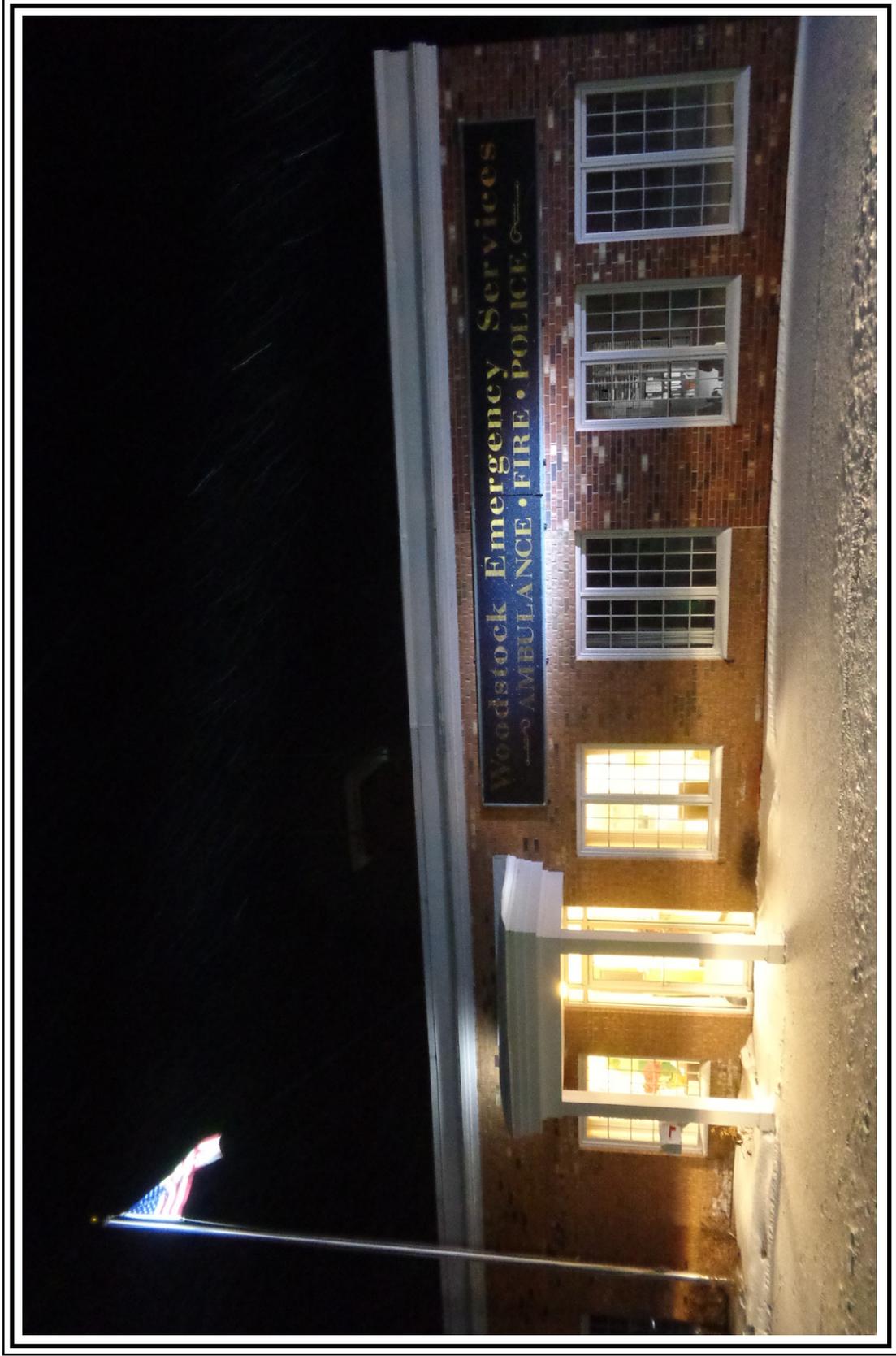


# TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

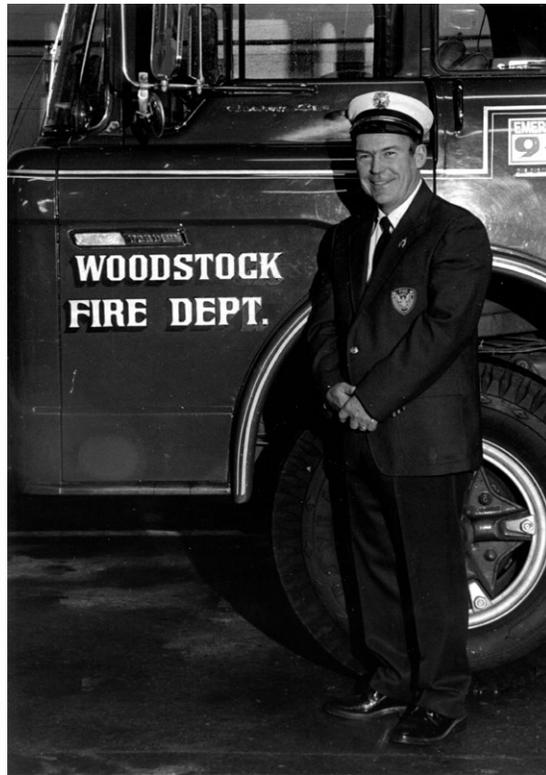
## ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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## DEDICATION



The Select Board hereby dedicates this year's annual report to Fire Chief L.D. Sutherland, Jr., who is retiring after 45 years as a member of the Woodstock Fire Department, 25 of those years as Fire Chief. Born in Pomfret, Chief Sutherland, whom we know as "Butch" has been a lifelong resident of the area. As Fire Chief, Butch has given his time and expertise to modernize fire trucks and equipment as well as provide firefighters with the necessary training as soon as possible after it becomes available. He has developed a well-trained and well-equipped rescue team that responds to motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies that do not involve actual fire.

