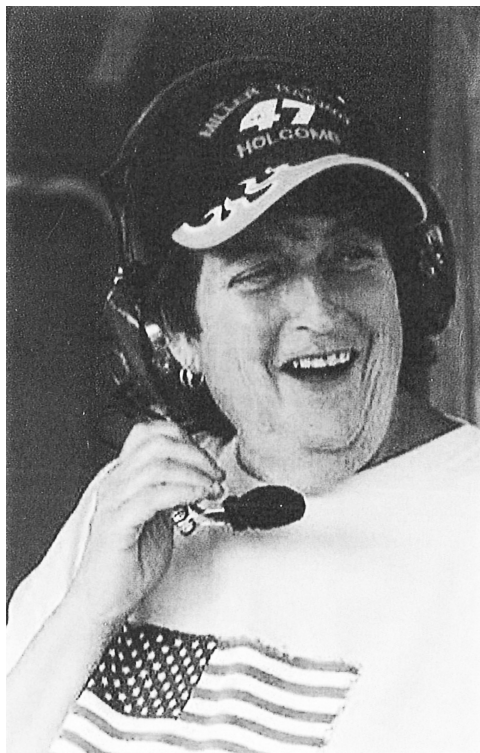


DEDICATION

**This Year's Annual Report is dedicated to
Penelope "Penny" Davis**



Penny passed away at a young age. Although only 57 years old, she touched the hearts of all she came in contact with. She holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all of us for her cheerfulness and willingness to volunteer for so many organizations. Penny was an active volunteer with Zack's Place and this year's Annual Turkey Trot was dedicated in her honor- a fitting tribute considering her love of all things racing. Penny was huge Race fan. She never missed a race at the Bear Ridge Speedway. She also enjoyed traveling around the race circuit of the State of Maine.

Penny was a Constable for the Town for 25 years. As constable she enjoyed directing traffic and parking cars for all of Woodstock's parades and events. Her favorite was the Alumni Day Parade. She would see people she knew all her life in that one day. Penny would show up early in the morning and help those that needed to watch the parade from their cars, snag a parking space in front of the library and have a front row seat.

Penny was a 911 dispatcher for the Town of Woodstock for thirty years, rising to the position of Chief Dispatcher. A job that was a great fit for her and for the Town. Her institutional knowledge of all things Woodstock was legendary and helpful during times of emergencies Penny also served as a volunteer firefighter, further demonstrating her devotion to the community.

WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

Town Report

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 through JUNE 30, 2015

<u>Chartered:</u>	July 10, 1761	<u>Area:</u>	27,776 acres
2015 Grand List:	8,574,082	2010 Census:	3,048

Tax Rate	
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Town Highway	0.1254
Town General	0.1981
Special Articles	0.0236
Voted Exempt Education Taxes	0.0105
County Tax	0.0091
Homestead Education Tax	1.6549
Non Residential Education Tax	1.5305
Police Assessment (Non-village property)	0.0482

**Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on February 27, 2016 at 10: A.M. at the
Woodstock Town Hall**

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Town of Woodstock Meeting Schedule

Select Board

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Board of Sewer Commissioners

Meet during the regularly scheduled meetings of the Select Board.

Town Development Review Board

Meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Town Hall.

Planning Commission

Meetings are held on, the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Town Hall.

Design Review Board (South Woodstock)

Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the South Woodstock Fire Station at 7:30 P.M. (upon application only).

Economic Development Commission

Meetings held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

Recreation Board of Directors

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 8:00 A.M. at the Woodstock Recreation Center.

Woodstock School Board

The Board of Directors for the Woodstock Elementary School meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Elementary School. (Call 457-2522 to confirm).
The Woodstock Union High / Middle School Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Union Middle School, in the Rhoda Teagle Library.
The WCSU Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at Woodstock Central Supervisory Union. (Call 457-1213 x1080 to confirm dates and times of any of these school board meetings.)

Library Board of Trustees

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:15 P.M. at the Norman Williams Library. To confirm place and time, call 457-2295.

Village Development Review Board

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Village Board of Trustees

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Village Design Review Board

Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Town Hall at 4:00 P.M. (upon application only).

Conservation Commission

Meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Town Hall (to confirm call 457-3456).

The Municipal Calendar is available on the website at www.townofwoodstock.org

TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected Officials

SELECT BOARD YEAR

Preston Bristow	2017
John D. Doten, Jr.	2016
Bruce Gould	2016
Bob Holt	2018
Grettie Howe, Chair	2017

TOWN CLERK

Jerome R. Morgan	2018
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TREASURER

Ann Marie Boyd	2016
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MODERATOR

Matthew Maxham	2016
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LISTERS

F. Charles Degener	2018
Paul Wildasin	2017
Carol Wood	2016

AUDITORS

Tom Debevoise (appointed)	2016
Marian Koetsier	2016
Gray Perkins	2016

TOWN AGENT

William C. Dagger	2016
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TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Mary Cameron	2016
Joseph A. Boyd	2017

FIRST CONSTABLE

Penelope Davis (Deceased)	2016
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SECOND CONSTABLE

Kelly Linton	2016
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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Fred Barr	2017
Dwight Camp	2017
Kathleen W. Camp	2017
Michelle Field	2017
Jim Ford	2017
Susan Ford	2017
Tom Hayes	2017
Christopher Lloyd	2017
Matt Maxham	2017
Mary Riley	2017
Jane Soule	2017
Marilyn Spaulding	2017

GRAND JUROR

John Sterling	2016
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Gregory Camp	2018
Fred Barr	2016
Bruce Gould	2017

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Steele	2016
Paige Hiller	2017
Jessica Stout	2018

WUHS DIRECTORS

Victoria Jas	2017
Alita Wilson	2016
1 Vacancy	2019

TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Philip B. Swanson

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Michael E. Brands, AICP

FIRE CHIEF

L. D. Sutherland, Jr. (Retired)

David Green

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dwight Camp 2016

FIRE WARDEN

L.D. Sutherland, Jr. (Retired) 2015

David Green 2016

TREE WARDEN

Don Wheeler 2016

HEALTH OFFICER

Lanie Edson 2016

INSPECTOR OF LUMBER

Fred Barr 2016

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Gail Devine, Rec Director

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Philip B. Swanson 2016

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Philip B. Swanson 2016

TRUANT OFFICER

James Otranto 2016

POUND KEEPER

Kelly Linton 2016

FENCE VIEWERS

Fred Barr 2016

Richard Roy 2016

1 Vacancy

TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE

REGIONAL PLANNING

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Don Bourdon 2016

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Philip Swanson

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Roy Bates 2016

Tom Debevoise 2016

W. Dean Merrill 2016

Matthew Maxham 2016

Mary Riley 2016

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Don Bourdon 2016

Fred Hunt 2017

Ingrid Moulton Nichols 2016

Charlie Wilson 2017

Kimberly French 2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Al Alessi 2019

Lea Kachadorian 2016

Cyndy Kozara 2019

Lynn Peterson 2016

Byron Quinn, Chair 2018

Alan Willard 2016

PLANNING COMMISSION

Susan Boston 2016

Keri Cole 2017

Sally Miller, Chair 2019

Nick Scheu 2019

Ben Segal 2017

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

(So. Woodstock)

Charles Humpstone 2016

Lyman Shove 2017

Glenn Soule 2018

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION

Alison Clarkson

Christopher Lloyd

Donald R. Wheeler

Kathy Avellino

Marc Weinstein

RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Doubleday

Tom Emery

Sarah Weiss, Treasurer

Jim Giller, Secretary

Kent McFarland, Vice Chair

Emma Schmell, Chair

Preston Bristow, Select Board Rep.

WOODSTOCK SELECT BOARD

Once again it is time to put the Town Report together and it was my pleasure this year to serve as the Chair of the Woodstock Select Board.

We had a busy year, but things seemed to run smoothly. The local options tax started this summer and right away the very loyal and active Economic Development Committee headed by Charlie Kimbell, spent many meetings defining their role and then starting the process of gathering applications for requests of funds. They will then present to the board their findings and request for final approval. This fund is to be used to help special projects that will benefit our community and businesses.

We gathered, on The Green, as a community to celebrate the retirement of two of our team members. Mary Riley from our Town office and Butch Sutherland our Fire Chief. Although hard to say goodbye we could never thank them enough for the many years and countless hours of service to our Town. They haven't gone far but we hope they are enjoying their new found freedom and the extra time to spend with family and friends.

This year bridges have been repaired and culverts have been replaced to meet the new State standards. The three sewer plants are running with some upgrades "coming down the pipe" again to meet State requirements. It is a never ending battle to keep a close eye on expenses in order to keep our tax increases to a minimum. This year we do start to repay the loan we had to take out to pay off our debts incurred by Tropical Storm Irene. We were fortunate to be able to come back from such a devastating storm and looking at what had to be done, we came out with a manageable loan balance to repay.

As always the Town Manager, his staff, and all the Department Heads work very hard all year long to maintain quality services to the residents of our Town and we can't thank them enough for all that they do. Both the Fire Department and the Ambulance service have welcomed new volunteers to their groups which were desperately needed. We also welcome, Dave Green as our new Fire Chief, who is no stranger to the department. Dave has jumped right in to keep things running smoothly, and we look forward to hearing his new ideas and thoughts on the future of these Departments.

In closing a big thank-you to my fellow Board members for their time and dedication to the Town, it's always a pleasure working on the Board with you all. Sadly, we say good-bye to Bruce Gould who will be stepping down from the board this March. The Select Board would like to thank him for his endless devotion to this Town and all the Boards he has been on all these years. We wish him some nice time off, hopefully in that warm and sunny place where he can spend more time chasing that little white ball around.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grettie Howe

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

I am pleased to present my report of the Town Manager for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Total spending on municipal operations that were voted at town meeting was \$4,408,140.00 of which taxes were \$3,053,010.00 with the balance coming from other revenues. The tax rate for this fiscal year for municipal services, not including Special Articles, that were voted on separately was 37.17 cents per one hundred dollars of property value. These taxes were approximately 17.96% of the total taxes you paid last year. The remainder was your state and local education taxes. As you know, a considerable amount of our local education taxes is sent to the State of Vermont to be shared with other towns. The financial records are audited by the firm of Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner which are available on our municipal website, www.townofwoodstock.org or by mail on request.

Town Office

The biggest change at the Town Office is that Mary Riley has retired after 25 years of devoted service to the people of Woodstock as our Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Village Trustees and the Municipal Manager. Mary was always capable and cheerful regardless of the situation. Following T. S. Irene, amidst the stresses of the town and village infrastructure being in a shambles, and many residents forced out of their homes Mary was extra cheerful. She said that everyone who calls Town Hall is under a terrible strain and it was her responsibility to make them feel a little better after the call. Which she did.

The Legislature of the State of Vermont recognized Mary's contributions to the people of Woodstock and the State of Vermont by bestowing on her a Concurrent Resolution of the House of Representatives. This award was earned and well deserved. Mary, we all wish you well in your retirement.

Following a thorough search for an Administrative Assistant we settled on hiring a candidate with over a dozen years of municipal government experience, and a genuine desire to help people. Welcome Lynn Beach. Lynn is doing a great job of learning the responsibilities of being our Administrative Assistant and is learning names and faces of all who pass through the doors of the Town Office.

Economic Development Commission and the 1% Rooms, Meals and Alcohol Tax

At the Australian Ballot voting that occurred at Annual Town Meeting in 2015, the voters approved the creation of a 1% Local Option Tax on rooms, meals and alcohol sold within the Town of Woodstock. This tax is collected by the State of Vermont and 70% of it is paid to the town; the remaining 30% is paid to the State of Vermont Education Fund.

As part of this vote, the voters dedicated the proceeds of this tax to be used for economic and community development purposes. At a Special Town Meeting held on December 15, 2015 voters created an Economic and Community Development Reserve Fund for all proceeds from the Local Option Tax to be deposited and held until spent for the purposes so directed by the voters. In the FY '17 budget you will note \$222,000. of income from this Local Option Tax and a transfer of the same amount to the Economic and Community Development Reserve Fund.

Tropical Storm Irene

Last July the Select Board signed a fifteen year bond in the amount of \$669,000.00, at an interest rate of 2.863%. This loan was competitively bid and a local bank provided a much better interest rate than the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, the lowest bid was accepted. This year's town budget includes the first full payment of principal and interest on this loan. The first year payment of principal and interest will be \$63,100.00, which accounts for a majority of the tax increase on the municipal side of your tax bill. The bond was taken out for a fifteen year term because the interest rate was significantly lower than a longer term loan.

The infrastructure of the Town of Woodstock has been reconstructed with bigger bridges, and larger culverts that will help keep our roads from washing out in severe weather events.

Resident status must be reported to State of Vermont ANNUALLY; whether or not you receive any property tax breaks.

- Reporting must be completed by April 15th of every tax year.
- Extensions are **not** available, regardless of filing an extension to file your income taxes late.
- Reporting must be done on the State of Vermont form HS 122.

You may file on line at www.tax.vermont.gov the link is on the right side of your screen in the middle of the screen. The form is also available for pick up at the Town Hall, which you can fill out and then mail to the Vermont Dept. of Taxes.

Property Tax Break for Moderate Income Homeowners

There is one redeeming element of the Act 60 - Act 68 Education Financing Law that is of benefit to many Woodstock residents. That is, the Legislature recognized that when they target communities of high property values to generate income to be shared with the rest of Vermont, the burden on middle income residents is too great.

The Legislature did adopt a program of limiting a moderate income person's property tax to approximately 3% of income for education expenses, for Woodstock residents. The program is called the Property Tax Adjustment program and the form must be filed with your tax return. To prove residency, you must also file the HS 122 form described above.

Tax Collections

The recent change to collection of property taxes twice each year has been very well received in town. However, given the high tax bills, and the difficulty that some people have in paying this bill twice a year, I want all of our property owners to know that everyone is welcome to make partial payments toward their next tax bill. To do so, please send a check to the Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 488, Woodstock, VT 05091 and include the name the property is held in and the tax parcel I.D. number. If you do not have this information, please call the office at 457-3456 before mailing your check.

Highways

The State of Vermont has adopted rules and regulations that severely regulate the installation of new culverts and the replacement of existing culverts. All culvert replacement must be in conformance with VTrans Hydraulic Manual. Culverts greater than 3 feet in diameter require a Hydraulic Analysis be performed and a replacement structure installed in accordance with the design flow of a 25 year storm. In most cases the structure will be either a concrete box culvert or a small bridge.

The Select Board has added some money in the budget to save forward from year to year that will pay to upgrade larger culverts with concrete box culverts every 3 or 4 years depending on the size/cost of the concrete box culvert and availability of state grants.

These grants are very important to enable us to maintain our infrastructure without creating a burden on our local tax payers. We continue to apply for and receive grants from the State for culvert work, bridge maintenance and repaving of our busier town roads.

We constantly read about our Nation's aging infrastructure. Our infrastructure here in Woodstock is also aging. We have done a great job of keeping up with our large bridges that span the Ottauquechee River. The next major bridge project we will be faced with is the Post Office bridge, located in front of the Post Office, this bridge spans the Kedron Brook. Built in the 1930's it is in poor condition. The State of Vermont Agency of Transportation has this bridge scheduled for replacement of the deck in 2018. The

project will close this section of Central Street for approximately 3 weeks. During this time, local traffic will find its own way around the construction, while commercial truck traffic will be detoured on the state highway network and will skirt Woodstock entirely.

The State of Vermont passed a law during the last session that creates more responsibility for towns to manage runoff from highways and back roads alike. The Agency of Natural Resources is writing rules and regulations to implement this new law. Under the law, the Town of Woodstock, the same as all other towns, will be required to obtain a permit from the State of Vermont to operate and maintain our town highways. The permit will come with conditions, restrictions, rules and regulations regarding the control of storm water runoff from town highways. These new restrictions will be expensive to implement and expensive to maintain. This process will begin in 2016.

During the winter months, residents of the Town and Village of Woodstock can pick up a bucket of sand or salt at the Town Garage for personal use on private driveways. In the summer we keep a supply of gravel outside of the gate that is available for your use in small quantities.

Fire Department

After 45 years of service to the Woodstock Fire Department and Twenty Five years as our Fire Chief L.D. "Butch" Sutherland Jr. has retired from the Fire Department.

This past summer Butch was awarded the "Fire Chief of the Year" award by the members of the Vermont State Fire Fighters' Association for his dedication to the fire service, and to his leadership as our Fire Chief.

Butch has been a very pro active fire chief. His belief is that fire prevention is the best firefighter in the department, and he is very proactive about fire prevention. He is also passionate about providing outstanding equipment for the firefighters to use and to wear, all of which improves the safety of our firefighters when we are on a fire scene. Butch has developed a great partnership with the National Park Service, whereby the NPS owns a lot of forest fire fighting equipment that is stored in our station and available for town use whether on the grounds of the National Park or elsewhere.

The Legislature of the State of Vermont recognized Butch's contributions to the people of Woodstock and the State of Vermont by bestowing on him a Concurrent Resolution of the House of Representatives. This award was earned and well deserved.

Butch has been a devoted fire chief and when you see him, please be sure to wish him well in his retirement.

Our Fire Chief supervises the activities of the Fire Department and also the activities of the Woodstock Ambulance Service. This is a National trend that is working well for Woodstock. In selecting a new Fire Chief we needed to find an individual who is an EMT, in addition to having excellent credentials in the fire service. David has been a member of the Woodstock Fire Department for approximately twenty years and has risen through the ranks having served as a Captain, and has served as our training officer. Since beginning as a firefighter David has continually sought out additional training to help the Department respond to unusual circumstances. David is a forward thinking Fire Chief and well able to lead the Woodstock Fire Department in the twenty second century.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in checking out joining our fire department please give David Green a call at 457-2337 and have a brief conversation. You may come to one meeting and decide you are not interested, or, you may come to a meeting and become a very involved volunteer. Either way, you owe it to yourself to check it out.

We thank the townspeople of Woodstock for your generous support of the Woodstock Fire Department. We thank the firefighters for their dedication to Woodstock and their individual and collective efforts to make Woodstock safer.

The South Woodstock Fire Protection Association operates a fire department under the leadership of Paul C. “Chip” Kendall, III. The South Woodstock department is staffed with members who live in the South Woodstock community. The two departments have undertaken training (together) at all monthly drills and have arranged for the South Woodstock Fire Department to be called out for response to all calls when the main station is called. The fire department in South Woodstock is essential to fire protection in Woodstock and the surrounding communities.

Ambulance

The Woodstock Ambulance Service is licensed as a Paramedic Service. Our service employs Alan Beebe as our Ambulance Coordinator. Alan is a full time paramedic in Hartford and works for us two days per week as our Ambulance Coordinator/ Paramedic.

This schedule allowed us to create a program that allows many of our long time EMT’s with advanced training to work specific days and during these days to take over specific aspects of the administration of the service such as billing, vehicle maintenance, scheduling etc. so that when Alan is working for us he can focus his energies on managing our service.

We do have mutual aid agreements with the Town of Hartford and the City of Lebanon to provide this paramedic level of care on an intercept basis when needed.

The individuals who volunteer to be part of our ambulance service are highly trained, dedicated emergency medical personnel. Most are EMT’s and many of our EMT’s have advanced EMT training. These folks are trained and licensed to provide a level of care that is intermediate between an EMT and a paramedic. We are all very thankful to these volunteers for the excellent service they provide to our community.

The ambulance service is always looking to take on new volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering on our ambulance service and getting to know your neighbors one emergency at a time, please call Alan at 457-2326 during normal business hours. There are many ways to get involved and become part of this great service.

Communications Dispatch Center

Penelope “Penny” Davis was an employee of the Town of Woodstock Communications Center for over thirty years, with seven of those years spent as the Chief Dispatcher. Penny was a professional dispatcher who loved her work, and serving the people of her community in their time of need. To honor Penny, and pay tribute to her service to Woodstock, this year’s Annual report is dedicated to Penny. Penny was one of a kind, and we all miss her.

Welcome Elizabeth “Beth” Therrien. Beth was hired following an exhaustive search for a Chief Dispatcher. Beth comes to us with sixteen years as a dispatcher for the State of Vermont at an E-911 call center. Beth has great enthusiasm for her profession, she recently became a certified child car seat instructor and will gladly teach any Woodstock resident the correct way to secure a child car seat to their vehicle.

The communications department provides 24-hour radio communications for the ambulance service, constables, fire department, highway department, sewer department, and the Village and Town police department. We use two towers to communicate with our emergency and public works crews. Our dispatchers work with the State of Vermont E-911 dispatchers to arrange for emergency personnel to arrive at the scene. Our dispatch center is open seven days a week, twenty four hours each day.

Constable

Penny Davis has served Woodstock as either our First Constable or our Second Constable for the past twenty five years. Her death on March 6, 2015 left a void in our community and in the towns constabulary.

Second Constable, Kelly Linton has done a great job filling the needs of Woodstock residents for these services. Kelly is seen directing traffic at parades and car accidents, is an outstanding animal control officer and so much more. Kelly enjoys being part of every home basketball game!

The Vermont Legislature changed the nature of the services that a Constable can perform. When Penny and Kelly began their careers as Constables, Vermont Law gave Constables the same police powers as granted to full time police officers who passed the full time course at the Vermont Police Academy. Until 2006 when the Town entered into a contract for the Village Police Department to provide Police Services in the town. Constables and the State Police were the limits of police protection in Woodstock, outside of the Village.

The Vermont Legislature recently removed most of the authority formerly granted to Constables. Without graduating from the Part Time Police Academy course, Constables are left with the authority to direct traffic, serve court process papers, and act as an animal control officer.

State law allows towns to decide whether we need one or two constables. At Annual Town Meeting there will be an article to decide if Woodstock should be a one Constable town. The Select Board has added this article for debate and consideration at Annual Town Meeting because with the limits of Constable authority and the advent of police coverage throughout the town, there may not be a need to have two Constables. This question will be debated and voted on the floor at Annual Town Meeting on February 27th.

Town Police Services

The actual services provided are an emergency response at any hour of the day, on any day of the week. There is a daily patrol shift built into the daily schedule for town services, usually in the afternoon and evening hours. For times outside of the patrol shift, an officer is on call to respond to emergency situations in the town.

Not all 911 calls requesting service in the town receive an immediate response. If the dispatcher on duty believes that the request for service can be attended to when the daily police officer is on duty, then the response will be delayed. If it is determined that the situation demands an immediate response, an officer will be called in to respond immediately. That said, I realize that when any resident calls 911 requesting a police officer the situation is an emergency to the caller. However, our limited resources do not allow an immediate response to all calls at all times.

Many of our police officers are also EMT's and respond to certain types of critical calls with the ambulance. Since the police officer is already on the road, the response time is generally quicker than the ambulance. These town police services have been very popular with our residents.

The taxes to finance these police services outside of the village are paid for by a property tax on all property located outside of the village.

Solid Waste

The Town of Woodstock belongs to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUV) for the management of our waste stream. The GUV owns land located in the Town of Hartland for which an Act 250 permit to develop a permanent landfill on this site has been issued. A bridge over I-91 to access the site has been constructed. Plans to construct and develop the permanent landfill are on hold, there is more landfill capacity in the region than there is need, due to people recycling more.

To those residents who dispose of their trash at the Hartford Transfer Station: the maximum weight that one card punch is good for is thirty pounds. It is in your best interest to squeeze as close to thirty pounds in each bag that you dispose of as you possibly can. Remember to purchase a permit and disposal punch card in advance. Each bag of trash you dispose of will cost you one "punch" on the card.

Several times a year the trash district organizes a collection of either tires, or scrap metal, or household hazardous waste in Woodstock. These collections are a convenient and inexpensive way to dispose of these pesky items.

Recycling

The Town of Woodstock has a mandatory recycling ordinance that requires all property owners in Woodstock to recycle glass, paper, newspaper, cardboard, steel cans and aluminum cans. Your trash disposal contractor is obligated to collect and recycle these materials for you and you are obligated to separate them out for collection. If you choose to dispose of your own trash at the transfer station in Hartford, you must dispose of the recyclable materials in the recycling center.

The Vermont legislature recently adopted Act 148 which will push recycling to new levels. The law prohibits discarding recyclable materials in a landfill. The law also begins mandating the composting of many organic materials. For example leaf and yard waste must be composted beginning no later than July 1, 2016. Food scrap composting began July 1, 2014 for generators that produce over 2 tons per week of food waste. By 2020 all food waste, from a tiny kitchen in a small apartment to a large grocery store or commercial kitchen must be composted.

Septic Rules

Regulations governing septic systems for single family residences and subdivided lots have changed significantly. More innovative/alternative systems are acceptable and failed system replacement is possible through a variance from the rules if compliance is not possible.

Since June 2, 2007 all septic systems built in Woodstock require a state septic permit regardless of when the lot was created.

Since June 2, 2007 all new residential connections to the municipal sewer system must obtain a state water & wastewater permit in addition to a town connection permit.

The nearest office of Environmental Conservation is located in Springfield, VT at 100 Mineral Street. The telephone number and additional information is available at Town Hall.

Sewer Department

Last, but not least, I would like to report on operations at the three wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by the Town. They are located in South Woodstock, Taftsville and the main plant is in the Village. All of our facilities are operating very well with effluent quality that meets or surpasses all permit requirements.

The wastewater Treatment facilities are licensed by the State of Vermont and each is given its own five year permit to discharge treated wastewater to the waters of the State of Vermont. The most recent license granted to the Taftsville facility required a full and complete engineering evaluation of the plant's facility and equipment. The results of this evaluation are that the facility needs a major over haul to keep functioning. Primarily the aeration tank that is made of steel has serious rust issues that need to be repaired with welding new steel to mend the tank. The other two options were way more expensive. One option was to remove and replace the tank, the other option is to build a new sewer line that will connect the Taftsville facility with the main facility in the village.

State Mandates

Throughout this Report, you have read about new state mandates that affect the delivery of municipal services in almost every department; and these changes come with significant added costs to the local taxpayer. While we may bemoan the way the Legislature is changing the way Woodstock provides municipal services, we will comply with these laws.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Woodstock, the Select Board and all municipal employees and all of our public officials, whether elected or appointed, for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip B. Swanson
Town Manager

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

LOCATION: 31 THE GREEN

PHONE: 457-3611

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 M-F

VITAL RECORDS FOR 2015

MARRIAGES 86

DEATHS 32

BIRTHS 2

During 2015 the Town Clerk's Office archived and indexed 3,550 pages of land records documents, issued 37 temporary motor vehicle registrations, and administered 297 Hartford solid waste disposal permits and multiple ten-punch coupons to go with them. As usual, the Office provided thousands of copies of deeds and records for the law, banking, real estate and insurance industries.

There were 2,678 registered voters at the time of the 2015 Town Meeting, and 729 people voted. The last day to register to vote in the 2016 Town Meeting will be Wednesday February 24, 2016.

In 2015 the dog license tags were blue and 394 dogs were licensed. The tags for 2016 are red and are ready for application to every dog that is kept in Woodstock. Please remember that if you have a dog, you have an obligation to every citizen and every dog. Register your dog before the end of March.

Things in the Town Clerk's Office are about the same as they have been for many years. The Office is in general good order and up to date. If you want to know any of the finer details, you are invited to come in to inspect the record. If anyone has a question, idea, or suggestion, the door is always open.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome R. Morgan
Woodstock Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the past year interest rates have been flat. Our interest income for the year ending June 30, 2015 was below the budgeted amount. Interest income for the year 2016-2017 is proposed at \$100.

Interest income for the years 2004 to and including 2015 is as follows:

INTEREST INCOME

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
2004	\$ 40,000	\$ 39,240	(\$ 760)
2005	\$ 42,000	\$ 55,308	\$ 13,308
2006	\$ 42,000	\$105,742	\$ 63,742
2007	\$ 90,000	\$125,474	\$ 35,474
2008	\$ 70,000	\$ 49,585	(\$ 20,415)
2009	\$125,000	\$ 12,996	(\$112,000)
2010	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,466	(\$ 26,534)
2011	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,700	(\$ 13,300)
2012	\$ 1,500	\$ 617	(\$ 883)
2013	\$ 1,500	\$ 603	(\$ 897)
2014	\$ 500	\$ 59	(\$ 441)
2015	\$ 500	\$ 67	(\$ 433)

The report on the Endowment Trust Fund is reported in the Independent Auditor's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Boyd
Treasurer

BOARD OF LISTERS

The Board of Lister's most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Woodstock. As we mentioned in last year's report, the last time that our town had a full blown reappraisal was in 2002. For the 2016 Grand List the town has hired NEMRC to inspect and determine new assessments for every parcel in town. After all the assessments are determined, NEMRC and the Listers will travel around town and review the new assessments.

After our review is completed, there will be a notice sent to all taxpayers with the new assessments and an explanation of the grievance process. There are statutory deadlines for owners to file a grievance, so please do read your Change of Appraisal letter carefully so that you will be able to participate in the process if you disagree with your new assessment. The Listers will be available during our regular office hours should you have any questions about the change in your appraisal.

As part of producing the Grand List, we oversee the Current Use Program for Woodstock which currently has 185 parcels enrolled, representing 15,860 acres. The total tax exemption is \$71,520,450 or \$715,204.50 of value on the Grand List. This exemption represents \$14,387,400 (\$143,874 on the Grand List) for residential property owners and \$57,133,050 (\$571,330.50 on the Grand List) for non-residential property owners.

Another important part of our duties is keeping track of Homestead Filings. EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15th EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT. The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly downloads electronically as people file their HS122 forms which insures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Since we are required by state statute to have the assessments in town based on market value, one of our duties is to process all property transfers and to do an analysis of all the sales that have occurred during the year. Our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) which is based on a three-year study of our sales, is down slightly from 97.9% to 96.36% and our COD (Coefficient of dispersion-an indication of equity) is at 15.87.

Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owner and we also assist appraisers, realtors and attorneys doing research. Please feel free to visit our office which is open from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, or you can reach us at 457-3607 or via email at woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Charles Degener, Paul H. Wildasin and Carol M. Wood

CEMETERY COMMISSION
2014-2015

The Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners have seen continued improvement in the care given to the historic burial grounds. The increased cemetery budget has helped to support the yearly maintenance costs.

The Commissioners continue to look for ways to deal with projects and long-term maintainance with fencing, walls, trees, and older gravestones. We welcome both the input and assistance in the areas of maintenance and repairs but remind people that they should contact a Commissioner prior to making any improvements to a town cemetery.

The many burial grounds in Woodstock are important to families past and present and also provide historical value. The Commissioners thank you for your continued support in caring for the cemeteries and look forward to working with you to help care for and improve the cemeteries in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Barr
Greg Camp
Bruce Gould
Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners

Woodstock Ambulance 2016

In 2015 Woodstock Ambulance responded to 604 calls.

	2014	2015
Fire assist:	64	62
Advanced life support:	171	218
Basic Life support:	145	162
Cancelled Enroute:	28	27
Patient No-Transport:	112	135
Total	520	604

As you can see, we have had a 16% increase in call volume in 2015 compared to 2014. We continue to be able to keep up with the increased demand of emergency medical services. We have responded to anything from abdominal pain to cardiac arrest or simple things such as general weakness. We try to remember that any emergency for the patient is a significant emergency to them at that time. We continue to be able to cover the ambulance calls not only in Woodstock, but respond and have agreements with Bridgewater, Pomfret and parts of Plymouth and Hartland.

