Administration:		34,730	3,293
<b>Education:</b>			
Administration 444 hours		15,984	1,809
Travel/Office		3,218	
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing		7,740	
School Programs		3,700	
GreenUp/Website/Special Events		2,500	
N.R.R.A. Membership		180	
Conference		600	
Product Stewardship Institute		250	25
<b>Subtotal Education</b>		<b>34,172.00</b>	<b>1834</b>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste:</b>			
Administration 275 hours		9,900	555
Travel/Office		2,500	
HHW Contractor		18,750	(-1250)
<b>Subtotal HHW:</b>		<b>31,150</b>	<b>(-695)</b>
<b>Misc. Expenses:</b>			
Equipment Maintenance		150	
Tire Collection		2,500	
Electronic Waste		2,500	
Compost Bins		100	(-3356)
Subtotal Miscellaneous:		5,350	(-3356)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>105,302</b>	<b>1,076</b>

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## MRVTV - MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION

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Tumultuous year at MRVTV- Mad River Valley Television

Mad River Valley Television (MRVTV), The Mad River Valley's public access television station is reorganizing in a new space in Irasville after its studios in the Bridge Street Market Place were destroyed by flooding from Tropical Store Irene.

Windows and doors were broken, and virtually all of the station's equipment (except one CPU) was ruined. As with many flooded businesses on Bridge Street, MRVTV was awash with volunteers who helped with clean up and help salvage as many of the station's archives as possible. As luck would have it, several MRVTV cameras were out with community producers the weekend of the flood so MRVTV staff was able to cover the first post-flood meeting of the Waitsfield Select Board, at the Valley Players Theater as the town offices were flooded.

For the first time since it went on the air in 2000, MRVTV was off the air in the days following the flood as the staff and board of directors of the station regrouped and began the process of rebuilding the equipment, finding new space, handling insurance and federal loan programs.

A small space was found next to the Mad River Valley Festival of the Arts studio and staffers Tony Italiano and Alex Maclay got organized and back on the air in 12 days. That space led to the larger space next door, formerly the location of The Blue Toad where MRVTV is located today and is retrofitting the space for the station.

Mad River Valley Television is the Valley's public access television station dedicated to giving community members access to the airwaves. MRVTV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRVTV broadcasts locally generated programs with a focus on public, educational and governmental (PEG) programming such as town meetings and community events. Additionally MRVTV has a presence on the web that allows nonsubscribers to see a selection of municipal and community events after they have aired on the cable channels.

Since incorporation in 1998 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit, the Board of Directors surveyed the community, sought support from municipal boards, and negotiated a contract with Waitsfield Cable. From one show first on the air in April 2000, to the full 2 channel line-up that is now offered, MRVTV has always gladly provided training on the community's equipment so the public can access their airwaves. MRVTV will soon have a studio available for tapings and accepts prepared programs for broadcast.

MRVTV 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 MRVTV sponsorships funds.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email- [tv@mrvtv.com](mailto: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, and our schedules on the web at [www.mrvtv.com](http://www.mrvtv.com).

Members of the MRVTV board are: Chuck Allen, Dan Eckstein, Michael Hock, Lisa Italiano, Liz Levey, Lisa Loomis, Adele Nicols, Brian Shupe, and Rob Williams. We meet at least twice a year 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!

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## FRIENDS OF THE MAD RIVER ANNUAL REPORT TO MAD RIVER WATERSHED TOWNS

Friends of the Mad River (FMR) is a private, non-profit organization committed to protecting, improving and enhancing the ecological, recreational, and community values of the Mad River and its watershed. FMR has been working on issues relating to the Mad River and its watershed since 1990 and continues to provide a voice for the river in many different capacities.

Many thanks to our members for **twenty-one** years of support! Over the years, we have enjoyed collaborating with state and local partners and community members on a variety of efforts including:

- planting thousands of trees and willow whips in the riparian buffer
- the conservation of key areas including Warren Falls, Blueberry Lake and Lareau Park, ensuring the protection of and public access to these important natural resources
- stormwater planning in Waitsfield
- completion of a watershed-wide road erosion assessment to characterize and prioritize water quality threats

### **2011 Achievements include:**

#### **Mad River Watch**

Mad River Watch is a volunteer water quality-monitoring program that has been collecting and archiving water quality data since 1985. In 2011, volunteers collected water samples throughout the summer at thirty-six sites along the Mad River and its tributaries. As in past years, in 2011 volunteers monitored water temperature, pH, and *E. coli* bacteria. In addition, eighteen sites were sampled for phosphorus and turbidity. MRW results are published in the Valley Reporter, on FMR's website, displayed on signs at popular swimming holes, and submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for further analysis and archiving.

#### **River Clean Up—Spring and Post-Irene**

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who came out to help during the annual River Clean Up on Green Up Day. Unfortunately, an ENORMOUS amount of trash and debris was mobilized and deposited during Tropical Storm Irene. Volunteers from the Mad River Valley and around the state worked throughout the fall to begin cleaning up, filling an entire 30 yard dumpster and more. There is still much to be done, so look for ongoing river clean up events starting on Green Up Day (Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012) and continuing throughout the summer months.

#### **Flood Resiliency**

While "Flood Resiliency" has become a popular buzz-phrase since Irene, the strategies outlined are nothing new; FMR has been working on these strategies for many years. Strategies include: avoiding flooding and erosion hazards (getting out of the way), improving transportation infrastructure (building larger bridges and culverts and better ditches to accommodate floodwaters) and properly managing stormwater, among others.

#### **Avoid Hazards**

By limiting development in the river corridor and the floodplain, we allow the river to be a river, and avoid flooding and erosion conflicts all together. This is the most cost-effective, sensible approach. FMR partnered with the DEC in 2008 to complete the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan, which focuses conservation efforts on the most important areas to increase flood resiliency. FMR has been reaching out to and working with landowners in these areas to protect the corridor.

#### **Improve Transportation Infrastructure**

Properly sized bridges and culverts and properly designed ditches are more resilient again flood and erosion damage. FMR completed a Road Erosion Assessment in 2011 and is working with watershed towns to address problem areas.

#### **Address Stormwater**

Stormwater is runoff from impervious surfaces such as roads and rooftops. Developed watersheds have a lot of impervious surface, resulting in lots of stormwater. Untreated stormwater runoff can pollute our waterways and change the hydrology of an area such that river can become more "flashy"; a flashy river rises more quickly and to a higher peak flow. By infiltrating stormwater into the soil instead of letting it runoff (closer to how an undeveloped forest would operate), flashiness can be avoided, and flood peaks reduced. In 2011 FMR partnered with the University of Vermont and the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District to compete a stormwater assessment in Waitsfield. With additional funding, the project hopes to implement at least one stormwater solution in 2012.

#### **Fluvial Erosion Hazards**

Tropical Storm Irene highlighted the vulnerability of our community to flooding and erosion, and the need to

protect future development from these hazards. Fluvial Erosion Hazard zoning limits development in areas that are prone to damage from erosion, when a river moves in the corridor and erodes land. Erosion damage is catastrophic; structures can be entirely washed away. Waitsfield has adopted Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zoning. FMR plans to work with the Warren Planning Commission towards implementing similar protections in the Town of Warren.