The Woodstock Fire Station has been renovated over the years to accommodate all emergency services of the Town, including ambulance, dispatch, village police and the fire department, while providing safe and dry space for fire trucks, and ambulances.

Several years ago Chief Sutherland initiated converting the former West Woodstock Schoolhouse to Station 2, which brought faster response for emergency calls in the westerly area of town. In recent years a united working relationship was achieved with the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association bringing full cooperation between the two departments for joint response and equipment needs.

The E-911 locatable address project has been no easy task and Chief Sutherland's determination to make every location easy to find in an emergency continues as new buildings and land development takes place, and he will continue to be our E-911 coordinator in the future.

Butch's dedication to the Woodstock Fire Department was always well supported by his encouraging wife, Marilyn, and his children Mitch and Michelle.

Butch will retire from the Woodstock Fire Department on December 31, 2015 taking with him the good wishes and deep appreciation of the Select Board and all Municipal Officials of the Town and Village.



# WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

## Town Report

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 through JUNE 30, 2014

Chartered: July 10, 1761 Area: 27,776 acres  
2013 Grand List: 8,555,043 2010 Census: 3,048

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Town Highway	0.1217
Town General	0.1910
Special Articles	0.0368
Voted Exempt Education Taxes	0.0143
County Tax	0.0032
Homestead Education Tax	1.6406
Non Residential Education Tax	1.5053
Police Assessment (Non-village property)	.0487

**Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting  
on February 28, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at  
Woodstock Town Hall**

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## **Town of Woodstock Meeting Schedule**

### **Select Board**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Town Hall.

### **Planning Commission**

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

### **Design Review Board (South Woodstock)**

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

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 extn. 1080 to confirm dates and times of any of these school board meetings.)

### **Library Board of Trustees**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

### **Village Board of Trustees**

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

### **Village Design Review Board**

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

### **Conservation Commission**

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.townofwoodstock.org)

# TOWN OFFICIALS

## Elected Officials

### SELECT BOARD

	YEAR
Preston Bristow	2017
John D. Doten, Jr.	2016
Bruce Gould	2016
Bob Holt	2015
Grettie Howe, Chair	2015

### TOWN CLERK

Jerome R. Morgan	2015
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### TREASURER

Ann Marie Boyd	2015
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### MODERATOR

Matthew Maxham	2015
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### LISTERS

F. Charles Degener	2015
Paul Wildasin	2017
Carol Wood	2016

### AUDITORS

Tom Debevoise (appointed)	2015
Gray Perkins	2015
Marian Koetsier (appointed)	2015

### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Mary Cameron	2016
Joseph A. Boyd	2017
Laurence Roberts	2015

### FIRST CONSTABLE

Penelope Davis	2015
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### SECOND CONSTABLE

Kelly Linton	2015
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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	2015
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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Gregory Camp	2015
Fred Barr	2016
Bruce Gould	2017

### WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Steele	2016
Paige Hiller	2017
Jessica Stout	2015

#### WUHS DIRECTORS

Victoria Jas	2017
Alita Wilson	2016
1 vacancy	

## TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Philip B. Swanson

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Michael E. Brands, AICP

### FIRE CHIEF

L. D. Sutherland, Jr.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dwight Camp 2015

### FIRE WARDEN

L.D. Sutherland, Jr. 2015

### TREE WARDEN

Don Wheeler 2015

### HEALTH OFFICER

Lanie Edson 2015

### INSPECTOR OF LUMBER

Fred Barr 2015

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Gail Devine, Rec Director

### DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Philip B. Swanson 2015

### TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Philip B. Swanson 2015

### TRUANT OFFICER

### POUND KEEPER

Kelly Linton 2014

### FENCE VIEWERS

Fred Barr 2014

Albert Conklin (deceased)

Richard Roy 2014

### TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Don Bourdon

### GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Philip Swanson

### CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Roy Bates 2015

Tom Debevoise 2015

W. Dean Merrill 2015

Matthew Maxham 2015

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Don Bourdon 2016

Fred Hunt 2017

Laurance Lombard 2015

Ingrid Moulton Nichols 2016

Charlie Wilson 2017

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Al Alessi 2015

Lea Kachadorian 2016

Cyndy Kozara 2015

Lynn Peterson 2016

Byron Quinn, Chair 2018

Alan Willard 2016

1 vacancy

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Susan Boston 2016

Keri Cole 2017

Paul Highberg 2018

Sally Miller (Chair) 2015

Nick Scheu 2015

Sam Segal 2017

Marilyn Spaulding (Vice Chair) 2018

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD(So. Woodstock)

Charles Humpstone 2016

Lyman Shove 2017

Glenn Soule 2015

### BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION

Alison Clarkson

Christopher Lloyd

Donald R. Wheeler

### RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Beth DeFalco, Secretary

Dave Doubleday

Tom Emery

Jim Giller

Eric Goldberg, Treasurer

Kent McFarland, Vice Chair

Emma Schmell, Chair

Preston Bristow, Select Board Rep.

## Report of the Select Board

Once again it is my privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Woodstock this past year as the Chair Person on the Select Board.

All of our Tropical Storm Irene projects have been completed and we have received all of our FEMA reimbursements. We anticipate receiving our State of Vermont reimbursements over the next few months. Once all of these expected funds have been received the Select Board will warn a Special Town Meeting for the voters of Woodstock to decide how they wish to retire the balance of the town's share of the Tropical Storm Irene expenses. Our reimbursement share of approved projects has been 95 %. Normal and customary is usually 82.5 %.

The Select Board has taken steps to further improve our ratio of reimbursement from the State of Vermont by establishing a "Hazard Mitigation Plan", "Town Road and Bridge Standards (approved by the State of Vermont)", "Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program" and the preparation of a "Local Emergency Operations Plan". Having these four documents will make the town eligible for a 10 % higher reimbursement in any future declared emergency event.