Responses by Town:	2014	2015
Other Towns:	3	1
Bridgewater:	79	93
Hartland:	15	16
Plymouth:	14	28
Pomfret:	30	45
Woodstock:	379	421
Total:	520	604

In 2015 we purchased a new cardiac monitor. We were able to purchase a new one last year also. These machines allow us to perform many diagnostic functions for our patients as well as time stamp important interventions. We have a total of three of these monitors, one for each ambulance.

In 2015 we ordered a new ambulance. We will take delivery of the new ambulance in February, 2016. This one will replace a 2003 ambulance. The 2003 ambulance has served the Town of Woodstock very well. It is getting old however and needs constant maintenance. It is also very small and only allows access to one side of the patient. This can be a real problem with some patients. The new one is being built with a safety conscious construction and many safety features for EMT's and the patients.

This year we had three milestones regarding time of service. 2015 marked 5 years that Zach Bowley has been serving Woodstock Ambulance and 20 years for Joan Sterner and Bill Luth.

If you see any of them around town, please make a point to thank them for their continued, dedicated service to the Woodstock Community.

The Town of Woodstock is very lucky to have such a dedicated crew on the ambulance. I am very proud to be a part of that crew.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Beebe, Director

COMMUNICATIONS

PHONE CALLS	2014	2015	RADIO CALLS	2014	2015
Bridgewater	125	105	Bridgewater	62	682
Pomfret	110	61	Pomfret	389	531
Woodstock Amb	414	396	Woodstock Amb	662	4,569
Woodstock Fire	736	140	Woodstock Fire	66	859
Woodstock Police	723	1,793	Woodstock Police	31,029	35,368
Total Phone Calls	2,108	2,495	Total Radio Calls	32,208	42,009

The 2014 totals were retrieved from last years report, the 2015 numbers were taken directly from the Computer Aided Dispatch system that is used daily in the communications office. There was a change in system logging for fire and ems for Bridgewater, Pomfret and Woodstock therefore the number of phone calls is not complete for 2015 and there is no way to search the old system in order to get the full picture. These totals do not take into account the amount of phone calls received for burn permits which averages about 5 per day. We also hear from highway and wastewater departments either by phone or radio, and we receive a fax whenever there is an alarm at the wastewater treatment plants. These numbers are also logged in a separate system which is not searchable.

We are no longer working on a Telephone Tree for emergencies. The new system is VT Alert, this is a free service through the VT Division of Emergency Management. Citizens can receive alerts via phone, text or email about emergencies that could affect them. They can sign up at www.vtalert.gov and choose what types of alerts they want to receive.

WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Elizabeth Therrien - Supervisor
 Constance Jones - Full Time
 Douglas Perkins - Full Time
 Christine Gould - Part Time
 Gordon Reilly - Part Time
 Bill Luth - Part Time
 Craig Bowman - Part Time
 Stephanie Morse - Part Time

Respectfully submitted,
 Elizabeth Therrien,
 Dispatch Supervisor

Town Police Report

I respectfully submit my annual report to the Woodstock Select Board and the residents of the Town of Woodstock.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Select Board, Municipal Manager and Town residents for their support of the Woodstock Police Department and its Officers and Dispatchers. Our goal, as stated in the Mission Statement of the Woodstock Police Department, is, "To provide a safe and orderly environment in Woodstock through professionalism, high quality police service, an active partnership with the community and a concern for individual dignity by assuring fair and equal treatment for all." The Officers of the Woodstock Police Department are committed to this mission and the community.

As in the past, the Woodstock Police Department continues to serve the Town Residents with 24/7 emergency response and 40 hours of patrol coverage per week. During the past year 673 of 1,923 calls for service were handled by the Woodstock Police Department in the Town. These calls for service ranged from crime prevention and proactive patrol to motor vehicle enforcement, emergency response, criminal investigations and death investigations. The attached list of observed offenses should provide insight into the varied types of incidents handled by the Police Department. This year I have provided a Calls for Service comparison of years 2014 and 2015. A close partnership with the Community and the Police Department is essential to maintaining the high quality of life Woodstock enjoys.

Once again, the heroin epidemic is of primary concern in regards to many of the crimes that we investigate, including burglaries, thefts and frauds. The health and safety of our communities is put at risk because of this scourge. Prevention as well as aggressive enforcement, is important.

As a reminder, the Woodstock Police Department hosts a Prescription Drug Drop box. The box is located in the lobby of the Emergency Services Building and citizens can drop off any unused and unwanted prescription medication they may have 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

The Woodstock Police Department has experienced some personnel changes in 2015. Long time and beloved Woodstock PD Dispatch Supervisor Penny Davis passed away unexpectedly. She is sorely missed. Fortunately, we were able to find an extremely well qualified person to become the new Woodstock Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor. We welcomed this year, Elizabeth Therrien as that person and she was able to step in to take over the communications center with an almost seamless transition. Officer James Beraldi, who was already working as a part time Officer for WPD, came on full time. Officer Beraldi comes to us from Windsor, VT PD and has over 20 years of full time law enforcement experience and Woodstock is happy to have him on board.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of the men and women of the Woodstock Police Department for their dedication. I also wish to express my appreciation to the other departments and personnel of the Town and Village for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Robbie Blish

Chief of Police

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CALLS FOR SERVICE

2014-2015 COMPARISON

Type of Call	2014	2015
911 Hang-up Call	24	19
Accident Fatal	0	0
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	10	23
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	8	7
Agency Assistance	67	61
Animal Problem	34	35
Assault	1	2
Burglary	5	2
Burglary Alarm	73	64
Citizen Assist	38	38
Citizen Dispute	6	14
Commercial Vehicle Inspect.	2	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint	53	57
Careless & Negligent	1	0
Court Time	1	2
Dead Animal	1	0
Dead Body	5	1
Directed Patrol	3	5
Disorderly Conduct/Noise	1	1
DUI	4	20
Controlled Substance Problem	4	5
Embezzlement	1	1
Escort	1	3
Family Fight/ Domestic	10	9
Fraud	15	3

Type of Call	2014	2015
Information Report	6	6
Intoxicated Person	1	1
Juvenile Problem	14	13
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1	4
Lost/ Found Property	9	1
Noise Disturbance	3	14
Phone Problem/ Harassment	8	5
Property Damage, Non- Vandalism	2	3
Property/ Home Watch	71	87
Public Speaking	10	6
Probation Violation	1	0
Search Warrant	3	2
Stalking	1	2
Sex Offense	1	0
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	47	32
Theft	10	13
Threatening	3	3
Towed Vehicle	1	0
Traffic Hazard	6	10
Tobacco Offense	2	0
Trespassing	4	4
Unlawful Mischief – Vandalism	5	0
VIN Number Inspection	22	44
Welfare/ Suicide Check	15	17
TOTAL CALLS	743	673

CONSTABLES REPORT

Woodstock Constables are pleased to submit their annual report to the people of Woodstock.

This year started with a devastating loss to our community. Penelope Davis served our Town for many years in many roles. She was a dispatcher, a town constable, a firefighter, a friend, a mentor, and family. Penny was able to light up a room as soon as she entered it. She is truly missed.

Town Constables provide services mainly to the Town but when requested will assist the Village of Woodstock. The majority of our calls are animal complaints. However, we also respond to agency assist whether it be Police, Fire or EMS. Constables also provide traffic control when necessary and assist stranded motorists.

It is important to have your dog(s) licensed with the town. It is a minimal fee that is due by April 1st to our Town Clerk. This small step can be the difference in locating the owner or having the animal taken to Woodstock Animal Care for boarding until their owner can be found. There is a boarding fee and the fee to license your dog(s), if it is determined that the dog has not been licensed. These fees are the responsibility of the owners. Also be sure to have your dog(s) vaccinations current and have them spayed or neutered. A license for your dog must be obtained if your dog(s) is 6 months or older. Please make sure that your dog(s) rabies and license tags are placed on the collar.

I would like to thank the people of Woodstock for their continued support. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my community and the people who call this town home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Linton, Town Constable

WOODSTOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Woodstock Fire Department has responded to 232 calls for the fiscal year of 2014- 2015. I am pleased to report that there was very little in the way of property loss as working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms significantly cut down on life and property loss.

One of the greatest strengths of the Fire department, is it members! Our members continue to give untold time and effort to the department. This past year, five new members joined the Department and three firefighters are currently enrolled in the Vermont Firefighter Level One Class.

We are reaching out to high school students to join our Cadet Program. Our Cadet Program continues to be strong and several cadets have attended the Cadet Program at the Vermont Fire Academy.

Training continues to be a priority for the Department. This year we attended a class with neighboring departments instructed by Rutland City Firefighters on interior rescue. Several Woodstock Firefighters also attended a class on flow paths and fire behavior in the town of Fairlee.

After many years with the Woodstock Fire Department, Chief Butch Sutherland has retired as well as Rod Leonard and David Roy who both retired as Assistant Chief. I would like to thank them for the path in which they directed the Fire Department and their time in these positions. I wish them well as they enjoy the free time they deserve.

I would also like to announce that Emo Chynoweth has been promoted to Assistant Chief from a long time Captain's position and I look forward to working with him.

The Fire Department is always looking for people to join our department, if you wish to join please contact me.

Lastly, I look forward to my new position as the Chief of Woodstock Fire/EMS. I look forward to working with the members of the Fire and EMS Departments who dedicate their time unselfishly. I will strive to ensure that the citizens of Woodstock and surrounding communities receive the best services available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green

Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire /EMS

Woodstock Fire Department Calls

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Building fires.....	7	4
Chimney fires.....	9	3
Brush or grass	2	8
Fuel spills or smell of propane	5	3
Power lines	5	0
Fire alarms	51	72
CO alarms due to malfunction.....	9	6
Carbon monoxide incident.....	9	7
Ambulance assist	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	16	18
Motor vehicle fires	3	0
Electrical fires	6	4
Chemical/Hazmat	2	2
Other Dept. calls	26	74
Total calls	161	232

Fire Warden Report

The 2013-2014 year saw a spring that was not conducive to grass or brush fire in Woodstock. Thankfully, we only saw a few incidents with minor burning of land. However, we provided many hours of mutual aid responding to the towns of Norwich and Hartford for large brush fires totaling 137 and 5 acres respectfully.

I would like to remind you that a permit to kindle an outside fire is required. You may obtain this permit at the fire station and once you fill out your initial permit a phone call is only required for subsequent burns. Only natural brush and wood is allowed to be burned. Construction materials, trash or other debris is not allowed to be burned and must be disposed of properly.

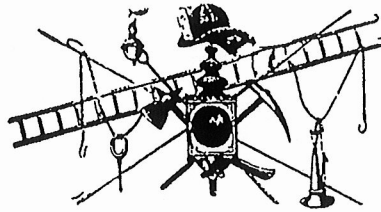
Below I have included Vermont statistics for this year's fire season.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green

Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire/EMS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Number of human caused fires -	56	117
Number of lighting caused fires-	0	3
Number of acres burned caused by human-	164.361	390.64
Number of acres burned by lighting-	0	6.56
Total number of fires -	56	120
Total numbers of acres burned-	164.361	397.20
The ten year total average of acres burned -	220.260	205.30
Total numbers of acres burned in Woodstock -	0	2



Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association

The Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association (WFRA) had another consequential and active year in 2015 with many changes in the department. We salute the following four firefighters and leaders of the department for their over 160 years of combined dedicated service:

Butch Sutherland, former Fire Chief – 45 years
Rod Leonard, former Asst. Fire Chief ~ 40 years

Dave Roy, former Asst. Fire Chief ~ 40 years
Harvey Bumps, former Safety Officer ~ 40 years

We also thank Ashley Koetsier for her years serving as treasurer for the Relief Association, and welcome Kevin Lessard who has taken over that position.

Members also participated in the Celebrate Community event in August -sharing department activities with the community, cooking chicken, and helping recruit new volunteer firefighters / Association members. Members, as always, participated in many other department and community events throughout the year.

Our volunteer firefighters are there for you at a moments notice, and the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association has been there for our firefighters, their families and the entire Woodstock community for well over 100 years. Our mission is to:

- Provide help socially, financially and spiritually to those unfortunate sick and injured firefighters and their families, and to assist firefighter families in case of death.
- Formulate, maintain and promote the highest professional standards and training for its members in the protection of lives and property against fire or other accidental or natural emergency.
- Raise funds to maintain and improve important safety equipment for the Woodstock Fire Department and maintain the historic 1923 Maxim Fire Truck.
- Help with community events such as picnics and parades.
- Provide members with dress uniforms for parades, funerals and other important events.
- Purchase and place grave markers for deceased firefighters.
- Promote fellowship among firefighters in all times, good and bad.

Our annual appeals have been a great success and 2015 was no different. Thank you for your past generosity and concern for our firefighter's safety. Your continued support this past year has allowed us to make the second of 3 years of payments on a new 4wd Utility Task Vehicle (UTV). Having this vehicle has helped us act quickly and efficiently when responding to emergencies preventing delays and allowing for increased safety. Thank you once again for your support. Please stay safe in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Kamb, President

WFRA Officers:	Richard Roy, Vice President	Kevin Lessard, Treasurer
	Scott Noble, Secretary	Tom Emery, Member-at-large

SOUTH WOODSTOCK FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

The South Woodstock Fire Department has 8 volunteers, down from 12 in 2014, who regularly respond to the South Woodstock Fire Station, EMS First Response and other safety services when called out.

In the last year, the department responded to chimney fires, grass fires, power lines down, car accidents and other minor emergencies. Some calls were to assist the Woodstock Ambulance or to render aid and help someone who has fallen, although not hurt, but needed assist to get up.

The South Woodstock Fire Department is equipped with four fire trucks all of which are 4-wheel drive:

- Engine 1 is a 2001 Freightliner-Class A Pumper holding 1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gpm pump.
- The South Woodstock tanker is a 1986 International-Tanker Pumper with 2300 gallons of water and a 750 gpm pump.
- Engine 3 is a 1985 Mini Pumper that is set up with a 1000 gpm pump and 200 gallons of water.
- The forestry truck is a 1976 Pierce Mini Pumper.

Funding for the South Woodstock Fire Department comes from generous donations from the community and fund-raising events such as the Pancake Breakfasts. We are currently fund raising for a new Tanker truck. Our Tanker and the Chevy mini-pumper are 30 years old, although both trucks are out-dated they are still operational. Our future plan will be to down size the number of trucks to a total of three as we currently do not have the personnel to fill three trucks and we would like to have one less truck to maintain.

The meeting room and kitchen at the South Woodstock firehouse are used for many activities. The largest activities are the Pancake Breakfasts which happen twice a year, in mid-April and on Columbus Day weekend. The meeting room is used by other civic groups such as The Green Mt. Perkins Academy Historical Society, South Woodstock Community Club, Long Hill Snowmobile Club, Windsor County Maple Producers Assn, The Green Mtn. Horse Assn. and the local Cub Scouts who hold their rain gutter regatta.

Volunteers are always needed both as firefighters or to help around the firehouse. New personnel would be welcomed and much appreciated. Volunteering takes time, but giving something to the community or town we live in is everyone's responsibility. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. Please consider this an open invitation to volunteer at the South Woodstock Fire Department.

I would like to thank the members of the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, firefighters: Charlie Gilley, Gordon Holmes, Mario Maura, Darwin Lewis, Carl McCuaig, Victoria Thrane, Rick Walker, and Board members: Gordon Holmes, Joyce Maura, Karen Lewis, Lynn Murrel, Jane Soule, Susan Ford, Darwin Lewis, Charlie Humpstone, as well as the many community members that volunteer their time and financial support. Thank you!

Paul C. Kendall II
South Woodstock Fire Chief

Highway Department

The Town Highway Department continues to work year round on road maintenance whatever the season. Through summer months they generally grade roads, maintain culverts, ditches, trim or remove trees, and repair roads. Winter months bring on plowing, sanding, and salting of the roads, more tree work, and maintenance of the equipment.

Once again culverts were a large part of our summer work, with repairs, replacement, upgrades, and new installs. Maintaining our dirt roads was another large part of our summer workload which included grading and repairing with hard pack and gravel.

Bridge maintenance continues as well with one of the larger projects being the replacement of stabilizing cables on The Middle Covered Bridge. The other project was a concrete box culvert upgrade on Gulley Road.

General expenses of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, included:

Salt / Sand	\$160,311	Gravel/ Hardpack	\$79,470
Dust Control	\$ 29,491	Culverts	\$ 5,223
Bridges	\$ 93,150		

I would like to thank the Town Highway Crew for their hard work and dedication, no matter the situation, time of day, or emergency, their prompt response never wavered. I also would like to thank all of the other town departments for their assistance throughout the year, working together helps all departments perform better.

In conclusion, to the people of Woodstock I would like to express my appreciation for your patience and concern while traveling through work zones. Public, as well as, road crew safety remains an extremely high priority. Thank you, as well for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Vandenburg

Town / Village Highway Superintendent

Wastewater Treatment

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Wastewater Treatment Facility of the Town of Woodstock. I am pleased to report that all three treatment plants are compliant with State of Vermont standards.

The past year we installed new underground chemical lines (solution bisulfite) at the Main Treatment Plant that removes the chlorine out of the water before being discharged into the Ottauquechee River. The Main Plant also saw the installation of a 10" air line between the new blowers and the aeration tanks. With our new discharge permit issued in June of 2015, we now are reporting monthly the total nitrogen and phosphorus. This requirement has increased our laboratory fees and in time, the State will require that we remove both nitrogen and phosphorous in an effort to clean the Connecticut River.

The Taftsville Plant has undergone a required engineering evaluation by Stantec Engineers. This Plant has been in operation for 55+ years. One of the conditions of the State of Vermont places on the Town's permit to discharge to waters of the State is that an engineering study is done on the plant. The report stated that from the engineering review, their recommendation is to let the plant remain as an operating plant. Although there are many repairs to the steel tank that must be undertaken including to weld new steel over rusted steel, and other improvements to the physical plant. This work will be performed during 2016.

South Woodstock will be required to undergo a similar evaluation in the very near future.

Robert Latchaw has achieved his Grade I license and Tim Lynds remains the Assistant Chief Operator. I am pleased to have hard working, conscientious workers with me in the Department. Going forward, we will continue to meet the required education hours for license renewals.

Thank you to the residents of the Town of Woodstock for their patience when we are working in the streets and roads. Finally, I would like to thank the other Town and Village Departments for their continued support and assistance when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayland Lord
Wastewater Superintendent

2015 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK PLANNING & ZONING ANNUAL REPORT

With the completion of 2014 Town/Village of Woodstock Comprehensive Plan (a 2 ½ year effort) the Planning Commission has started the rewrite of the Town of Woodstock Zoning regulations. This five-year cycle assures that regulations maintain a consistency with town plan goals and policies. Following up on the many impacts of Tropical Storm Irene, the State has completed numerous studies and recommendations on water related elements. In 2013, the Ottauquechee River Watershed Stream Geomorphic Assessment was completed. The study proposed numerous solutions that are slowly becoming a reality. The State has drafted a new model set of stormwater regulations highlighting the principle of retaining stormwater on-site for as long as possible. An additional set of regulations, called River Corridors addresses the natural ebb and flow of rivers and other water bodies. The River Corridor regulations propose protection of developed and undeveloped areas within the inevitable movement areas of a river or stream. The State has added financial incentives for the adoption of these elements which become redeemable after a natural disaster.

Affordable housing has been a long-term issue with Woodstock and for that matter, the entire State of Vermont. As a tourist town with a growing second home population, housing costs for local employees become more and more difficult as each year fades into another. This phenomena was recognized in the 1989 Town of Woodstock Comprehensive Plan which involved over 300 citizens participating in a yearlong creation. The Plan called for the creation of additional housing to help alleviate the situation. In 1990, the Town Zoning Regulations were amended to create a Residential Medium Density zone with the goal of encouraging more housing. The original zoning permit to construct 36 units of affordable housing was applied for in 2006. Although it took nine years of court action for the permit to vest, it only took nine days to rent out all available units - thus proving the inevitable need.

The recent trend towards smaller homes marketed to local families is continuing. Three of the four permits issued for single family homes this year have living spaces of less than 2000 square feet. In 2007, the average permitted new home was 3466 square feet. The average home size has declined each year since, resulting in a 1675 square foot average in 2015. The 2015 average is heavily skewed by two sub 1000 square foot homes. However, the 2014 average was 1795 square feet. Smaller homes are popular due to three main factors: a greener dwelling - more energy efficient, downsizing - smaller families, and affordability - cost less to build.

In October 2015, the Town of Woodstock received a Welcome to the Neighborhood Award from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The award recognizes the planning efforts of Woodstock in adopting a Town and Village Plan that recognizes the dire need for affordable housing and follows through by adopting Zoning Regulations that encourage denser development on land served by public sewer and water systems.

The Town Planner/Administrative Officer Michael Brands, AICP, is now in his 27th year of service to the community. Mr. Brands continues to serve on the Two River Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Task Force. He is also active with the Vermont Planners' Association and the Upper Valley Planners' Forum.

Planning and Zoning Assistant Renee Vondle is in her thirteenth year and is always helpful and cheerful in her daily contact with applicants and information gatherers. The office receives constant compliments for its service and professionalism. With an updated website, the number of "hardcopy" documents have decreased significantly, as users find it much easier to download a digital version. Planning and Zoning clients are able to reference the Town Plan, regulations, applications and worksheets on-line instead of coming in for or requesting a copy. The website continues to present timely updates to the various emergency situations that arise such as road closures and utility notifications. It has also been reconfigured to be mobile friendly, which is paramount in emergency situations. Please take time to visit the site, www.townofwoodstock.org. Any and all suggestions for an improved service are welcome.

The Town Development Review Board remains at full capacity with one new member. Lawrence Lombard has stepped down after many years of service to the TDRB. Kimberly French has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The Conservation Commission membership has an immediate vacancy to be filled. Alan Willard, after many years of service on the CC and PC boards, has stepped down. The Planning Commission has had two long-term members step down, Marilyn Spaulding and Paul Highberg. Ms. Spaulding has served the Town and Village in various capacities for well over fifty years. Lowell Gray has applied for one of the openings, still leaving a vacant position with the PC. The South Woodstock Design Review Board has held steady with three members. The Town would like to thank all former members for their service and commitment to the community. Please note that in March of each year positions become available. If interested in serving on a board or commission, please submit your name to the Town Planner or the Select Board.

Once again, overall permit activity has increased somewhat, but is still short of the pre-recession levels. All indicators predict continuing improvement for the forthcoming year. The 2015 permit total is 81, an increase of over 10 permits from the previous year. The total number of administrative permits increased significantly from 48 to 68. The number of single family home permits decreased slightly from 5 permits to 4 permits. Apartment/Guest House permits remained in line with the 2014 year total of two units created. There was one Home Occupation permit granted, compared to zero the previous year. There were no subdivision permits granted this year compared to last year's decade high number of 7 permits issued. Lot line adjustments doubled with four permits issued. Conditional Use permits, a chief indicator of commercial activity, dropped significantly from 18 to 11. This reverses the trend set in 2013 of increased action in this sector. Waiver to Setback requests quadrupled over that issued last year with 4 approvals. The Bed and Breakfast permits issued remained at one. Short Term Rental permits (less than 30 days) increased from zero to two. There were no Scenic Ridgeline permits issued. The South Woodstock Design Review Board activity increased from two permits to three issued.

All comments concerning any planning and zoning issue are more than welcome. Please contact either Michael Brands - Town Planner or the members of the Planning Commission. The planning and zoning process requires the input of the citizens for it to be both fair and equitable. Keep the comments coming!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Brands, AICP
Town Planner & Administrative Officer

2014-2015 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Conservation Commission held nine regularly scheduled meetings and a number of additional site visits in 2015. For the first time in three years there was a Scenic Ridgeline application, the first ever in the Village. The CC conducted four wetland site visits in conjunction with ongoing permit applications. There were six riparian reviews, four in the Village and two in the Town.

In May, Steve Faccio of the Vermont Eco Study Center located in Wilder, conducted a vernal pool workshop with members of the Commission. The Eco Center has spent the past few years updating a state-wide vernal pool map. The map included 23 unverified vernal pools in Woodstock. Verification is an expensive and time consuming process. The intent is for local Conservation Commissioners and municipal officials to have a basic understanding of vernal pools. The best time of the year for vernal pools delineation is the spring when the shallow bodies fill with spring runoff. It is also the time when salamander egg clusters are visible. The workshop was very successful. New members received a hands-on course and long standing members were able to refresh their knowledge. When future projects are proposed within a 100' of a vernal pool, the Commission will now be able to determine whether a site needs protection or not. The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Woodstock Resort Corporation for allowing the two vernal pools located off of Blankey Cottage Road to be used for the event.

Pete Fellows, Two Rivers Regional Planner, met with the Commission in April to discuss a Kedron Brook restoration project and a new State tool, the Forest Stewardship Atlas. The Kedron Brook has had a high nutrient load for many years. The Woodstock High School Biology class has taken water samples for the past two decades. The State's Ecosystem Restoration Program Review Committee nominated the Kedron Brook to receive funds to help decrease the nutrient load. The Forest Stewardship Atlas is a GIS mapping program that examines large parcels of woodland with the purpose of linking wildlife habitat areas. Large forest parcels with the potential to offer important wildlife corridors are located at the four corners area of Bridgewater, Plymouth, Reading and Woodstock.

The Commission has been kept busy with an increase in applications this year. Riparian reviews have jumped to the foreground. Most of the reviews are for minor items such as walkways or stone patios. One review was for a parking lot where a building used to be located. Removal of a concrete slab and increased vegetation offset the proposed use. Another riparian issue has prompted discussion of an amendment to the regulations. Developed areas within a riparian buffer under the current regulations have no flexibility. A proposal is underway to allow these grandfathered structures some means of expansion away from the water body if the owner has no other viable option.

The Commission also conducts pre-application reviews. It is very helpful to landowners to know what they can or can't do before an application is submitted. In numerous instances, professional wetland delineations have resulted. The exact location of a wetland can change a

design substantially. In Taftsville, a solar farm proposal was scaled back and ultimately withdrawn. After meeting with the Commission, a professional wetland delineation was done. The wetland turned out to be larger than originally thought. In another instance, the design of a new home was able to proceed after a professional delineation showed the parcel's wetland area to be further north and east of the desired home site than that shown on the Town's maps.

During the course of the year many members attended numerous conferences and workshops held around the state. This is a valuable contribution by the members, as not all members are able to attend these important events. The members are then able to share the information gathered with the rest of the membership at the following meeting.

The Conservation Commission membership has remained constant for the past few years. This year, Bethany Powers joined the Commission just in time for the vernal pool workshop. The Commission would like to thank Alan Willard for his many years of service. Alan stepped down in November. Should one desire to become a member please contact Town Planner, Michael Brands at 802-457-7515, mbrands@townofwoodstock.org or attend a Conservation Commission meeting which are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday evening (7:30 pm) of each month.

One does not have to be a member to attend and/or participate in Conservation Commission activities. All members of the public are invited. CC agendas and activities are posted on three bulletin boards (the Town Hall, the Norman Williams Public Library and the EMS building in the East End) and on the Town's website: townofwoodstock.org

Woodstock Economic Development Commission

The nine members of the renewed Woodstock Economic Development Commission began meeting in July of 2015 to plan and implement sustainable economic development for the Town of Woodstock and to establish clear guidelines for the expenditure of the funds received from the 1% local options tax approved by voters in March.

We concluded on two main objectives that have guided our discussions and decisions:

- Increase the number of visitors who are most likely to develop connections to the area and contribute to the economy.
- Grow and diversify the resident population to enrich the community and the quality of life.

To determine our progress towards achieving those objectives, we selected five measurements:

- Tax revenues from rooms, meals, alcohol and sales. (www.state.vt.us/tax)
- # of visitors to the Woodstock Welcome Center (Woodstock Chamber)
- Woodstock Elementary School enrollment (edw.vermont.gov/REPORTS)
- # of housing units occupied by full time residents (www.housingdata.org)
- # of registered voters (Woodstock Town Clerk)

The activities we are pursuing along those lines include the following:

- Promote the assets of the area to our target audience.
- Encourage and fund events to attract visitors, including in the “shoulder” seasons.
- Improve community assets/services that will improve the quality of life.
- Develop processes and networks to help convert visitors to residents.

More specifically, we intend to engage a public relations firm to develop stories about Woodstock and get those stories published in traditional and social media outlets. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued to solicit interest from potential PR firms.

In September the EDC voiced the need to make Woodstock a “1 Gig town” in order to be attractive as a place to work and live. In December the EDC issued a Request for Information (RFI) to the five telecommunications companies operating in Woodstock to devise a plan to establish internet service to every home and business in Woodstock with speeds of 1 Gigabit per second. The deadline for responses to the RFI is 2/15/2016. The EDC will propose a course of action after reviewing the responses from the telecommunications company and report back to the Select Board.

The local options tax on rooms, meals and alcohol is likely to generate \$220,000 per year based on the current tax receipts. (\$74K was received in November for the third quarter of 2015.) In December the Town voted to direct all receipts to a fund restricted for economic and community development. The EDC has developed clear criteria for deciding how those funds should be spent. They are available on the town web site regarding special events and community projects.

The EDC has established a quarterly application process for grants for special events and community projects that will help achieve the commissions overall objectives. Visit the town website for more details.

The members of the EDC are: Charlie Kimbell, Tom Weschler, Matt Stover, Joe DiNatale, Gail Childs, James Zillian, Barry Milstone, Nick Ferro and Keith Anderson.

SUSTAINABLE WOODSTOCK

Sustainable Woodstock seeks to inspire, organize and empower community members to integrate environmentally, economically and socially responsible practices in all aspects of their lives to create a sustainable community. The organization's volunteer-based action groups encourage a vibrant community, promote a thriving local economy, and educate community members about how to conserve and protect natural resources.

In 2015 Sustainable Woodstock showed progress on many community projects through new and ongoing initiatives, and we continue to support our community so we can live sustainably now and in the future.

Our *Energy Action Group* has reduced the carbon footprint of Woodstock and surrounding towns by helping 25 families arrange for energy audits with 17 households completing energy efficiency upgrades. Our 2014-15 Solarize program resulted in the installation of 26 home solar arrays for 171 kilowatts of clean energy. Our outreach coordinator, who was funded for the past 15 months by a grant from the Canaday Family Charitable Trust, arranged 15 public events and contacted more than 200 households with individual follow-ups. In 2016 look for Solarize Two and opportunities for community solar.

Our *Recycling Action Group* (the Trashforce) consulted with 46 local businesses in 2015 to help them improve their recycling practices. We worked with the Village of Woodstock to establish a policy for recycling at public events and coordinated placement of public recycling bins. Our facilitation of waste collection at public events diverts hundreds of pounds of compost to local farms each year.

Even though delays prevented the relocation of the snow dump at the East End, volunteers continued to clean up the site and remove invasive plants. The *East End Action Group* returned to their original goal of developing the East End and convened meetings with East End property owners and community stakeholders to re-visit the 2000 East End master plan. With community support, the next step is to create a developer package to move forward development in the East End and indicate that Woodstock is serious about paving the way for responsible development and demonstrate that there are willing partners with a thoughtful vision.

We continue to coordinate three community garden sites which are home to dozens of families and local organizations each summer. Our gardens at King Farm, Billings Farm and Chippers in Pomfret are open to community members with plots being individually maintained by each gardener.