### **Riparian Tree Planting Projects**

In 2011, volunteers planted hundreds of trees and shrubs at the Kingsbury Farm in Warren, and on the town-owned Austin parcel in Waitsfield. Riparian buffers improve river habitat by shading the river and providing a food source for critters. They also help protect water quality by preventing erosion and filtering run off. In some areas, healthy riparian buffers slowed Tropical Storm Irene's floodwaters, but in other areas narrow buffers were completely washed away. In 2012, FMR plans to ramp up planting efforts and work with volunteers to plant several hundred trees to replace lost buffers and strengthen existing ones.

### **Outreach and Education**

FMR worked with the Harwood Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade class on a comprehensive river unit, called Mad River Matters. Students completed river assessments and mapped their data online using Google maps. Students also researched a current events river topics and made presentation at the event "It's a Mad River: a look at flooding and erosion in the Mad River Valley and the evolution of river management."

Please contact us if you would like to get involved with Friends of the Mad River. We welcome your comments and ideas. The Friends' office is in the General Wait House in Waitsfield.

Website: [www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](http://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org)

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Email: [friends@madriver.com](mailto:friends@madriver.com)

*Friends of the Mad River is a membership organization. Donations and membership support can be sent to our mailing address: PO Box 255, Waitsfield, VT 05673.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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## **JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT TO THE TOWNS OF FAYSTON - JANUARY 2012**

If there was a theme to our work during 2011 at the Joslin Memorial Library it was combining tradition with change. In the long honored tradition of libraries we provided a diverse selection of print books, reading recommendations and a beautiful, (usually) quiet building to spend time in. We are also excited to be completing our first year using an automated catalog. We have added another public computer, seen increased use of downloadable audio and eBooks, and we now offer access to a wide variety of free online classes. You can follow what we're doing on Facebook, or receive our new quarterly newsletter in print or electronically.

We have been actively increasing the number of programs offered at the library. In 2011 we presented local experts on farming and history, authors from out of state and a new way to experience a picture book while walking around the outdoor space surrounding the library. Program attendance totaled over 900 people, more than double what it was in 2010, and attendees' ages spanned from infants to over 90.

This work is made possible by our network of volunteers, the Friends of the Joslin Library and our Trustees. The dedication, creative ideas and financial and organizational support of these groups sustain the library's core services and provide the support system necessary to try new ideas. And our patrons from throughout the Valley as well as visitors continue to bring energy, ideas and a unique and wonderful character to our library.

Thanks to everyone for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Worland, Librarian



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## CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

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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 9,320 people in 18,057 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, green jobs training and more.

Program and services accessed by 5 Fayston families with 7 residents include:

- 1 household with 3 people found emergency help with food, heating or housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs. When their family could not afford groceries, 0 adults and children accessed food through our food shelves.
- 1 household with 3 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 4 people attended training to build green job skills and received industry credentials or certification to help them keep or secure a job.

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

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## CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

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**Request:** Asking for same as last year: \$1,000 from Waitsfield, \$750 from Warren and \$250 from Fayston

**Occupancy:**

Wheeler Brook, Warren – One Vacancy in 16 units  
 Mad River Meadows, Waitsfield – Wait List for 24 units  
 Evergreen Place, Waitsfield – Wait List for 18 units  
 Vermont Mobile Home Park, Waitsfield – Wait List for 29 spaces.

**Upgrades in FY 2010-2012:**

CVCLT has dedicated \$314,000 for energy upgrades at Mad River Meadows and \$77,000 for energy upgrades at Evergreen Place, including new boilers, windows and solar panels. In addition, CVCLT has dedicated \$765,000 for major landscaping, regrading, paving and other infrastructure needs at Vermont.

The upgrades also include money to finish connecting water lines from Waitsfield to Vermont, Mad River Meadows and Evergreen Place.

**SASH:** This 3-year, \$10.2 million, pilot program funded by Medicare aims to lower healthcare costs and keep older and disabled people in their homes longer, people who otherwise would need to move to assisted living facilities or nursing home prematurely. SASH, which stands for Seniors Aging Safely at Home, is being launched in Vermont through seven non-profit housing organizations, including CVCLT, and will be expanded and offered to residents of the Mad River Valley who do not live in our properties.

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## CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

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 more than thirty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped 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 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. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions and Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps.

Older residents of the Town of Fayston often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Fayston is Don Brown, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. In 2010-11, CVCOA served ten residents of Fayston.

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 100 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, international travelers' health and caregiver support. 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 January 4, 2011 - December 30, 2011\***

<b>Program</b>	<b># of Visits</b>
Home Health Care	87
Hospice Care	14
Long Term Care	95
Maternal Child Health	3
<b>TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>12</b>

**\*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 2012 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Lindsay Kurrle, Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

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## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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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 for over forty years 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 updates to municipal flood hazard bylaws. 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 regional and 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 is providing assistance to local energy committees with implementing the building energy audit recommendations for weatherization of municipal buildings. The Commission's work expanded this year to include assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene. 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 develop a regional broadband plan that will direct where infrastructure is needed to support the technology.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by providing administrative support to the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance, developing the update to the capital improvement program and budget, involvement in the Mad River Valley byway, updating the local hazards mitigation plan, updating the bridge and culvert inventory, serving as liaison with the Town on energy issues through the Valley Futures Network's energy committee, providing technical assistance on zoning bylaw review, and making funding available for weatherization of the municipal building.

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](http://www.centralvtplanning.org).

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director

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## FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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....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, 2010 – June 30, 2011 were:**

- \*2 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.
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- \*2 **families** who received **assistance paying for child care**.
- \*2 **licensed and registered child care providers** and other support agencies who consulted our **Provider Support services**, and received monthly newsletters and training on a wide variety of topics through home visits, conferences and workshops.
- \*2 **adults and 2 children** who participated in **Parent Education Workshops** and related activities for children.
- \*8 **children and parents who attended our community events**.
- \*5 **individuals** 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@fcwcvt.org](mailto:familycenter@fcwcvt.org), or visit our website at [www.fcwcvt.org](http://www.fcwcvt.org).

*Photo Courtesy of  
Justina Boyden*



## GREEN UP DAY – MAY 7, 2011

Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the importance of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

**Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!**

# GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

*The Green Mountain Transit Agency enhances the quality of life in Vermont by delivering safe, convenient and more environmentally efficient transportation.*

The mission of GMTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

## 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 collaborates with area organizations such as the Vermont Center for Independent Living and Central Vermont Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior centers and shopping trips. Many individuals who qualify for these funds rely on GMTA as their only means of transportation to necessary health care service, social activity and daily shopping needs. GMTA not only provides the transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate such a service.

**For FY11 GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled ongoing transportation service to 2 Fayston residents totaling 10 trips equaling 306 miles traveled!**

## Health Care

GMTA offers Fayston residents medical transportation service to local health care facilities for services or in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. GMTA travels to local medical facilities within the Central VT Medical Center area, as well as to places like Dartmouth Hitchcock, Gifford Medical Center, Fletcher Allen and numerous Boston medical centers. We also provide weekly free shuttle service to the Health Center in Plainfield allowing residents direct access to an affordable and multi-service federally qualified health care center provider. **For FY11, the Free Health Center Shuttle to Plainfield served a total of 1,011 riders within central Vermont.**

## Human Service & Adult Day Care

In addition to our medical services, GMTA collaborates with AHS and area agencies to support the needs of transit dependent residents. Trips can include rides to Vermont Association for the Blind, Reach Up job training and child care sites, Central Vermont Substance Abuse, Washington County Mental Health and Vocational Rehabilitation. For those residents requiring adult day care services, GMTA provides individual transportation to Project Independence in Barre City.