The Select Board has moved forward with the harvesting of marketable timber in the Town Forest in South Woodstock. The board hired a local forester to layout the project which was then put out to bid. A local bidder was selected and the project is now underway under the oversight of the forester. When this project is completed the board will go out to bid on the rights to harvest maple sap from the forest. The estimated return to the town on the timber harvest is \$50,000.00 and the harvesting of maple sap will produce an annual income to the town.

The State of Vermont provides the town with an annual report of the condition of all of the town's bridges. Every bridge is inspected once every two years and these reports recommend maintenance needs. In many cases but not all, grants are available for these bridge improvements.

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the town received a grant from Efficiency Vermont for \$22,000.00 for a large scale upgrade which is estimated to save approximately \$14,500.00 annually in our electric consumption.

On the ballot at this year's Town Meeting is an item to approve or disapprove a 1% "Local Option Tax" on rooms, meals and alcohol. If approved these tax funds would 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. This will be an Australian Ballot article to be voted on Tuesday March 3 at the Town Hall between the hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The Select Board, Town Manager, his staff and all department heads work hard every year to maintain quality services to the residents of the town while keeping a close eye on expenses in order to maintain minimal tax increases each year.

In closing I wish to thank the other board members for their dedication and time spent to fulfill their obligations to the residents of Woodstock. It has been a pleasure working with them. Special thanks to Town Manager Phil Swanson and his staff for their continual, exceptional service in carrying out the responsibilities of their respective positions in our town government.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bruce C. Gould, Chair

# ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

I am pleased to present my report of the Town Manager for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Total spending on municipal operations that were voted at town meeting was \$4,122,830.00 of which taxes were \$2,948,700.00 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 30.04 cents per one hundred dollars of property value. These taxes were approximately 15.42% of the total taxes you paid last year. The remainder was your state and local education taxes, that totaled \$13,290,610.00 as well as special articles that voters directly approve. 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](http://www.townofwoodstock.org) or by mail on request.

## **Tropical Storm Irene**

I am very pleased to report that all of the reconstruction of damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene has been completed. The total approved cost of reconstructing town wide damage was \$4,923,709.76, which is an estimate. These estimated project costs are reviewed and revised during the process known as 'close-out'.

Due to the severity of T.S. Irene, the Federal share of reconstructing Woodstock increased from 75% of the cost of construction to 90%, after a 5% State share, the Town of Woodstock will be responsible for paying a net of 5% of the cost of approved projects.

The Select Board approved Woodstock's participation in the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA), Pilot Program adopted by the U.S. Congress following Super Storm Sandy. This program increased to 100 % (from 75%) the amount of money available to finance the alternate infrastructure improvement projects undertaken in lieu of replacing the Holt Iron Bridge in West Woodstock. Participation in this program increased the amount of money available to us for these alternate projects by \$219,005.

To pay our contractors and vendors immediately following the flood, the Select Board negotiated a loan in the amount of \$3 million at an interest rate of 0.5% from the Lake Sunapee Bank in 2011. As FEMA and State reimbursement have been received, \$2 million of the loan has been repaid. The interest rate has risen slightly and is now 0.095% which is well below the market rate.

Upon receiving all of our money back from FEMA and the State of Vermont, the Select Board will hold a Special Town Meeting and present a plan to finance the remaining local share not reimbursed by the Federal or State governments.

During the Federal close - out phase, FEMA accepted our rationale for costs that exceeded the original FEMA estimate for three projects; which explains why the figures presented in this year's Annual Report differ from the figures presented last year. A complete list of all completed projects that shows the breakdown of Federal, State and Local expenses is published later in this report.

Projects are broken down into two categories. Large projects that cost over \$63,900.00 to complete; and small projects that cost under that amount of money. Final approval and close - out of Large Projects are the responsibility of FEMA. Small Projects (under \$63,900.00) are the responsibility of the State of Vermont to close out. This process has begun.

To complete the reimbursement process, the State of Vermont will be inspecting all work. Upon completion of the inspection process and acceptance of the work, Woodstock will receive the final reimbursement check from the State of Vermont. I anticipate that this will occur this spring, with reimbursement expected before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2015. State reimbursement that

remains due to Woodstock is \$90,794.63. The Select Board will wait until all reimbursements have been received and at that time will call a Special Town Meeting to finance a long term bond to repay the loan that provided working capital to pay the vendors and contractors as we reconstructed all of our damaged infrastructure.

The total cost of municipal expenses has been tallied. Total costs were \$5,428,492.29. Of this amount, projects that are eligible for FEMA and State reimbursement were \$4,923,709.76, and expenses that FEMA will not reimburse Woodstock for are \$504,782.53. I anticipate the long term bond that will finance all of Woodstock's obligations for T.S. Irene reconstruction will be approximately \$682,699.17.

Most, but not all of the Town's Irene recovery related expenses were eligible for FEMA and state reimbursement. There are many categories of expenses that were not reimbursable. FEMA has cost tables that are used to calculate how much money any repair "should" cost. These cost tables are out of date and do not always reflect the actual cost of completing a repair in Vermont. Yet the costs arrived at by this method is how our reimbursement was calculated for all projects that cost less than \$63,900.00. The difference between the actual cost to complete a repair and the dollar value that FEMA assigned to the repair is either not reimbursable, or we were paid slightly more than the actual cost. Other examples of the types of expenses that are not reimbursable follow. Projects that cost less than \$1,000.00 to construct are too small to be eligible. We hired engineers to help perform assessments of roads, bridges, culverts, unstable banks etc., the information was extremely helpful but ultimately unfunded by FEMA because it was not directly involved in actual design work. During reconstruction of roads, if a larger culvert was used to reduce the impact of future flooding, the incremental cost of the larger culvert was not a covered cost. Interest on the money that was used to pay the contractors and vendors was not reimbursable. The cost of removing debris from roads, streams and rivers was not a covered cost. Expenses that involved removal of rocks and gravel from the Ottauquechee River to prevent future flooding was also not reimbursable. This work was expensive. On the plus side, all of the rock and gravel that was removed from the river was crushed into gravel and will be used on the town's roads over the years. Not all of the culverts and road fabric that were purchased were used on Irene projects, these too will be used on highway improvements in the future. A complete list of these expenses is published in this report. The total money that was spent on Irene related purchases and projects that were not found eligible by FEMA, that were paid out of the Irene fund total \$513,755.13. Which is approximately 10% of the municipal costs of recovering from T.S. Irene.