We educate the community about sustainability issues through our weekly newspaper column, website, Facebook page, email newsletter, films and speakers. Our activities and programs are open to the entire community. We collaborate with many local organizations on important community projects, and we provide a local voice for regional projects like the East Central Vermont Sustainability Consortium and the New England Resilience and Transition Network .

We gratefully acknowledge support from many individuals and organizations, including Woodstock Rotary, Woodstock Garden Club and Woodstock Foundation, whose generous contributions have allowed us to move forward on our important community projects. Although Sustainable Woodstock prides itself on being a results-driven organization, we know that one of this organization's most significant contributions may be less tangible: the feeling of being connected more deeply to our community and to one another.

2016 promises to be an exciting year for Sustainable Woodstock! We have several energetic new board members who bring extensive backgrounds in environmental protection and conservation. We are poised to launch new initiatives in the areas of transportation and local food systems.

For updates on our projects and activities, visit our website at www.sustainablewoodstock.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Miller, Executive Director
sally@sustainablewoodstock.org 802.457.2911



WOODSTOCK AREA NONPROFIT NETWORK

The mission of the Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network is to create a community of nonprofit leaders to partner, to collaborate and to communicate for our mutual benefit and for those that we serve.

The Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network (NPN) has been meeting on a regular basis since 2012 to discuss issues common to our organizations. The primary goals and benefits of the Network are to explore collaboration around volunteerism, fundraising, communication, sustainability and educational opportunities.

The Network has no budget, but the commitment of our organizations to work collectively has allowed us to leverage our position and receive outside funding which has been beneficial to the entire community. Notices of the monthly Network meetings go to more than 60 organizations, and representatives from more than 40 organizations have attended at least one meeting.

In March 2015 Woodstock NPN teamed up with Benchmarks for a Better Vermont to bring Results-Based Accountability (RBA) to Woodstock. RBA is a framework that helps organizations manage performance, measure impact, and tell their story and provides simple tools to take nonprofit leaders from talk to action quickly. While not currently required to receive state funding The State of Vermont's Government Accountability Committee encourages organizations to use RBA to help evaluate and document the success of their programs. More than 25 people from area organizations attended the four training sessions.

Following a December 2014 forum on Collective Impact a working group was established to collect and review the mission statements of the nonprofits serving our community. Reviewing the mission statements of eighteen diverse non-profit organizations indicated that their missions overlapped around the desire to provide a high quality of life for all community members of all ages. We met with ReThink Health Upper Connecticut River Valley (UCRV) who facilitates meetings on shared measurement and discussed the possibility of doing a collective impact assessment focused on volunteerism in our community.

During 2015 the Network participated in conversations on a number of local and regional issues including:

- The cap on tax deductions enacted by the Vermont legislature in spring 2015
- Criteria and implementation for use of the 1% options tax that was approved by Woodstock voters in March 2015
- The Woodstock branding initiative
- Community culture and best practices
- A Community event for recognizing volunteers
- A Community calendar

In preparation for this year's Town Meetings, the Network arranged to share petitions and support each other's efforts by collecting signatures for non-profits that request town funding. The Network also collated signature sheets into binders and distributed them at area nonprofits.

The Network gladly welcomes input from the greater community. To receive notifications of meetings and other events, please send an email to woodstocknonprofitnetwork@gmail.com or contact one of the nonprofit directors listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

The Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network Steering Committee:

Elizabeth Craib, Woodstock Job Bank
Deanna Jones, Thompson Senior Center
Jackie Fischer, Ottauquechee Community Partnership
Sally Miller, Sustainable Woodstock
Sherry Thornburg, Ottauquechee Health Foundation

**WOODSTOCK AREA
JOB
BANK**
PEOPLE & WORK
**The Woodstock Area
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The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*"Bringing together people who need work
with people who need workers."*

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

What's happening at the Job Bank?

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We're continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We're collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community, ease donor fatigue and share common resources.

How are we doing?

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. In 2015 the number grew from 650 requests to over 700. There are over 450 active job seekers on our list.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

How are we funded?

This year our funding request to the Town of Woodstock remains level with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

*The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization
We thank the voters of Woodstock for supporting
this worthy organization!*

TRORC 2015 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2015:

Technical Assistance

In 2015, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns incorporated a new flood resiliency element that is required for all plans adopted after July, 2014. Many towns have improved and clarified implementing regulations, easing permitting by making results more predictable. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency response and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, which are critical components to disaster response efforts. Further, we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans, often in tandem with the remaining TS Irene property buy-outs in the region.

Working Landscapes & Economic Development

TRORC is committed to projects that preserve and protect our region's natural, scenic, and economic heritage. We continually seek to find a healthy, equitable balance between development and conservation that will both secure the region's future vitality and prosperity while ensuring effective stewardship of our landscape. To this end, we assisted in completing a new Economic Development Action Plan, since approved by the East Central Vermont Economic Development District. In addition, TRORC applied for and received \$400,000 in federal funding to assess contaminated properties leading to redevelopment and tax payments on delinquent properties.

Transportation

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Woodstock this past year, we assisted with a disaster relief-related Community Development Block Grant to move the town Snow Dump away from the Ottauquechee River in case another flood occurs. As part of a 12 town effort, a town-wide culvert inventory was completed along with a Better Back Roads Road Surface Survey. We also provided assistance with a second Better Back Roads Grant for Happy Valley Road and for the Woodstock Elementary School Sidewalk project.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2015 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 136 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

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

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

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 69 years old in 2016. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.

Over the past years at Town Meeting I have noticed that our position in this community can be confusing at times. I will attempt to explain our funding clearly and briefly.

The Woodstock Recreation Center is a 501 C3 non-profit; we have a very small trust from Marion Faulkner that amounts to roughly 8% of our total budget. The funds we generously receive from the town amount to roughly 30% of our total budget, however 26% of the funds we receive from the town (\$69,000.00) go directly from us to the Woodstock Elementary school, this is to keep everyone at a lower tax rate. (The select Board could explain this in more detail) The other 62% of our budget is made up of fundraising, our annual appeal, grants and user fees.

The other area that seems to be unclear at times is Vail Field, WRC does not own Vail Field we maintain Vail Field. The playground that was built is owned by the town/village. The WRC along with community members and Woodstock Rotary club volunteered to build it to save the community money. Any special projects or improvements at Vail field are through the town/village with support from WRC.

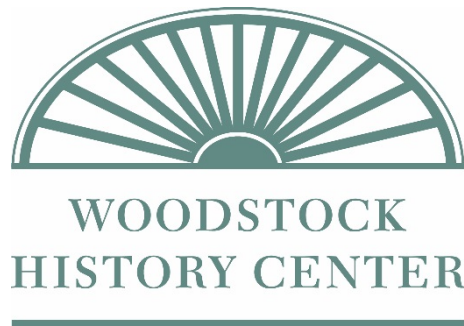
I hope this clarifies some of the most common questions that arise, as always your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Sincerely,
Gail Devine
Executive Director

Current WRC full time Staff:
Gail Devine – Executive Director
Joel Carey – Assistant Director
Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Current Board members:
Chair– Emma Schmell, Vice-Kent McFarland, Secretary- Jim Giller , Treasurer- Sarah Weiss, Select board Rep.- Preston Bristow, board members at large: Tom Emery , Dave Doubleday



As you will see in the following report, it has been a very busy and rewarding year. We continue to work hard to provide inspiring educational opportunities for our community. Thank you to the staff (for their commitment and diligent work), the board (for their openness and leadership), and the many volunteers and community members who have supported the Society in the past year.

Programs/Events/Services

We have nearly tripled our visitation to the museum in 2015 due to several factors including the installation of new exhibits like *Love in Woodstock* and offering free admission to the museum and lectures. Guide Staff Gina Moore, Rose Mroszczyk, Carie Good, and Becky Talcott helped to provide a positive and welcoming experience to the public. The monthly lecture series has continued to draw a loyal audience. We attempt to have a wide variety of programs on New England, Vermont and Woodstock history. We had five major special events which were the Old Time Fair, Cemetery Tour, Band Concert, Wassail Open House, and Hidden Treasures (an antiques appraisal program). The attendance to our events has doubled over the course of the year. We were happy to participate in other events held by local organizations such as Bookstock, Stories of Woodstock's Past, Peak to Peak, Trek to Taste, Billings Farm Camps and the Holiday House Tour.

Education

The History Center partnered with area non-profits, the National Park, and the Woodstock Elementary School on the Fourth Grade History Fair. The Fourth Grade History Fair is an annual event facilitated by the Woodstock History Center, in which fourth-grade students work in small groups with mentors to learn about various aspects of Woodstock's history and present them to the public. We had a number of school groups including Woodstock Elementary School and Pomfret School visit our museum during the year to learn more about history. Spooky Woodstock continues with a children's party full of games. The Center's educational kits were borrowed by many schools in the region. Jennie Shurtleff, our Education and Program Coordinator, has developed many programs and workshops for the children and adults of our community.

Collections

We created several new exhibits this year which included our major exhibit entitled *Love in Woodstock: 1780-2015*. We also loaned two important pieces of Woodstock furniture for the Shelburne Museum's exhibit *Rich and Tasty: Vermont Furniture to 1850*. Jennie Shurtleff designed and implemented a new children's museum tour with interesting displays and hands-on activities. We retired aspects of the Civil War and railroad exhibits to make room for an upcoming winter sports exhibit. For those of you who came to our popular December Open House, you saw the myriad of interpretive panels highlighting holiday traditions. The wedding exhibit will continue into 2016, and you will also see *School Photo Time* and *Mineral Springs* which highlight school photos and the so-called medicinal springs that helped to boost our tourist industry during the late 19th-century.

We continue to rehouse, inventory and process our large and diverse collection. Becky Talcott (Collections Manager), Charlie Degener (Archivist) and Rachel Kurland (Costume Consultant) provide us with the skills in maintaining this collection. Linn Thompson, our photo archivist, is processing the donation of the 1983-2003 *Vermont Standard* photos. Linn has been working with many community volunteers who have helped her identify the photo content.

One of the larger projects has been to install a photo lab at the back of our library to digitize our painting and ephemera collections. The lab is nearly complete, and we thank Macy Lawrence for loaning us the equipment and know-how to make this possible.

Building & Grounds

We finished the installation of the Georgina Williamson Lilac Garden and had a reception to thank all those involved. The History Center's barn now has an AC/Heater installed to make it a year-round education facility. We continue to upgrade and fix our aging systems. Eddie English continues to help us with recycling, trash removal and changing the library several times a week for the different meetings and programs. Chippers did an incredible job this year rearranging and revitalizing the plants in our gardens.

We once again partnered with SculptureFest to install several outdoor sculptures around our property. We hosted several weddings and receptions, strategic planning sessions, and other group meetings at our facility during the year. The History Center received thousands of visitors to our back lawn.

We are grateful to our community of supporters who make it possible for everyone to have free access to the History Center. We hope that you can join us during the coming year!

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Powers, Executive Director

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Pentangle Arts

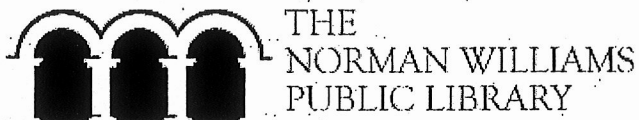
In 2015, Pentangle Arts marked its 41st year of providing arts and cultural experiences for the greater Woodstock region. I am extremely thankful to the residents of Woodstock for their continued support of Pentangle's efforts to make our community a more vibrant, creative, and stimulating place to live. As executive director, I will seek more partnerships with the profit and non-profit sectors in Woodstock and surrounding towns for the benefit of all. I will also seek to make more of what we offer affordable and truly accessible to everyone.

Here is an overview of our programs and offerings for 2015-2016:

- **Stewardship of the Town Hall Theatre:** Over 15,000 patrons enjoy weekly movies in one of the largest, most enjoyable movie theaters in the Upper Valley. Every winter we also screen seven classic movies free of charge.
- **Dana Emmons Arts in Education Program:** Woodstock's annual contribution directly enables Pentangle to integrate the arts affordably into our children's curricula and daily lives via performances, workshops, and residencies. This year's programming will reach 2,000 students. Woodstock students can enjoy Arts in Education performances such as *The Villalobos Brothers: Justice for Migrant Farmers*; *My Heart in a Suitcase*, a theatre production about the transport of thousands of Jewish children to England during World War II; and *The Lightning Thief*, a live stage musical adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Pentangle also launched an After School Program, with classes in acting, historical dancing, singing, and health awareness.
- **Mainstage Events:** Pentangle continues to bring exhilarating performance experiences to the Upper Valley, including current season highlights like *CATS The Musical*, the *Greg Abate Quartet*, and the *Malek Jandali Trio*, featuring world-renowned composer and pianist Malek Jandali, oud player Abdulrahim Alsiadi and cellist/playwright Karen Kaderavek. Our abundant local talent takes center stage with community theatre productions like *The Rocky Horror Show* and *CATS The Musical*.
- **Concerts at Suicide Six:** Pentangle is proud to partner with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to bring over 1000 patrons to South Pomfret's iconic ski area for a night of music under the stars.
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborations with other regional organizations extend our outreach and generate tourism and economic activity for the region. Examples include 4th of July Celebration at the Woodstock Union High School, Brown Bag Concerts in the Green – each week in the summer – and The Vermont Flurry, a larger-than-life snow sculpting festival, and collaborative productions with ArtisTree, such as *CATS The Musical*. We provide the Town Hall Theater to Woodstock's 6th grade for the annual 6th grade play, and to the WES students and teachers who participate in *Show you Stuff*, the school's annual talent show; both for a minimal fee.

(Find more information at www.pentanglearts.org or 802-457-3981.)

Respectfully submitted,
Alita Wilson
Executive Director



Annual Report to the Town Of Woodstock
January 2016

Our historic building on the Village Green has a stately appearance and is now graced by elegant Frederick Law Olmsted lampposts, year round benches, two new honey locust trees and most importantly – a new sign: Norman Williams Public Library, Established 1883. Together we are part of a long line of stewards proudly contributing to the literary health of the community and together we will preserve the library for generations to come.

As a vital center of the community, the library promotes digital literacy, a vital life skill through our one-to-one tutorials and classes from which more than 1,500 library patrons have benefited in the past four years. Visits are at an all-time high of more than 70,000 annually, which is attributable in part to our more than 400 free programs with monthly attendance often exceeding 1,000 patrons. The library has more than 3,500 card holders who borrow 49,000 books annually from our collection of 55,000 books and information resources.

Programs include author readings and story hours. Classes range from memoir writing, history, poetry, the classics, and religion to how to use your iPad. Our community has been informed by world leaders in all disciplines, from the environment and the judiciary to pantomime and the arts. Theater performances from Northern Stage as well as Barn Arts are previewed on our mezzanine where we have hosted Shakespearean performances enacted by the local Raw Shakespeare Company.

The children and youth library provides story times, craft programs and after school movies and STEM classes are coordinated with the Woodstock Elementary School. The children's courtyard has a flowering "secret garden" with wooden sculptures of a dog playing a guitar and Pooh-Bear going down a slide with a red fish.

Supporting economic development, our Wireless Woodstock provides free Internet access throughout the Village.

In collaboration with 50+ members of the community a strategic plan was defined with two primary goals: to provide access to technology and to enhance the library as a place to socialize and engage in the exchange of ideas and learning. The following inspirational dream was developed:

"To be the valued community hotspot, enriched by amazing resources, enabling adventures in lifelong learning, championing knowledge and wisdom."

We anticipate the new library services and reconfigured library space will become highly popular and broadly valued by the community as a destination for all forms of creative learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gilmour, President of the Board of Trustees

ECFIBER

Woodstock is a founding member of ECFiber, a not-for-profit consortium of 24 towns in east-central Vermont, dedicated to building a community-owned, fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to every home, business, and civic institution in its territory. Preference is given to reaching as many unserved locations as possible, with a focus on back roads and outlying neighborhoods.

During 2015, ECFiber expanded its network to 1200 subscribers, with new routes and spurs in a number of towns. Three developments are of particular interest to Woodstock.

First, with the assistance of a grant from the Vermont Telecommunications Authority (VTA), fiber-optic cable is being installed on Route 106 up to the southern boundary of Woodstock. ECFiber is using a portion of that fiber to extend its network within Reading. A previous fund-raising drive produced sufficient funds to extend the network into the village of South Woodstock and beyond. The new owners of the South Woodstock Community Store plan to open an Internet café powered by ECFiber later this year.

Second, a VTA investment in infrastructure has allowed ECFiber to extend its network from Sharon to Pomfret's Prosper Valley School. That extension has been completed all the way to the Woodstock town line, opening the possibility of extending the ECFiber network the very short distance down South Pomfret Road into Woodstock proper.

Third, an investigation into the ownership of the utility conduits under the streets of the Woodstock downtown area is nearing successful completion. If ECFiber can gain access to these conduits, our plan for expansion of the network through the downtown business district is greatly enhanced.

Finally, in the 2015 legislative session ECFiber successfully lobbied lawmakers for the creation of Telecommunication Utility Districts. As a result, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District (ECVTD) was formed. This body is essentially the same as the original Inter-local Contract under which ECFiber was originally created, but it is more recognizable (and therefore more attractive) to institutional investors. All of the member towns of ECFiber, including Woodstock, joined ECVCD, which became the governing body for ECFiber in 2016. This change in business structure removes a barrier to larger investments and, as a result, facilitates much more rapid completion of the ECFiber network. All financing of ECFiber activities comes from private investment and subscriber income.

For more information, visit ECFiber on the web at www.ecfiber.net or contact one of your Woodstock delegates by emailing woodstock@ecfiber.net.

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (District) is composed of 10 Upper Valley towns. The GUVSWD was established in 1992 for the purpose of providing an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through the establishment of recycling and reuse programs, composting and food diversion, and special collections for bulky wastes. In addition to these programs, the District provides outreach and education program to area businesses and schools. In our 23 year history, thousands of tons of recyclables and hazardous waste have been removed from the waste stream through these education and diversion programs.

The programs and services the District provides include special collection events for household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, tires, fluorescent bulbs, and other hard to dispose of items. The District also provides outreach and education for students, residents, businesses and technical assistance to member towns.

In fiscal year 2015 the GUVSWD provided the following direct services to Woodstock and District residents:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at regional events including: fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, tires, and paint.
- 312 GUV residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and Thetford in September, in which over 20,000 lbs of hazardous material was disposed of.
- District residents also recycled 2,367 tires and over 20,000 lbs. of electronics at our collection events.
- The District held collections in Bridgewater, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, and Vershire where it collected bulky trash, fluorescent bulb, books, and scrap metal.
- The next household hazardous waste day will be held on Saturday June 4, 2016 at the Hartford Recycling Center.

In FY 15, Philip B. Swanson was Woodstock's representative to the GUVSWD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his service.

The District's Green Guide will be available at Town Meeting. After Town Meeting, the Green Guides can be picked up at your Town Clerk's office, District office or on the District's website. Contact the GUVSWD by email at guvswd@valley.net; call us at 296-3688 or visit us on the web at www.guvswd.org.

**The Woodstock Area Council on Aging
(The Thompson Center)**

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

As the local resource and advocate for more than 1,500 seniors in Woodstock, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret, and surrounding communities, The Thompson is so much more than our building located in West Woodstock.

The Thompson encourages and enables all those in our area to “age well.” We are a vibrant community of active participants, energetic volunteers, dedicated staff, expert advisors and teachers, and generous donors. Together, we enrich the experience of aging in our area through meals, exercise, speakers and classes, transportation, and a myriad of other activities and opportunities for socialization.

Our challenges—and needs—increase as the senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age. In fact, people over 65 represent the fastest growing age group nationally, and in our area.

The Thompson continues to provide daily meals, rides, and other resources like medical equipment, referrals, and caregiver support for Woodstock residents at home. Hundreds of Woodstock residents also participate at the Center for meals, exercise, educational and entertaining programs, by volunteering, for flu shots, borrowing medical equipment, and more.

Our Community Counts on The Thompson -- this is what we accomplished this past year:

- 17,192 meals were served including 7,947 home delivered meals.
- 3,460 rides were provided including local rides and out-of-town medical rides throughout the Upper Valley.
- There were more than 9,500 instances of participation in wellness and education programs, fitness classes, social events, and a variety of other programs.
- In total, The Thompson had more than 30,000 unique interactions with participants, guests, and volunteers.

We're pleased to be the senior center that serves our communities and truly care about our participants and helping them to “age well.” Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Please contact us at info@thompsonscenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonscenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

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OCP's 2015-2016 Initiatives

OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program

OCP's goal for 2014-15 was to recruit more men to serve as mentors for boys. We are delighted to report that we are training twelve new mentors this year, and half of them are men!! This wave of new mentors is due in large part to our program veterans who have gone above and beyond in recruiting through word of mouth. We are deeply grateful for our mentors, who are having a great impact with kids and are having fun while doing so!

This year we are bringing mentoring into two new elementary schools, and continuing to recruit, train, match and support our existing matches. If the thought has occurred to you that you'd like to be a mentor, just ask to find out more, and we'll put you in touch with a neighbor or friend who serves as a mentor. You'll find out why many mentors say "being with my buddy is the highlight of my week." An hour a week – such a small amount of time that makes a big difference!

Vermont Youth Action Network

OCP's goals and values are at the core of the OCP supported Vermont Youth Action Network, commonly known as VYAN. VYAN led the **2nd Annual Youth Summit** in March 2015. The vision for expanding and supporting youth leadership in WUHS was first articulated by youth during OCP's Generations Together youth/adult retreat in 2009. Gradually and steadily through the last six years, this vision has guided many youth trainings and retreats. Now VYAN is being led by three Vermont-grown youth leaders who were in high school and college during the 2009 retreat. They are leading youth social change trainings in Woodstock, in the region and, this fall, are conducting a media literacy and anti-tobacco training for 100 young people from across the state of Vermont. Youth action doesn't get better than this!

Healthy Youth: Healthy Communities

We believe that positively engaging young people is not only good for families and community but also creates thriving communities. This happens through building positive intergenerational relationships, developing strong partnerships between organizations that work together rather than competitively, and creating vibrant environments in which support for our children and healthy choices are the standards in our communities. If you agree, please consider supporting OCP. We depend on you, our donors to continue doing the work we do.

An OCP/Artistree Youth and Adults Art Event – March 4-11

A family and community friendly few weeks designed to engage artists - young and not so young - with each other at Artistree to support OCP.

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OCP's goals and values are:

- *Focusing on young people as catalysts for change*
- *Promoting healthy choices*
- *Empowering youth and families*
- *Supporting intergenerational communication*
- *Increasing community connectedness and*
- *Engaging in inclusive and diverse collaborations.*

OCP's vision:

As a 501c-3 organization, OCP thrives through your donations! Thank you for your financial contribution.



January 8, 2016

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank you for your continued support of our program by approving our request for town appropriations last year. Your support has been incredibly valuable to our program. For 19 years Spectrum has been serving teens in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union on Friday and Saturday nights, 7-11 pm, September - June.

Our program still resides in the Woodstock Recreation Center where we rent space in the downstairs of their facility. Every weekend there are movies, board games, computers, video games, billiards, foosball, air hockey, basketball, and dodge ball. Our teens enjoy our other activities like pizza night, build your own ice cream sundaes, board games, swimming, rock climbing, barbecues, create your own canvas, crafts, art and design your own tie die t-shirt's. **Our program is FREE to all teens.**

The Spectrum Teen Center serves an important population of teenagers in our community. We offer a safe and healthy environment where teens feel included and valued. It offers new experiences and gives the teens in our community a sense of belonging. We strive to create an environment where teens are able to be responsible and respected. Our program provides a safe social outlet and allows teens to come and spend time with their friends, meet new friends, and engage in healthy activities. Teens are involved in decision making, program and event planning, fundraising and community service projects.

We continue to promote healthy choices throughout our community. As members of the Woodstock community we like to remind youth to celebrate safely during the prom and graduation season. On May 21st, students from Woodstock Union High School, Spectrum Teen Center, VTLSP (Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program), and OVX (Our Voices Xposed) participated in our Annual Sticker Shock Initiative at the South Woodstock Country Store, Woodstock Beverage, Macs Market, Maplefields and Cumberland Farms. The group of 10 students, one police officer, and four adult advisors went out and placed stickers designed by the group on alcoholic beverages to make adults aware of the risk of providing alcohol to minors. These stickers displayed warnings such as "distributing alcohol to minors can leave you with a \$10,000 fine and 5 years in jail" etc. The teens designed both the stickers as well as the posters that were displayed.

Your support is so important to our program and the teens in our community. The Spectrum Teen Center would greatly appreciate if your town would once again approve our request for town appropriations. Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope you will look favorably upon our request.

Sincerely,

Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy, Co-Directors
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VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Woodstock, VT

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

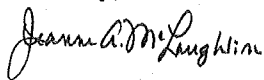
Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 1,732 homecare visits to 116 Woodstock residents. We provided approximately \$96,860 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Woodstock residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,422 home visits to 97 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 96 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 185 home visits to 9 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 29 home visits to 11 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Woodstock's annual appropriation to the VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY15 for Town of Woodstock

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY15, HCRS provided 1,849 hours of services to 45 residents of the Town of Woodstock. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Woodstock.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



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Woodstock Annual Town Report FY 2015

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

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windsor County. They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors they include: supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windsor County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Woodstock have served hours at area elementary schools, as Bone Builders leaders, as well as supporting numerous other community priorities throughout Windsor County. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers from Windsor County generously donated over 4,846, with the value of their service to the community at \$106,176. In Windsor, Windham, and Bennington Counties, we served 2,217 people in the community with food delivery, companionship, transportation, mentoring, tax assistance, and food pantry support. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windsor County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

You are welcome to contact Corey Mitchell in our Windsor office at (802)674-1742 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank-you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Sunny Leporati
Green Mountain RSVP Director

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes, and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel/utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (matched savings), Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores and Textile Recycling.

In the community of Woodstock we have provided the following services during FY2015:

Weatherization: 3 homes (4 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$31,933

Tax Preparation: 1 household (1 person) received services and tax credits valued at \$120

Thrift Store Vouchers: 2 households (2 people) received goods & services valued at \$96

Emergency Services: 18 families (36 people) received 95 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$959

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 14 households (30 people) received services valued at \$8,114

Housing & Other Support Services: 4 households (13 people) received housing and other support services valued at \$6,002

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Woodstock for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES THROUGH YOUTH MENTORING

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Town Narrative - Woodstock For July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Studies show that children's lives are vastly improved by consistent interaction with caring adult role models. Unfortunately, modern day lifestyles often limit children's interaction with adult mentors. Mentoring programs can help: teaching children new skills, improving school performance, and reducing risky behaviors.

Windsor County Partners (WCP) provides mentoring across the county. WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a mentee (aged 8-17). These mentoring partnerships then meet 2 hours a week for at least a year, with many partnerships continuing on for additional years. Last year, WCP served and supported 28 community-based partnerships from 9 of the towns in Windsor County. Collectively, these partners spent over 2000 hours together. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities.

Let's Do Lunch (LDL), our school-based program, currently serves youth ages 5-18 in the Springfield district, with measures underway to expand to other districts. LDL mentors meet with students to do crafts and play games or sports. In the most recent school year, 16 LDL partnerships spent more than 500 cumulative hours together.

To ensure the well-being of children and the success of mentoring matches, there are costs associated with creating and supporting each match. Town funding is critical to helping WCP stay viable. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.windsorcountypartners.org or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCP thanks the voters of Woodstock for their support of the children of Windsor County.

Jennifer Grant
Executive Director

WISE Annual Report 2014-2015

WISE is the Upper Valley's sole provider of crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. WISE provides free and legally confidential services 24 hours of every day, including a crisis line, safety planning, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, legal aid, victim in-person advocacy at local emergency rooms, police stations, and courthouses, and a variety of support groups. WISE assists over 1,000 victims each year and also reaches survivors, in creative ways: writing groups; yoga classes; sobriety meetings; and a therapeutic riding program.

WISE's Safe Home houses victims of violence since opening in 2015. This home offers a respectful environment that protects women and allows for peaceful concentration on regaining independence, working on legal and logistical issues, and nurtures healthy parenting. WISE's website (www.WISEuv.org) has many resources to identify intimate partner violence, increase safety, and support a victim of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or stalking. WISE trains law enforcement and medical professionals on a Lethality Assessment screening to identify victims at high risk of intimate partner homicide who are immediately referred to WISE.

WISE is also a leading educator on healthy and safe relationships, in 21 communities through structured curriculums, regular trainings to teachers, medical, legal, and law enforcement professionals, and through a presence at farmer's markets, hospitals, and local events. WISE educators present workshops in each area high school and middle school, and many elementary schools, on healthy relationships, media literacy, bullying, dating violence, and consent. Research shows that students receiving prevention education classes across their K-12 years evidence greater respect in dating relationships and friendships. WISE also offers educational programs to interested community groups.

Supporting people in crisis, in confidence, and educating citizens is crucial to eliminating domestic violence and abuse. WISE remains grateful for support to assure WISE services are available 27/7.

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Woodstock

Your local health district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Woodstock, 42 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014, we responded to 227 cases of infectious disease in Windsor County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$917,954.11 of which was in your district's area.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Windsor County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps.





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

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

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

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

Mark your calendar!

May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,

46 years of tradition!

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

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

We have examined the audit of the general purpose financial statements for the Town of Woodstock for the year ended June 30, 2015, as conducted by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, Certified Public Accountants, the firm retained to do this work by the Town of Woodstock. We have met with the representative for Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh -Wisner and the Select Board. We approve the audit as presented.

We would like to compliment the Select Board, the Town Manager and his staff on the thoroughness and timeliness of this audit, for its results and for their cooperation with the Auditors.

Due to audit requirements our audit document is more than 50 pages long. For this reason the Select Board and Auditors decided not to publish the full audit in the Town Report. If you would like to review the actual audit, a copy is on file at the Norman Williams Public Library, the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Managers Office. You may view the audit on the web site www.townofwoodstock.org - Municipal Manager - Town Financial Statements. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call (802) 457-3456.

Town Auditors,

Tom Debevoise
Marian Koetsier
Gray Perkins



Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to **Woodstock** in the last year (2014-2015).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 is available to provide your residents with personalized assistance in applying for benefits, solving health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: Our SHIP department is available to help with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment, as well as other health insurance questions and assistance.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided **13** elder residents with in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with the Thompson Center, 4485 meals were delivered to seniors at home. We also help support the congregate community meals at the Thompson Center by passing along state and federal funds to them.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) is here for Woodstock

Mission Statement: The mission of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation is to promote and support programs that identify and help meet the health care needs of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

What do we do? The primary activities of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation are helping community members access health services through grant making, providing information about health resources, and addressing community health issues through health seminars and workshops. Since 1996, we have provided more than 2.9 million dollars through grant making to improve community health and wellness. **OHF does not ask for nor do we receive Woodstock Town or Village funding for our programs. All programs are free of charge.**

What is the Good Neighbor Grant program? The Good Neighbor Grant program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health care needs. This program helps community members with financial challenges access health care needs not covered by medical insurance such as prescription medicines, Lifeline connections for seniors, dental care, specialized baby formula, adult diapers, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, co-pays for essential health treatments and more. Assistance is available year round and *all inquiries are confidential*.

Caregiver Referral Services and Respite Grants (HIRS) – OHF connects community members and their families with locals who provide caregiver services and also helps those with financial challenges needing temporary in-home help. Contact us if you need a caregiver or if you provide caregiver services and want to be on our caregiver register. We have greatly appreciated continued support from the Town of Plymouth for the HIRS program.