## Seasonal Mad Bus and Commuter Service

In addition to elderly and disabled service, GMTA offers the Mad Bus 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.

### For FY11 Mad Bus Ridership

<b>Valley Floor</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Srv.</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>Fayston Shuttle</b>	<b>2,342</b>
<b>Mount Ellen</b>	<b>20,550</b>	<b>Mountain Condo</b>	<b>13,809</b>	<b>Access Road</b>	<b>13,633</b>
<b>Harwood Free Ride</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Snow Cap Commute</b>	<b>843</b>		

## Thank You

Thank you to the taxpayers and GMTA passengers of Fayston for your continued support of our service and overall 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](http://gmtaride.org).

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## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

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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 2011, the People's Health & Wellness Clinic provided 2308 patient interactions, including 1255 visits to 567 individual patients, a 19% increase over 2010. 311 of these individuals came to the Clinic for the first time.

Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and assistance programs. Of the 567 individuals, we were successful in enrolling many of them in a total of 248 programs including, VHAP, Medicaid, Catamount, Ladies First, Medicare, Healthy Vermonters, Affordable Meds, and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program.

As a result, average annual patient visits dropped from 2.9 per patient to 2.2. This means patients are uninsured a shorter period of time, giving them access to comprehensive care and improving their overall health, while saving the health care system money.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2011, over 65 volunteers gave over \$86,000 worth of their time serving our patients. We also provided over \$51,000 worth of pharmaceuticals to our patients, paid for \$15,000 of diagnostic testing, and got another \$23,000 of tests donated.

2011 was our second year of providing special Women's Clinics, in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, and funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation 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 doubled the number of Women's Clinics from 6 to 12.

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 50 Vermont towns. While our income guidelines go up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), over 86% of our patients fall under 185% FPL (\$20,446 gross a year for an individual - \$27,483 for a couple).

We are very grateful to have had the support of every town in central Vermont, including Fayston. 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

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## RSVP & THE VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR CENTRAL VT & NORTHEAST KINGDOM

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**RSVP and the VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM** is part of a Nationwide Program for people who want to help meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, knowledge and talents in volunteer service.

From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 RSVP staff involved over 1000 RSVP members at over a 100 sites throughout our service area. Chances are if a Fayston resident used one of our local hospitals, gave blood, used a library, used a food pantry or many other services, that an RSVP member was there helping out their friends and neighbors. This year was a very unusual weather year to say the least. RSVP members were instrumental in helping flood victims recover by staffing the flood centers and helping with the recovery.

In addition to involving these volunteers, RSVP made available insurance, transportation reimbursement, recognition, and training.

Anyone wishing to know more about RSVP, or wanting to become a volunteer, should call 828-4770, visit our website at [www.volunteervt.com](http://www.volunteervt.com) or stop in to see us at our donated office in the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Guy Isabelle, Director

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## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During Fiscal Year 2011, VABVI served 1,310 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including ninety-two (92) adult clients and seventeen (17) students from Washington County.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and State-wide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

Please contact Dave Agnew-Blais, Development Coordinator, at [dagnewblais@vabvi.org](mailto:dagnewblais@vabvi.org) or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.

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## THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

In FY' 11 (Oct. 2010-Sept.2011) VCIL responded to over **2,183** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **400** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 29 peers were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL assisted **191** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible and provided **230** individuals with assistive technology. **556** individuals had and meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '11, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)

All programs and services will continue to be available to the residents of **Fayston** throughout FY' 12.

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

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## 2011-2012 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

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### CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

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### Strengthening Our PK-12 Educational Organization

The WWSU Administrative Team, in conjunction with building principals and local board members, have worked hard this year 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 the sustainable programs and increased capacity, maximizing efficiency and effectiveness.

As a result of the systems analysis completed over the past two years, the WWSU Administrative Team is currently developing a multi-year strategic plan that sets goals, targets, timelines, and measurable outcomes in an effort to implement successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational programs in our PreK-12 system across all seven schools. This plan includes both academic and operations goals for systemic improvement.

Act 153, the legislation around consolidating school districts and changing the responsibilities of the WWSU Board, still remains center stage. Administrators and board members continue to spend time evaluating the law as it relates to the potential for increased student success or cost savings. The delivery and financial implications for Special Education appear to be one of the most complex aspects of the law. We continue to analyze and compare our present local delivery model against the concept of the centralized system specified in the law. At the present time, moving to a centralized model in the WWSU does not appear to yield improved services for students and/or cost savings. Therefore, we will most likely exercise our right to apply for a waiver to the Vermont Department of Education to continue operations under our current local delivery model. Further analysis and considerations of centralized services are ongoing in the areas of transportation, purchasing, and operations and maintenance.

Significant work has been done in the areas of teacher and support staff negotiations, technology, transition to the Common Core Standards for literacy and mathematics, and policy revision and development. After many years of consideration, the WWSU School Board approved the addition of a position, a Systems Administrator of Technology. This centralized position allows us to minimize higher-cost contracted technology services, maintain, manage and maximize performance of technology throughout the district, bring a skill set level to the WWSU that we have not had in the past that will allow for centralized purchasing and long-term planning. Our website has continually improved throughout the year, and provides a wealth of information that may have been published in this report

in the past. Posts of interest include financial information, curriculum documents, student assessment results, policies, board information including meeting minutes, and labor agreements.

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 and cost efficiencies realized. Changing for the sake of change will not be a WWSU path. Please do not hesitate to contact the WWSU team anytime to share your thoughts. We appreciate hearing from you.

### BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

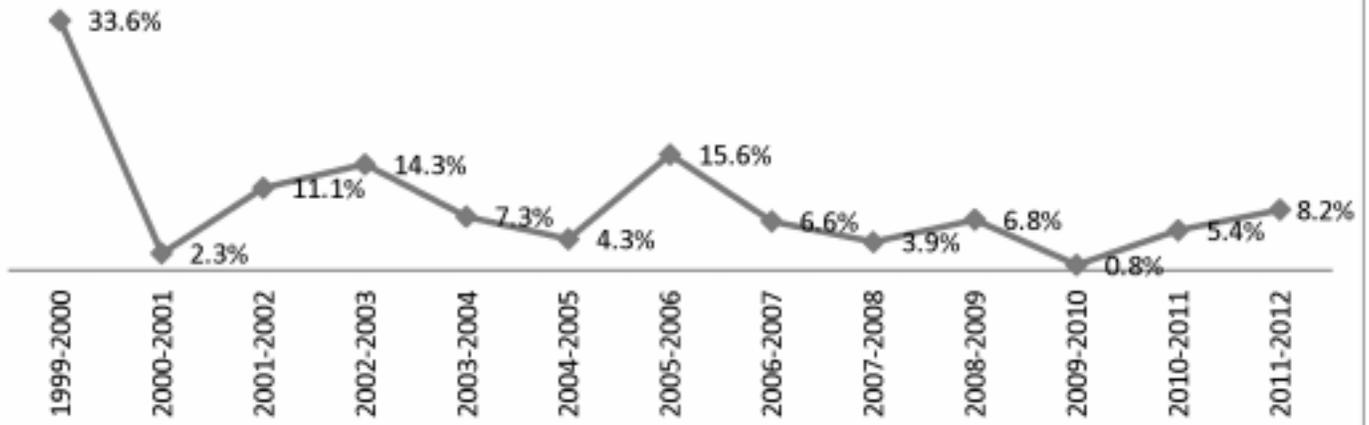
The Washington West Supervisory Union FY2013 budget is a budget increase of 9.8% over FY2012. Of this increase, 6.4% is associated with shifting the funding for the Systems Administrator position from local school district budgets (HUHS, Fayston and Moretown) to the Supervisory Union budget. The Total Washington West Assessment for 2012-2013 is \$1,042,337, an 8.2% increase, and is 3.6% of overall school district budgets as shown below.