FEMA paperwork is notoriously complicated, cumbersome and slow. I have spent the past three plus years working with our FEMA and State partners to wring every last nickel out of the state and Federal governments to help Woodstock pay for these Irene recovery projects. I have been successful. In early January I received written confirmation that FEMA approved approximately one million dollars on the last remaining projects, for reimbursement.

In spite of the state and Federal bureaucracies that had to be navigated, I found the people working for FEMA and the State of Vermont to be hard working, conscientious and truly dedicated public servants. They helped me fill many round holes with the proverbial square pegs which in turn increased our FEMA and State awards.

All projects involving waterways required approval on the engineering merits, that the culvert would handle the volume of water in a storm that you could expect once every twenty five years. All our waterway projects also required approval by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to prove that the project did not harm aquatic life. The cost of many projects to protect aquatic life was increased.

The Federal Congressional delegation also got involved in pushing FEMA's National leadership to approve more expensive project enhancements (to protect the environment) that were required by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Without their help, we would have paid a lot more money for rebuilding our town's infrastructure.

**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](http://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 that in most cases will be either a concrete box culvert or a small bridge.

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 is currently reviewing the options for replacing this bridge, which will be presented in 2015.

This past summer, with the help of a state grant, we were able to replace a 3' steel culvert on the Gully Rd. with a concrete box culvert. The cost was \$71,650.00 of which the State of Vermont awarded us a grant in the amount of \$64,485.00. This is the future of culvert replacement in the entire State of Vermont. The Select Board has added some money in the budget 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.

All street lights in the town have been converted to LED lights. These use significantly less electricity and save us about 10% on our street light bill. The light pattern is also better for motorist safety.

The past years have seen neighborhoods object to road improvement projects out of fear that a road that is straighter and wider will add to increased speed of motor vehicles. We have adjusted our road work accordingly and are focusing on adding gravel to the road surface, trimming trees in the right of way, reestablishing good drainage ditches and water bars, and installing guard rails. These improvements increase the safety of our roads without adding to speed of vehicles.

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 announced his retirement from the Fire Department to be effective on the last day of 2015.

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.

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

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in checking out joining our fire department please give Butch 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. 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**

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.

This past summer the tower on Fletcher Hill Rd. toppled over in a windstorm when a heavy branch landed on a supporting guy wire and pulled the tower down. Fortunately the tower and antenna were covered by our municipal property insurance. The tower was repaired and the antenna was replaced.

## **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. In addition 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 officer 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.

Police Chief Robbie Blish has adjusted to life in the Woodstock area and is doing an outstanding job of leading our Police Department. He brings great energy, and enthusiasm to our Police Department. He is a great addition to our entire community serving on, or advising many local committees and charities.

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 in the process of being developed.

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 organics. 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 ton per week of food waste. By 2020 all food waste 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 main sewer plant has undergone a major upgrade in the mechanical and electrical components that run the plant. The facility went on line in the late 1960's. Since that time it has served Woodstock very well. The upgrade focused on two key aspects of the plant; the electrical components and the air blowers. The electrical components and controls are 45 years old or more and have worn out, or corroded. Replacements are not available and repairs are custom work that is expensive to do. All electrical controls have been replaced. The air blowers are the work horse of the process of cleaning raw sewage to the point where it can be safely returned to the river. Air is pumped through the raw sewage 24 hours per day. It is aerobic activity that breaks down the sludge. The blowers are run by 50 hp electrical motors. These use a lot of electricity. The new blowers are electric, however, they use a series of magnets working against each other to spin the shaft that spins the blowers that push air through the sewage. As a result of the reduced electrical demand on our plant, Efficiency Vermont provided us with a grant in the amount \$22,000. We estimate savings of electrical consumption of \$14,600.00 annually as a result of this project.

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

**Tropical Storm Irene  
Summary**

<b>Damage that is Reimbursable by FEMA and State of VT</b>	<b>Project Amount</b>	<b>FEMA and State of Vermont Share</b>	<b>Local Match Paid</b>	<b>Local Match to Bond in Future</b>	<b>% of Project</b>
Town Wide Damage	\$3,558,332.93	\$3,380,416.27		\$177,916.64	5%
Alternate Projects	875,621.00	788,058.90	87,562.10		10%
Municipal Sewer	489,755.83	465,268.04	24,4487.79		5%
<b>Damage that is Not Reimbursable</b>	<b>513,755.13</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>513,755.13</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,437,464.89</b>	<b>4,633,743.21</b>	<b>112,049.80</b>	<b>\$691,671.77</b>	