Health Resources and Workshops: OHF provides information about available health resources and current community health issues. We are presently offering free Oral Health Screenings and Fluoride Varnish for Adults through our new “Smiles” program. Give us a call for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Thornburg

Executive Director

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Annual Report 7/1/14 – 6/30/15

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) works in collaboration with 30 local communities to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses. GMEDC exists to support value-added businesses with retention and expansion strategies, and regular visitations to targeted businesses in order to respond to their needs. GMEDC facilitates manufacturing, technology and business forums that focus on the issues and opportunities of the region's businesses. It utilizes the resources within the Department of Economic Development (DED) to assist with retention and expansion needs, providing rapid support to communities and businesses.

GMEDC, together with the assistance of DED, works to find appropriate sites for businesses to locate and expand.

GMEDC assists businesses with financing, working collaboratively with the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities such as USDA – Rural Development. GMEDC also manages revolving loan funds to provide gap financing not met by private lenders and VEDA.

GMEDC works with DED to provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies that are interested in expanding or relocating to Vermont. Large and small businesses alike receive individualized attention on matters such as site location, finance options, training programs, tax incentives and more.

Together with DED, GMEDC works to facilitate the management of permit processes for value-added businesses at the local, regional and state level.

GMEDC works with DED, Vermont Department of Labor, The Vermont Workforce Development Council and other partners to assist value-added businesses and their employees with advancing their workforce training needs through the Vermont Training Program, the Vermont Workforce Employment Training Fund and other state and federal programs. In addition, GMEDC assists the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), a community collaborative comprised of employers, educators, state agencies and other stakeholders, to advance workforce education and training in the region.

GMEDC works collaboratively with the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) and with the municipalities to advance appropriate land use, transportation and programs that focus upon maintaining healthy and vibrant communities for Vermonters.

2016 Legislative Update by Alison Clarkson
Vermont State Representative for Plymouth, Reading and Woodstock

Two events distinguished the opening days of Vermont's 2016 Legislative Session, the second year in our legislative biennium. For the first time a Senator was suspended and Governor Shumlin gave his sixth and final State of the State speech. Unlike last year, there were no interruptions or protests. His speech was hardly a lame-duck speech. It was full of ambition and a 'cup half-full' review of all that has been accomplished in his five years as governor. He focused on moving ahead on education reform, improving Vermont's fight with opiate addiction and identified the parameters in which he'd consider the legalization of marijuana.

In an historic vote on the second day of the Session, Senator McAllister of Franklin County was suspended by the Senate in a 20-10 vote. As you'll recall McAllister is charged with sexual assault and his trial is upcoming. Comparing their action to that of other public-trust professions (teachers or police), the Senate chose to suspend him until his case has been adjudicated. Ironically, the entire Legislature had its annual sexual harassment prevention training the following morning.

It was gratifying to get back to work. On the first day, January 5th, legislative committees got down to business addressing the challenges the Legislature faces this year. As you are aware, these include: follow up work on the education (Act 46) and water quality bills of last year; the upward pressures of the growth of Medicaid in health care; ongoing revenue concerns (the cost of operating state services is still growing faster than state revenues); the debate over proposed legalization of marijuana and the tax on carbon; possible divestment of fossil fuel investments; mental health and substance abuse treatment and programming; growth in the number of children taken into state custody; continuing to identify efficiencies in state government and analyzing its outcomes and performance more thoroughly; and a sizable budget gap. By the time you read this, the Legislature will be deep into debating these issues and will be working to address the challenges presented by building a balanced budget for FY17.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Vermont Legislature. I continue to serve on the House Ways and Means Committee which oversees the revenues (taxes, fees, tax credits and other tax expenditures) of the state. As this 2016 session progresses, please let me know your concerns and thoughts. I appreciate hearing from you. We may not always agree, but I will always listen. During the Legislative Session (January – mid May) I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone (Tues-Fri) at the Statehouse 828-2228, or at home (Sat-Mon) 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: legislature.vermont.gov

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION Report 2015

The **Billings Park Commission (BPC)** oversees Woodstock's town parks: Billings Park, the 141 acres on Mt. Tom adjacent to both the Faulkner Park and the National Park, as well as the 65 acre park on Mt. Peg. The BPC is an active participant in the Woodstock Trails Partnership, a consortium of interested parties, devoted to enhancing, improving and promoting the over 30 miles of Woodstock area trails accessible from our Village Center. In addition to regular maintenance and oversight of the parks, we participate in a number of events designed to promote the beautiful and extensive trail system in Woodstock.

2015 was an unusual year for the BPC. In March, as part of our work restoring the **historic Faulkner Trail** to South Peak, we needed to clarify property boundaries. In doing so, Holt Survey discovered that the 1953 Billings family gift of 155 acres to Woodstock actually included 14 acres previously gifted to Marianne Faulkner in 1936 with the hopes that she would complete the Faulkner Trail. While the intent was to gift that land to the Town, it appears that gift never transpired and that upon Mrs. Faulkner's death, it became part of the Faulkner Park, stewarded by the Faulkner Trust. The BPC has managed that property as part of the Billings Park for 60 years, so you can imagine this news came as a bit of a shock.

The good news is that the Faulkner Trust, Billings Park Commission, and the National Park Service are committed to working together to complete the historic Faulkner Trail restoration. We have created a Memorandum of Understanding to work cooperatively stewarding these beloved trails on Mt. Tom. And, the Faulkner Trust has committed the \$150,000 needed to complete this restoration work.

In addition, we are partnering with the National Park on a grant from the Federal Lands Access Program to facilitate repair of the Cemetery Road and restoration of the Mt. Tom causeway (on the carriage road just before South Peak).

To maintain the beautiful views from the top of **Mt. Peg**, in 2014 we did substantial clearing and forestry work. And while the cutting and logging were completed in 2014, we finished the clean-up by grinding the island tree stumps in the meadow. And, the hiking trails, some of which had been disturbed by the cutting operation, have been restored and smoothed and conservation mix has been sown.

2015 was our most successful **Trek to Taste** to date. 1,200 people celebrated National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June on Mt. Tom. During this now well established annual event showcasing our trails, hikers trekked to taste some delicious local food and reviewed our local Farm to School projects. We also award our Annette Compton Woodstock Trail Stewardship Award, won this year by Graham Melville. While T2T is produced primarily by the National Park, the BPC helped develop it seven years ago, and have participated from the beginning.

We held our third annual fall hiking event, **Peak to Peak**, on a spectacular fall day, in coordination with the National Park. Many generous volunteers led hikes up both Mt. Peg and Mt. Tom (see photo) and a significant number of hikers, after fortifying themselves with a delicious lunch on the Green, managed to climb both peaks.

In December the Woodstock Select Board elected two new commissioners, Kathy Avellino and Marc Weinstein. We welcome them and look forward to working together.

Alison Clarkson, Chair
Kathy Avellino, Chris Lloyd, Marc Weinstein and Don Wheeler
Commissioners



Green Mountain National Forest

2014-2015 Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from the many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors that help us accomplish our robust program of work every year. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and the interest that you have shown in helping us manage the more than 400,000 acre GMNF which several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts enjoy and is critical our local economy. We are proud that the GMNF is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Wildfire & Prescribed Fire Activities

Fire management personnel on the GMNF were very active this past season accomplishing nine prescribed fires while suppressing or assisting in the suppression of three GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire objectives were focused on reducing forest fuels, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches. The following are the prescribed burns that were carried out and the wildfires that were responded to this past year:

Town	Activity	Name	Acres
<u>Manchester</u>	Prescribed Fire	Richville Road	10
<u>East Dorset</u>	Prescribed Fire	Bowen Hill	3
<u>Mt. Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	Pete Parent Peak	50
<u>Danby</u>	Prescribed Fire	Ten Kiln Meadows	50
<u>Middlebury</u>	Prescribed Fire	Robert Frost	15
<u>Rochester</u>	Prescribed Fire	Tupper Terrace	60
<u>Peru</u>	Prescribed Fire	Old Cemetery Piles	5
<u>Stratton</u>	Prescribed Fire	Cabin	1
<u>Woodstock</u>	Prescribed Fire	AT Opening Piles	2
<u>Hancock</u>	Wildfire	Hancock	.25
<u>Peru</u>	Wildfire	Hapgood Pond	.5
<u>Wilmington and Readsboro</u>	Wildfire	French Knob	.5
		Total Acres	197.25

In addition to the work that was done here in Vermont, 15 individuals directly provided support for the wildfire season in the west. This support was in the form of assisting in the mobilization of resources or by going west and helping to suppress the wildfires. These 15 individuals collectively spent approximately 330 days in this effort.

The fire management staff would also like to thank the dedicated firemen and women from the Volunteer and Municipal fire departments that responded to and assisted in the suppression of the wildfires that occurred this past year on the GMNF.

Conservation Education

The GMNF is one of many key sponsors of the Vermont Envirothon. This state-wide program's target audience is high-school-aged students and helps to encourage them to learn more intentionally about the natural world. A total of ten Vermont high schools were exposed to the Envirothon curriculum this year, and eighty-four students were able to participate in the culminating event in April 2015 at the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park and Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock. Bellows Falls High School Team A won the Vermont Envirothon and represented Vermont at the North American Envirothon held at Missouri State University.

The Vermont Envirothon is supported by a federal, state, local agencies and groups working in natural resource conservation. For many years, the Forest Service has worked with the Natural Resource Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, VT FPR, and Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife to support the Vermont Envirothon. A full list of sponsors / partners and additional information can be found on the Envirothon web site here: www.vacd.org.

The Forest For Every Classroom Program (FFEC) is a successful model for place-based learning in classrooms and communities across Vermont and several other states in the United States. It has been adapted in to programs such as, A Trail to Every Classroom, A Park for Every Classroom and a Watershed for Every Classroom. Educators who have participated in FFEC currently serve as teacher leaders promoting best instructional practices, partnering with local resource experts, and incorporating place-based and service-learning throughout their curriculum.

In 2015 the FFEC facilitated the first two sessions for teachers and educators of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts with support from the Urban Connections Program. Urban Connections helps to promote awareness and exploration of healthy forests in our urban communities. Educators focused on climate change and forest health through hands-on learning and exploring service learning opportunities. VT FPR instructors lead the conferences which were highly successful and inspiring for educators. FFEC is a partnership between the GMNF, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, and Shelburne Farms. Additional information on FFEC may be found at this web site: <http://www.shelburnefarms.org/our-work/for-educators-schools/forest-for-every-classroom-learning-to-make-choices-for-the-future>.

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

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

Windsor County Assistant Judges 2014-2015

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 16 and the final budget meeting on January 13. The final budget calls for \$ \$449,913 to be raised by taxes, a decrease of \$3,926 from the current \$453,839. The budget calls for \$560,390 in total spending, a slight decrease of \$3,462 from the current \$563,852. It also shows a \$3,462 decrease in income from the current \$563,852 to \$560,390.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire county decreased by \$970,354. As a result, even though the amount to be raised by taxes decreased by \$3,926, with a shrinking grand list the rate did not decrease proportionally. The county tax rate in 2015 was .005052449; for 2016 it will be .005072178, a difference of .000019729.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5 (2016).

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2016 marks the third year of the \$ 2 million bond repayment. This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$245,822 (\$200,000 principal; \$45,822 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment. The bond is for ten years at 2.83%.

Accomplishments over the Past Year

Though the courthouse renovation was completed in the fall of 2014, several things remained on the “to-do” list. This past year the County installed 19 interior storm windows at the 1855 court house at 12 The Green. These will increase energy efficiency and lower fuel costs. To complement this action, it also installed six programmable thermostats to regulate the first floor temperature more closely. In the interest of public safety, it purchased an AED for the court.

At the County Building, AKA the former jail, the County installed a new roof on the front (south) block of the building. The roof membrane and parts of the underlayment - including some of the roof rafters - were deteriorated and the building was plagued by leaks. This has been repaired.

A buried 10,000 gallon fuel oil tank was removed and replaced with two 330 gallon tanks in the basement. There was no soil contamination under the tank.

Working with an engineer, the County has redesigned the way minimal heat will be delivered to the back portion of the County Building (the former cell block), with the goal of cutting costs and fuel consumption.

COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Revenues		
	Town	Village	Total
Property Taxes			
Current (Net/Taxes Abated)	3,291,614	630,659	3,922,273
National Park Land Trust	0	7,200	7,200
In Lieu of Taxes and Land Use	256,492	1,721	258,213
Total Property Taxes	3,548,106	639,580	4,187,686
Licenses and Permits			
Licenses and Fees	51,766	75	51,841
Boards and Agencies	12,690	10,009	22,699
Total Licenses and Permits	64,456	10,084	74,540
Intergovernmental			
Highway State Aid	133,445	44,979	178,424
Misc State Agency of Transportation	18,757	0	18,757
Town - Highway Rebate	0	226,668	226,668
Grants - Public Works	68,485	6,839	
Grant - Dispatch Console	25,181	0	25,181
Grant - Fire Dept ATV	5,000	0	5,000
Grants - Public Safety		4,467	4,467
Grant - Park & Ride	0	3,692	3,692
Grant - Waterfront Park	0	62,500	62,500
Total Intergovernmental	250,868	349,145	524,689
Charges for Services *			
False Alarms and Permits	8,315	0	8,315
Ambulance Services (net)	368,196	0	368,196
Communications	64,730	0	64,730
Police Contracts & Misc Services	0	14,023	14,023
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
Total Charges for Services	441,241	14,023	455,264
Fines and Forfeits			
Parking Ticket Fines	0	26,082	26,082
Parking Meter Revenue	0	85,275	85,275
Moving Violations	0	110,933	110,933
Delinquent Tax Penalties and Interest	133,511	0	133,511
Total Fines and Forfeits	133,511	222,290	355,801
Miscellaneous			
Interest Income	70	24	94
Miscellaneous	10,520	214	10,734
Timber Sales	72,119	0	72,119
Rents	14,040	0	14,040
Total Miscellaneous	96,749	238	96,987
Total Revenues	4,534,931	1,235,360	5,694,967

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Note Proceeds	123,000	0	123,000
Insurance Proceeds	20,312	173	20,485
Transfer from Capital Reserve	252,616	29,515	282,131
Transfer from Trust Funds	<u>10,000</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>13,250</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	405,928	32,938	438,866
Total Revenue & Other Sources	4,940,859	1,268,298	6,133,833
Expenditures			
General Government			
Select Board/Trustees			
Legislating	20,077	18,327	38,404
Executive Department	126,449	60,859	187,308
Administration	19,589	8,888	28,477
Finance Department			
Treasurer	19,612	1,615	21,227
Accounting and Bookkeeping	54,219	26,453	80,672
Auditing	17,000	12,200	29,200
Tax Listing	107,803	0	107,803
Tax Collecting	<u>20,493</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,493</u>
Total Finance Department	219,127	40,268	259,395
Village Clerk Salaries	0	400	400
Town Clerk Department			
Document Recording, Etc.	90,544	0	90,544
Board of Civil Authority	<u>7,298</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,298</u>
Total Town Clerk Dept.	97,842	0	97,842
Boards and Agencies			
Municipal Planning & Zoning	106,290	102,134	208,424
Plant and Equipment	74,249	0	74,249
Contingency Department	10,196	8,147	18,343
Insurance and Fidelity Bond Premium	<u>159,138</u>	<u>61,313</u>	<u>220,451</u>
Total General Government	832,957	300,336	1,133,293
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>29,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>
Total General Govt and Transfers	861,957	303,836	1,165,793

	Town	Village	Total
Public Safety			
Town Constables	5,887	0	5,887
Communications Department	306,233	0	306,233
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	6,000	0	6,000
Total Communications Dept. and Transfers	312,233	0	312,233
Fire Department			
Firefighting	106,122	0	106,122
Fire Communications	8,086	0	8,086
Fire Trucks and Equipment	12,910	0	12,910
Firefighting Equipment	6,865	0	6,865
Total Fire Department	133,983	0	133,983
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	21,000	0	21,000
Total Fire Dept. and Transfers	154,983	0	154,983
Police Department *			
Police Administration	0	148,605	148,605
Police Office Maintenance	0	4,134	4,134
Law Enforcement	116,242	119,206	235,448
Training	0	5,588	5,588
Communications	0	76,518	76,518
Parking Meters	0	33,097	33,097
Vehicles and Equipment	0	15,555	15,555
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
Total Police Dept.	116,242	402,703	518,945
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	0	18,250	18,250
Total Police Dept. & Transfers	116,242	420,953	537,195
Ambulance Department			
Operations	307,819	0	307,819
Vehicle Maintenance	16,057	0	16,057
Training	5,915		
Communications	2,816	0	2,816
Total Ambulance Dept.	332,607	0	332,607
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	70,000	0	70,000
Total Ambulance & Transfers	402,607	0	402,607
Emergency Services Department			
Emergency Services Bldg	44,434	0	44,434
Woodstock Station #2	8,590	0	8,590
Total Emergency Service Dept	53,024	0	53,024
Total Public Safety	1,044,976	420,953	1,465,929

	Town	Village	Total
Highways and Streets			
Maintenance	771,841	339,888	1,111,729
Construction	18,513	0	18,513
Culverts and Drains	5,223	0	5,223
Construction and Maintenance of Bridges	41,870	0	41,870
Traffic Control	1,794	810	2,604
Street Lights	11,020	30,933	41,953
Maintenance of Sidewalks	0	20,467	20,467
Equipment Maintenance and Purchase	145,124	12,876	158,000
Public Works Building	128,792	3,997	132,789
Total Highways and Streets	1,124,177	408,971	1,533,148
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	110,000	20,000	130,000
Total Highways and Streets and Transfers	1,234,177	428,971	1,663,148
Health			
Town Cemetery Unit	15,000	0	15,000
Public Health Services	5,921	0	5,921
Total Health Department	20,921	0	20,921
Sanitation	38,557	0	38,557
Culture and Recreation	563,981	6,885	570,866
Intergovernmental	226,668	0	226,668
Welcome Center	28,932	0	28,932
Special Articles			
Special Articles	184,447	3,722	188,169
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	0	0	0
Total Special Articles and Transfers	184,447	3,721	188,168
Property Damage Repairs	22,353	0	22,353
Community Celebrations	5,652	0	5,652
Capital Reserve Spending	252,616	29,515	282,131
Capital Equip Purchases	123,043	0	123,043
Grant Expenses	100,871	77,498	178,369
Town Forest	4,273	0	4,273
Other Financing Uses			
Transfer to Capital Reserve	25,619	0	25,619
Total Expenditures	4,739,043	1,271,379	6,010,422

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TRUST FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2015

	COMMON ACCOUNT	BILLINGS FUND	BOYCE FUND	CEMETERY FUND	DREER FUND	FREEMAN FUND	GILMAN FUND	WHITCOMB FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ASSETS									
Money Market	11,742	22,256	55,195	3,048	8,049	28,406	809	52	129,558
CD's		97,986		73,195	10,311		2,853		184,345
Investments		185,984	2,882					25,079	213,946
Due from other funds	1,900								1,900
Total assets	13,642	306,226	58,077	76,243	18,360	28,406	3,662	25,132	529,748
LIABILITIES									
Due to other funds								1,400	1,400
Total liabilities								1,400	1,400
FUND BALANCE	13,642	306,226	58,077	76,243	18,360	28,406	3,662	23,732	528,348
Total Liabilities and fund equity	13,641.61	306,226	58,077	76,243	18,360	28,406	3,662	25,132	529,748

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
JUNE 30, 2015

	COMMON ACCOUNT	BILLINGS FUND	BOYCE FUND	CEMETERY FUND	DREER FUND	FREEMAN FUND	GILMAN FUND	WHITCOMB FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
REVENUES									
Investment Income		43	170	262	43	14	2	549	1,081
Investment-change in value		12,490	(7)			(3)		(368)	12,112
Total revenue		12,533	162	262	43	11	2	181	13,193
EXPENDITURES									
Safe Deposit Bank Fee	52								52
Job Bank			3,000						3,000
Audit/ Trustees Fees		4,500							4,500
King's Daughters & Sons	700								700
VNA						2,500			2,500
Total expenditures	752	4,500	3,000			2,500	0		10,752
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	(752)	8,033	(2,838)	262	43	(2,489)	2	181	2,441
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2014	14,693.59	298,193	60,915	75,981	18,318	30,896	3,660	24,950	527,607.02
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2015	13,941.61	306,226	58,077	76,243	18,360	28,407	3,662	25,132	530,048.35

Trustees of Public Funds 2014-2015 Annual Report

Accounting Policies-

A. Basis of Accounting-The “cash” basis of accounting is used for all funds unless otherwise specifically noted.

B. Liabilities-The proportionate amount of funds due to the Town Treasurer for unpaid expenses and appropriations, if any, for the fiscal year ended June 30 is reflected as a liability on the Trust Funds Balance Sheet.

C. Investment valuations-Investments are stated at “cost” or, in the case of donated investments, at market value at the time of bequest or receipt of the asset by the Trustees of Public Funds. Market values shown in the schedule of investments are, in some cases, estimates and are provided for general information only.

Purpose of each fund as set forth in the wills of the donors, or other controlling documents.

A. Mary Billings French Memorial Park Fund

This fund was established in October 1953 by a gift of securities valued at \$29,800 to the town from the late Nelson Rockefeller. The income is to be used solely for the improvement and maintenance of the MT Tom Park area. The fund also includes a \$3,000 gift from Mrs. French’s children, the income of which is payable annually to the town “in lieu of taxes”.

B. Aline J. Boyce Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on April 27, 1959. The Will provided that *“a fund is to be created similar to the present Oscar Freeman Fund for the worthy people of Woodstock who are self supporting but who have met with adversities which they cannot support without undue sacrifice. By this I do not mean people “on the Town”, or “on Relief”. I direct that this fund be managed in the discretion of the Committee and that no public report be made of its use”*.

C. Common Cemetery Trust fund

This fund contains more than twenty bequests, the investment income from which is used for the care of specific lots in “town” cemeteries. The income is paid by the Trustees when requested by the Cemetery Commissioners or the Board of Selectman, payable to the “Town of Woodstock Cemetery Fund”.

D. Anna Williams Dreer Fund

This fund originated as a gift of real estate to the Town, the sale of which was authorized by Town vote on March 2, 1943. Assets totaling \$23,838.48 were transferred by the Board of Selectman to the Trustees of Public Funds on May 3, 1961. The Town voted that *“the proceeds of the sale are to be placed in a separate fund... to be used only for charitable or educational purposes, but in no event shall the said fund be used for any purpose at all without a vote of consent of the Town of Woodstock at a regular Town Meeting”*.

E. Oscar Freeman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on May 18, 1935 with assets valued at \$17,390.21. The fund has the provision that the income be used for *“the benefit of the needy poor”*. In recent years, income from the Freeman and Boyce Funds have been allocated to the Woodstock Visiting Nurse Association as appropriations have been warned and voted for the benefit of that organization by the Town at its regular Town Meeting.

F. John and Ehrick Gilman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on January 25, 1954 with assets valued at \$4,899.48. The fund, to be known as the “John and Ehrick Gilman Fund” is to be kept *“prudently invested and the income there from to be used each year for town purposes”*.

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G. Orley A Whitcomb Fund

Under Article 20 of the Will of Orley A. Whitcomb \$5,000 was gifted to the Town, the investment income from which is payable annually to the local Kings Daughters and Sons Organization.

The Town Trustees of Public Funds have custody and control of five additional funds, namely:

1. The Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund
2. The Clarence Cleveland Scholarship Fund
3. The Gary Francis Hersey Award Fund
4. The Eloise Brockway VNA Education Fund, and
5. The George C. Brockway Scholarship Fund

The Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund owns shares of the Putman Income Fund valued at \$42,890 on June 30, 2015. The Cleveland Fund has now been totally disbursed. The Hersey Fund had a savings account balance of \$2,912. The Eloise Brockway Fund was combined with the George Brockway Fund savings account. The balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$3,474. All balance information is as of June 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Boyd, For Trustees of Public Funds

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 28, 2015
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Matt Maxham as Moderator called the Meeting to Order at about 11:45 a.m., read out the Warning, briefly mentioned the rules of order, and that this meeting is truly participatory democracy. Phil Swanson Town Manager, John Doten, Bruce Gould and Gretti Howe Selectboard, Jerome Morgan Town Clerk, And Macy Lawrence recording with camera and sound for Community TV were assembled on stage.

ARTICLE I: The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including: (Australian Ballot)

Select Board (3 year term)
Select Board (2 year term)
Town Clerk (3 year term)
Town Treasurer
Moderator (1 year term)
Lister (3 year term)
Auditor (1 year term)
Auditor (2 year term)
Auditor (3 year term)
Trustee of Public Funds (3 year term)
Cemetery Commissioner (3 year term)
Grand Juror
First Constable
Second Constable
Town Agent
Elementary School Board Director (3 year term)
Woodstock Union High School Board Director (2 year term)
Woodstock Union High School Board Director (3 year term)

John Doten moved to discuss the Article, seconded by Ed English, who asked why there are different numbers of years listed. Phil Swanson explained that some offices are vacant and should be filled by election if possible.

ARTICLE II: To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.

This article was moved by Ed English and seconded by John Doten. There was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School District Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 6, 2015 and May 6, 2016.

This article was moved by John Doten and seconded by Jennifer Maxham. There was no discussion, Article III was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	1,000.00 per year
Town Treasurer	16,000.00 per year
Listers	23.80 per hour
Constables	23.80 per hour
Moderator	50.00 each time serves

Article IV was moved by John Doten and seconded by Byron Quinn, there was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.

Article V was moved by Ed English and seconded by Sally Miller. Ed English asked how many times we had needed to borrow money. Phil Swanson explained that we do not need to every year, but sometimes need authorization to borrow in smaller parts as for a truck or other required items. This article was voted and adopted.

At this point Matt Maxham offered to entertain a motion to recess for lunch. David Hall wanted to take another article out of order to act on. Matt Maxham explained the process for that. Joe Dinatale was next recognized and moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of refreshment. David Brown seconded, and we so voted.

At 1:00 p.m. Matt Maxham called the meeting back to Order and introduced Representative Alison Clarkson. Alison mentioned the one hundred and twelve million dollar budget gap at the State level caused by the disparity of the 5% spending rise and the 3% revenue increase represented by the now famous "alligator mouth" graph. Three main issues include burdensome property tax and education costs, impaired water quality statewide, and the need for health care reform. See her printed report for more details.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,710,630.00) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million One Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$3,102,755.00) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2015-2016.

Parades	\$ 1,500
Fireworks	7,500
Woodstock Area Council on Aging	10,200
Library Contribution	139,200
Pentangle	33,150
Recreation Dept. Contribution	278,900
Little Theatre Bond	17,000
Emergency Shelter Rental	92,000
Health Officer	6,425
Town Hall Building	108,000
Select Board	19,290
Executive	124,400
Administration	24,200
Finance	222,500
Town Clerk	107,800
Planning & Zoning	117,600
Town Highways	1,239,955
Cemetery Maintenance	15,000
Sanitation	38,600
Ambulance Department	443,385
Fire Department	188,750
Emergency Services Bldg. Maint.	35,350
Constable	7,500
Town Police District	324,750
Dispatch Services	273,225
Welcome Center	27,450
Village Highway Rebate	220,000
Select Board Contingency	30,500
Insurance	130,000
Capital Outlay	<u>426,500</u>
Total	4,710,630

The budget article was moved by Byron Quinn and seconded by Ed English. Phil Swanson moved to amend the article to say “to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars (3,099,100)” as the correct figure determined by the Selectboard. John Doten seconded, and the amendment was voted and adopted.

After amendment, Gretti Howe directed an examination of the first parts of the budget. Richard Gagnon noted that we have line items for the library, Pentangle and others in the budget, yet they have requests for more money farther on in the Warning. Phil Swanson replied that those organizations submitted petitions to the Selectboard for more money. David Schwartzman asked what we do with all the expensive printed Town Reports that seem to be left over. Phil Swanson replied that those are largely picked up by interested persons through the rest of the year, but we have and will farther cut back on the number printed. Byron Quinn asked about Recreation Center spending. Gail Devine explained, and part of that money goes to rent the elementary school gymnasium. Ed English asked about the Town Clerk Vault, Jerome Morgan explained that there is a line item of capital reserve whereby we are saving up money for a future expansion of the vault.

John Doten lightened the mood by reciting a couple of historic and humorous folk tales, then directed an examination of the Highway budget. As we are all well aware, this has been a very difficult winter with many storms, and much plowing, sanding and salting. Joe Matz and Phil Swanson discussed details of truck purchasing, Richard Gagnon noticed an apparently high amount of interest payment on a bond, Phil Swanson mentioned that the bond was taken out in the year 2006 when interest rates were at 3.5 %. Ed English, Michael Ricci II and Phil Swanson discussed streetlights and culverts. We now have L.E.D. lights that will save electricity costs into the future. Sylvia Doten asked if we really needed another four wheel drive truck. Phil Swanson replied that we are only getting prices.

Bruce Gould examined another portion of the budget, beginning with cemeteries and moving to the ambulance department. He introduced our new emergency medical technician Allen Beebe who is doing a great job and saving us money. Also introduced were Ken Vandenberg our new highway superintendent, and Robbie Blish, Chief of Police. Ed English and Dwight Camp discussed ambulance issues. Bruce Gould continued into the Fire Department budget. Ann Bourne discussed fire hydrant rental. Bruce Gould mentioned that Butch Sutherland, our Fire Chief these many years, will plan to retire at the end of the year. Butch Sutherland was present, and noted that during twenty five years of coming to Town Meeting he had made requests for some substantial items in the past, and thanked us for our support and trust over those many years.

Bruce Gould continued through the budget and explained some of the arrangements about police service between the Town and Village. Stuart Matlins would like to see more comparative data in the Service Calls Report to enable us to sense trends. Alison Clarkson, Byron Quinn, Joe Dinatale and Ed English discussed various issues. Jack Anderson asked if there was anything left in the capital reserve. Phil Swanson answered in the affirmative.

The Budget Article, Article VI as amended, was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$722,150.00), which includes Six Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$648,050.00) from user fees and Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$74,100.00) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2015-2016.

This article was moved by Alison Clarkson and seconded by Michael Ricci II.

When asked by David Schwartzman, Phil Swanson mentioned that none of this money comes from people who are not on the system. Ed English asked about the buildings, Phil Swanson mentioned that they are in good order with maintenance and projects to promote efficiencies being completed. This article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.

Article VIII was moved by Ed English and seconded by John Doten, there was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

This article was moved by Candace Coburn and seconded by Jennifer Maxham. Byron Quinn asked if these funds might be over extended given today's lower interest rates. Phil Swanson mentioned the report on page 72 showing thirty-two thousand dollars in revenue. This article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE X: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field.

This article was moved by Jennifer Maxham and seconded by Candace Coburn. There was minor discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE XI: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote on all public questions by Australian Ballot.
(BY VOICE VOTE AT THE MEETING ON SATURDAY)

This Article XI was moved by Joe Dinatale and seconded by (another voter). A lively discussion immediately ensued, both for and against the article. There was much explanation about types of questions and types or means of voting. Some discussions became somewhat tangential and peripheral but were still relevant to the question. Phil Swanson, John Mathews, Meriel Hall, Barbara Simmons, Jeff Kahn, Joe Matz, Alita Wilson, David Hall, Ruth Hunter, Joe Dinatale, Ann Bourne and Michael Ricci II participated. Bruce Gould noted that this is a slippery slope toward the loss of Town Meeting as we have known and used it for over two hundred years, and that if you are interested in the Town, you (should) be here(at the meeting). Dwight Camp similarly mentioned that no person should complain (about the decisions made) if they chose not to attend. Nancy Stockwell, David Schwartzman and Al Alessi continued the discussion.