	FY2012 General Fund Expense Budgets	FY2013 Estimated SU Assessment	% WWSU Assessment to FY2012 GF Budget
Fayston	\$ 1,654,503	\$ 56,048	3.4%
Moretown	2,033,715	\$ 59,072	2.9%
Waitsfield	2,149,589	\$ 75,914	3.5%
Warren	2,137,388	\$ 83,711	3.9%
Waterbury-Duxbury	9,237,345	\$ 366,033	4.0%
Harwood Union	12,005,768	\$ 401,559	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,218,308</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,337</b>	<b>3.6%</b>



*French Brook Spring 2011  
Photo Courtesy of Patti Lewis*

## Washington West SU Historical Summary of Change in Assessments to Member Districts



The following is a summary of costs per equalized pupil based on proposed budgets for each school district.

	2011-2012 Cost/Pupil	2012-2013 Cost/Pupil
Fayston	\$ 13,199	\$ 14,199
Moretown	\$ 14,484	\$ 14,992
Waitsfield	\$ 12,669	\$ 13,172
Warren	\$ 11,034	
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$ 12,503	\$ 12,870
Harwood Union	\$ 12,634	\$ 12,793
<i>Statewide Average</i>	\$ 12,288	

Additional information regarding all budgets in Washington West SU, including historical data on cost per pupil and tax rate information can be obtained at [www.wwsu.org](http://www.wwsu.org).



*Photo Courtesy of Patti Lewis*

WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
Summary Budget

	FY2011 Budget	FY2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY2013 Proposed
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>General</b> (Includes Superintendent's Office, Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)				
Salaries	\$ 243,246	\$ 259,935	\$ 278,728	\$ 355,611
Benefits	74,389	59,336	75,397	94,479
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	152,506	133,864	132,796	132,564
	<u>\$ 470,141</u>	<u>\$ 453,135</u>	<u>\$ 486,921</u>	<u>\$ 582,654</u>
<b>Special Education</b>				
Salaries	\$ 102,049	\$ 93,481	\$ 107,660	\$ 100,087
Benefits	30,124	26,434	30,178	29,652
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	3,160	2,916	1,515	1,515
	<u>\$ 135,333</u>	<u>\$ 122,831</u>	<u>\$ 139,353</u>	<u>\$ 131,254</u>
<b>Business Office</b>				
Salaries	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500	\$ 83,738	\$ 86,250
Benefits	30,032	25,711	28,513	29,347
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	5,132	5,035	5,102	5,100
	<u>\$ 117,664</u>	<u>\$ 113,246</u>	<u>\$ 117,353</u>	<u>\$ 120,697</u>
<b>Fiscal Services</b>				
Salaries	\$ 165,311	\$ 163,768	\$ 167,790	\$ 172,618
Benefits	68,296	64,152	68,725	70,766
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	9,089	11,652	10,260	10,300
	<u>\$ 242,696</u>	<u>\$ 239,572</u>	<u>\$ 246,775</u>	<u>\$ 253,684</u>
Total SU Expenditures	<u>\$ 965,834</u>	<u>\$ 928,784</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,289</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Interest	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,083	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grants	19,000	14,303	14,019	14,019
Prior Year Fund Balance	25,649	-	6,932	31,434
General Assessment	437,682	437,682	449,248	468,494
System Administrator Assessment	-	-	20,000	83,043
Special Education Assessment	131,460	131,460	138,308	127,403
Business Manager Assessment	114,295	114,295	116,472	117,157
Fiscal Services Assessment	235,748	235,748	244,923	246,240
Total Assessments to Member Districts	919,185	919,185	968,951	1,042,337
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 965,834</u>	<u>\$ 934,571</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,290</u>
Assessments to Member Districts (Based on Prior Year ADM)				
				2011 ADM
Fayston	\$ 57,785		\$ 58,077	\$ 56,048 101.00
Moretown	59,343		64,005	59,072 108.45
Waitsfield	65,532		76,326	75,914 136.80
Warren	59,773		75,184	83,711 150.85
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	310,509		321,645	366,033 659.60
Harwood Union HS #19	366,153		373,714	401,559 723.62
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<u>\$ 919,095</u>		<u>\$ 968,951</u>	<u>\$ 1,042,337</u> 1,878.32

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## HARWOOD UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

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The Harwood Union School Board recommends a budget for the 2012/13 school year of \$12,092,615, an increase of less than one percent above the 2011/12 budget approved by voters last March.

Like many schools across Vermont, Harwood continues to experience a decline in student enrollment. We are projected to have fewer than 730 students at the school next year, down from 862 in 2004/05. This budget reflects the Board's continuing effort to gradually adjust budgets and staff numbers to reflect the smaller number of students at the school.

Our goal throughout this difficult process is to match reductions in staffing levels with student enrollment declines through an orderly process that minimizes large and potentially disruptive program cuts. The Administration and Board consider staffing reductions only after carefully studying class size data and the overall impact on the quality of our educational program. We are committed to making sure that certain groups of students are not disproportionately impacted by staffing reductions.

This has been a very difficult year for many families in our district. The very modest increase in spending in this budget, combined with the use of the federal "stimulus" money that the board has reserved until now, will result in a minimal change in property taxes to fund Harwood. Whether the Harwood budget results in a small increase or a small decrease in property tax rates depends upon the action of the legislature, over which the Harwood board has no control.

We will begin to prepare our budget for the 2013/14 year in April. This will prove to be a very difficult budget to construct as we will start with \$560,000 less revenue than this year and 20 fewer students. We need to hear from you. How do we deliver a quality education and at what cost? What will the taxpayers be able to tolerate?

Thanks again for your continued support for Harwood Union High School. If you have questions or any input, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Harwood representative.