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
REVENUE BREAKDOWN - TOWN PROJECTS  
PROJECT WORKSHEETS SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED			TOTAL RECEIVED	AMOUNT DUE			TOTAL DUE
		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	
Roberts Rd Temp Bridge	125,760.00	113,184.00	3,480.70	0.00	116,664.70	0.00	2,807.30	6,288.00	9,095.30
Roberts Rd Bridge Debris	18,099.68	16,289.71	904.98	0.00	17,194.69	0.00	0.00	904.98	904.98
Noah Wood Road	119,354.17	107,418.75	5,967.71	0.00	113,386.46	0.00	0.00	5,967.71	5,967.71
Riverside Park Road	5,465.57	4,919.01	273.28	0.00	5,192.29	0.00	0.00	273.28	273.28
Arthur Morgan Road	26,292.07	23,662.86	1,314.60	0.00	24,977.46	0.00	0.00	1,314.60	1,314.60
Mill Rd Cons&Paving	7,092.91	6,383.62	354.65	0.00	6,738.27	0.00	0.00	354.65	354.65
John Darling Road	5,697.56	5,127.80	284.88	0.00	5,412.68	0.00	0.00	284.88	284.88
Woodbury Road	1,715.95	1,544.36	85.80	0.00	1,630.16	0.00	0.00	85.80	85.80
N Bridgewater Road	160,352.75	144,317.48	0.00	0.00	144,317.48	0.00	8,017.64	8,017.64	16,035.28
Quinn Road	35,667.77	32,100.99	1,783.39	0.00	33,884.38	0.00	0.00	1,783.39	1,783.39
The Green-Elem Sch-ESB	1,642.61	1,478.35	82.13	0.00	1,560.48	0.00	0.00	82.13	82.13
Hartland Hill Road	76,484.60	68,836.14	734.53	0.00	69,570.67	0.00	3,089.70	3,824.23	6,913.93
Daniel Cox Road	19,069.90	17,162.91	953.50	0.00	18,116.41	0.00	0.00	953.50	953.50
Sawyer Road	3,980.05	3,582.05	199.00	0.00	3,781.05	0.00	0.00	199.00	199.00
Wyman Lane	1,335.87	1,202.28	66.79	0.00	1,269.07	0.00	0.00	66.79	66.79
Bryant-Folding Hills Rds	14,006.51	12,605.86	700.33	0.00	13,306.19	0.00	0.00	700.33	700.33
Long Hill Road	92,982.32	83,684.09	4,649.12	0.00	88,333.21	0.00	0.00	4,649.12	4,649.12
Curtis Hollow Road	95,814.33	86,232.90	4,790.72	0.00	91,023.62	0.00	0.00	4,790.72	4,790.72
Fletcher Hill Road	78,856.48	70,970.83	3,942.82	0.00	74,913.65	0.00	0.00	3,942.82	3,942.82
Prosper Road	15,058.05	13,552.25	752.90	0.00	14,305.15	0.00	0.00	752.90	752.90
Echo Lodge Rd Washout	5,034.47	4,531.02	0.00	0.00	4,531.02	0.00	251.72	251.72	503.44
Loop Rd Washout	2,922.99	2,630.69	146.15	0.00	2,776.84	0.00	0.00	146.15	146.15
Bridges Rd Washout	47,629.28	42,866.35	2,381.46	0.00	45,247.81	0.00	0.00	2,381.46	2,381.46
Laughlin Rd Washout	3,367.60	3,030.84	168.38	0.00	3,199.22	0.00	0.00	168.38	168.38
Cloudland Road	25,223.25	22,700.93	1,261.16	0.00	23,962.09	0.00	0.00	1,261.16	1,261.16
Old River Road	9,962.09	8,965.88	498.10	0.00	9,463.98	0.00	0.00	498.10	498.10
Sugar Hill Road	7,568.62	6,811.76	378.43	0.00	7,190.19	0.00	0.00	378.43	378.43
Morgan Hill Road	3,959.65	3,563.69	197.98	0.00	3,761.67	0.00	0.00	197.98	197.98
Happy Valley Road	79,754.36	71,778.92	3,987.72	0.00	75,766.64	0.00	0.00	3,987.72	3,987.72
Cox District Road	68,898.18	62,008.36	3,444.91	0.00	65,453.27	0.00	0.00	3,444.91	3,444.91

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
 REVENUE BREAKDOWN - TOWN PROJECTS  
 PROJECT WORKSHEETS SUMMARY (continued)

	PROJECT AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED			TOTAL RECEIVED	AMOUNT DUE			TOTAL DUE
		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	
Whitcomb Lane	4,001.21	3,601.09	200.06	0.00	3,801.15	0.00	200.06	200.06	200.06
Cabot Road	40,633.62	36,570.26	2,031.68	0.00	38,601.94	0.00	2,031.68	2,031.68	2,031.68
Billings Trail	31,897.30	28,707.57	1,594.87	0.00	30,302.44	0.00	1,594.87	1,594.87	1,594.87
Taftsville Coud Bridge	246,385.58	221,747.02	0.00	0.00	221,747.02	0.00	12,319.24	12,319.28	24,638.52
Densmore Hill Road	15,220.50	13,698.45	0.00	0.00	13,698.45	0.00	761.06	761.00	1,522.06
Hollow Farm Rd Culvert	11,436.52	10,292.87	571.83	0.00	10,864.70	0.00	0.00	571.83	571.83
College Hill Rd Embank	14,135.47	12,721.92	0.00	0.00	12,721.92	0.00	706.77	706.77	1,413.54
Happy Valley Rd Bridge	61,161.63	55,045.47	3,058.08	0.00	58,103.55	0.00	0.00	3,058.08	3,058.08
Town-Wide Debris	3,463.44	3,117.10	173.17	0.00	3,290.27	0.00	0.00	173.17	173.17
Happy Valley Rd Bridge	292,729.15	263,456.24	198.75	0.00	263,654.99	0.00	14,437.71	14,636.46	29,074.17
Curtis Hollow Road	323,352.12	291,016.91	16,167.61	0.00	307,184.52	0.00	0.00	16,167.61	16,167.61
Lincoln Coud Bridge	34,872.37	31,385.13	1,743.62	0.00	33,128.75	0.00	0.00	1,743.62	1,743.62
Mecawee Road	191,150.11	172,035.10	9,557.51	0.00	181,592.61	0.00	0.00	9,557.51	9,557.51
Town-Wide Measures	22,174.56	19,957.10	1,108.73	0.00	21,065.83	0.00	0.00	1,108.73	1,108.73
Bridges Rd Embankment	383,136.27	344,822.64	19,156.81	0.00	363,979.45	0.00	0.00	19,156.81	19,156.81
Roberts Rd Bridge	567,865.11	511,078.60	0.00	0.00	511,078.60	0.00	28,393.26	28,393.26	56,786.52
HollowRdFarmRdCulvert	141,692.98	127,523.68	0.00	0.00	127,523.68	0.00	7,084.65	7,084.65	14,169.30
Holt Iron Bridge Removal	13,975.35	12,577.82	0.00	0.00	12,577.82	0.00	698.77	698.77	1,397.54
Totals	3,558,332.93	3,202,499.65	99,348.84	0.00	3,301,848.49	0.00	78,567.82	177,916.64	256,484.46