Ed English moved to table the article, and Katherine Hinson seconded. This was put to a vote and defeated. The debate continued until Byron Quinn moved the question. Article XI was voted NO.

ARTICLE XII: Shall the voters approve a 1% local options tax on rooms, meals and alcoholic beverages, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138, the revenue from which will be used for municipal economic development purposes, to invest in the future health and prosperity of the Town of Woodstock by promoting the town to potential visitors, residents and businesses, and by funding special projects that benefit the community. (Australian Ballot).

Charlie Kimbell took center stage and spoke greatly in favor of this article. Many people participated in discussions both for and against this article. More than eighteen people spoke about this article.

ARTICLE XIII: Shall the Town of Woodstock enter into a telecommunications district to be known as East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, under the provisions of Chapter 122 A of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated. (Australian Ballot).

David Brown spoke in favor of this article. Barbara Simmons, Michael Ricci II, Jeff Kahn, Alison Clarkson and Chris Miller all endorsed this article.

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and building known as Zack's Place, located at 73 Central Street for a period of ten years (By Petition) (Australian Ballot).

A. Exemption from all local property taxes including education, highway and town general.

B. Exemption from the educational property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

Joe Matz asked if this tax exemption would run with the property, Phil Swanson replied that it would be specific to use by Zack's Place organization. Barbara Simmons endorsed Zack's Place

ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and building known as Edwin J. Thompson Senior Center owned by the Woodstock Area Council on Aging for a period of five years (By Petition) (Australian Ballot).

A. Exemption from all local property taxes including education, highway and town general.

B. Exemption from the educational property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate governmental entity.

Deanna Jones endorsed this article for the Thompson Center, mentioning that 40% of Woodstock seniors have or do attend the Center.

ARTICLE XVI: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Jennifer Belton endorsed this article. Sylvia Doten, Rick Fiske, and Barbara Simmons also spoke.

ARTICLE XVII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2015-2016. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Carol Cunningham spoke in favor of this article, mentioning 42,000 visitors last year.

ARTICLE XVIII: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to support programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program (previously called the Shining Light Mentoring Program.) These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug-free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

No speaker

ARTICLE XIX: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Heather Rubenstein spoke in favor of this article.

ARTICLE XX: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) from the Trustee of Public Funds and an additional Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400) from the General Fund for a combined total of Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$24,900) to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Laurence H. Roberts, Jr. spoke to the efficacy of this venerable organization.

ARTICLE XXI: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

No speaker

ARTICLE XXII: Shall the town appropriate from the Public Trust funds to the Woodstock Area Job Bank the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to match the amount to be raised from contributions. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Michelle Fields endorsed this article and mentioned over 850 jobs found for people last year.

ARTICLE XXIII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$31,200) as the town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Edwin J. Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health educational and social services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Deanna Jones endorsed this article

ARTICLE XXIV: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Alison Clarkson spoke in favor of this article.

ARTICLE XXV: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of \$500 (five hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

No speaker

ARTICLE XXVI: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$2500 two thousand five hundred Dollars for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Paul Regan spoke in favor of this article mentioning 40 years of the program history.

ARTICLE XXVII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Woodstock's WCTV, a Public Access Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock (Australian Ballot) Programing includes, Brown Bag Concerts, multiple Library events, Bookstock presentations, Woodstock School events/sports, and Pentangle event coverage, for the benefit of the town's school children adults and senior citizens, especially senior shut-ins (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Macy Lawrence stepped from behind the camera to speak in favor of this article, Jennifer Belton also spoke in favor of this article.

ARTICLE XXVIII: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Woodstock Historical Society to help underwrite the costs of the Society's 2015 operations. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Jennifer Shurtleff spoke in favor of this article, Joe Matz and Jack Anderson discussed issues.

ARTICLE XXIX: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to support the mission of WISE. (Women's Information Service), Inc. in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic assault and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals, and prevention education. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Alison Clarkson endorsed this article.

ARTICLE XXX: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) for Pentangle Council on the Arts to help support the activities of Pentangle and the operation of the Town Hall Theatre. This level funded request is over and above the budgeted support that the Town provides to Pentangle for fiscal year 2015-2016. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Alita Wilson made a brief presentation in favor of Pentangle.

ARTICLE XXXI: To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

This article was opened as discussion, Laurence H. Roberts Jr. thanked the Moderator, Board, and Cameraman for their patience and courtesy all through this (long) meeting. Chris Miller moved to adjourn to Voting Day, Jane Soule seconded, and we so voted at about 4:38 p.m.

Attest:

Jerome R. Morgan
Woodstock Town Clerk

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in the Town of Woodstock on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

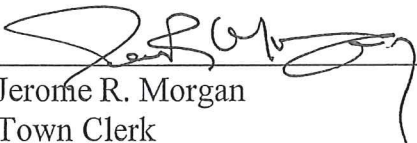
Shall general obligation bonds and notes of the Town of Woodstock in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of constructing an addition to the Town Welcome Center, the rental income therefrom to be dedicated to the payment of such indebtedness?


The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Town Hall in the Town of Woodstock at ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Woodstock duly called, noticed and held on January 21, 2016. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Woodstock on January 22, 2016.

ATTEST:


Jerome R. Morgan
Town Clerk







Selectboard

The bond issue being proposed for funding the construction of an addition to the Welcome Center for an office that would be rented to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce.

The rental income from the office will be dedicated to the payment of the debt to finance the office.

There will be a presentation at Town Meeting on Saturday at 10:00 am to explain the project, and the actual voting will be done by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 1, 2016.

The architect's rendering shows how the addition would look if constructed.



WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 27, 2016
And
March 1, 2016

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in said Town on the 27th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until March 1, 2016 for the purpose of transacting during that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The citizens of Woodstock, who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, County of Windsor, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in the Town Hall on the 1st day of March 2016, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

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(Australian Ballot)

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Town Highways	1,270,800
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Sanitation	36,500
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Fire Department	200,300
Emergency Services Bldg. Maint.	34,900
Constable	7,500
Town Police District	320,583
Dispatch Services	285,925
Welcome Center	27,900
Village Highway Rebate	220,000
Select Board Contingency	30,500
Insurance	160,000
Capital Outlay	230,000
Economic Development Commission	222,000
Irene Bond	63,100
Total	4,888,958

- ARTICLE VII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$948,000), which includes Six Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$686,000) from user fees and Two Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$262,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2016-2017.
- ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.
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- ARTICLE XI:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field.
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Exempt the Norman Williams Public Library from paying taxes on their parking lot. Specifically, through either or both of the exemptions listed below for the Parking Lot of the Norman Williams Public Library for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
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- ARTICLE XIV:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) from the Trustee of Public Funds and an additional Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$22,400) from the General Fund for a combined total of Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$24,900) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
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- ARTICLE XVI:** Shall the town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XVII:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XVIII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the Woodstock Historical Society to help underwrite the costs of the Society's 2016 operations. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIX:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XX:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of \$500 (five hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXI:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$32,136) as the town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health educational and social services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2016-17.(By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIV:** Shall the town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXV:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) for Pentangle Council on the Arts to help support the activities of Pentangle and the operation of the Town Hall Theatre. This level funded request is over and above the budgeted support that the town provides to Pentangle for fiscal year 2016-2017. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)


ARTICLE XXVI: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to support programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program. These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug-free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XXVII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Service's), Inc. in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals, and prevention education. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

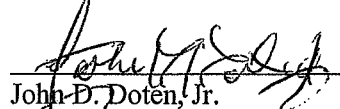
ARTICLE XXVIII: To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

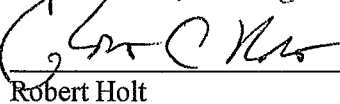
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By the Select Board members of the TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:

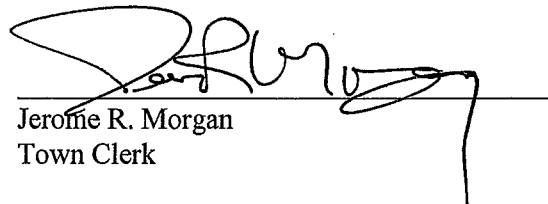

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Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Woodstock residents not on the voter checklist may register to vote no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk prior to 5:00 P.M. on February 29, 2016. A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter or an authorized person on behalf of such voter, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 5:00 P.M. or the closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day preceding the election.

TOWN BUDGET

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	CULTURE & RECREATION				
2	Culture & Recreation				
3	Little Theater Bond Payment	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
4	Little Theater Bond Interest	6,600	5,945	6,000	5,500
5	Woodstock Council Aging	10,000	10,000	10,200	10,400
6	Parades	1,500	1,311	1,500	1,500
7	Town Library Contribution	136,500	136,500	139,200	142,000
8	Woodstock Recreation Center	267,225	267,225	278,900	284,600
9	Fireworks	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
10	Elementary School Space Rental	92,000	92,000	92,000	92,000
11	Pentangle	32,500	32,500	33,150	33,850
12	TOTAL	564,825	563,981	579,450	588,350
13	Health Officer				
14	Salaries & Wages	5,500	5,500	5,700	6,000
15	Employer Paid Benefits	400	421	425	450
16	Water Testing Supplies	100	0	100	100
17	Travel & Transportation	100	0	100	100
18	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	0	100	100
19	TOTAL	6,200	5,921	6,425	6,750
20	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	571,025	569,902	585,875	595,100
21	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
22	Town Hall Building				
23	Operating Supplies	3,000	2,086	3,000	2,500
24	Other Purchased Services	7,500	9,292	7,500	10,000
25	Custodial Services	18,000	8,128	18,000	10,000
26	Small Tools & Equipment	500	195	500	500
27	Utilities	42,000	47,352	50,000	48,000
28	Building Improvements	1,000	300	1,000	1,000
29	Building Repairs & Maintenance	8,000	6,896	8,000	6,000
30	TOTAL	80,000	74,249	88,000	78,000
31	Capital Reserve				
32	Town Hall Improvements	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
33	TOTAL TOWN HALL BUILDING	100,000	94,249	108,000	98,000
34	Select Board				
35	Salaries & Wages	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
36	Employer Paid Benefits	350	382	390	390
37	Legal Services	4,700	5,045	2,000	2,000
38	RCD	100	0	0	0
39	Community Television	2,400	1,000	2,400	2,400
40	Dues, Subs & Meetings	5,700	4,315	5,000	5,000
41	Printing Town Report	3,500	4,335	4,500	4,500
42	Coalition of Municipality	250	0	0	0
43	TOTAL	22,000	20,077	19,290	19,290

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Executive				
2 Salaries & Wages	88,400	91,926	91,900	89,750
3 Employer Paid Benefits	29,800	33,299	29,600	33,150
4 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	1,200	1,224	1,400	1,400
5 TOTAL	119,400	126,449	122,900	124,300
6 Capital Reserve				
7 Manager's Pick-up	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
8 TOTAL EXECUTIVE	120,900	127,949	124,400	125,800
9 Office Administration				
10 Operating Supplies	3,500	2,678	3,200	3,200
11 Office Supplies	3,800	3,152	3,500	3,500
12 Postage	4,000	3,950	4,200	4,200
13 Equipment Maintenance	1,800	3,016	1,800	3,000
14 Machinery & Equipment	1,200	1,155	2,000	1,300
15 Communications	3,500	3,472	3,500	3,500
16 Advertising	2,500	2,166	2,500	2,500
17 TOTAL	20,300	19,589	20,700	21,200
18 Capital Reserve				
19 Office Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
20 Computer Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
21 TOTAL	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
22 TOTAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	23,800	23,089	24,200	24,700
23 FINANCE				
24 Auditing				
25 Professional Services	17,000	17,000	18,000	15,000
26 Treasurer				
27 Salaries & Wages	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
28 Employer Paid Benefits	1,200	1,224	1,200	1,400
29 Travel & Transportation	2,200	2,368	2,200	2,200
30 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	100	20	100	100
31 TOTAL	19,500	19,612	19,500	19,700
32 Accounting				
33 Salaries & Wages	40,600	41,833	41,100	42,750
34 Employer Paid Benefits	12,600	11,598	12,625	13,300
35 Software Upgrade	100	0	100	100
36 Professional Services	200	101	200	200
37 Other Purchased Services	800	687	800	800
38 TOTAL	54,300	54,219	54,825	57,150

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Tax Listing				
2 Salaries & Wages	71,400	70,701	74,100	74,100
3 Employer Paid Benefits	32,400	35,608	32,825	37,275
4 Operating Supplies	150	9	150	150
5 Professional Services	200	0	200	200
6 Other Purchased Services	350	315	350	350
7 Licensed State Support	350	239	350	350
8 Equipment Repair & Maintenance	100	0	100	100
9 Travel & Transportation	500	142	500	400
10 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	700	789	750	800
11 TOTAL	106,150	107,803	109,325	113,725
12 Capital Reserve				
13 Lister's Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
14 TOTAL TAX LISTING	107,150	108,803	110,325	114,725
15 Tax Collecting				
16 Salaries & Wages	14,260	14,975	14,850	15,425
17 Employer Paid Benefits	5,000	5,518	5,000	5,225
18 TOTAL	19,260	20,493	19,850	20,650
19 TOTAL FINANCE	217,210	220,127	222,500	227,225
20 TOWN CLERK				
21 Board of Civil Authority				
22 Printing Supplies	5,000	5,523	3,000	6,000
23 BCA Wages	800	247	400	1,000
24 Election Wages	2,000	1,528	1,600	2,000
25 TOTAL	7,800	7,298	5,000	9,000
26 Town Clerk				
27 Salaries & Wages	56,400	53,316	58,600	60,925
28 Assistant Town Clerk Wages	13,000	12,673	13,000	18,000
29 Employer Paid Benefits	24,600	22,594	25,100	26,925
30 Office Supplies	250	208	150	250
31 Other Purchased Services	100	0	300	300
32 Machinery & Equipment	500	0	500	500
33 Copier Lease	950	476	0	0
34 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	400	566	400	600
35 Record Retention	3,200	711	3,200	3,200
36 Restoration of Records	50	0	50	50
37 TOTAL	99,450	90,544	101,300	110,750

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Capital Reserve				
2 Town Clerk Vault	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3 TOTAL TOWN CLERK	108,750	99,342	107,800	121,250
4 BOARDS & AGENCIES				
5 Planning & Zoning				
6 Salaries & Wages	69,200	67,123	71,725	71,675
7 Employer Paid Benefits	32,900	29,740	30,825	32,775
8 Professional Services	750	233	500	500
9 Equipment Purchase	250	0	250	250
10 Travel & Transportation	3,000	3,871	4,000	4,000
11 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	5,700	3,239	5,700	6,000
12 Advertising	2,500	1,577	2,500	2,500
13 GIS Mapping	100	0	100	100
14 Conservation Commission	500	507	500	500
15 TOTAL	114,900	106,290	116,100	118,300
16 Capital Reserve				
17 Town Plan Consulting	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
18 Computer Equipment Replacement	500	500	500	500
19 TOTAL	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
20 TOTAL BOARDS & AGENCIES	116,400	107,790	117,600	119,800
21 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	709,060	692,623	723,790	736,065
22 PUBLIC WORKS				
23 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
24 Highway Maintenance				
25 Other Purchased Services	5,000	8,463	2,000	2,000
26 Rentals	500	0	500	500
27 Paving	0	0	0	10,000
28 Unclassified	10,000	10,049	15,000	15,000
29 TOTAL	15,500	18,512	17,500	27,500
30 Traffic Control				
31 Operating Supplies	2,750	1,735	2,750	2,750
32 Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	500	59	500	500
33 TOTAL	3,250	1,794	3,250	3,250

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Highway Maintenance				
2 Salaries & Wages	242,600	245,541	252,000	265,550
3 Overtime	35,000	41,425	35,000	35,000
4 Employer Paid Benefits	115,000	98,118	117,125	120,000
5 Operating Supplies	28,000	26,599	28,000	28,000
6 Office Supplies	250	217	250	250
7 Professional Services	1,000	1,144	1,000	1,000
8 Other Purchased Services	20,000	22,412	20,000	20,000
9 Small Tools & Equipment	500	50	500	500
10 Rentals	500	0	500	500
11 Communications	2,250	1,012	2,600	1,500
12 Travel & Transportation	66,000	65,120	70,000	60,000
13 Spot Gravel	80,000	79,470	70,000	70,000
14 Pavement Patch	1,000	931	1,000	1,000
15 Road Stabilization	20,000	29,491	25,000	25,000
16 Salt & Sand	105,000	160,311	105,000	115,000
17 TOTAL	717,100	771,841	727,975	743,300
18 Maintenance of Storm Drains				
19 Culverts & Drains	6,000	5,223	6,000	6,000
20 Construction & Maintenance of Bridges				
21 Operating Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
22 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	6,000	3,665	6,000	6,000
23 Other Purchased Services	6,000	1,987	10,000	10,000
24 Engineering Services	1,000	832	1,000	1,000
25 Rentals	500	0	500	500
26 Bridge Rehabilitation	30,000	35,385	30,000	30,000
27 TOTAL	45,500	41,869	49,500	49,500
28 Street Lights				
29 Street Lights	13,200	11,020	12,200	12,000
30 Public Works Building				
31 Utilities	18,800	17,271	20,000	18,000
32 Building Improvements	250	400	250	250
33 Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	3,088	1,600	2,000
34 Bond Payment	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
35 Bond Payment - Interest	41,000	38,033	40,500	34,000
36 TOTAL	131,050	128,792	132,350	124,250

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Highway Equipment				
2 Operating Supplies	7,000	6,438	10,000	8,000
3 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	40,000	48,589	40,000	40,000
4 Other Purchased Services	4,000	3,678	4,000	4,000
5 Grader Lease/Purchase	25,000	24,792	27,780	25,000
6 Backhoe Lease/Purchase	17,200	17,168	17,200	17,200
7 Loader Lease/Purchase	17,000	15,892	16,000	16,000
8 Small Tools & Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
9 Ton Truck Lease/Purchase	14,000	0	14,000	14,000
10 Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '12	18,800	18,264	18,800	0
11 Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '13	10,900	10,305	10,900	10,500
12 Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '14	10,000	0	16,000	19,800
13 Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '15	0	0	0	16,000
14 Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '16	0	0	0	18,000
15 Communications	500	0	500	500
16 TOTAL	165,400	145,126	176,180	190,000
17 Capital Reserve				
18 Equipment - Dump Truck '14	30,000	30,000	0	0
19 Equipment - Dump Truck '15	10,000	10,000	30,000	0
20 Equipment - Dump Truck '16	10,000	10,000	10,000	25,000
21 Equipment - Dump Truck '17	0	0	10,000	20,000
22 Equipment - Dump Truck '19	0	0	0	10,000
23 General Bridge O & M	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
24 Pave Church Hill Road	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000
25 TOTAL	110,000	110,000	115,000	115,000
26 TOTAL TOWN HIGHWAY DEPT	1,207,000	1,234,177	1,239,955	1,270,800
27 Maintaining Cemeteries				
28 Other Purchased Services	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
29 Repair & Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
30 TOTAL	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
31 Capital Reserve				
32 Cemetery Improvements	0	0	0	3,000
33 Total MAINTAINING CEMETERIES	15,000	15,000	15,000	18,000
34 Sanitation				
35 Upper Valley Solid Waste	38,600	38,557	38,600	36,500
36 Welcome Center				
37 Maintenance Supplies	2,500	2,055	2,000	2,500
38 Custodial Services	19,000	18,200	19,000	19,000
39 Propane	1,000	439	1,200	600
40 Electricity	900	682	1,250	800
41 Misc Utilities	1,500	3,812	3,000	4,000
42 Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	3,744	1,000	1,000
43 TOTAL	26,700	28,932	27,450	27,900

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	Total Expenditures	1,177,300	1,206,666	1,206,005	1,238,200
2	Total Transfers Out	110,000	110,000	115,000	115,000
3	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,287,300	1,316,666	1,321,005	1,353,200
4	PUBLIC SAFETY				
5	AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT				
6	Ambulance Operations				
7	Salaries & Wages	56,700	29,279	40,000	51,000
8	Employer Paid Benefits	6,500	5,865	6,500	6,500
9	Operating Supplies	28,000	21,399	23,000	23,000
10	Office Supplies	2,400	3,122	2,700	3,000
11	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	100	103	100	100
12	Paramedic Supplies	2,200	2,219	2,500	2,500
13	Billing Software	0	0	4,000	4,300
14	Other Purchased Services	6,000	5,108	2,600	2,600
15	Associates Salary	180,000	201,801	202,700	202,700
16	Paramedic Intercept	6,000	12,005	9,000	13,000
17	Contract Services	0	17,867	0	0
18	Personal Protection Equip	2,500	1,627	1,500	4,000
19	Communications	0	0	100	100
20	Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	500	500	750	750
21	Medical Testing	300	0	300	300
22	Uncollectable Accounts	100	6,924	25,000	25,000
23	Medicare & Insurance Allowance	100	0	100	100
24	TOTAL	291,400	307,819	320,850	338,950
25	Ambulance Vehicle				
26	Small Tools & Equipment	800	1,363	800	1,400
27	Ambulance 1 Maintenance	3,000	644	2,000	2,000
28	Ambulance 2 Maintenance	5,000	6,648	4,000	4,000
29	Ambulance 3 Maintenance	1,500	1,052	2,000	2,000
30	Fuel	9,000	5,428	9,000	6,000
31	Travel & Transportation	0	922	0	0
32	Storage Trailer	0	0	2,500	0
33	TOTAL	19,300	16,057	20,300	15,400
34	Ambulance Training				
35	Training Wages	0	0	7,000	7,000
36	Employer Paid Benefits	0	0	535	535
37	Operating Supplies	1,000	254	1,100	1,100
38	Professional Services	1,500	1,274	1,500	1,500
39	Small Tools & Equipment	300	0	300	300
40	Travel & Transportation	500	241	500	500
41	Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	200	200	200	200
42	State EMS Training	8,000	3,946	8,000	5,000
43	TOTAL	11,500	5,915	19,135	16,135

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Ambulance Communications				
2 Office Phone & Internet	800	1,692	1,600	1,800
3 Vehicle Cell Phones	1,000	310	1,000	1,000
4 Pagers	2,000	224	1,000	1,000
5 Portable Radios	2,000	128	1,000	1,000
6 Vehicle Mobile Radios	1,000	462	500	500
7 TOTAL	6,800	2,816	5,100	5,300
8 Capital Reserve				
9 Cardiac Monitors	20,000	20,000	20,000	29,000
10 Stryker Power Stretcher	0	0	3,000	0
11 Ambulance	50,000	50,000	55,000	25,000
12 TOTAL	70,000	70,000	78,000	54,000
13 Total AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT	399,000	402,607	443,385	429,785
14 FIRE DEPARTMENT				
15 Firefighting				
16 Salaries & Wages	90,000	68,996	85,000	76,000
17 Employer Paid Benefits	6,800	5,278	6,800	6,150
18 Operating Supplies	2,500	1,245	2,000	2,000
19 Professional Services	2,000	1,924	2,000	2,000
20 Winter Hydrant Maint	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600
21 Hydrant Rental	27,000	21,630	23,000	23,000
22 Travel & Transportation	200	0	200	200
23 Dues, Subscriptions & Meetings	900	975	900	900
24 Education	4,500	2,079	2,500	2,500
25 CDL Licensing	500	145	500	500
26 Medical Testing	750	90	750	750
27 Fire Prevention	1,000	260	1,000	1,000
28 TOTAL	139,750	106,122	128,250	118,600
29 Fire Communications				
30 Alarm Registration Admin	1,500	0	1,500	200
31 Equipment Repair & Maintenance	2,400	2,946	2,400	3,000
32 Machinery & Equipment	500	2,287	2,000	2,500
33 Fireground Radios	0	0	0	16,000
34 Communications	2,400	2,853	2,400	3,000
35 TOTAL	6,800	8,086	8,300	24,700

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Fire Truck & Equipment				
2 Operating Supplies	1,200	592	1,200	1,200
3 Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,326	2,000	2,000
4 Storage Trailer	0	0	2,500	0
5 Engine #1 Maintenance	3,000	2,364	3,000	3,000
6 Engine #2 Maintenance	3,500	2,108	3,500	2,500
7 Engine #3 Maintenance	1,500	1,063	1,500	1,500
8 Rescue Maintenance	1,500	3,670	1,500	1,500
9 Fuel	2,800	1,786	2,800	1,500
10 TOTAL	15,500	12,909	18,000	13,200
11 Firefighting Equipment				
12 Operating Supplies	500	80	500	500
13 Equipment Maintenance	1,000	172	1,000	1,000
14 Air Pack Maint & Equip	2,000	2,332	2,000	2,600
15 Equipment Purchase	2,000	1,094	2,000	2,000
16 Small Tools & Equipment	400	421	400	400
17 Rescue Equipment	800	1,214	800	800
18 Bunker Gear	6,000	1,114	2,500	1,000
19 Hose Adapters	3,000	438	1,000	1,000
20 TOTAL	15,700	6,865	10,200	9,300
21 Capital Reserve				
22 Pager Replacement	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
23 Fire Truck	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
24 Generator	0	0	0	5,000
25 Air Pack Frames	0	0	0	2,000
26 Air Pack Tanks	0	0	0	500
27 Bunker Gear	0	0	3,000	5,000
28 TOTAL	21,000	21,000	24,000	34,500
29 TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	198,750	154,982	188,750	200,300
30 Woodstock Station #2				
31 Maintenance Supplies	150	131	150	150
32 Propane	2,000	1,338	1,600	1,200
33 Electricity	900	754	1,300	850
34 Misc Utilities	1,300	2,281	1,800	1,800
35 Building Repairs & Maintenance	2,400	4,086	2,400	1,000
36 TOTAL	6,750	8,590	7,250	5,000
37 Emergency Services Building				
38 Maintenance Supplies	1,000	743	1,400	1,400
39 Building Custodian	4,400	3,775	4,400	4,400
40 Propane	3,200	6,443	4,500	4,500
41 Electricity	8,000	9,807	8,000	10,000
42 Misc Utilities	1,600	2,441	1,800	2,500
43 Paint Exterior of ESB	10,000	9,762	1,000	100
44 Equipment Repair & Maintenance	7,000	11,463	7,000	7,000
45 TOTAL	35,200	44,434	28,100	29,900

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 COMMUNICATIONS				
2 Dispatch Services				
3 Salaries & Wages	195,000	221,184	198,000	203,000
4 Training Wages	1,500	1,919	1,000	2,000
5 Residency Stipend	2,000	1,262	1,600	1,600
6 EMT Stipend	1,000	706	725	725
7 Employer Paid Benefits	50,000	67,510	52,200	58,000
8 Operating Supplies	1,000	1,068	1,200	1,200
9 Office Supplies	1,300	1,349	1,300	1,500
10 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	500	493	500	500
11 Repairs & Maintenance	900	890	1,800	1,200
12 Machinery & Equipment	800	668	300	800
13 Small Tools & Equipment	400	345	400	400
14 Tower Rental & Lease	3,000	3,037	3,000	3,100
15 Tower Maintenance	200	452	200	200
16 Communications	3,600	5,186	4,600	5,300
17 Travel & Transportation	550	164	200	200
18 Training Fees	300	0	200	200
19 TOTAL	262,050	306,233	267,225	279,925
20 Capital Reserve				
21 Recorder	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
22 Replace "K" Frequency	0	0	2,000	2,000
23 Console Terminal (a)	2,000	2,000	0	0
24 Console Terminal (b)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
25 TOTAL	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
26 TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	268,050	312,233	273,225	285,925
27 Town Constable				
28 Salaries & Wages	5,000	4,439	5,000	5,000
29 Employer Paid Benefits	400	310	400	400
30 Operating Supplies	500	639	500	500
31 Office Supplies	200	12	200	200
32 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	100	314	100	100
33 Other Purchased Services	200	115	200	200
34 Machinery & Equipment	200	0	200	200
35 Communications	200	0	200	200
36 Mileage - Blue Light	700	58	700	700
37 TOTAL	7,500	5,887	7,500	7,500
38 TOWN POLICE DISTRICT				

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Response & Administration				
2 Admin Salaries & Wages	52,100	52,100	55,475	57,575
3 Enforcement Salaries & Wages	52,500	52,500	68,100	77,100
4 Admin EMT Train & Stipend	2,400	2,400	1,440	625
5 Enforcement Stipend	2,375	2,375	2,730	2,050
6 Admin Employer Paid Benefits	19,000	19,000	21,200	19,900
7 Enforcement Employer Paid Benefits	20,000	20,000	19,800	21,667
8 Admin Operating Supplies	375	375	450	500
9 Admin Office Supplies	125	125	150	167
10 Enforcement Operating Supplies	215	215	255	283
11 Weapon Maintenance & Supplies	300	300	390	533
12 Bike Patrol	0	0	0	333
13 Professional Services	250	250	300	333
14 Enforcement Uniform Service	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,333
15 Officer Video Camera	0	0	900	83
16 Enforcement Small Tools & Equip	800	800	960	1,067
17 Travel & Transportation	70	70	85	92
18 Admin Dues,Subscriptions & Meetings	175	175	450	500
19 Grants, Dues & Subscriptions	60	60	0	0
20 Enforcement Dues, Subs & Meetings	65	65	75	83
21 Printing & Binding	30	30	40	41
22 Advertising	100	100	90	100
23 TOTAL	151,940	151,940	174,090	184,365
24 Town Police Services				
25 TPS Salaries & Wages	70,000	65,617	72,000	74,900
26 TPS Training Wages	1,200	1,417	1,300	1,300
27 TPS Contract Services	0	0	0	0
28 TPS Stipend	2,600	173	3,000	2,200
29 TPS Training Paid Benefits	200	102	200	200
30 TPS Employer Paid Benefits	26,800	31,413	28,850	17,450
31 TPS Uniform Service	1,300	963	1,300	1,300
32 TPS Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	2,500	1,987	2,500	2,500
33 TPS Small Tools & Equipment	500	499	500	500
34 TPS 4X4 Vehicle Lease	6,500	6,338	7,250	7,250
35 TPS 4X4 Radio, Lights, Radar	700	5,520	800	800
36 TPS Flashing Radar Speed Sign	0	0	8,000	4,000
37 TPS Fuel	6,500	1,950	4,500	2,500
38 TPS Tuition	750	262	750	750
39 TOTAL	119,550	116,241	130,950	115,650
40 TRAINING				
41 Training Salaries & Wages	900	900	1,200	1,335
42 Employer Paid Benefits	75	75	90	100
43 Travel & Transportation	50	50	90	100
44 Tuition	250	250	540	600
45 TOTAL	1,275	1,275	1,920	2,135