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496-4644



*Photo Courtesy of  
Justina Boyden*



**WARNING OF 2011 ANNUAL 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 6, 2012, 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, 2013.
- Article 4: Shall the School District pay the School Directors' expenses, and if so, how much?
- Article 5: To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Bob Lockett's term expires.
- Article 6: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Russell Beilke's term expires
- Article 7: To elect a Treasurer for the School District for a one-year term; Nicole Belknap's term expires.
- 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 - \$35,000.
- Article 9: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,690,750 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.
- Article 10: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Russell Beilke, Chair *Russell Beilke*  
 Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk *Susan MacLean-Daley*  
 Robert Lockett *Robert Lockett*  
 Heidi Spear *Heidi Spear*  
 Greg Carleu *Greg Carleu*

Received and recorded this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.  
 Patty Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk *Patty Lewis*

**WARNING  
ANNUAL MEETING OF  
HARWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19  
February 25, 2012**

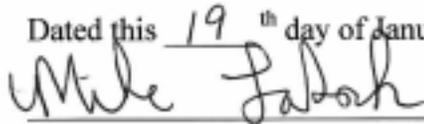
The legal voters of Union High School District No. 19 (Harwood Union High School), consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Harwood Union High School Library on Saturday, February 25, 2012, 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; and an Auditor to serve for three years.
- 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, 2013, 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:** To transact any other business within the scope of the Warning for this meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 6, 2012, (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.

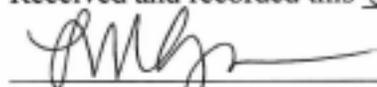
- ARTICLE VIII:** Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$12,092,615 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012?  
(Australian ballot)

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, at Duxbury, Vermont.



Mike LaRock, Clerk, Harwood Union Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



Laura M. Guion, Clerk, Union High School District No. 19

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## MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2011

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March 1, 2011 at 1:00 PM

David Jones called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

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

David Jones 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. He then introduced Cathryn Hayes, the new Principal of Fayston Elementary School, and each member of the School Board introduced him/herself.

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

Hanne Williams 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 Julius Goodman and duly seconded by Holliday Rayfield.

Cathryn Hayes was permitted to speak, as a non-resident of Fayston. She referred to her report in the Annual Report and high-lighted several areas of interest, including: "Reverence of Place," the Four Winds program, the exceptional Food Service, and the PTO, which could benefit from additional members. She also reported on the NECAP scores, specifically, the improvement in math, and the continuing focus on use of technology.

There were no questions from the floor.

Bob Lockett reported on the facility. Only 3 more ERU's (air handlers) need to be replaced to complete the school. The change from oil to propane is complete, and saving money. Money is put aside for re-paving the parking lot, and will be completed when the town paves German Flats Road. The preventative maintenance we are doing is saving taxpayer dollars in several areas. FES is pursuing an upgrade to the kitchen, and is in the planning and bidding stage at this point in time.

Questions were asked and answered.

Trish Read asked about the snow removal. Bob answered in regard to the town's part and the contracted part. Corey Stevenson asked about the kitchen plan. Bob answered that he and Cheryl Joslin, food service director, are discussing it now, and bidding will begin after needs are assessed and a plan is finalized. Patty Martley asked about the parking situation at pick-up and drop-off. Russell answered that we are aware of the challenges, and are addressing the short-term with a staggered pick-up time, and are looking into other options for a more permanent solution. Matt Howes, a former WWSU bus driver, suggested that buses be used as efficiently as possible, due to gas consumption, and their safety record. Holliday Rayfield asked about the number of students for the coming year, and Russell answered with an equalized pupil count of 107.09.

Reports were accepted as presented. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

**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, 2012. Motion by Hanne Williams and duly seconded by Ann Day that they be so authorized. Carried by voice vote.

**Article 4:** Shall the School District pay the School Directors' expenses, and if so, how much? Motion by Trish Read and duly seconded by Ann Day that they are paid \$750 each in expenses. Carried by voice vote.

**Article 5:** To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Susan MacLean Daley's term expires. A motion was made by Carolyn Bauer 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; Greg Carleu's term expires. A motion was made by Michael Riddell that the name Greg Carleu be placed in nomination. Carried by voice vote. Greg Carleu unanimously elected School Director for a term of three years.

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- Article 7: To elect a Treasurer for the School District for a one-year term. Nicole Belknap's term expires. A motion was made by Jean Hubbell that the name Nicole Belknap be placed in nomination. Carried by voice vote. Nicole Belknap 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 24VSA, Section 2804, for the purpose of capital improvement and facilities maintenance projects. Motion by Michael Riddell and duly seconded by Ann Day that they so appropriate said funds. Various clarifying questions were asked, including the current amount of the fund, how the amount to be appropriated is determined, where any remaining surplus goes, and uses of the fund. Caps were discussed for the appropriated amount and/or the fund itself. Russell and Bob confirmed the current amount, its uses, and that any additional surplus would roll into the next year's budget to offset expenses. It was also noted that with community approval, the fund could be used for other school necessities. No changes were made. 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 \$1,640,872, and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012. Motion by Trish Read and duly seconded by Carolyn Bauer that the sum of \$1,640,872 be voted for that purpose. Russell Beilke invited the community to participate in the budget process, and corrected the School Board's meeting date to the third Tuesday of each month, not the second. He also thanked Howard Wynn for his time and contribution to the process. Russell then presented the budget, highlighting technology/media, pro-active steps to keep the health coordinator (due to the end of the grant funding), and other areas where the budgeted amounts had increased. He also pointed out that this budget is \$4,820 less than the current year's. Questions were asked and answered. Arthur Williams asked about dental care for the students. Patty Smith, the nurse for FES, answered that students have whatever assistance is needed, and available, to be sure of dental health. Doreen Kelly asked about the reduction in the Food Service amount. Susan MacLean Daley answered that the previously budgeted amounts have not been needed, as the food service partnership with Waitsfield is currently self-sustaining. Kim Laidlaw asked about the decrease in Guidance, and Cathryn Hayes answered that it was due to staffing/salary adjustments. Gail Goodman asked about the increase in Media. Russell answered that in addition to Fayston's current Technology Integration position, our school would be participating in a district-wide cooperative venture to hire a WWSU Technology Specialist/Coordinator, to address computer issues currently contracted individually. This will happen ONLY if the terms of the agreement are acceptable to the Board. David Jones called the vote. Carried unanimously by voice vote.
- Article 10: To transact any other business which may come before the meeting, (non-binding business). Kim Laidlaw asked about the School Board web page. "Minutes," and their definition, composition, and timeliness were discussed. It was noted that all meeting minutes are available and in compliance. Justina Boyden, who is responsible for updating the web page, addressed the fact that it is not current. She has been unable to do so, due to on-going computer issues. Cathryn Hayes reported that Cally Schober, the Administrative Assistant, will be taking the Board meeting minutes in the future. Access to the agenda, the minutes, and the meetings were all discussed. Doreen Kelly asked that the web page be updated, and Cathryn addressed the future of the site. Holliday Rayfield asked about comparative teacher salaries, and asked that they be published in the Annual Report again. Carolyn Bauer commended the school, its colorful facilities and cleanliness, and the Board. Motion by Hanne Williams and duly seconded by Michael Riddell that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36PM.

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

Russel Beilke, Chair    Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk    Robert Lockett    Heidi Spear    Greg Carleu

## FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MARCH 2012

As principal, I am happy to join Fayston Early Education Committee, school staff and Fayston School Board in support of a Full Day Kindergarten program for the 2012-2013 school year.

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. Full Day 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 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.