## Tropical Storm Irene Municipal Sewer System

Damage to the municipal sewer system was significant. The pump station on Route 4 in West Woodstock across from the White Cottage Snack Bar was completely destroyed. Water was over the top of the six foot tall fence. The sewer line under the Elm St. Bridge broke in half and the sewer line along the river under the new snow dump / park was damaged and the river bank beside it needed protection. These repairs were paid by the wastewater department with funds derived from those properties that use the WWTF.

### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK - SEWER DEPARTMENT REVENUE BREAKDOWN PROJECT WORKSHEETS SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	PROJECT AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED			TOTAL RECEIVED	AMOUNT DUE			TOTAL DUE
		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL		FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	
Elm St Bridge Adjacent Bank	33,146.02	29,831.42	1,657.30	1,657.30	33,146.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elm St Bridge Ottawaquechee	127,456.77	114,711.09	0.00	6,372.84	121,083.93	0.00	6,372.84	0.00	6,372.84
Emergency Hauling	19,721.62	17,749.46	986.08	986.08	19,721.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slope Protect-Route 4	15,378.16	13,840.34	768.91	768.91	15,378.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pump Station-Route 4	48,099.10	43,289.19	0.00	2,404.96	45,694.15	0.00	2,404.95	0.00	2,404.95
Pump Station-Route 4	2,410.67	2,169.60	120.54	120.53	2,410.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Butternut Lane Line	1,785.07	1,606.56	0.00	89.25	1,695.81	0.00	89.26	0.00	89.26
Slope Protect-Route 4	174,563.26	157,106.93	8,728.16	8,728.16	174,563.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Jungle Sewer Line	67,195.16	60,475.64	0.00	3,359.76	63,835.40	0.00	3,359.76	0.00	3,359.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>489,755.83</b>	<b>440,780.23</b>	<b>12,260.99</b>	<b>24,487.79</b>	<b>477,529.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,226.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,226.81</b>

**TS Irene  
Alternate Projects**

The Select Board approved Woodstock's participation in the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA), Pilot Program adopted by the U.S. Congress following Super Storm Sandy. This program increased to 100 % (from 75%) the amount of money available to finance the alternate infrastructure improvement projects undertaken in lieu of replacing the Holt Iron Bridge in West Woodstock. Participation in this program increased the amount of money available to us for these alternate projects by \$219,005.

The following chart details each project, its costs and its Federal reimbursement. The State of Vermont does not contribute to alternate projects and the local share increases to 10%.

Most of these projects have been in the planning stages for years and have had money saved up in the Capital Reserve Account to pay for the work.

With the money already in the bank to pay for the work, the Select Board decided to pay the local share out of funds on hand rather than include these costs in the long term debt needed to pay T.S. Irene reconstruction costs.

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK - ALTERNATE PROJECTS  
REVENUE BREAKDOWN  
PROJECT WORKSHEETS SUMMARY**

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT AMOUNT	AMOUNT RECEIVED		TOTAL RECEIVED	AMOUNT DUE		TOTAL DUE
		FEDERAL	LOCAL		FEDERAL	LOCAL	
Cox District Road Culvert	119,603.00	107,642.70	11,960.30	119,603.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fletcher Hill Road Culvert	89,260.00	80,334.00	8,926.00	89,260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall Roof	21,325.00	19,192.50	2,132.50	21,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salt Shed	128,530.00	115,677.00	12,853.00	128,530.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paving Projects	278,088.10	250,279.29	27,808.81	278,088.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pomfret Road Bridges	53,700.00	48,330.00	5,370.00	53,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emergency Serv Bldg Driveway	95,668.00	86,101.20	9,566.80	95,668.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Generator - Fire Station #2	8,250.00	7,425.00	825.00	8,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire-Police Radio Network	81,196.90	73,077.21	8,119.69	81,196.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	875,621.00	788,058.90	87,562.10	875,621.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES  
Revised - January 26, 2015

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Anything Printed	FY 12	292.20	Signs
Anything Printed	FY 13	91.00	Large Copies
Anything Printed	FY 14	<u>1.80</u>	Printing Services
		385.00	
Cersosimo Industries	FY 12	1,404.00	Shot Rock
Curtis Hollow Construction	FY 12	4,130.00	Debris Removal
Curtis Hollow Construction	FY 13	<u>4,445.00</u>	Debris Removal
		8,575.00	
Dewolfe Engineering	FY 12	2,627.55	Engineering Services
FR Lafayette Inc	FY 12	11,013.36	Guardrails
Fullerton Property Service	FY 12	230.00	Debris Removal
Hoyle Tanner & Associates	FY 12	2,932.38	Engineering Services
Lake Sunapee Bank	FY 12	8,075.56	Interest Payable on Loan
Lake Sunapee Bank	FY 13	12,029.82	Interest Payable on Loan
Lake Sunapee Bank	FY 14	9,363.01	Interest Payable on Loan
Lake Sunapee Bank	FY 15	<u>9,363.01</u>	Interest Payable on Loan
		38,831.40	
Mayville Enterprises	FY 12	114,655.50	Reclaimed Material
Miller Construction	FY 12	37,375.04	Debris Removal; Other Small Jobs
Neil H Daniels Inc	FY 12	4,153.50	Checked Manholes; Sewer Line Repairs
Neil H Daniels Inc	FY 13	<u>700.00</u>	Debris Removal
		4,853.50	
Nott's Excavating	FY 12	43,811.50	Cleaned Gravel out of River
Pike Industries	FY 12	177,084.08	Material used on Other Washouts, etc
Schulz Excavating	FY 12	16,737.50	Reclaimed River Gravel
Stantec Consulting Services	FY 12	16,193.26	Assisted with Documentation & Engineering Services
Willey Earthmoving	FY 12	2,249.00	Sewer Line Repair
	FY 12	<u>925.00</u>	Debris Removal
		3,174.00	
Willis Consulting Engineers	FY 12	31,962.06	Consulting on Engineering Issues
WJ Stetson Inc Excavating	FY 12	660.00	Debris Removal - The Jungle
Woodstock Backhoe Service	FY 12	1,250.00	Loader used at Town Garage
	TOTAL	511,845.13	