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
	Communications				
1	Radio Maintenance	575	575	90	100
2	Communications	2,625	2,625	3,000	3,833
3	TOTAL	3,200	3,200	3,090	3,933
4	Police Vehicle				
5	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,050	1,167
6	Small Tools & Equipment	150	150	180	200
7	Fuel	3,250	3,250	3,900	3,333
8	TOTAL	4,600	4,600	5,130	4,700
9	Building Maintenance				
10	Salaries & Wages	375	375	450	500
11	Employer Paid Benefits	25	25	30	33
12	Storage Trailer	0	0	750	0
13	Propane	900	900	780	867
14	Electricity	600	600	540	600
15	Rubbish Removal	275	275	330	367
16	Water/Sewer	175	175	210	233
17	Building & Maintenance	340	340	405	450
18	TOTAL	2,690	2,690	3,495	3,050
19	Capital Reserve				
20	Police Computer	250	250	75	83
21	Radio System	0	0	600	667
22	Flashing Radar Speed Sign	0	0	900	1,000
23	Police Cruiser	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,000
24	TOTAL	3,750	3,750	6,075	6,750
25	Capital Lease Outlay				
26	Capital Lease Outlay-Ford 15	0	30,043	0	0
27	TOTAL TOWN POLICE DISTRICT	287,005	313,739	324,750	320,583
28	Intergovernmental				
29	Highway Rebate	220,000	226,668	220,000	220,000
30	Select Board Contingency				
31	Unclassified	30,000	9,660	30,000	30,000
32	House Numbers	500	536	500	500
33	Economic Development Reserve Fund	0	0	0	222,000
34	Insurance	115,000	159,138	130,000	160,000
35	TOTAL	145,500	169,334	160,500	412,500

	Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1 Capital Expenses				
2 Capital Expense-Truck Purchase 15	0	75,000	0	0
3 Capital Expense-ORRV	0	18,000	0	0
4 TOTAL	0	93,000	0.00	0.00
5 Capital Reserve Spending				
6 Planning & Zoning Regs/GIS Maps	0	1,338	0	0
7 Tax Map Update-Reappraisal	80,000	71,387	80,000	15,000
8 Select Board Contingency	0	10,922	0	0
9 Town Hall Improvements	5,000	14,911	50,000	40,000
10 Computer Equipment Replacement	0	968	7,500	0
11 Listers' Equipment/Education	0	100	0	0
12 Dump Truck	85,000	62,254	85,000	60,000
13 Bridges	0	57,765	0	50,000
14 Culverts & Stormwater	75,000	0	20,000	20,000
15 Ambulance Purchase	0	0	170,000	0
16 Communications	0	0	10,000	12,000
17 Fire Dept Bunker Gear	0	3,238	4,000	4,000
18 Fire Dept Pager Replacement	0	2,268	0	0
19 Ambulance Cardiac Monitor	28,000	27,465	0	29,000
20 TOTAL	273,000	252,616	426,500	230,000
21 Loss Repair Expenses				
22 PropertyDamage/Communication Tower	0	19,336	0	0
23 PropertyDamage/Town Hall Building	0	2,920	0	0
24 PropertyDamage/Welcome Center	0	97	0	0
25 TOTAL	0	22,353	0	0
26 Tropical Storm Irene Expenses				
27 Tropical Storm Irene Bond	0	0	0	44,600
28 Tropical Storm Irene Interest	0	0	0	18,500
29 TOTAL	0	0	0	63,100
30 GRANT EXPENSE				
31 Safford Commons-HUD Grant Expense	0	2,205	0	0
32 ORRV Grant Expense	0	5,000	0	0
33 Dispatch Console Grant Expense.	0	25,181	0	0
34 Gully Rd Culvert Grant Expense	0	64,485	0	0
35 Police PassThru Grant Expense	0	1,000	0	0
36 Police PassThru Grant Expense	0	1,680	0	0
37 Better Back Roads Grant Expense	0	4,000	0	0
38 Police PassThru Grant Expense	0	1,786	0	0
39 TOTAL	0	105,337	0	0
39 Community Celebrations				
40 July 4th Celebration	0	5,652	0	0

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	Transfers Out				
2	Transfer to Cap Reserve	0	25,619	0	0
3	Town Forest				
4	Professional Services	0	4,273	0	0
SUMMARY					
5	Culture & Recreation	564,825	563,981	579,450	588,350
6	Health Officer	6,200	5,921	6,425	6,750
7	Town Hall Building	100,000	94,249	108,000	98,000
8	Select Board	22,000	20,077	19,290	19,290
9	Executive	120,900	127,949	124,400	125,800
10	Administration	23,800	23,089	24,200	24,700
11	Finance	217,210	220,127	222,500	227,225
12	Town Clerk	108,750	99,342	107,800	121,250
13	Boards & Agencies	116,400	107,790	117,600	119,800
14	Town Highway	1,207,000	1,234,177	1,239,955	1,270,800
15	Cemeteries	15,000	15,000	15,000	18,000
16	Welcome Center	26,700	28,932	27,450	27,900
17	Sanitation	38,600	38,557	38,600	36,500
18	Ambulance Department	399,000	402,607	443,385	429,785
19	Fire Department	198,750	154,982	188,750	200,300
20	Emergency Services Bldg	41,950	53,024	35,350	34,900
21	Dispatch Services	268,050	312,233	273,225	285,925
22	Constable	7,500	5,887	7,500	7,500
23	Town Police District	287,005	313,739	324,750	320,583
24	Village Highway Rebate	220,000	226,668	220,000	220,000
25	Select Board Contingency	30,500	10,196	30,500	30,500
26	Insurance	115,000	159,138	130,000	160,000
27	Capital Expense	0	93,000	0	0
28	Loss Repair Expense	0	22,353	0	0
29	Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	0	0	0	63,100
30	Grant Expense	0	105,337	0	0
31	Community Celebrations	0	5,652	0	0
32	Town Forest	0	4,274	0	0
33	Economic Development Reserve Fund	0	0	0	222,000
34	Capital Reserve Spending	273,000	252,616	426,500	230,000
35	Town Operating Budget	3,899,140	4,212,281	4,032,130	4,198,458
36	Total Capital Reserve	236,000	236,000	252,000	238,500
37	Total Capital Reserve Spending	273,000	252,616	426,500	230,000
38	Total Economic Develop Commission	0	0	0	222,000
39	Total Transfers Out	0	25,619	0	0
40	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,408,140	4,726,516	4,710,630	4,888,958

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	Taxes	3,053,010	3,117,217	3,099,100	3,206,928
2	Land Use Reimbursement	222,000	254,196	232,000	255,000
3	In Lieu of Taxes	4,000	2,296	2,000	2,000
4	Delinquent Tax Penalty&Interest	130,000	133,511	125,000	125,000
5	Interest Earned	500	70	100	100
6	Ambulance	415,000	368,197	440,000	440,000
7	Highway State Aid	133,000	133,445	133,000	133,000
8	Town Hall Rent	11,700	14,040	12,000	13,000
9	Town Clerk Records	10,000	7,164	7,500	7,500
10	Licenses & Fees	55,000	44,602	45,000	45,000
11	Zoning Fees	12,000	12,690	10,000	12,000
12	Communications	64,730	64,730	64,730	64,730
13	False Alarm Charges	5,000	650	500	500
14	Moving Violations	4,000	0	4,000	4,000
15	Town Police FalseAlarmCharges	1,000	0	200	200
16	Permits	1,000	865	1,000	1,000
17	Alarm System Registrations	8,000	6,800	8,000	8,000
18	Miscellaneous	5,200	4,869	2,500	5,000
19	Sale of Equipment/Material	0	0	2,500	0
20	Grant Income	0	103,130	0	0
21	Community Contributions	0	5,652	0	0
22	Timber Sales	0	72,119	10,000	12,000
23	Town Forest Lease	0	0	0	62,000
24	Loan & Bond Proceeds	0	123,000	0	0
25	Insurance Reimbursements	0	20,313	0	0
26	Local Option Tax Revenues	0	0	0	222,000
27	State of Vermont	0	18,757	0	0
28	SUB-TOTAL	4,135,140	4,508,313	4,199,130	4,618,958
29	Transfer from Capital Reserve	273,000	252,616	416,500	230,000
30	Surplus	0	0	85,000	40,000
31	Surplus, Town Police District	0	0	10,000	0
32	TOTAL REVENUE	4,408,140	4,760,929	4,710,630	4,888,958

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
REVIEW OF TAX APPROPRIATIONS
FY 2016-2017**

	Proposed Budget	Less Income	Net Taxes
Selectmen	19,290	0	19,290
Executive	125,800	(9,000)	116,800
Finance	227,225	(125,100)	102,125
Town Clerk	121,250	(52,500)	68,750
Administration	24,700	(5,000)	19,700
Boards & Agencies	119,800	(12,000)	107,800
Town Hall Building	98,000	(13,000)	85,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	736,065	(216,600)	519,465
Constable	7,500	0	7,500
Dispatch	285,925	(64,730)	221,195
Ambulance	429,785	(440,000)	(10,215)
Fire Department	200,300	(500)	199,800
Building Maintenance	34,900	0	34,900
Town Police District	320,583	(4,200)	316,383
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,278,993	(509,430)	769,563
Highway Maintenance	1,270,800	(133,000)	1,137,800
Sanitation	36,500	0	36,500
Cemetery	18,000	0	18,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,325,300	(133,000)	1,192,300
Recreation	284,600	0	284,600
Library	142,000	0	142,000
Rental of Elem School Space	92,000	0	92,000
Parades	1,500	0	1,500
Health	6,750	0	6,750
Fireworks	7,500	0	7,500
Pentangle	33,850	0	33,850
Woodstock Council on Aging	10,400	0	10,400
Little Theater Bond Payment	16,500	0	16,500
TOTAL Culture & Recreation	595,100	0	595,100
Village Highway Rebate	220,000	0	220,000
TOTAL INTERGOVT	220,000	0	220,000
Selectmen's Contingency	30,500	0	30,500
Insurance	160,000	0	160,000
Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	63,100	0	63,100
Welcome Center	27,900	0	27,900
TOTAL	281,500	0	281,500
Capital Outlay	230,000	(230,000)	0
Economic Development Reserve Fund	222,000	(222,000)	0
TOTAL	452,000	(452,000)	0
Land Use and In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	(257,000)
Town Forest Lease/Timber Sales	0	0	(74,000)
Surplus	0	0	(40,000)
TOTAL	0	0	(371,000)
TOTAL TAX APPROPRIATIONS	4,888,958	(1,311,030)	3,206,928
Special Articles	222,533	(10,000)	212,533
TOTAL Special Articles Taxes	222,533	(10,000)	212,533

SPECIAL ARTICLES BUDGET

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	SPECIAL ARTICLES - Trust Funds				
2	Audit Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3	Trustee of Public Funds Wages	3,000	3,050	3,000	3,000
4	Visiting Nurses	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
5	Woodstock Job Bank	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
6	TOTAL	10,000	10,050	10,000	10,000
7	SPECIAL ARTICLES - General Funds				
8	Visiting Nurses	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400
9	SE CommunityAction SEVCA	0	0	2,500	2,500
10	Pentangle	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
11	NormanWilliamsPubLibrary	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
12	Woodstock Council Aging	30,000	30,000	31,200	32,136
13	Windsor County Partners	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
14	HealthCare/RehabilService	3,247	3,247	3,247	3,247
15	WISE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
16	Ottauq Comm Partnership	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
17	Spectrum Teen Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
18	HistorSociety Ed Programs	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
19	Green Mountain RSVP	500	500	500	500
20	Welcome Center	18,000	18,000	25,000	25,000
21	Vail Field Improvements	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
22	Stagecoach Transport Serv	2,400	0	0	0
23	Community Television	0	0	2,500	0
24	Senior Solutions	0	0	0	1,500
	TOTAL	201,797	174,397	212,597	212,533
25	TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	211,797	184,447	222,597	222,533
SUMMARY					
26	Expenditures				
27	Special Articles - Trust Funds	10,000	10,050	10,000	10,000
28	Special Articles - General Funds	201,797	174,397	212,597	212,533
29	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	211,797	184,447	222,597	222,533
30	Revenue				
31	Taxes, Special Articles	201,797	174,397	212,597	212,533
32	Transfer from Trustee of Public Funds	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
33	TOTAL REVENUE	211,797	184,397	222,597	222,533

SEWER BUDGET

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
	SEWER OPERATION				
1	MAINTAINING SEWER SYSTEMS				
2	Salaries & Wages	34,000	26,358	30,000	30,900
3	Employer Paid Benefits	13,000	12,614	11,500	13,850
4	Operating Supplies	4,000	4,681	4,000	5,000
5	Professional Services	2,000	2,098	3,000	3,000
6	Engineering Services	10,000	5,945	10,000	10,000
7	Sewer Line Cleaning	12,000	16,159	12,000	10,000
8	Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	6,128	4,000	6,000
9	Machinery & Equipment	500	0	500	500
10	Sewer Line Mainte Equip	500	496	600	600
11	Rentals	400	0	400	400
12	II Improvements	100	0	100	100
13	TOTAL	80,500	74,479	76,100	80,350
14	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS				
15	Salaries & Wages	130,000	149,570	150,000	153,975
16	Employer Paid Benefits	56,150	62,710	57,175	63,200
17	Operating Supplies	35,000	46,966	35,000	49,000
18	Office Supplies	600	276	600	600
19	Repair & Mainte Supplies	6,000	6,860	6,000	7,000
20	Professional Services	15,000	7,760	10,000	8,000
21	Other Purchased Services	18,000	13,272	23,000	15,000
22	Uniforms, Protective Gear	5,000	3,615	5,000	5,000
23	Engineering Services	8,000	11,112	10,000	12,000
24	Laboratory Testing	8,000	19,473	6,500	22,000
25	Test/Monitor Wells	500	0	500	500
26	Repair & Maintenance	2,500	4,023	5,000	5,000
27	Small Tools & Equipment	1,000	2,065	1,000	2,000
28	Field Rental	12,000	13,222	12,000	13,500
29	Utilities	75,000	81,348	85,000	82,500
30	Communications	4,200	4,706	4,800	4,800
31	Travel & Transportation	500	972	500	1,000
32	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,500	1,193	1,500	1,500
33	Field Lime	3,500	0	3,500	1,000
34	Contingency Account	10,000	6,279	15,000	10,000
35	Bond Repayment	37,675	37,675	37,675	37,675
36	Taxes, Licensing & Regs	1,000	1,099	1,000	1,200
37	Insurance & Fidelity Bond	18,000	22,148	21,000	23,000
38	TOTAL	449,125	496,344	491,750	519,450
39	SEWER VEHICLE				
40	Repair & Mainte Supplies	3,000	10,562	4,000	4,000
41	Ton Truck Lease	0	0	5,000	13,500
42	Travel & Transportation	8,000	9,171	10,000	7,000
43	TOTAL	11,000	19,733	19,000	24,500

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	CONSTRUCTION				
2	Construction	250,000	332,488	0	200,000
3	TOTAL	250,000	332,488	0	200,000
4	CAPITAL RESERVE				
5	Manager's Pick-up Truck	600	600	600	600
6	Ton Truck	5,000	5,000	0	0
7	Pick-up Truck 4x4	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
8	Repairs & Maintenance	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
9	Tractor	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
10	Sludge Spreading Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
11	TOTAL	36,600	36,600	31,600	31,600
12	LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
13	Vehicle Damage/Pickup	0	207	0	0
14	TOTAL	0	207	0	0
15	Total Expenditures	790,625	923,251	586,850	824,300
16	Total Transfers Out	36,600	36,600	31,600	31,600
17	TOTAL SEWER OPERATION	827,225	959,851	618,450	855,900
18	ADMINISTRATION				
19	EXECUTIVE				
20	Salaries & Wages	28,000	29,322	29,500	29,675
21	Employer Paid Benefits	9,350	11,043	9,600	10,425
22	TOTAL	37,350	40,365	39,100	40,100
23	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
24	Office Supplies	1,100	1,393	1,100	1,400
25	Legal Services	250	0	250	100
26	Communications	800	868	800	1,000
27	TOTAL	2,150	2,261	2,150	2,500
28	AUDITING				
29	Professional Services	6,500	6,300	6,500	6,500
30	TOTAL	6,500	6,300	6,500	6,500
31	ACCOUNTING				
32	Salary & Wages	21,800	22,181	22,150	23,025
33	Employer Paid Benefits	6,875	6,856	7,000	7,375
34	Professional Services	800	25	800	100
35	Computer Expense	500	433	500	500
36	TOTAL	29,975	29,495	30,450	31,000
37	PENSION EXPENSE				
38	Pension Expense	0	(2,257)	0	0
39	TOTAL	0	(2,257)	0	0
40					
41	Total ADMINISTRATION	75,975	76,164	78,200	80,100

		Budget 2014/2015	Actual 2014/2015	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017
1	CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
2	Office Equipment	0	352	0	0
3	Ton Truck	0	0	13,500	
4	Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	20,966	12,000	12,000
5	TOTAL	12,000	21,318	25,500	12,000
6	Total Expenditures	75,975	76,164	78,200	80,100
7	Total Transfers In	12,000	21,318	25,500	12,000
8	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION & TRANSFERS	87,975	97,482	103,700	92,100
9	Sewer Operation	827,225	959,851	618,450	855,900
10	Sewer Administration	87,975	97,482	103,700	92,100
11	Total Expenditures	903,200	1,036,015	696,650	936,000
12	Total Transfers In	12,000	21,318	25,500	12,000
13	GRAND TOTAL	915,200	1,057,333	722,150	948,000
14	REVENUE				
15	User Fees	628,200	626,923	648,050	686,000
16	Delinquent Penalty & Interest	20,000	10,490	10,000	10,000
17	Interest Income	4,000	3,070	100	3,000
18	Sewer Connection Fees	0	59,813	0	0
19	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000	22,005	2,000	2,000
20	Transfer from Constr Fund	250,000	119,950	0	200,000
21	Surplus	0	0	50,000	35,000
22	Transfer from Cap Reserve	12,000	21,318	12,000	12,000
23	TOTAL REVENUE	915,200	863,569	722,150	948,000

**ANNUAL MEETING
WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 28, 2015
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Matt Maxham as Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read out the Warning, and made brief mention of the rules of order. Paige Hiller, Karen White, Jerome Morgan and Macy Lawrence were assembled on stage.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Alison Clarkson nominated Matt Maxham for Moderator, Dwight Camp seconded, there were no other nominations forthcoming, Matt Maxham was voted and elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To accept the reports of the Woodstock Elementary School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

Ed English moved the article seconded by Byron Quinn. There was no discussion. This article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a School Director to the Woodstock Elementary School Board for a term of three years. (Australian Ballot)

Paige Hiller mentioned that Jessica Stout will be running for this Office as a write-in candidate. Jessica Stout was present and affirmed her willingness to serve in this office.

ARTICLE 4: To elect a School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term of three years. (Australian Ballot)

Ed English and Phil Swanson briefly discussed the fact that Woodstock is currently under-represented at the Union High School. At present no one is running for this Office.

ARTICLE 5: To determine what sum of money the District will vote to pay its officers as compensation.

Chris Miller moved to pay the School Directors \$250.00 per year and the Moderator \$50.00 each time served. Alison Clarkson seconded and the motion was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, by the issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year for the purpose of paying the expenses of the District.

This article was moved by Byron Quinn, seconded by Jack Hunter, there was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 7: To appropriate Three Million, Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$3,221,324) as the amount necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015.

The budget article was moved by Ed English and seconded by Chris Miller. Paige Hiller directed an examination of line items, mentioning that a new STEM teacher was hired and all salaries were increased. The "Nature's Classroom" program was ended and those funds applied to salaries. The "Cosmic Scale" program was created by the teachers and involves working with the National Park, the Pomfret Observatory and then use of microscopes. Ed English, Al Alessi, Jeff Kahn and Jennifer Maxham participated in discussions.

Joe Matz asked about what percentage of health insurance costs an individual (teacher) pays in

(to the system). Paige Hiller responded that was 14 percent. Joe Dinatale, Byron Quinn, Ed English and Paige Hiller discussed line items of the budget. There is a new method of dealing with special education monies, apparently a consolidation under the purview of the Supervisory Union where the line item jumps from twenty thousand up to two hundred and sixty four thousand dollars per year.

Karen White directed an examination of the revenues.

Joe Matz asked how much money Woodstock sends to Montpelier (the State) each year. Phil Swanson responded from the floor. We send thirteen to fourteen Million Dollars each year and get about six million back.

Paige Hiller began an explanation of the tax rate table. This is attempted every year. Karen White, David Brown, Jennifer Maxham and Richard Gagnon discussed issues including dropping enrollment, per pupil spending and student to teacher ratios.

Paige Hiller mentioned that no one knows how the "equalized pupils" number is arrived at, or, in fact, any of the key numbers supplied by the State and used to calculate the amount of money required from the Town. Simply put, our tax rate is set by the State; we get a tax bill and it is not debatable.

David Schwartzman and Karen White discussed the appellation of "Gold Town". Byron Quinn would like to know how the State can compare costs between counties with radically different demographic profiles. Joe Matz would like to have someone from the State come to explain all of this. Richard Gagnon and Sylvia Doten discussed the student to teacher ratio and very small number of non-english speaking students with Karen White.

Matt Maxham read out the budget article again and called for a vote. Article 7 was adopted as warned.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

This article opened as a discussion. Ed English and Joe Dinatale asked about issues of school consolidation. Paige Hiller mentioned that Woodstock was invited to participate in conversation about school consolidation, with the surrounding towns. The group was made up of school board members and a state advisor. Barnard dropped out. Pomfret and Bridgewater made an agreement. Woodstock did not wish to risk their fabulous staff ; to consolidate all staff must be laid off and then some re-hired, with the first consideration given to those with seniority.

Meriel Hall again mentioned the important student to teacher ratio. John Macdonald and Alita Wilson discussed changing demographics of our area. Though the general sense of the meeting could be characterized as painful at best, Joe Dinatale magnanimously reminded us that our spending on education, though expensive, is working in the sense that children are being educated. Ann Jones thanked the School Board and Karen White for their hard work.

At about 11:45 a.m. Sally Miller moved to adjourn the meeting to voting day, Joe Dinatale seconded and we so voted.

Attest:

Jerome R. Morgan Woodstock Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 20, 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Karen White, Paige Hiller, David Steele, Victoria Jas, Alice Worth, Dee Galluccio, Richard Seaman, Jerome Morgan

Paige Hiller opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m., read the Warning, and moved to establish the fund. David Steele seconded, and a chance for discussion was offered. There was no discussion. The Article was voted and adopted. Paige Hiller moved to adjourn the meeting, David Steele seconded, the meeting was voted to adjourn at about 5:03 p.m.

Attest:

Jerome R. Morgan Town Clerk

Report of the Woodstock Elementary School Board of Directors

The 2015-2016 school year added to the outstanding history of quality education for the students of Woodstock Elementary School. WES students, staff and school board have enjoyed our community's support and confidence beyond our expectations. With the fund raising help of Jason Drebitko and the generous donations from our community members, WES was able to build the first dedicated STEM lab within a public elementary school in the state of Vermont. WES received two statewide awards of recognition. WES was awarded a Vermont Public Space award for the outstanding work creating a learning landscape playground. Also, WES received both an Innovation & Advocacy Hunger Free VT and School Nutrition Assoc. VT award for developing the state's leading farm to school food service program. Thank you to my fellow board members, Karen White, our teachers, parents and community members who play a significant role in making our school a better place for our children.

Thank you to Principal, Karen White, Business Manager, Richard Seaman and WES board members for their hard work in preparing this budget.

This was a tough budget development year with the Act 46 bill being passed into law creating a cap on spending for each individual school and seeing an additional increase of 7.9% to health care premiums. The proposed WES budget for the 2016-2017 school year is \$3,233,006.00 an overall increase of just \$11,682.00/.0036% from the 2015-2016 budget of \$3,221,324.00. Local revenue for 2016-2017 is \$812,594.00 an overall increase of \$30,264.00 from the 2015-2016 local revenue of \$782,330.00. The overall result is a decrease of \$18,582.00 in Ed Spending from the 2015-2016 budgets of \$2,438,994.00 to the 2016-2017 budgets of \$2,420,412.00. The combination of an increase in local revenue, a slight gain in equalized pupils and our decision as a board to reduce one teaching position, based on student/teacher ratio, and one support staff position has allowed us to lower our per pupil cost of \$15,331.00 for 2016-2017 by \$210.00 from 2015-2016 per pupil cost of \$15,541.00.

We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the experience and dedication of our staff as we look forward to another successful year. We would like to thank Karen White for the outstanding work she has provided over the last seven years, creating a safe environment where our children have excelled in their education, and her work in building strong programming within our school, resulted in WES being a leader in public education. As Karen plans for her retirement in June 2016, we as a board cannot thank her enough for her dedication she has given to our children, school and community.

WES Board members strive to balance the needs of Woodstock Elementary School and the Woodstock Taxpayers. The budget we present for your approval will ensure that our young citizens will continue to receive a high level of education. Woodstock Elementary School's future success is dependent on the ongoing support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Hiller, Chair

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Woodstock School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock Town Hall, located in Woodstock, Vermont, in said District, on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Woodstock School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, convening at 7:00 A.M. and continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To accept the reports of the Woodstock Elementary School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a School Director to the Woodstock Elementary School Board for a term of three years. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4: To elect a School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for the remaining two years of a three year term. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 5: To elect a School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term of three years. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 5: To determine what sum of money the District will vote to pay its officers as compensation.

ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, by the issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year for the purpose of paying the expenses of the District.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Woodstock School District approve the school board to expend three million, two hundred thirty three thousand, six dollars (\$3,233,006), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,331 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.35% lower than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Paige Hiller, Chair
David Steele
Jessica Stout

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4**

The legal voters of the Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock Union High School Teagle Library located in Woodstock, Vermont, in said District on March 9, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., to act on the following articles. Australian ballot voting will take place on March 1, 2016, at the polling places and times listed below:

Barnard	Barnard Town Hall	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Bridgewater	Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Pomfret	Pomfret Town Hall	8:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Reading	Reading Town Hall	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Killington	Killington Town Hall	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Woodstock	Woodstock Town Hall	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer with all such District officers being elected for one year terms.
- ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the District, including the reports of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer, the Auditors, and the Superintendent, and to take action with reference thereof.
- ARTICLE 3: To determine what sum of money the district will vote to pay its District Officers as compensation.
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 approve the school board to expend eleven million, six hundred twenty nine thousand, two hundred eight dollars (\$11,629,208), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,781 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .58% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 5: To determine whether or not the district will authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money, if necessary, for payment of current expenses of the District pending receipt of payments from its member towns.
- ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE – INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The legal voters and residents of the Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 are further warned that a public informational hearing will be held at Woodstock Union High School Teagle Library on February 24th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining Article 4.

The legal voters of the Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to Article 4 shall be as provided in Section 706u of Title 17, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Woodstock in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont on this 13th day of January, 2016.

Dwight Doton, Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 Board Chairperson

Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Debt Service				
Bond Interest	10,631	11,590	6,390	5,000
Bond Principal	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Total Debt Service	80,631	81,590	76,390	75,000
Regular Instruction				
Teachers' Salaries	867,249	885,511	971,881	909,505
Aides' Salaries	26,369	34,201	27,127	27,832
Substitute Salaries	16,500	20,334	16,500	16,500
Health Insurance	246,128	195,197	232,811	219,352
Long-Term Disability Insurance	158	103	115	117
FICA	69,264	65,696	77,686	72,969
Life Insurance	419	366	418	395
LTD Insurance	-	309	-	-
Municipal Retirement	718	1,021	740	758
403-B Retirement Benefit	264	-	271	278
Workers' Comp Ins	5,042	5,077	5,626	5,468
Dental Insurance	6,813	5,358	5,314	5,342
Four Winds	2,700	2,690	2,700	2,700
Pentangle	2,500	2,810	2,625	2,500
Museum Ed	2,800	468	3,300	3,000
Hulburt Outdoor Ctr.	4,500	2,394	5,000	4,000
Nature's Classroom	12,260	11,033	-	4,000
Copier Expense	6,500	6,252	6,500	8,000
Postage	500	526	750	500
Excess Costs-Tuition	-	-	-	-
General Supplies	7,500	6,290	8,000	9,000
Grade 1 Supplies	250	367	708	600
Grade 2 Supplies	250	255	850	600
Grade 3 Supplies	250	432	730	600
Grade 4 Supplies	350	237	1,282	600
Grades 5-6 Supplies	750	693	1,060	800
Grade 6 Play Materials	500	713	500	500
Kindergarten Supplies	250	318	1,050	600
Grade 2 Texts	-	149	200	-
Grade 3 Texts	300	-	200	-
Grade 4 Texts	250	-	350	-
Grade 5-6 Texts	600	38	600	500
Grade 5-6 Science Kit	350	954	500	500
Field Trips	300	231	200	200
Grade 2 Supplies	-	360	-	-
Pre-K Tuition	-	-	-	30,000
Total Regular Instruction	1,282,584	1,250,384	1,375,594	1,327,716

**Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Art				
Instruction -Art Equipment Repairs	-		-	
Art Supplies	1,900	634	1,900	2,000
Art Texts	100		100	100
Total Art	2,000	634	2,000	2,100
Foreign Language				
Foreign Language Materials	600	626	600	600
Physical Education/Health				
Phys Ed Supplies	500	294	500	400
Math				
Supplies	-	75	250	250
Textbooks	2,500	5,119	3,250	5,000
Total Math	2,500	5,194	3,500	5,250
Music				
Music Supplies	700	-	700	700
Music Texts	300	49	200	200
Total Music	1,000	49	900	900
Science				
STEM Salary		6,900		
STEM FICA		528		
STEM Consulting Servies	45,000	18,069		
Total Science	45,000	25,497	-	-
Excel				
Enrichment Supplies	1,200	3,903	2,200	2,000
Language Arts				
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Life Insurance	-	3	-	-
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	-
Supplies	1,300	873	1,000	-
Textbooks	2,000	14,507	5,000	5,000
Total Language Arts	3,300	15,383	6,000	5,000
Guidance				
Salary	44,070	44,190	46,520	46,038
Health Insurance	18,151	18,151	18,968	20,467
FICA	3,371	3,060	3,559	3,522
Life Insurance	23	23	23	23
Workers' Comp Ins	244	246	258	255

**Woodstock Elementary School District
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2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Dental Insurance	443	411	378	420
504/EST Services	1,500	5,403	750	-
VCAT Assessment	1,300	1,117	1,350	1,100
Supplies	300	300	300	300
TOTAL 2120 Guidance	69,402	72,901	72,106	72,125
Health Services				
Nurse Salary	62,443	47,775	48,969	49,623
Health Insurance	18,151	15,126	18,968	20,467
FICA	4,777	3,393	3,746	3,796
Life Insurance	23	23	23	23
Workers' Comp Ins	346	348	271	275
Dental Ins	443	411	378	420
Purchased Professional Services	540	586	-	-
Supplies	1,865	1,070	1,300	1,200
Equipment	-	124	-	-
Total Health Services	88,588	68,856	73,655	75,804
Curriculum Development				
Stipends	4,200		-	-
FICA	322		-	-
Total Curriculum Development	4,522		-	-
Instructional Staff Training				
Professional Development - Stipends	0	450	-	-
Professional Development - FICA	0	34	-	-
Course Reimbursement-Teachers	10,000	16,486	12,000	10,000
Support Staff Course Reimbursement	250	-	250	250
Staff Conference	10,000	2,194	10,000	8,000
Professional Development-Support Staff	200	132	200	200
Professional Development - General	5,000	5,348	7,000	5,000
Staff Travel	1,000	2,569	200	1,000
Inservice Expense	400	207	250	500
Total Instructional Staff Training	26,850	27,421	29,900	24,950
Educational Media Services				
Media Specialist Salary	36,731	24,363	24,972	25,472
Media Assistant Salary	20,836	21,327	21,353	21,999
Health Insurance	19,091	18,947	19,950	21,525
Long-Term Disability Insurance	125	97	132	136
FICA	4,564	3,172	3,544	3,631
Life Insurance	23	13	23	23
Municipal Retirement	833	845	854	880
403-B Retirement Benefit	208	-	214	220