Providing Full Day Kindergarten and two mornings of preschool will provide an easier transition to first grade, allow more time for long term projects - especially for more advanced students and ease the pressure on parents in locating quality, consistent childcare.

Local surveys of preschool families and parent input at recent school board meetings supports Full Day Kindergarten. The Vermont Department of Education (DOE) reports that prior to 2005, most children were in a part time program. Since 2005 more and more schools in VT have established full time Kindergarten, with 93% of Vermont children in Full Day Kindergarten programs in 2011.

Neighboring elementary schools and their status on Full Day Kindergarten:

Warren – implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2004

Waitsfield – school board approved Full Day Kindergarten for 2012-2013

Moretown – implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2011

Waterbury/Duxbury - school board approved Full Day Kindergarten for 2012-2013

Montpelier - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2005

Rumney - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2000

Smiley - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2006

Richmond - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2006

Stowe - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2011

Morrisville - implemented Full Day Kindergarten in 2007

### 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.

### 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 at every grade level three through eight, and writing is assessed at grades five and eight. The NECAP science assessment takes place at the fourth grade level. The NECAP assessments are administered in October each year, with science being given in the spring. More information on the NECAP assessments is available at [http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_assessment/necap.html](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 Op-

portunities. 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](http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html#grade_expectations).

### Current and Historical Grade 4 NECAP Science Results

	<i>Proficient/Proficient with Distinction</i>
<b>2008 Fayston</b>	<b>94.00%</b>
2008 State Avg.	48.00%
<b>2009 Fayston</b>	<b>93.00%</b>
2009 State Avg.	52.00%
<b>2010 Fayston</b>	<b>84.00%</b>
2010 State Avg.	54%
<b>2011 Fayston</b>	<b>91.00%</b>
2011 State Avg.	53%

### Current and Historical NECAP Math, Reading and Writing Results

	<i>Math Gr. 3-6 Proficient/Proficient with Distinction</i>	<i>Reading Gr. 3-6 Proficient/Proficient with Distinction</i>
<b>2007 Fayston</b>	<b>91.00%</b>	<b>75.00%</b>
2007 State Avg.	63.00%	70.00%
<b>2008 Fayston</b>	<b>84.00%</b>	<b>83.00%</b>
2008 State Avg.	70.00%	63.00%
<b>2009 Fayston</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>82%</b>
2009 State Avg.	66%	72%
<b>2010 Fayston</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>78%</b>
2010 State Avg.	65%	73%

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

<i>Year</i>	<i>PK3&amp;4</i>	<i>Grade K</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Total</i>
2005-06	16	15	12	12	18	15	15	9	112
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

### 2011-2012 Current Class Sizes:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>
Preschool	7
Kindergarten	12
Grades 1&2 #1	15
Grades 1&2 #2	15
Grades 3&4 #1	14
Grades 3&4 #2	14
Grades 5&6 #1	14
Grades 5&6 #2	14
Average Class Size	13.12

**Home-Schooled:** 3 (May receive some school services or participate in some classes.)

**Three -Year-Old Preschoolers participating in the WWSU Preschool Partnership:** 5

### Fayston Elementary School 2010-2011 Action Plan

#### Technology Goal

Teachers and instructional support staff will provide students with learning opportunities for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills including communication and collaboration by working toward becoming proficient using technology as a teach-

ing and learning tool. Some examples may include the use of Mimios, flip cameras, and document cameras. Teachers and instructional support staff will show increasing evidence of applying this knowledge in their work with children, allowing students to access resources outside of the school.

### **Strategies:**

Individually, by the end of the third week in September, each teacher and instructional support staff member will conduct a self-assessment of his/her own technology skills, particularly related to the new equipment. The assessment tool will be provided by the Principal.

Based on this assessment, and any particular areas of interest the staff member has, he/she will set individual goals that move the staff member closer to proficiency with the equipment and his/her interests. These goals will be set with the Principal, by the end of the first week in October. The goals shall specify desired student outcomes as a result of this increased knowledge. Support staff members may opt to work collaboratively to support a teacher's goals for student outcomes.

To the extent possible, teachers and instructional support staff members will work with the Technology Integration Specialist in an effort to meet their goals.

To the extent that they are relevant to staff members' individual technology goals, staff members may attend workshops, courses and other trainings in an effort to achieve their goals. Professional development funds and professional leave, with prior approval from the Principal, may be used for this purpose.

A portion of staff meeting and/or other professional development time will be dedicated to technology learning and sharing knowledge and discoveries as a staff.

### **Methods of Assessment:**

Staff members will conference with the Principal on their initial goal(s), followed by a progress conference following a mid-year self-assessment. An end-of-year goals conference will take place, during which a final self-assessment will assist staff in setting future goals. The progress conferences shall have a dual focus of staff member and student learning, to the extent possible.

Staff members will self-assess their technology skills mid-year and at the end of the year using the same self-assessment tool. Goals may be adjusted as necessary based on these assessments, or any time the Principal and staff member agree that a change is in order.

The staff member will show evidence, by March, of applying newfound knowledge to his/her practice, and the resultant student learning.

### **Mathematics Goal I**

The staff will stay current on best practices for teaching mathematics.

### **Strategies:**

The staff will select one (or more, time permitting) strand from the NCTM Focal Points for in-depth discussion throughout the year. The first strand shall be Number and Operations. Staff will attend math-themed professional development that supports the FES and WWSU mathematics goals.

### **How will we assess progress?**

NECAP assessment scores  
Local and SU assessments, where available  
Shared knowledge with and among staff

### **Mathematics Goal II**

Fayston Elementary School students who struggle to learn mathematics skills, concepts, procedures and/or problem solving will receive supplementary instruction in their area(s) of need provided by a qualified teacher.

### **How will students be identified?**

Ultimately, teacher impressions will guide whether or not a student is included. Helpful tools used in making that decision may include, but are not limited to:

A low score on the Boehm-3 Test of Concepts  
Scores of 1 or 2 on Progress Reports  
A score of less than 80 percent on mid or end-of-year assessments or  
WWSU common assessments (currently in development)

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Students scoring partially proficient or below on NECAP assessments  
Teacher referral

**Educational Strategies:** The staff will work collaboratively to design and implement a program of supplemental instruction for struggling math learners.

**How will we assess progress?** Progress on students regularly attending supplemental math instruction will be documented each trimester and communicated to families. Measures of progress may include, but will not be limited to:

Teacher Observations

Work samples / portfolio

Brief narrative summary by the supplemental provider (required at least every four weeks and when a student is exited from support group.)

NECAP assessment:

School-wide mid and end-of-year assessments

WWSU assessments (where available)

Second form of any assessment already administered (if available)

### School Climate Goal

The adults and children at the Fayston Elementary School will strive to maintain a safe, orderly, civil and positive learning environment that is free from harassment, hazing and bullying for the entire school community.

### Methods of Assessment:

1. Student, staff and family climate survey
2. Attendance data
3. Behavior data (i.e. bus reports, planning forms, observations, progress report scores in the areas of civic and social responsibility and personal development).