## 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 2014

MARRIAGES 97

DEATHS 37

BIRTHS 1

During 2014 the Town Clerk's Office archived and indexed 3,058 pages of land records documents, issued 62 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 2,648 registered voters at the time of the 2014 Town Meeting, and 546 people voted. The last day to register to vote in the 2015 Town Meeting will be Wednesday February 25, 2015.

In 2014 the dog license tags were gold and 342 dogs were licensed. The tags for 2015 are blue 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, 2014 was below the budgeted amount. Interest income for the year 2015-2016 is proposed at \$100.

Interest income for the years 2003 to and including 2014 is as follows:

### INTEREST INCOME

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
2003	\$ 40,000	\$ 48,139	\$ 8,139
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)

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 Listers has a variety of duties that make up our day. Since we are required to have the assessments based on market value, one of our jobs involves processing all property transfers and the analysis of all sales that have occurred. In the time period from April 1 to December 31, 2014, there have been 130 property transfers, which was a slight increase from 2013. There were 69 residential sales during that time; of which 34 were sales under \$250,000, 21 were from \$250,000 to \$500,000, 5 were from \$500,000 to \$750,000, 4 were from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and 5 were between \$1,000,000 and \$4,000,000. There were 15 sales of land only and 11 condo sales. The remaining property transfers were between family members, transfers into trusts and various administrative transfers. Our sales to assessment ratios range from .65% to 1.5%, indicating a wide range and a change in the market. Our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal-based on a three-year study of our sales) for the 2015 Grand List has dropped slightly from 98.99% to 97.9% and our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion-an indicator of equity) is at 15.47.

As we indicated in previous reports, our current CLA and COD are not mandating that we do a re-appraisal. However, due to the fact that the last full scale re-appraisal was in 2002 and that the market has had major changes in what buyers are looking for in property, the town hired NEMRC to do a re-appraisal, which will be reflected in the 2016 tax bills. The firm has started their inspections and postcards are sent to property owners in the areas where the appraisers will be working. If the owner is not available for an interior inspection on the day of the visit, the inspector will leave a door tag requesting that the property owner contact our office to set up a time for inspection. As it is still early in the process, there are many property owners who have yet to be notified about an upcoming inspection. We appreciate the time involved for our property owners who have already been visited and those of you who will be visited in the next year and a half. The state mandates that our Grand List values be as equitable as possible and this re-appraisal is the best way to ensure this.

We oversee the Current Use Program for Woodstock, which currently has 191 parcels enrolled representing 17,952 acres. The total tax exemption is \$72,734,450 or \$727,344.50 of value on the Grand List. This exemption represents \$13,519,800 for residential property owners and \$59,214,650 for non-residential property owners. Another important duty is keeping track of Homestead filings. **EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS 122 BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT.** The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly downloads electronically which insures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owner and we also assist appraisers, realtors and attorneys doing research. We maintain sales books and comparison sheets, map all sales, analyze sales ratios and study market trends. Our office 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](mailto:Woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org).

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

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners are pleased to report that the condition of the cemeteries has been improved. The increased cemetery budget provided for improved maintenance. People who visit the cemeteries notice the difference and we are pleased to hear their comments.

Special thanks to Tyler Chynoweth for restoration work at the Shaw Cemetery on Wyman Lane during this past summer as part of his Eagle Scout project.. He also did some work on the fence.

We are planning to continue to improve walls, fences, etc. in all cemeteries and we are looking forward to better maintenance into the future. We make every effort to keep the cemeteries mowed and presentable. Some years the conditions of the ground have an impact on the ability to mow and work in the cemeteries.

The amount of work needed in caring for the walls, fences, trees, and grave markers continues to be a challenge. 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.

We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to continuing improvements in the cemeteries as long as the budget allows.

Respectfully submitted  
Fred Barr  
Greg Camp  
Bruce Gould  
Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners

## Woodstock Ambulance Service

This past year was the start of my second year as the Director of Woodstock Ambulance. I continue to be overwhelmed by the dedication and commitment that is exhibited each day by the EMT's that work for the ambulance service.

Most Woodstock EMT's put in an average of 100 hours a month covering the ambulance. They get paid for the times that they respond to emergencies. This also means that when they are not on a call, they do not get paid but are still available and in town. To maintain EMT certification, each individual needs to complete 72 hours of continuing education over a two year period. This can be broken down into 3 hours a month of continuing education. With family, jobs, extracurricular activities, etc., an average of 3 hours can be a lot to take on. Our EMT's do it anyhow!

Last year we took delivery of a second power cot. This tool is expensive and we sought financial help with a grant through the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns. The number one injury for EMS workers is back injuries. This cot allows for one person to push a button and lift a patient that is on the cot. It allows for two people to now share the weight of a patient on the cot while it is being loaded into the ambulance. In the past, it was always done with one person while the other person lifted the carriage of the cot. Studies have shown that chronic, repetitive lifting can increase the chances of a back injury. This tool is a step that we have taken to protect the well-being of our EMT's so that they can continue to serve the community and not have back issues after their career in EMS. We now have two of these cots in service.