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Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Workers Comp Ins	328	355	267	287
Dental Insurance	627	247	577	770
Staff Development	-	-	250	250
Supplies	-	161	250	250
Library Books	1,750	1,244	1,750	1,500
Newspapers & Periodicals	500	353	500	400
Dues & Fees	250	-	300	2,000
Total Educational Media Services	85,866	71,124	74,936	79,343
Audio-Visual Services				
AV Materials	-	723	-	-
Projection Equipment	1,500	1,358	1,500	2,000
Total Audio-Visual Services	1,500	2,081	1,500	2,000
Technology				
Salary	1,860	4,328	1,860	4,250
FICA	142	331	142	325
WCSU Assessmt - Technology Integration	16,569	5,656	18,418	18,614
Computer Asstd. Instruction - Consulting	500	1,028	-	-
Technical Support	1,000	2,272	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repairs	3,000	-	750	500
Apple Lease Payment	-	-	22,000	-
Internet Fees	3,780	2,801	2,100	3,000
Technology Supplies	2,500	2,308	2,000	2,000
Software	1,500	3,075	1,000	1,000
E-Rate Rachnology Software	-	95	-	-
Technology Equipment	17,502	39,902	-	18,000
Total Technology	48,353	61,795	49,270	48,689
Board of Education				
Stipends	750	-	750	750
Legal Liability Insurance	2,500	2,082	2,500	2,500
Advertising	400	1,173	400	400
Supplies	250	-	250	250
Expenses	400	-	400	150
Dues and Fees	1,500	1,508	1,500	1,550
Bank Charges	-	35	-	-
Legal Services	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Negotiations Expense	-	5,778	-	-
Total Board of Education	10,800	10,576	10,800	10,600
Central Administration				
WCSU Assessmts - Executive Admin.	130,050	115,407	134,322	132,096

**Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Office of the Principal				
Principal's Salary	92,250	92,174	92,250	92,250
Secretary Salary	49,278	59,952	58,717	57,615
ASP Secretary	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance	22,161	22,161	22,829	16,865
FICA	10,827	11,514	11,549	11,465
Life Insurance	34	228	23	23
Municipal Retirement	1,971	1,971	2,020	1,968
403-B Retirement Benefits	493	-	505	492
Workers' Comp Ins	784	789	836	830
Course Reimbursement	1,500	1,950	500	1,500
Dental Insurance	577	514	514	1,050
Postage	250	-	200	200
Travel & Conference	1,500	1,197	750	1,500
Supplies	750	-	250	250
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Professional Dues	300	333	300	350
Education Data Warehouse	-	-	-	-
Total Office of the Principal	182,675	192,782	191,243	186,358
Interest on Current Loans				
Interest on Current Loans	14,500		14,500	14,000
Operation of Plant				
Custodial Salaries	94,277	95,257	96,622	99,522
Summer Salaries	1,100	3,007	1,100	-
Health Insurance	35,008	35,008	36,584	39,474
Long-Term Disability Insurance	566	438	599	617
FICA	7,296	7,256	7,476	7,613
Municipal Retirement	3,771	3,771	3,865	3,981
403-B Retirement Benefits	943	-	966	995
Workers' Comp Ins	4,281	4,086	4,386	4,467
Dental Ins	350	350	350	350
Water	1,800	1,940	1,800	1,800
Disposal Services	5,000	3,977	5,000	5,000
Building Repairs	6,000	4,789	6,000	5,000
Service Contracts	-	-	-	-
Bldg Maint Contract Ser	40,000	15,976	40,000	25,000
Equipt.Maint Contracted Ser	-	9,411	-	10,000
Property Insurance	15,500	14,758	14,653	14,800
Telephone Services	1,500	1,888	2,450	2,300
Travel Reimb.	100	-	100	100
Custodial Supplies	9,000	12,347	9,250	9,500
Bldg Maintenance Supplies	3,250	1,936	3,000	3,000

**Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Building Equipment Supplie	-	244	-	-
Electricity	42,000	44,323	43,260	43,500
Propane Gas	1,200	877	1,200	1,000
Heating Oil	50,000	38,990	50,000	43,000
Furniture/Equipt. Replacem	2,000	2,341	2,000	2,000
Total Operation of Plant	324,942	302,972	330,661	323,019
Care and Upkeep of Grounds				
Sewage Services	4,500	3,190	3,600	3,200
Snow Removal & Plowing	15,000	14,758	12,000	14,000
Contract Services	3,000	14,074	4,000	4,500
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	22,500	32,023	19,600	21,700
Transportation				
Contracted Services	58,303	58,325	59,500	60,990
Field Trips	5,000	2,086	6,000	3,500
Total Transportation	63,303	60,411	65,500	64,490
Other Support Services				
Unemployment	-	-	-	10,000
Fund Transfers				
Transfer to Retirement Fund	35,000		35,000	
Transfer to Building Maintenance Funds	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000
Total Fund Transfers	65,000	30,000	65,000	15,000
Special Education				
Teachers' Salaries	107,700	162,129	-	-
ESY Salary	3,000	9,062	4,000	-
Program Aides' Salary	94,145	63,086	59,234	80,517
Individual Aides' Salary	-	90,004	-	-
Substitutes' Salary	2,500	3,188	2,500	1,750
Health Insurance	95,241	117,756	44,536	62,376
In Lieu of Insurance	-	500	-	-
Long Term Disability Ins	565	673	509	499
Social Security	15,862	21,838	5,029	5,158
Life Insurance	-	46	-	-
Municipal Retirement	3,766	6,157	2,369	3,221
403-B Retirement Benefit	941	-	592	805
Workers' Comp	1,149	962	364	478
Dental Insurance	2,443	2,817	700	1,050
Consultations	1,000	1,140	1,000	-
Contracted Services - PALS	-	766	-	-
ESY Assessment	-	-	-	-

**Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Copier Lease	2,200	2,200	2,500	-
Postage	200	200	250	-
Tuition	-	-	-	-
Course Reimbursement	3,000	605	-	-
General Supplies	500	972	3,000	-
Instructional Materials	1,000	421	-	-
Materials ESY	-	502	300	-
Supplies - PALS	-	1,387	-	-
Consumable Materials	-	-	1,000	-
Software - PALS	-	99	-	-
Equipment	800	3,567	1,000	-
Transportation Services - PALS	-	114	-	-
ESY Transportation	-	2,749	-	-
MH Purchased Services	6,000	1,740	9,025	-
Evaluations	-	4,610	-	-
WCSU Assessment - Psych Svcs	12,058	12,057	-	-
WCSU Assessmts - Special Ed	19,142	19,143	264,554	314,332
WCSU Assessments - Special Ed. Other	-	-	-	47,389
SLP Summer Assessments	250	-	-	-
SLP Services Assessment	36,359	36,609	-	-
WCSU Assessment - PT	4,510	5,010	-	-
WCSU Assessment - OT	5,241	5,241	-	-
PT ESY Services Assessments	500	-	-	-
Total Special Education	420,072	577,350	402,462	517,575
EEE	-	-	-	-
EEE - Preschool Tuition	1,000	-	-	-
EEE - Purchased Services	-	1,064	-	-
EEE-Psychological Services	1,000	-	-	-
WCSU Assessment - EEE	23,869	23,868	-	-
Total EEE	25,869	24,932	-	-
Title I				
Teacher Salary	48,670	28,679	49,886	33,176
Health Insurance	10,156	2,755	10,613	3,884
FICA	3,723	2,152	3,816	2,538
Life Insurance	23	9	23	-
Workers' Comp. Ins.	270	-	277	-
Dental Insurance	346	165	362	-
Total Title I	63,188	33,760	64,977	39,598
Food Service				
Salaries	76,789	78,311	79,931	72,891
Substitutes	1,500	2,515	1,500	2,000

**Woodstock Elementary School District
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017
Health Insurance	18,151	28,177	18,968	43,075
Long-Term Disability Insurance	-	76	-	107
Social Security	5,989	5,848	6,229	5,729
Life Ins	23	23	23	23
LTD Insurance	98	-	-	-
Municipal Retirement	655	670	672	692
403-B Retirement Benefit	164	-	248	173
Workers' Comp	1,470	1,229	1,559	1,433
Staff Training	-	45	250	250
Dental Insurance	812	761	728	770
Travel Reimbursement	250	288	150	300
Supplies	800	2,199	-	1,750
Food Purchases	43,000	43,219	41,000	43,500
Equipment	2,000	1,312	2,000	4,000
Dues and Fees	150	-	150	-
TOTAL 3100 Food Service	151,851	164,674	153,408	176,693
GRAND TOTAL	3,219,146	3,232,618	3,221,524	3,233,006

Three Prior Years Comparisons
Tax Rate Calculations
LEA: T009

District: Woodstock
County: Windsor
SU: Windsor Central

	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
Expenditures					
Local Budget	3,006,254	3,219,146	3,221,324	3,233,006	1.
Gross Act 68 Budget	3,006,254	3,219,146	3,221,324	3,233,006	2.
Revenues:					
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus	622,777	880,968	796,697	812,594	3.
Capital debt aid for eligible projects	-	-	-	-	4.
Education Spending	2,383,477	2,338,178	2,424,627	2,420,412	5.
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	170.02	161.30	156.01	157.88	6.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	14,019	14,496	15,541	15,331	7.
Less net eligible construction costs per EP	499	500	490	NA	8.
Allowable Growth	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,769	
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	-	-	-	9.
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.	14,019	14,496	15,541	15,331	10.
District spending adjustment	153.194% <i>based on \$9,151</i>	156.121% <i>based on \$9,285</i>	164.304% <i>based on \$9,459</i>	n/a <i>n/a</i>	11.
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.4400 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$1.5300 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$1.6266 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$1.5533 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	12.
Percent of equalized Students in Elementary	45.12%	44.36%	44.46%	45.71%	13.
Equalized Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6497	\$0.6787	\$0.7232	\$0.7100	14.
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	95.66%	98.99%	97.90%	96.36%	15.
Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6792 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$0.6856 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$0.7387 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$0.7368 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	16.
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated	2.76% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.81% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.96% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.77% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	17.
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity	1.25% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	1.25% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	1.32% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	1.27% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	18.
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD	54.88%	55.64%	55.54%	54.29%	19.

ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY				
	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12	Total	
Estimated Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 1.5533	\$ 1.7002		
Percentage of equalized Students	45.71%	54.29%		
Prorated Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 0.7100	\$ 0.9230		
Common Level of appraisal	98.36%	96.36%		
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 0.7368	\$ 0.9579	\$ 1.6947	

ESTIMATED TAX DOLLARS TO FUND 2015-2016 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL BUDGETS			
	Equalized Pupils	Spending per E.P.	Total
Grades K-6	157.88	15,331	2,420,412
Grades 7-12	187.50	16,781	3,146,456
	350.89		5,566,868

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.

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

The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Woodstock Elementary School District

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2015 (unaudited)

Assets		
Checking Account	\$182,545.98	
Investment Account	\$59,864.79	
Food Service Cash	\$372.21	
Prepaid	-\$1,040.39	
Due from Government Entities	\$42,719.13	
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$224,704.55</u>	
Total Assets		<u><u>\$509,166.27</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$7,842.45	
Accrued Payroll	\$14,112.82	
		\$21,955.27
Reserves		
Reserve for Specific Purpose	\$412,174.86	
		\$412,174.86
Fund Balance		
Designated for F16 Budget	33,802.50	
		\$33,802.50
Undesignated Fund Balance		
Revenue 2014-2015	\$3,339,782.23	
Expenses 2014-2015	<u>\$3,298,548.59</u>	
	\$41,233.64	
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2015		<u><u>\$41,233.64</u></u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		<u><u>\$509,166.27</u></u>

Woodstock Elementary School District
Reserve Fund Activity
Year Ending June 30, 2015

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/14	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/15
After School Program	\$ 31,002	\$ -	\$ (31,002)	\$ -
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 153,922	\$ 65,000	\$ (35,040)	\$ 183,882
Computer Fund	\$ 2,731			\$ 2,731
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$ 1,726	\$ -		\$ 1,726
Endowment Grant	\$ 650	\$ 337	\$ (986)	\$ 1
Excel Program	\$ 376			\$ 376
Innovation	\$ -	\$ 31,000		\$ 31,000
Learning Landscape	\$ 1,160	\$ 31,102	\$ (17,926)	\$ 14,335
Path Wellness Sub-Grant	\$ 150	\$ -		\$ 150
Retirement/Severance Pay Reserve	\$ 138,269	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 173,269
Teachers' Sick Bank	\$ 4,205			\$ 4,205
Wellborn Ecology Fund	\$ 500	\$ -		\$ 500
	\$ 334,691	\$ 162,439	\$ (84,955)	\$ 412,175

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Annual Report 2015- 2016

Mission Statement

Windsor Central Supervisory Union's mission is based on the four principles of cohesiveness, equity, high academic standards and professional practice. These principles will guide the support and leadership WCSU will provide to the individual school districts that constitute the supervisory union. The leadership provided by WCSU will be focused on the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of students within the WCSU schools from kindergarten through high school so that students will be prepared to achieve productive and fulfilling lives.

Adopted by the WCSU Board November 12, 2012

WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS 2015-2016

Your Board of School Directors is comprised of twenty-four members who are elected throughout the supervisory union and serve without salary. The Board sets policy, approves the supervisory union's budget and expenditures, and sets goals for the future.

Board actions are governed by state and federal laws and a specific philosophy dedicated to provide quality education in an atmosphere of mutual respect among students, faculty and parents. The philosophy of the Board emphasizes the mastery of basic skills, problem solving skills, self-discipline, a positive self-concept, aesthetic appreciation, community partnerships, and specific educational goals to be accomplished by the superintendent each year. Board meetings are held monthly and citizens are invited to share their opinions and concerns at the meetings.

			Term Expires	Home Phone #	Year Elected
<u>BARNARD</u>					
David Green*	P.O. Box 268, Barnard, VT 05031	dmggreen@aol.com	2017	234-9759	2006
Will Dodson	P.O. Box 244, Barnard, VT 05031	porkpalace@ymail.com	2018		2009
Chip Davis	P.O. Box 1126, Barnard, VT 05031	chip@rowingnews.com	2016	234-4054	2015
<u>BRIDGEWATER</u>					
Seth Shaw *	P.O. Box 7, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	west.hahs@gmail.com	2016	672-1008	2013
Justin Shipman	7429 Route 4, Bridgewater, VT 05034	jshipman@tgroupusa.com	2017	672-4455	2014
Jennifer Gieseke	21 Broad Brook Road, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	jgieseke@wcsu.net	2017	280-5568	2015
<u>KILLINGTON</u>					
Jennifer Iannantuoni*	604 Schoolhouse Rd., Killington, VT 05751	jennifer.iannantuoni@yahoo.com	2016	422-5402	2007
Laura McKenna	P.O. Box 273, Killington, VT 05751	sunup@vermontel.net	2018	422-2038	2015
Walter J. Findeisen, Jr.	265 Telefon Trail, Killington, VT 05751	findeisen@vermontel.net	2017	422-4458	2008
<u>PITTSFIELD</u>					
Kristin Sperber*	P.O. Box 539, Pittsfield, VT 05762	kristin.sperber@myfairpoint.net	2018	746-8487	2007
Ray Rice	P.O. Box 805, Killington, VT 05751	rayrice@gmail.com	2017	917-301-3483	2008
AJ Ruben	1575 Upper Michigan Road, Pittsfield, VT 05762	ajbecca@myfairpoint.net	2016	613-746-8613	2007
<u>POMFRET</u>					
Greg Greene*	405 Webster Hill Rd., Pomfret, VT 05053	ggreene@wcsu.net	2016	457-9053	2007
Jody Eaton	540 Log Cabin Drive, Woodstock VT 05091	jeaton@wcsu.net	2018	457-1747	2012
Bob Coates	1884 Stage Road, So. Pomfret VT 05067	bcoatesvt@hotmail.com	2017	457-9991	2005
<u>READING</u>					
Justin Sluka*	3967 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT 05153	justin.sluka@gmail.com	2018	484-8957	2008
John Philpin	P.O. Box 57, Reading, VT 05062	philpin@myfairpoint.net	2016	484-7235	2005
Shiri Macri	P.O. Box 250, Reading, VT 05062	rsmacri@comcast.net	2017	484-9930	2014
<u>WOODSTOCK</u>					
Paige Hiller*	19 Mountain Avenue, Woodstock, VT 05091	paige@paigehillerphotography.com	2017	457-9203	2008
Dave Steele	33 Maple Street, Woodstock, VT 05091	davidsteele.vt@gmail.com	2016	457-4403	2013
Jessica Stout	3420 Cox District Road, Woodstock, VT 05091	jessicahorak@hotmail.com	2018	457-1573	2014
<u>WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL REPS</u>					
Dwight Doton*	240 Schoolhouse Hill, Woodstock, VT 05091	dwigtdoton@aol.com	2018	457-3112	2003
Brian Bontrager	1134 Bridgewater Ctr. Rd, Bridgewater Cnr, VT 05035	brianbontrager76@gmail.com	2017	672-2132	2011
Alita Wilson	P.O. Box 231, Woodstock, VT 05091	alita.wilson@gmail.com	2016	457-9982	2012

*Indicates local Board Chair.

WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION: WORKING WITH OUR MEMBER DISTRICTS

The Windsor Central Supervisory Union #51 is administered by a Superintendent, a Director of Finance and Operations, and a Director of Instructional Support Services. Their work is supported by an Executive Assistant, a Director of Instructional Technology, a part-time Administrative Assistant, a Human Resources Coordinator, an Accountant and an Accounts Payable Specialist. All Special Education and Title I compensatory staff work under the direction of the Superintendent and the Director of Instructional Support Services.

Superintendent of Schools – The Superintendent of Schools is the Chief Executive Officer for all schools and all employees in the supervisory union. By law, the Superintendent is directly responsible to the boards and is legally responsible for the supervision of all school activities and personnel. She is also legally responsible to the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education and reports all financial transactions within the supervisory union to them. She must submit copies of all financial transactions to the Secretary of Education before August 15 of each year.

Curriculum Planning and Coordination – This legal requirement for centralized curriculum planning and coordination is accomplished through curriculum and staff development work under the supervision of the Superintendent. WCSU has teams of teachers and coaches who advise on curriculum and assessment needs including implementation of State and Common Core Standards. The Windsor Central Supervisory Union Board is legally responsible for the K-12 curriculum and its implementation for all schools and grade levels.

Special Education and Title I Compensatory Education – The supervisory union board is also responsible for receiving and disbursing all federal funds. These funds are earmarked for special education programs for students and compensatory programs for students who are not performing at standards in reading and math.

State and Federal Grants – State and federal grant monies are administered through the supervisory union.

Professional Development – The improvement of teacher and administrator performance, the provision of training to upgrade skills, the design and implementation of in-service and other staff development activities are coordinated, by law, by the supervisory union.

Business Operations – Each supervisory union must employ an individual to manage financial accounts in accordance with proper fiscal standards. All accounting operations for school districts are conducted by the supervisory union. In practice, the role of the school district treasurer varies for each town based on agreements amongst all parties. Windsor Central Supervisory Union must report annually to the state on the financial condition of the district. A treasury must be established, and both supervisory union and local town accounts must be audited annually by an outside public accounting firm. Some of the related financial services to member districts provided by the supervisory union are: centralized purchasing, building renovations and construction management, contract negotiations, transportation, heating contracts, grants management, and human resource management.

Important Related Services – The supervisory union office performs a variety of related services to member districts. These include but are not limited to the following:

1. District personnel management, including licensing and record keeping.
2. Selection and hiring of district staff.
3. Supervision and administration of five master agreements covering over 200 staff members.
4. Professional development.
5. Development of curriculum and local assessments.
6. District-wide student assessments, state assessments, and membership surveys.
7. Policy development and review.
8. Legislative communication on key issues facing the district.
9. Action planning.
10. Special Education and Title programs.
11. Early Essential Education (EEE) program (ages 0 – 5 years).
12. Speech and Language programs, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy.
13. Annual Act 51 reporting.
14. Public school approval compliance and monitoring.
15. Criminal records checks.
16. Administration of all contracts with outside firms.
17. Health insurance and benefits programs.
18. Transportation accounting.
19. Tuition students billing and accounting.
20. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) monitoring.
21. School business partnership programs.
22. Membership in Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA), Vermont Superintendent's Association (VSA), Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), Vermont School Business Officials (VSBO), Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).
23. Reporting a variety of required data to the United States Department of Education and the Vermont Agency of Education.

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Windsor Central Supervisory Union Staff for 2015-2016

Alice Thomason Worth	Superintendent of Schools
Sherry Sousa	Director of Instructional Support Services
Richard Seaman	Director of Finance and Human Resources
Raphael Adamek	Director of Instructional Technology
Linda Loprete	Human Resources Coordinator
Jane Kelly	Accountant
Julie Stevens	Accounts Payable Specialist
Rayna Bishop	Executive Assistant
Shelly Parker	Administrative Assistant
Catherine Malo	Early Essential Education Coordinator
Sue Hagerman	School Psychologist
Jean Bontrager	Early Essential Education Assistant
Lori E. Poludin	Speech & Language Pathologist
Sally Hayes	Speech & Language Assistant
Nancy Nicholas	Occupational Therapist
Nancy LaBella	Title I Reading Teacher
Elizabeth Walker	Title I Reading/EEE Teacher

For more information about any of these services, please contact the office of Alice T. Worth, Superintendent of Schools, by mail at Windsor Central Supervisory Union #51, 70 Amsden Way, Woodstock, VT 05091, by telephone at (802) 457-1213, or by email at aworth@wcsu.net.

WCSU Board Chair's Annual Report January 2016

Windsor Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) continues to pursue its mission to support our local schools and communities through a variety of centralized activities. By providing educational, financial, operational, and governance services, WCSU paves the way so that our schools can focus their attention on the education of our youth. We continue to be challenged by conditions such as declining enrollment, increased costs, and constraints that the Vermont Legislature has placed on school districts through cost containment strategies. For example, this year health insurance costs alone have risen 7.9%, and cost containment methods penalize districts whose costs rise above 2.5%.

Act 46 and Consolidation Strategies:

Even before the signing into law of Act 46 mandating consolidation of school governance, WCSU has been making efforts to consolidate some services that have historically been provided by the individual districts that make up the supervisory union. For example, we have established a unified transportation system, and we have consolidated special education staff and expenditures.

Starting this fiscal year, we have opened a new Joint District School to provide elementary school services to Pomfret and Bridgewater children. While closing schools is not a goal of WCSU, nor of Act 46, closing the Bridgewater Elementary School because of its low enrollment and the age of its building made sense to the community. Pomfret also felt the pinch from declining student enrollment and partnered with Bridgewater to solve both districts' problems.

Now a new Act 46 Study Committee, made up of board members from the individual school districts and interested citizens from affected communities, is looking at other ways to consolidate governance and services so as to reap educational and financial benefits. With the support of a small study grant from the Vermont Agency of Education the committee has begun working with a consultant to gather and analyze information and consider a number of possible actions. The voters in all WCSU communities are encouraged to become familiar with the issues and opportunities inherent in Act 46. The committee will report to our communities and any recommended actions will not be implemented without an informed consent from the electorate.

The Budget:

Last year a significant change to the WCSU budget occurred as a result of the state-mandated consolidation of special education teaching services in the Supervisory Union. This year additional special education costs have been consolidated in the Supervisory Union budget as a result of a state mandate. As a consequence taxpayers will notice a reduction in special education costs in their local budgets, offset by the resulting increase in the administrative charge to the local budgets based on the WCSU budget. This effort to centralize services is driven by legislative action intended to manage escalating costs.

The WCSU's FY17 expense budget of \$3,213,485 reflects a net increase of \$587,381 as compared to the budget for the current year (FY16). Of that net increase, the sum of \$537,600 is a result of bringing all special education costs, except those of support staff personnel, from all K-6 schools as well as the high school and middle school into the FY17 WCSU budget. The WCSU assessments charged back to the schools will reflect this. There have also been modest increases in staff salaries, some dictated by contractual teacher obligations, and a 7.9 % increase in health insurance costs. Teachers' salaries for next year are still under negotiation. In total, the budget increase, not accounting for the new transfer of special education costs, is only a 1.9% increase over last year.

Contract Negotiations:

Per state statute all schools which have a professional staff organized in a collective bargaining unit must work to merge their collective bargaining agreements in an effort to improve efficiencies across schools. Barnard Academy, Reading Elementary School, Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock Union Middle and High School, and Windsor Central Supervisory Union fall into this category and have been negotiating with their professional staff since October 2015 to create a new collective bargaining agreement for FY17.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Green
Chair of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union Board

Report of the Superintendent January 2016

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Staff and Taxpayers of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union:

Annually in January, I am pleased to have the opportunity to report to the communities of Windsor Central Supervisory Union on the educational activities that I think make WCSU a special place. I understand that for many in the community, WCSU is a little known entity. Some may think of it as a bureaucracy that has little direct interaction or influence with the local schools; others may lament that outside of their locally elected board members, they have little opportunity to influence the direction and spending of the supervisory union. However, in Vermont the supervisory union is expected to provide guidance, structure, and support to the local schools so that they can focus their attention on student learning by providing high quality, exciting learning opportunities for students. In my tenure as your superintendent, I have tried to ensure that our board, my staff, and I do just that.

From our office at 70 Amsden Way we provide direction, advice, and materials for curriculum, assessment, and program development. For example, last year we adopted a consolidated PreK - eight literacy curriculum that identifies the skills, knowledge, and dispositions students need to be college and career ready readers and writers. Teachers have ongoing professional development on site at the local schools provided by a skilled coach and embedded in their work day. We also employ a highly skilled mathematics coach and special education reading specialist who work in the schools directly with teachers. We are currently developing new science curriculum aligned with The Next Generation Science Standards under the guidance of an expert consultant as well as some of our own expert teachers. Our coaches are employed through federal grants and exemplify the power of consolidating resources to meet a common need across multiple schools in the service of improving learning opportunities and outcomes for students. WCSU also provides direction, service, and support in the areas of instructional technology, special education, finance, human resources, professional development, long range planning, and education related law and governance. Collaborative work within consolidated structures is intended to provide equity of learning opportunities across schools and efficiencies that can keep the taxpayers resources focused on learning.

Few would argue that the most important task of a community is to provide high quality education for its youth. In 2016 this means educating kids to be inquisitive, reflective, critical thinkers, problem solvers, analytic readers, competent and confident writers, technologically skilled, and civic minded. They need opportunities to meaningfully experience the arts, music, physical education, and learning in the areas of health and wellness, not only to become well rounded, independent, happy, healthy, and confident adults but to understand the limitless possibilities and to cultivate their own interests as they plan for their futures. As we move into a new calendar year, I would encourage every citizen to reflect on the increasing challenges we face as a community and nation, the myriad needs of our youth to face those challenges and ways in which members of the WCSU community can work together to maximize our ability to prepare our young people for the future. It is imperative that citizens become informed and involved in shaping the future of our local schools.

While some would argue that the Vermont Legislature's approach to address our shared responsibility to provide educational opportunities in a way that is sustainable as the population in the state ages and school enrollment declines is heavy handed or draconian, I believe it is critical that we proactively face this dilemma. On June 2, 2015, Governor Peter Shumlin signed into law Act 46 of 2015 which is intended to provide incentive and opportunity to increase our current efforts of collaboration. This landmark education legislation calls on school boards and administrators to lead changes in their

districts and supervisory unions that will result in greater opportunities for students, increased efficiency in delivering those, and models that are sustainable. The Act provides incentives for the creation of PreK-12 education districts designed to work collaboratively through shared governance and with shared resources. Act 46 should not be thought of as a one size fits all directive. Rather, it should be looked on as an opportunity to redesign the future of our schools.

WCSU is well positioned to become a Vermont “preferred PreK-12 School District” and at this time a Study Committee, approved by the Boards, is exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with this. Moving to a merged PreK-12 system does not necessarily mean consolidation or closure of schools and the incentives offered could actually make it possible for our small schools to thrive. Inherent in the Act and the challenge of implementation of it is for communities to rethink the delivery of education in a broader and more creative context. For example, in our smaller school communities, school buildings could become more flexible *community education centers* that may house Prek-2 classrooms, a community center for the arts, a local museum or historical society, classes for adult learners, after school programs or day care, etc. Older students could be consolidated in fewer buildings thus providing more opportunities to work, learn and play with peers. Creative use of a community resource could have broader appeal to community members and provide the sustainability needed to keep the education of young children in the community. Other models, such as creating magnet schools within the PreK-12 district or using one building for lower elementary grades and another for upper grades, are all possible. As we move ahead to address the requirements, opportunities, and challenges inherent in Act 46, we are confident that we can continue the thoughtful, pro-active conversations and hard decision making needed to “do the right thing” for our children and our communities. We need your help to do so and encourage attention and participation in this important work.

As always, I am indebted to the teachers and board members of WCSU for their ongoing commitment to our students, and to the WCSU staff for their diligent work and professionalism. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the communities of Windsor Central in a proactive and fiscally responsible way.

Respectfully,

Alice Thomason Worth
Superintendent/Director of Education

WCSU Instructional Support Services

January 2016

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, WCSU Special Educators have continued in their professional development regarding specialized instruction in reading and writing. Educators furthered their skills in Wilson Reading Instruction and are looking forward to a three day training with the Wilson team to ensure that all special educators are competent in delivering this system of instruction. Also, special education teachers are completing a review of the Landmark School's writing program called From Talking to Writing which will be used as the district's writing intervention program. These professional development activities parallel those of the regular educators to provide a comprehensive system of instruction and support. Special Educators also spent a full day developing their assessment skills in reviewing the new Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Achievement.

The special education team has also changed over the last year because of retirements and relocations of some of our team. Melanie McGoven, special educator, joined the middle school; Katie Rougeux, special educator, is teaching at Woodstock Elementary School; Sue Hagerman, school psychologist, is working with the entire district, and Nancy Nicholas, occupational therapist, will also work with students from all towns.

One of the goals for the last year was to provide after school programs for all of the elementary schools. Applications for child day care licenses were opened for all of the elementary schools, and an application was submitted and approved for the Summer SOAK program. This license allows after school programs to apply for subsidies for families in need and insures that programs are well structured for success. Currently afterschool programs are offered at Woodstock Elementary, Killington Elementary, Reading Elementary and Barnard Elementary. Costs for the program are covered by parents, grants and state subsidies.

The District Whole School Whole Child Team researched assessments that could be used to evaluate the health needs of WCSU students. They selected the Center for Disease Control's School Health Index (SHI). After reviewing the tool, the group voted to collect data from each school on School Health and Safety Policies and Environment. Topics in this module include school climate, wellness policies, harassment and bullying, physical environment, physical activities, food services and tobacco issues. The team is composed of individuals from each school. They will meet with members of their school community to complete the assessment and then reconvene in January. The group developed a timeline for the completion of the index, formation of recommendations, and presentation to the WCSU Board.