### Educational Strategies:

1. Maintain a School Safety Committee that meets monthly and includes parents, staff and the community. The primary goal of this committee is to create, maintain and review a school safety plan.
2. All new staff will have two years from their date of hire to complete the Responsive Classroom I training. The principal may, at his discretion, approve extensions or exceptions to these deadlines.
3. C.A.R.E.S. (with picture representations) will be posted and taught/practiced in each classroom and throughout the building.
4. Continue positive promotion of school in the media.
5. Additional Responsive Classroom support, courses and workshops will be supported with release time and professional development funds.
6. Weekly meetings between the counselor and principal to discuss issues related to school climate.
7. R.C. format Morning Meetings in every classroom every day. To the extent possible, all adults will attend a Morning Meeting.
8. Student, staff and family climate surveys are used to assess and plan for a continued positive learning environment.
9. Students and staff will engage in interactions that promote mutual respect.
10. Staff will follow the teacher language guidelines detailed in, *The Power of Our Words*.
11. Whole-staff time will be allotted to discuss student issues.
12. 2010-2011 Responsive Classroom focus: How will we address students that need additional behavioral support in addition to RC? (Including the creation of steps that outline our response to individual needs.)

## Fayston Elementary School Faculty and Staff

<i>Name</i>	<i>Alma Mater</i>	<i>Credentials</i>	<i>Position</i>
<b>Professional Staff</b>			
Beth Abbott-Koch	VT College of Norwich	BA	PK/K Teacher
Carolyn Adams	SUNY/Crane School	BA Music Ed.	Music Teacher
Doug Bergstein	UVM/Lesley College	BS (Business), M. Ed.	5/6 Science/Math
Justina Boyden	UVM	BA Ed., M.Ed. Special Ed.	1/2 Teacher
Julie Galati	UVM	BA Special Ed.	Special Educator
Amy Jamieson	UVM	BA & MS Communication Science & Disorders	Speech/Language
Jean Goldhammer	Univ. of NE/JSC	BS	1/2 Teacher

Erin Koch	UVM/Boston College	BS Ed., M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Jason Stevenson	Univ. of Alabama/UVM	BS Psych. MS Counseling	School Counselor
Carla Kotas Lewis	Univ. of Nebraska/UVM	BA, M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Erika Lindberg	Boston U./St. Michael's	BA French Language & Literature / Education	French teacher
Nora McDonough	Union Institute	M.Ed. Art	Art Teacher
Martin Patterson	UVM/U. Mass.	BS K-12 PE, AD Turf Mgt.	PE Teacher
Patty Smith	Rutgers University	BS Nursing	School Nurse
			Health Ed. Coordinator
Allison Schlageter	SUNY Oneonta, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College	BS Elem Ed –Science, MS Science & Tech., MS Sci. Computer Ed	Technology Integration Specialist
Robin Twombly	Vermont College	BA	Librarian
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./Language Arts	Literacy Teacher
<b>Support Staff</b>			
Michele Ballard	Johnson and Wales	AS, BS Hotel Restaurant Mgt	Instructional Asst. Custodian
Dave Cheney			
Tracey King	Trinity College of VT	BA Human Services	Instructional Asst.
Mary Hoyne	Univ. of New Brunswick	BA Office Mgt.	Preschool Asst.
Cheryl Joslin	Newbury College	AS	Foodservice Dir.
Susan Hans			Foodservice Asst.
Jean Joslin	UVM	BS	Instructional Asst.
Leslie Sellars	Limestone College, SC	BA Elementary Ed.	On-Staff Substitute
Linda Moulton			Instructional Asst.
Ted Withey			Dir. of Maintenance
<b>Administration</b>			
Cathryn Hayes	SUNY Potsdam, NY St. Lawrence University UVM	BA. Elementary Ed. M.Ed -School Counseling CAGS K-12 School Administration	Principal
Leslee Torsell	Penn State Univ.	BS Recreation and Parks	Admin. Asst.

Professional Staff: 18 (13.4 Full-Time Equivalent)

Instructional Assistants: 5 (4.0 Full-Time Equivalent)

Administrator: 1

Admin. Asst.: 1

Foodservice Dir.: 1

Foodservice Asst.: 1

Dir. of Maintenance: 1

Custodian: 1 (.25 Full-Time Equivalent)

Nurse: 1 (.3 Full-Time Equivalents)

Health Ed. Coord.: 1 (.2 Full-Time Equivalent)

On-Staff Substitute: 1

Student School Year: 180 Days

Faculty School Year: 190 Days

Preschool: 10 hours per week (5 hours of two days)

Kindergarten: 21 hours per week (7 hours each of 3 days)

Grades 1-6: 35 hours per week (7 hours each of 5 days)

Faculty: 7.75 hours per day for full-day faculty

### The School Board:

Russell Beilke, Chair

Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk

Robert Lockett

Heidi Spear

Gregory Carleu

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 6:00pm, unless otherwise posted, and are open to the public. Carla Lewis, 3/4 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.

Respectfully,

Cathryn Hayes – Fayston Elementary School Principal

## FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2010-2011 BUDGET	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 BUDGET	2012-2013 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	530,676	543,292	537,945	559,994	
Benefits & Staff Development	198,743	178,480	198,108	215,959	
Contracted Services	24,000	10,669	17,825	19,860	
Contracted Services - WWSU Preschool Partnership	27,234	27,234	20,826	17,622	
Materials and Equipment	35,550	30,509	36,250	41,300	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION</b>	<b>816,203</b>	<b>790,184</b>	<b>810,954</b>	<b>854,735</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; ESSENTIAL EARLY ED</u>					
Salaries	112,139	97,942	103,334	108,528	
Benefits & Staff Development	43,088	25,939	31,299	32,003	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	18,300	17,265	18,300	22,575	
Materials and Equipment	3,000	1,901	3,000	3,000	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>176,527</b>	<b>143,047</b>	<b>155,933</b>	<b>166,106</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	45,775	45,775	46,462	47,159	
Benefits & Staff Development	5,914	5,416	5,700	6,757	
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</b>	<b>51,689</b>	<b>51,191</b>	<b>52,162</b>	<b>53,916</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	18,576	16,348	16,593	17,369	
Benefits & Staff Development	2,152	2,053	1,889	4,662	
Contracted Services & Supplies	500	232	500	250	
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>21,228</b>	<b>18,633</b>	<b>18,982</b>	<b>22,281</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	13,410	14,162	19,974	24,316	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,823	1,237	1,850	3,202	
Contracted Services & Supplies	950	880	950	1,650	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>16,183</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>22,774</b>	<b>29,168</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	30,559	23,626	28,777	30,210	
Benefits & Staff Development	11,835	4,089	10,781	13,430	
Contracted Services & Supplies	950	1,989	950	950	
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<b>43,344</b>	<b>29,704</b>	<b>40,508</b>	<b>44,590</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
In-service	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<u>LIBRARY/MEDIA &amp; AV/TECHNOLOGY</u>					
Salaries	22,860	22,360	23,128	23,400	
Benefits & Staff Development	8,528	7,644	8,610	9,322	
Materials & Equipment	21,100	20,802	34,600	21,400	
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY/MEDIA &amp; AV/TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>52,488</b>	<b>50,806</b>	<b>66,338</b>	<b>54,122</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>
<b>BOARD EXPENSE</b>	<b>14,150</b>	<b>13,158</b>	<b>14,150</b>	<b>14,587</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>538</b>	
<b>WASH. WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>35,835</b>	<b>35,835</b>	<b>36,416</b>	<b>36,508</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Salaries	102,787	111,247	111,017	110,768	
Benefits & Staff Development	31,167	36,433	31,543	31,456	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,800	3,514	5,300	3,350	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>137,754</b>	<b>151,194</b>	<b>147,860</b>	<b>145,574</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	7,196	7,196	6,981	6,300	
Payroll & Accounting Services	14,843	14,844	14,680	13,241	
Audit	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>24,939</b>	<b>24,940</b>	<b>24,561</b>	<b>22,541</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>

## FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2010-2011 BUDGET	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 PROPOSED	2012-2013 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Salaries	41,411	42,907	42,604	45,194	
Benefits & Staff Development	7,307	5,055	8,679	8,375	
Building Supplies & Operations	110,540	82,025	110,940	107,560	
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>159,258</b>	<b>129,987</b>	<b>162,223</b>	<b>161,129</b>	-0.7%
<b>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>44,175</b>	<b>34,984</b>	<b>45,059</b>	<b>46,185</b>	2.5%
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Interest	4,919	4,919	2,952	270	
Debt Interest - (Short Term)	10,500	3,792	5,000	4,000	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>45,419</b>	<b>38,711</b>	<b>37,952</b>	<b>34,270</b>	-9.7%
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b>1,645,692</b>	<b>1,529,171</b>	<b>1,640,872</b>	<b>1,690,750</b>	3.0%
Fayston Special Article -Contribution to Maintenance Reserve	13,631	13,631	13,631	35,000	156.8%
<b>Total Fayston Elementary School</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,542,804</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,503</b>	<b>\$ 1,725,750</b>	4.3%
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>Local Revenue</b>					
Town Rental	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Interest on Investments	12,500	8,378	12,500	8,500	
Miscellaneous	-	(22)			
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	<b>35,495</b>	<b>35,495</b>	<b>44,520</b>	<b>80,281</b>	
<b>State Revenue</b>					
Special Education Reimbursement	72,330	43,966	58,570	68,710	
Transportation Reimbursement	17,286	17,919	16,289	14,685	
Mainstream Block Grant	39,770	39,770	39,194	37,252	
EEE Grant	6,000	11,786	9,455	500	
Small School Grant	15,163	15,163	24,943	47,874	
<b>Federal Revenue</b>					
JOBS (one time)	-	-	-	24,521	
IDEA-B Grant	18,500	6,349	14,550	16,825	
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	-	2,000	1,000	2,000	
<b>Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues</b>	<b>237,044</b>	<b>200,804</b>	<b>241,021</b>	<b>321,148</b>	33.2%
<b>Education Spending Grant</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,279</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,279</b>	<b>\$ 1,413,482</b>	<b>\$ 1,404,602</b>	-0.6%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,623,083</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,503</b>	<b>\$ 1,725,750</b>	4.3%

The Fayston School District's audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 are available online at [www.wvsu.org](http://www.wvsu.org) under the Business Manager's tab or by calling the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont at 802-496-2272, extension 116.

## FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2012-2012 Proposed	2012-2013 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Fayston Elementary &amp; Harwood Union</b>			
<b><u>Fayston Elementary School:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils	107.09	98.92	-7.6%
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 13,199</b>	<b>\$ 14,199</b>	7.6%
Base Education Spending per Pupil **	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,723	
District Spending Adjustment	154.48%	162.78%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate **	\$ 0.870	\$ 0.890	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 1.344</b>	<b>\$ 1.449</b>	
% of Fayston students at Fayston Elementary School	55.85%	52.71%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.751	\$ 0.764	
<b><u>Harwood Union School District:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (Fayston 7-12)	84.66	88.75	4.8%
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 12,635</b>	<b>\$ 12,793</b>	1.3%
Base Education Spending per Pupil **	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,723	
District Spending Adjustment	147.88%	146.66%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate **	\$ 0.870	\$ 0.890	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.287</b>	<b>\$ 1.305</b>	1.4%
% of Fayston students at Harwood Union	44.15%	47.29%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.568	\$ 0.617	
<b><u>Combined (PK-12):</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	191.75	187.67	-2.1%
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.319</b>	<b>\$ 1.380</b>	4.6%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.33%	100.98%	
<b>Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate**</b>	<b>\$ 1.315</b>	<b>\$ 1.367</b>	4.0%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
<b>Actual Homestead Income Rate</b>	<b>2.73%</b>	<b>2.79%</b>	2.2%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate**	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.380	
<b>Non-Residential Education Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ 1.356</b>	<b>\$ 1.367</b>	0.8%

Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2011-12 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 DOE, final rate to be determined by the Legislature

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

## FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Maintenance Reserve Fund Balance**

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2011	\$ 20,366
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund	\$ 13,831
Interest Income 2012	\$ 40
Expenses paid FY2012 to date	\$ (1,234)
Ending Balance January 2012	\$ 32,803

**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness**  
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/>

**FY2011 School Level Data**

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

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
34 out of 43

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tohr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tohr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Newbury Elementary School	K - 6	113	13.10	1.00	8.63	113.00	13.10
	Sharon Elementary School	PK - 6	113	11.10	1.00	10.18	113.00	11.10
	Underhill ID School	K - 4	119	7.60	1.00	15.66	119.00	7.60
	<b>Fayston Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>10.43</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>11.50</b>
-> Larger	Saxtons River Elementary School	K - 5	120	12.00	1.00	10.00	120.00	12.00
	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	121	9.90	1.00	12.22	121.00	9.90
	Franklin Central School	K - 8	129	9.25	1.00	13.95	129.00	9.25
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>147.40</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>137.72</b>	<b>12.17</b>

**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. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10, FY11, and FY12.

**FY2010 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2009 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
(33 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		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)
Smaller ->	New Haven	K-6	111.01	\$15,498	23 out of 33
	Fletcher	PK-6	111.06	\$11,720	
	Lincoln	K-6	113.78	\$13,858	
	<b>Fayston</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>113.99</b>	<b>\$12,754</b>	
-> Larger	Newbury	PK-6	118.78	\$13,152	
	Wallingford	K-6	120.35	\$15,409	
	Cavendish	PK-6	126.57	\$11,137	
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>134.29</b>	<b>\$12,290</b>	

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.

**FY2012 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		
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->	T138 New Haven	-	101.44	13,987.74	1.4243	1.3646	0.7270	1.8770
	U023 Currier Memorial USD #2	-	105.34	11,348.76	1.1556	-	-	-
	T043 Cavendish	-	106.42	13,606.67	1.3855	1.3241	1.0434	1.2690
	<b>T075 Fayston</b>	-	<b>107.09</b>	<b>13,199.01</b>	<b>1.3440</b>	<b>1.3186</b>	<b>1.0033</b>	<b>1.3142</b>
-> Larger	T211 Underhill ID	-	107.79	12,351.12	1.2577	1.2272	0.9621	2.5559
	T112 Lincoln	-	109.20	14,022.44	1.4278	1.3802	1.0020	1.3775
	T130 Moretown	-	117.64	14,483.86	1.4748	1.3725	0.7032	1.9518

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.

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