The WCSU Food Services Coordinator, Gretchen Czaja, conducted a district wide survey of parents, students and educators of the current building based food programs, and organized meetings for the Food Service personnel. The survey results demonstrated a strong interest in healthy food choices at school. Meetings with staff focused on the role of food service personnel, the results of the district survey, child nutrition best practices, professional development updates, media platforms for the Food Services program and goal setting. The group will meet four times during the school year. Ensuring that our food service program meets state and federal standards, as well as the nutritional needs of our students, provides true health opportunities at all levels to those we serve.

During Summer SOAK 2015, nineteen instructors provided thirty-two different offerings; including ballet instruction, rocket building, martial arts, women in engineering, Introduction to College Studies through CCV, and a Week in the Woods. The program received a grant of \$8,000 from Hypertherm, \$20,000 from the Byrne Foundation, \$10,000 from the Department of Children and Families Child Development Division Expansion Grant and \$1,500 from the Woodstock Endowment Grant. These grants helped to cover scholarship requests from families and program costs. Over 250 students participated in the program from within and outside of the district. Planning is in progress for Summer SOAK 2016.

In the fall, a workshop was offered to all teachers and staff on Developmental Trauma with Northeast Family Institute (NFI) at the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Park Forest Center. The event included teams identified by principals of educators, counselors and school nurses. The workshop addressed the impact that chronic trauma has on the developing child. The training was designed to help adults work more successfully with students with chronic trauma exposure; many of the concepts covered were useful in working with all youth.

Fritz Weiss has been working in all of the schools as a consulting teacher in the area of student behavior since the start of the school year. He has conducted observations and Functional Behavioral Assessments for the purpose of developing individual student plans and to provide recommendations to school teams on how they respond to student behavior. Principals and teachers have welcomed this new set of eyes on some challenging situations. Fritz will also be meeting with building administrators and special educators to improve skill sets in addressing student behaviors.

The state has put together a panel of superintendents, Consolidated Federal Grant team leaders, Title I teachers, parents and school board members to review the state policies and procedures for implementation of the CFG grant. Nancy LaBella, Title 1 teacher for more than 20 years in our district, and Sherry Sousa were asked to participate on this committee. As the parent and daughter of Hard of Hearing individuals, I was also asked to serve on the Vermont Deaf and Hard of Hearing State Advisory Council. This advisory group will be recommending policy and service revisions at the state level.

Instructional Support Services at WCSU has taken on a very broad definition to include the physical, mental and emotional health of all our students. I am very proud of how we have diversified the opportunities that we can provide our community and how we have varied our use of existing resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sousa
Director of Instructional Support Services

Percentage of Students Identified for Special Education Services

As of December 1, 2015

Town District	Elementary	High/Middle School	Total (Elem. & HS/MS)	Special Education Students	Percentage
Barnard	71	43	114	13	11.4
Bridgewater	25	45	70	16	22.9
Killington	54	38	92	14	15.2
Pomfret	50	60	110	12	10.9
Reading	52	33	85	14	16.5
Woodstock	161	177	338	44	13.0
Other (Tuition/School Choice)	54	111	165	28	17.0
WCSU Totals	467	507	974	141	14.5

Note: Special Education numbers include all students who are receiving services on an IEP. These numbers include Essential Early Education (EEE) and school-aged students placed outside of the district as well as tuition and school choice students.

Windsor Central Supervisory Union #51 Annual Special Education Comparisons

Identified Special Education Students (by percentage) as of December 1, 2015

Town District	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Barnard	12.7	9.0	5.3	6.9	7.8	5.6	7.4	9.6	11.3	13.2	11.4
Bridgewater	11.6	15.2	19.7	20.0	21.8	23.8	20.8	24.7	24.5	22.1	22.9
Killington	14.7	14.8	11.7	16.8	14.3	13.9	12.0	16.1	17.2	15.4	15.2
Pomfret	16.8	8.3	6.3	11.0	6.6	8.8	8.1	8.3	15.7	9.6	10.9
Reading	16.5	19.6	17.8	21.6	24.7	19.7	25.0	18.7	7.2	18.9	16.5
Woodstock	14.7	16.0	15.8	18.1	14.8	14.7	13.2	15.1	15.0	12.7	13.0
Other (Tuition/School Choice)											17.0
WCSU Totals	14.6	14.3	13.5	16.1	14.4	14.0	13.3	14.9	14.9	14.2	14.5

Note: Prior to 2015-16, data for Tuition and School Choice students had not been included.

Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Enrollment Report Opening Day August 26, 2015

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TUITION
Barnard	15	10	11	9	9	5	8	8	75	3
Prosper Valley- Bridgewater	0	2	3	4	2	7	5	7	30	3
Prosper Valley- Pomfret	0	5	6	9	8	8	6	8	50	1
Reading	12	9	5	9	7	3	4	4	53	3
Killington	0	14	13	12	9	13	11	18	90	37
Woodstock	0	19	17	21	23	34	20	34	168	10
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	27	59	55	64	58	70	54	79	466	57

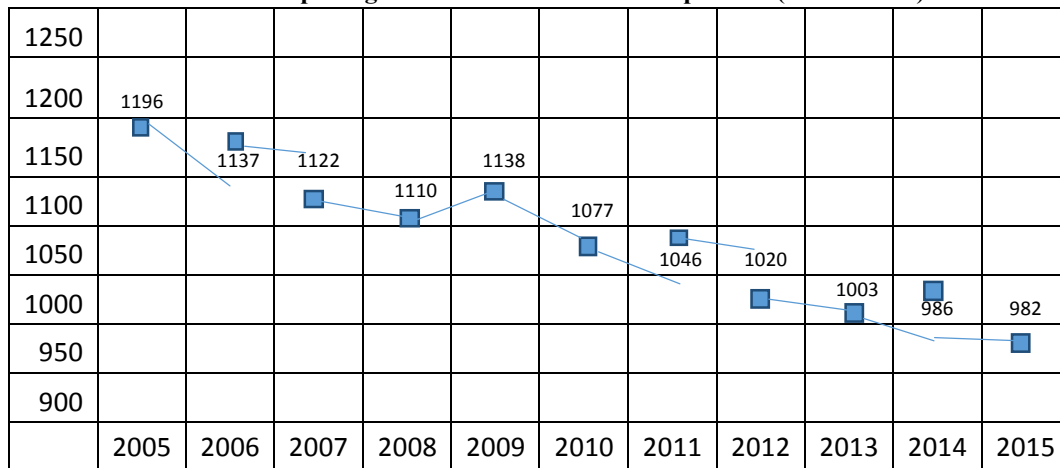
DISTRICT STUDENTS AT WUHSMS:

TOWN	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Secondary	Total K-12
Barnard	11	5	7	7	9	9	48	120
Bridgewater	7	3	9	5	12	9	45	72
Killington	5	8	8	4	11	8	44	97
Pomfret	12	8	8	9	11	12	60	109
Reading	7	7	2	5	7	6	34	84
Woodstock	32	24	27	33	24	33	173	331
	74	55	61	63	74	77	404	813

	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	TUITION
Woodstock Union Middle School	87	73					160	31
Woodstock Union High School			75	83	95	98	351	76
SUBTOTAL SECONDARY	87	73	75	0	95	98	511	107
School Choice			0	1	1	3	5	
Foreign Exchange			0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL SECONDARY	87	73	75	84	96	101	516	
	MS	160			HS	356		

WCSU DISTRICT TOTAL:						982			Tuition Total	164
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WCSU Opening Enrollment: 10-Year Comparison (Pre-K to 12)



= Student Count

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Revenue Report and Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
Food Service				
Annual Lunch Match	4,000	2,820	4,000	4,000
Annual Breakfast Match	600	-	600	600
Add'l Brkfst Reimb	1,200		1,200	3,000
Child Nutrition Summer Food Service Prog	-		-	
Federal School Lunch	100,000	95,412	100,000	100,000
Federal Special Milk	3,900	3,399	3,900	3,900
Federal School Brkfst/Start Up	23,000	26,223	23,500	23,500
Total Food Service	132,700	127,853	133,200	135,000
Regular Program				
Prior Yr Surplus Applied	-	61,322	-	-
Medicaid Transfer Reg P-K	10,984		10,985	
Medicaid Transfer - Reg Ed OT	8,228		-	
II-A Transfer - Teacher Leader	-		-	
Technology Integration Specialist Assess	95,320	33,998	102,975	106,730
Total Regular Income	114,532	95,320	113,960	106,730
Superintendent and Business Officer				
Prior Yr Surplus Applied	29,982	96,770	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	668	-	
Interest Income	-	69	-	
Bank Check Cashing Errors	-		-	
Administration Assessment	748,168	668,353	770,980	787,400
Total Superintendent and Business Officer	778,150	765,860	770,980	787,400
Total Regular Program	892,682	861,180	884,940	894,130
Special Services				
EEE				
EEE Assessments	66,196	66,198	-	
IDEIA-B Pre-School Grant Interfund Trans	7,875		9,943	
Total EEE	74,071	66,198	9,943	-
OT Services				
IDEIA-B Interfund Transfer - OT	53,745		53,745	
Occupational Therapist Assessments	30,150	30,150	-	
Total OT Services	83,895	30,150	53,745	-
Psychological Therapy				
Psychologist Assessments	69,370	69,370	-	
Physical Therapy				
IDEA-B Transfer Physical Therapist	28,860		4,970	
Physical Therapist Assessments	28,820	28,818	-	
Total Physical Therapy	57,680	28,818	4,970	-
Director of Special Services and Teachers				
IDEIA-B Interfund Transfer - Sp Ed Dir.	59,520		59,520	

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
Special Ed Services to Other VT LEA's	-	-	147,203	-
Special Ed Assessments	110,121	110,124	1,321,083	1,646,755
SLP Assessments	210,608	210,349	-	
Medicaid Interfund Transfer	11,500		11,500	
SpEd Coordinator Assessments	-		-	
SpEd Other Exp Assessment K-6		-		113,615
SpEd Other Exp Assessment 7-12		-		423,985
Total Dir. Special Ed Services and Teachers	391,749	320,473	1,539,306	2,184,355
Total Special Services	676,765	515,009	1,607,964	2,184,355
GRAND TOTAL	1,702,147	1,504,042	2,626,104	3,213,485

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Expenditure Report and Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
Regular Instruction				
Pre-School				
Salary	9,224	-	-	-
FICA	706	-	-	-
Worker's Comp	54	54	-	-
Travel	1,000	-	-	-
Total Pre-School	10,984	54	-	-
Occupational Therapy - Regular Education				
Salary - Reg Ed	5,806		-	-
Health Insurance - Reg Ed	1,496		-	-
FICA - Reg Ed	444		-	-
Life Insurance - Reg Ed	2		-	-
Municipal Retirement - Reg Ed	312		-	-
Workers' Comp - Reg Ed	34	34	-	-
Dental Insurance - Reg Ed	47		-	-
Total Occupational Therapy - Regular Education	8,141	34	-	-
District Wide- Professional Development	5,000	6,129	5,000	7,000
District Wide Prof Dev - Supplies	1,000	1,616	1,500	1,500
Total Instructional Staff Training	6,000	7,745	6,500	8,500
Technology				
IT Specialist Salary	66,877	66,000	67,650	69,341
Health Insurance	15,745	19,347	22,056	23,799
FICA	5,116	4,931	5,175	5,305
Life Insurance	23	2	23	23
Municipal Retirement	3,595	3,547	3,636	3,727
Workers' Comp Ins	395	698	400	410
Dental Insurance	469	418	437	525
Professional Development	500	175	500	500
Technical Services	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	500	-	500	500
Postage & Cellular exp	-	-	-	-
Travel Reimbursement	1,500	724	2,000	2,000
Supplies	600	512	600	600
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Total Technology	95,320	96,354	102,977	106,730
Board of Education				
Advertising & Recruitment	4,000	3,069	4,000	4,000
Travel & Conference Exp	-	43	-	-
Expenses	1,500	71	1,500	1,500
Dues and Fees	1,000	205	1,000	500
HRA Admin Fees	-	-	-	-
Total Board of Education	6,500	3,388	6,500	6,000
Board Secretary				
Stipend/Recorder	500		500	500
Board Clerk FICA	40		38	38
Total Board Secretary	540	-	538	538
Board Treasurer				
Treasurer's Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
FICA	153	153	153	153
Total Board Treasurer	2,153	2,153	2,153	2,153
Legal Fees				
Board Of Education Legal Fees	2,000	7,842	5,000	8,000
Audit Services				
Audit	39,000	35,600	39,000	42,000
Executive Administrative Services				
Technology Consulting	7,000	4,298	7,000	7,000
Other Professional Services	10,500	-	-	-
Equipment Repair & Service	14,000	13,725	14,000	14,000
Copier Expense	3,300	3,458	3,500	3,500
Telephone Expense	2,400	1,455	2,450	2,450
Postage	5,500	6,056	5,500	5,500
Internet Service Fees	1,500	2,501	1,500	1,500
Staff Travel	-	23	-	-
Subscriptions & Prof. Literature	700	221	700	400
Equipment Purchase	8,000	8,373	8,000	8,000
Dues and Fees	5,000	59	5,000	3,000
Total Executive Administrative Services	57,900	40,168	47,650	45,350
Office of the Superintendent				
Superintendent's Salary	113,878	113,878	117,294	120,226
Admin Asst. Salary	52,822	48,908	49,613	50,848
Substitute Personnel	1,000	678	1,000	1,000
Health Insurance	18,621	2,635	11,780	12,706
FICA	12,829	12,326	12,845	13,164
Staff Life Insurance	23	23	23	23
Municipal Retirement	2,839	2,629	2,667	2,787
Workers' Comp. Ins.	990	924	992	1,016
Conf. Local/State/Nat'l	3,000	2,732	3,000	3,000
Staff Dental Insurance	469	244	437	594
Supt. Benefit Package	28,685	28,685	28,685	28,685
Travel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Office Supplies	5,500	4,849	5,500	5,500
Dues & Fees	3,500	5,281	3,500	3,500
Total Office of the Superintendent	247,156	226,791	240,336	246,049
Finance and Human Resources				
Dir of Finance Salary	94,300	95,553	97,850	100,296
Payroll/Human Resources Coord. Salary	50,000	50,752	52,021	53,322
Accounting Salaries	93,173	93,994	96,344	98,753
Business Office - Sub/Temp Salary	11,450	115	14,000	14,000
Health Insurance	49,966	59,655	66,592	71,852
Social Security	19,043	17,934	19,906	20,377
Group Life	69	68	68	69
Municipal Retirement	12,845	12,916	13,987	14,317
Workmens Compensation	1,470	1,377	1,537	1,573
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-
Course Reimbursement	800	1,420	800	800
Dental Insurance	1,408	2,349	1,748	2,101
Bus Mgr Benefit Acct	28,685	7,401	-	-
Staff Training	1,500	1,763	1,500	1,500

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
ASBO/VSBO Conference	2,500	-	2,500	1,500
Contracted Services		575		-
Software		630		-
Manager-Travel/Conference	2,000	1,197	2,000	1,500
Supplies & Materials	6,000	5,259	6,000	5,700
Equipment	2,500	7,965	2,500	2,500
Dues & Fees	1,000	125	1,000	500
Bank Fees	-	36	-	-
Total Director of Finance and HR	378,709	361,083	380,353	390,660
Operation of Building				
Custodial Salary	-	-	-	-
Custodial FICA	-	-	-	-
Utilities-Water	350	247	350	350
Custodial Service	5,000	4,080	5,000	5,000
Fire Alarm	900	1,008	900	900
Building Mainten	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Rent Expense	10,292	10,292	12,000	12,000
Property & Liability Insurance	1,900	1,530	1,900	2,000
Supplies	3,000	2,801	3,000	3,000
Electricity	5,200	4,573	5,200	5,400
Heat Expense	5,600	2,113	5,600	3,500
Total Operation of Building	35,242	26,644	36,950	35,150
Municipal Sewer System				
Utilities-Sewer	450	372	500	500
Fund Transfers				
Building Maintenance Fund	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Food Service Subgrants	132,700	127,018	135,000	135,000
Total Regular Programs	1,025,295	935,245	1,005,957	1,029,130
Special Services				
EEE Services				
Salary	46,114	39,440	38,757	49,017
Health Insurance	16,209	13,933	16,939	18,087
FICA	3,528	2,695	4,314	3,750
Life Insurance	23	20	23	23
Workers Comp	272	214	333	233
Course Reimbursement	2,000	1,119	2,000	-
Conferences	500	160	500	-
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	336
Copier Expense	225	-	100	100
Advertising	100	58	100	100
Tuition	-	(50)	-	-
Travel	3,000	1,608	2,000	2,000
Travel-EEE Aide	500	1,861	1,500	2,000
Supplies	250	138	250	250
Materials	500	215	500	250
Testing	250	61	250	100
Literature/Periodical	100	30	100	100
Equipment	400	303	400	400

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
Dues And Fees	100	-	100	100
Total EEE	74,071	61,804	68,166	76,846
Occupational Therapy Services				
ProgramTherapist Salary	52,252	1,960	-	52,296
Health Insurance	13,462	-	-	6,864
FICA	3,997	150	-	4,001
Life Insurance	21	-	-	-
Municipal Retirement	2,809	-	-	2,092
Workers Compensation	309	242	-	248
Course Reimbursement	3,410	-	2,000	-
Conferences/Professional Development	500	265	500	-
Dental Insurance	422	-	-	420
Contracted Services	-	-	68,796	-
Copying	225	-	225	200
Therapist Mileage	3,500	1,494	2,500	2,500
Supplies	400	332	350	350
Materials	800	1,131	500	500
Literature/Periodicals	100	-	100	100
Testing Materials	400	-	200	200
Equipment	900	711	900	900
Dues/Fees	475	199	250	250
Total Occupational Therapy Services	83,982	6,484	76,321	70,921
Psychological Testing Services				
Salary	48,502	48,752	49,971	74,616
Health Insurance	7,690	7,689	8,036	8,580
FICA	3,710	3,630	3,823	5,708
Life Insurance	23	23	23	23
Workers' Comp	286	225	295	355
Course Reimb.	3,410	-	2,000	-
Conference	500	350	750	-
Dental Insurance	469	418	402	525
Travel	2,000	1,980	2,000	2,000
Testing Materials	2,500	2,405	1,000	1,000
Literature	100	-	100	100
Dues & Fees	180	-	180	180
Total Psychological Testing Services	69,370	65,472	68,580	93,087
Speech/Language Pathologists				
Psychologist(s) - Salary	115,502	115,686	105,263	107,347
Assistant Salary	33,806	33,805	34,650	37,751
Group Health Ins	34,771	34,770	36,336	41,038
FICA	11,422	11,031	10,703	11,100
Life Insurance	69	68	68	69
Municipal Retirement	1,817	1,817	1,862	1,510
Workers Comp	882	536	745	689
Course Reimbursement	1,500	-	4,000	-
Conference	1,400	505	1,400	-
Dental Insurance	1,314	1,171	1,124	1,278
Equipment Repairs	150	-	150	150
Copier Expense	-	-	-	-
Travel	4,800	3,839	4,900	4,900
Materials	600	401	600	600
Supplies	300	159	300	300

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
Literature/Periodicals	200	167	200	100
Testing	1,225	838	1,000	1,000
Equipment	200	133	200	200
Dues And Fees	650	570	650	650
Total Speech/Language Pathologists	210,608	205,497	204,151	208,682
Physical Therapist Services				
Contracted Services	57,680	4,521	27,501	28,000
Travel	-	-	1,500	-
Total Physical Therapist Services	57,680	4,521	29,001	28,000
Director of Instructional Support Svcs				
Director Salary	92,250	46,125	95,018	97,393
Admin Asst Salary	20,465	16,317	22,932	23,505
Asst Director Salary	7,375	-	-	-
Health Ins	31,040	8,199	35,327	39,262
FICA	9,187	4,442	8,988	9,249
Life Insurance	46	-	46	46
Municipal Retirement	1,100	877	846	846
Workers Comp	709	557	667	574
Director - Conference	3,000	1,750	3,000	10,000
Admin Conference	-	1,705	250	4,000
Dental Insurance	469	-	402	525
Benefit Account	-	14,293	-	-
Staff Training	1,000	581	1,250	1,000
Technical Training	200	-	200	200
Repair & Service to Equip	200	-	200	200
Copier Expense	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Postage	500	168	1,000	1,000
Advertising	1,000	3,064	1,000	2,000
Director - Travel	3,200	2,885	2,500	3,000
Secretary -Travel	100	-	100	100
Transportation	-	28	-	-
Office Supplies & Materials	1,500	1,445	1,500	1,500
Computer Supplies	1,300	1,671	1,300	1,300
Literature & Periodicals	500	89	250	100
Dues & Fees	1,000	855	1,000	1,000
Total Director of Instructional Support Svcs	178,641	105,050	180,276	199,300
Special Education Teachers				
Teacher Salaries	-	-	727,239	706,771
Paraeducator	-	24,663	-	-
Health Insurance	-	4,268	199,337	197,514
FICA	-	1,688	55,634	54,068
Life Insurance	-	-	104	288
Workers Comp	-	-	3,994	3,358
Dental Insurance	-	118	4,344	4,920
Total Special Education Teachers	-	30,738	990,652	966,919
Special Education Other Expenses from Districts				
Special Ed - ESY Salaries K-6	-	-	-	5,400
Purchase Services K-6	-	-	-	2,500
Consulting K-6	-	-	-	6,350

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union
Expenditure Report and Budget
2016-2017 Budget Year**

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
ESY Expenses K-6	-	-	-	1,500
Out of Sch Placement K-6	-	-	-	55,500
General Supplies K-6	-	-	-	3,500
Educational Materials K-6	-	-	-	1,000
Photocopying K-6	-	-	-	2,500
Equipment K-6	-	-	-	2,000
Prof Dues&Fees K-6	-	-	-	115
Evaluations K-6	-	-	-	8,000
Psych Counseling K-6	-	-	-	19,000
Transportation K-6	-	-	-	4,500
ESY Transportation K-6	-	-	-	1,750
ESY Salaries 7-12	-	-	-	5,800
Sub Salaries 7-12	-	-	-	10,000
Tutor Salaries 7-12	-	-	-	9,000
Purchase Service 7-12	-	-	-	1,500
Conferences 7-12	-	-	-	2,325
Consulting 7-12	-	-	-	9,500
ESY Expenses 7-12	-	-	-	5,585
Equip Maint 7-12	-	-	-	500
Sch to work Ins 7-12	-	-	-	1,000
ESY Out of Sch Plmnts 7-12	-	-	-	10,000
Out of Sch Placements 7-12	-	-	-	170,500
General Supplies 7-12	-	-	-	4,500
Educational Materials 7-12	-	-	-	2,000
Periodicals 7-12	-	-	-	200
Computer Software 7-12	-	-	-	750
Photocopying 7-12	-	-	-	1,650
Equipment 7-12	-	-	-	2,145
Prof Dues&Fees 7-12	-	-	-	130
Office Supplies - 7-12	-	-	-	815
Evaluations 7-12	-	-	-	9,000
Psych Counseling 7-12	-	-	-	80,225
Transportation 7-12	-	-	-	91,860
ESY Transportation 7-12	-	-	-	5,000
Total Special Education Other Expenses from Districts	-	-	-	537,600
Legal Fees	2,500	7,619	3,000	3,000
Total Special Education	676,852	487,184	1,620,147	2,184,355
GRAND TOTAL	1,702,147	1,422,430	2,626,104	3,213,485

WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION



Barnard • Killington • Prosper Valley • Reading • Woodstock • Woodstock Union Middle/High

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS CONCERNING EDUCATION RECORDS

Date: August 10, 2015

To: All parents of students, and eligible students*, currently attending schools in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union and its member districts (including Barnard Academy, Killington Elementary School, Reading Elementary School, The Prosper Valley School, Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock Union Middle and High School #4):

1. As the parent of a student enrolled in a school in a member district of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, or as an eligible student, you have the following rights with respect to your child's (or, if an eligible student, your own) education records:
 - a. To inspect and review the student's education records;
 - b. To seek amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights;
 - c. To provide consent prior to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the law allows disclosure without your consent;
 - d. To file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of law with respect to your rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). A complaint may be made in writing to the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 4512 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-4605.
2. The procedure for exercising your right to inspect and review education records is as follows: schedule an appointment through the school principal to review records with an authorized member of the school staff.
3. The procedure for seeking amendment of education records is as follows: submit a written request to the school principal identifying the part of the record you would like changed and specify why you believe it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
4. The supervisory union and its member districts have a policy of disclosing educational records to school officials with a legitimate educational interest without prior consent. A "school official with a legitimate educational interest" means any teacher, administrator, other professional or service provider employed by or contracted with the district to provide educationally-related services (including, but not limited to, consultants, attorneys, auditors, insurers, evaluators, support staff, substitutes, assigned student teachers, interns, volunteers, teacher's aides), or school board members who need information relating to a particular student in order to carry out his/her official duties for the district. Where an issue is raised, the principal (or superintendent) shall decide whether an individual has a legitimate educational interest in the information or record.
5. The supervisory union and its member districts forward education records to other agencies or institutions that have requested records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

This Annual Notification of Rights is only a summary of rights. Your rights to inspect and review education records, and the school district's duty to have your written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information, are subject to limitations. Further details are contained in the school district's detailed student record policy and procedures, and in state and federal law.

***You are an eligible student if you are at least 18 years of age or are attending an institution of post-secondary education.**

WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION



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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND RIGHT OF REFUSAL

DATE: August 10, 2015

TO: All parents of students, and eligible students*, currently attending schools in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union (including Barnard Academy, Killington Elementary School, Reading Elementary School, The Prosper Valley School, Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock Union Middle and Union High School #4).

Schools in Windsor Central Supervisory Union may disclose designated directory information on students and eligible students without the prior consent of the parent of eligible students, and without any record of such disclosure. The following types of personally identifiable information have been designated directory information:

- Student's name, address, date of birth, dates of enrollment;
- Parent or legal custodian's name and address;
- Student's grade level classification;
- Student's participation in recognized school activities and sports;
- Weight and height of member of athletic teams;
- Student's diplomas, certificates, awards and honors received.

Disclosure may include such personally identifiable information contained or reflected in photographs.

If you are an eligible student and are currently attending any of the above-named schools, or if you are the parent of a student currently attending school in any of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union school districts, you have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of these types of information as directory information concerning your child or (if you are an eligible student) yourself, by providing written notice of your refusal, listing the type(s) of information which you refuse to have so designated, to the principal of the school your child attends (or the school you attend, if you are an eligible student), on or before September 14, 2015.

*You are an eligible student if you are at least 18 years of age or are attending an institution of post-secondary education.

TREASURER'S DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REGISTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

<u>2010 Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,719.51</u>
<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>\$ 8,864.98</u>
<u>2012 Total</u>	<u>\$ 55,799.32</u>
<u>2013 Total</u>	<u>\$ 110,482.64</u>
<u>2014 Total</u>	<u>\$ 167,023.83</u>
<u>Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes</u>	<u>\$ 346,890.28</u>

TREASURER'S DELINQUENT SEWER TAX REGISTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

<u>2012S Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,110.56</u>
<u>2013S Total</u>	<u>\$ 8,168.84</u>
<u>2014S Total</u>	<u>\$ 16,588.99</u>
<u>Grand Total of Delinquent Sewer Taxes</u>	<u>\$ 25,868.39</u>

TREASURER'S DELINQUENT SEWER TAX REGISTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

2012S

Fraser, Richard

Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.

2012S TOTAL

\$ 1,110.56

2013S

Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.

Donnelly, Deirdre

Drebber, Steven & Beth

Fraser, Richard

Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.

Lawlor, Brian J. & Lisa

McLoughlin, James E. & Donna L.

Ploss, Richard & Patricia

Wasp Snack Bar

2013S TOTAL

\$ 8,168.84

2014S

Anderson, Mark & Wendy

Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.

Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.

Brown, Sabrina

Brown, Sabrina

Buckley, Paula

Colman, Robert D.

Donnelly, Deirdre

Drebber, Steven & Beth

Fraser, Richard

Gordon, Laura

Gordon, Laura

Guerin, Jody

Haldey, Gergory & Stowell, Nora

Henderson, Gareth & Christine O.

Hirschbul, Michael & Tonia

Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.

Lawlor, Brian J. & Lisa

McLoughlin, James E. & Donna L.

Murgatroyd, Janet K.

Ploss, Richard & Patricia	
Shindler, Owen & Maria	
Tsouknakis, Nicholas & Alexander	
Wasp Snack Bar	
2014S TOTAL	\$ 16,588.99
 Grand Total Delinquent Sewer Taxes	 \$ 25,868.39

TREASURER'S DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REGISTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

2010

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou
Holmes, Gordon H.

2010 TOTAL \$ 4,719.51

2011

Holmes, Gordon H.

2011 TOTAL \$ 8,864.98

2012

Adams, Jeffrey D.
Birmingham, John M.
Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.
Davidson, Murray
Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.
McLoughlin, James E. & Donna L.
Prosch, Gerald & Iris Estate
Stanglin LLC
Tsouknakis, Nicholas & Alexander

2012 TOTAL \$ 55,799.32

2013

Adams, Jeffrey D.
Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.
Conner, David S.
Davidson, Murray
Hoover, Gordon
Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.
McLoughlin, James E. & Donna L.
Prosch, Gerald & Iris Estate
Reed, Scott
Schulz Properties
Stanglin LLC
Stott Dianne
Tsouknakis, Nicholas & Alexander

2013 TOTAL \$ 110,482.64

2014

Adams, Jeffrey D.
Birmingham, John M.
Bohannon, Lynn K.
Brooks, Victoria L. & Courtney B.
Conner, David S.
Davidson, Murray
Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou
Holmes, Glen Estate
Hoover, Gordon
Hughes, Judith
Krauss, Kenneth & Patricia
Lancelot LLC
Lavin, Edward M. & Marjatta T.
Lawrence, Macy W. & Bohannon, Lynn
Lindauer, Kenneth E.
McLoughlin, James E. & Donna L.
Moore, Gary & Angela
Panoushek, Stephen
Ploss, Richard & Patricia
Prosch, Gerald & Iris Estate
Reed, Scott
Sprague, Larry A. & Wheeler, Angela M.
Stanglin LLC
Stott, Dianne
Tsouknakis, Nicholas & Alexander
Wade, Gary & Allison
Watson, Brendon S.
West, Paul & Barbara
Wright, Charles

2014 TOTAL **\$ 167,023.83**

Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes **\$ 346,890.28**

SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand List:

General Property:

Real Estate	8,562,906
Personal Property.....	10,058
Total Grand List.....	8,572,964

Taxes Billed:

Educational:

Non-Residential Education (5,331,287 x 1.5305).....	8,159,535
Homestead Educational (3,238,723 x 1.6549).....	5,359,763
Personal Property Educational (10,058 x 1.5305).....	15,394

Municipal:

Real Estate Town (8,572,964 x 0.3576).....	3,065,692
Real Estate Village (2,711,344 x 0.2326).....	630,659
County Tax (8,572,964 x 0.0091)	78,014
Town Police District (5,861,621 x 0.0482).....	282,520

Other:

VT State Forest & Parks - 1% of Value.....	4,017
Total Taxes Billed.....	17,595,594

Taxes Accounted For as Follows:

Collections:

General Property

Total Collections.....	16,904,156
Delinquent Taxes to Collector.....	691,438
Total Taxes Accounted For.....	17,595,594

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