Last year we purchased a new cardiac monitor. The ones that we had were used and refurbished when we purchased them approximately 10 years ago. The cost of these seems to go up every year. A new one now is almost \$30,000. The monitor allows for our EMT's to measure and monitor blood pressures, heart rates, oxygen saturation and levels of carbon dioxide in the blood. It can slow a heart rate that is going too fast and speed up a heart rate that is going too low and defibrillate a heart that needs defibrillation. It allows us to perform 12-leads in the patient's home to determine if they are in fact having a heart attack. We can activate the cath lab at DHMC based on what this monitor tells us. We can also use the monitor to time stamp when procedures are done such as IV's or medication administration. We can then take that information and send it via blue tooth to lap tops in the ambulance so that we can accurately document our patient care.

Diane (Dee) Anderson joined Woodstock Ambulance in 1991. Recently, she came into the office to turn in her equipment. Sometimes life gets in the way of an EMT's ability to maintain the minimum requirements. Last year Harvey Bumps stepped down for similar reasons. If you know Dee and/or Harvey and see either in town, please join us all in thanking them for the years of dedicated service to the Town of Woodstock.

In 2014 Woodstock Ambulance responded to 607 medical calls and assisted the Fire Department at 151 fire and rescue calls.

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  
Woodstock Ambulance

## COMMUNICATIONS

### PHONE CALLS

Bridgewater Town	125
Pomfret Town	110
South Woodstock Fire	13
Vermont State Police	20
Woodstock Ambulance	414
Woodstock Communications	181
Woodstock Constable	52
Woodstock Fire	723
Woodstock Highway	138
Woodstock Police	671
Woodstock Wastewater	54
Woodstock Aqueucut	8

**Total Phone Calls** 2,509

### RADIO CALLS

Bridgewater Town	62
Pomfret Town	389
South Woodstock Fire	11
Vermont State Police	1
Woodstock Ambulance	662
Woodstock Communications	856
Woodstock Constable	5
Woodstock Fire	55
Woodstock Highway	138
Woodstock Police	7,688
Woodstock Wastewater	21

**Total Radio Calls** 26,088 \*

\*Total includes Computer Aided Dispatch calls

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### WALK INS

Bridgewater Town	12
Pomfret Town	9
South Woodstock Fire Dept.	1
Vermont State Police	4
Woodstock Ambulance	124
Woodstock Communications	1,267

Woodstock Constable	9
Woodstock Fire Department	216
Woodstock Highway Dept.	34
Woodstock Police	398
Woodstock Wastewater	7

**Total Walk Ins** 2,081

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### WOODSTOCK'S TELEPHONE TREE

We are still working on collecting data to set up a Phone Tree for all residents in the Town of Woodstock. We are looking for all property owners and tenant information with phone numbers. The Telephone Tree is a program where we will be able to contact residents in all emergencies.

### WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Penny Davis – Coordinator  
Christine Gould – Part Time  
Craig Bowman – Part Time

Douglas Perkins – Full Time  
Gordon Reilly – Part Time

Constance Jones – Full Time  
Bill Luth – Part Time

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Davis,  
Communications Coordinator

## Town Police Report

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

My thanks go out to the Select Board, Municipal Manager and Town residents for their support of me and the Officers of the Woodstock Police Department. . The Officers of the Woodstock Police Department are committed to Woodstock and feel we are in a partnership with the community. It is this partnership which enables effective law enforcement.

The abuse of opiate based narcotics continues to be a major concern for law enforcement as well as for all citizens of Vermont. It is the abuse the prescription medication and use of heroin that drives much of the crime that we investigate such as burglaries, thefts and frauds. Prevention, as well as aggressive enforcement, is important and 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.

During the past year 40% of all calls handled by the Woodstock Police Department were 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 adjacent list of observed offenses should provide insight into the other varied types of incidents handled by the Police Department. A close partnership with the Community and the Police Department is essential to maintaining the high quality of life Woodstock enjoys.

The Woodstock Police Department also experienced some personnel changes in 2014. Long time Woodstock PD Officer, Sgt. Peter Mantello, left WPD to become the Chief of Police for the Castleton Police Department. He will be missed but I wish him well in his new position. Fortunately, Corporal Joseph Swanson was able to step in to replace Mantello without missing a beat and was promoted to Sergeant. Officer James Otranto was promoted to Corporal and Officer Mark McComas, who was already working as a part time Officer for WPD, came on full time. Officer McComas comes to us from Hartford, VT PD and has over 15 years of full time law enforcement experience and Woodstock is fortunate 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

## 2014 Town of Woodstock Calls for Service

911 Hang-up Call	24	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Accident Fatal	0	Lost/ Found Property	9
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	10	Noise Disturbance	3
Agency Assistance	67	Phone Problem / Harassment	8
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	8	Property Damage, non Vandalism	2
Animal Problem	34	Property/ Home Watch	71
Assault	1	Public Speaking	10
Burglary	5	Probation violation	1
Burglary Alarm	73	Search Warrant	3
Citizen Assist	38	Stalking	1
Citizen Dispute	6	Sex Offense	1
Commercial Vehicle Inspect.	2	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	47
Motor Vehicle Complaint	53	Theft	10
Careless & Negligent	1	Threatening	3
Court Time	1	Towed Vehicle	1
Dead Animal	1	Traffic Hazard	6
Dead Body	5	Tobacco Offense	2
Directed Patrol	3	Trespassing	4
Disorderly Conduct/Noise	1	Unlawful Mischief – Vandalism	5
DUI	4	VIN Number Inspection	22
Controlled Substance Problem	4	Welfare / Suicide Check	15
Embezzlement	1		
Escort	1		
Family Fight/ Domestic	10		
Fraud	15		
Information Report	6		
Intoxicated Person	1		
Juvenile Problem	14	Total Calls	743

## CONSTABLE REPORT

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

We are called to motor vehicle accidents, animal complaints, for 911 call response for motor vehicle accidents, traffic control at fires and assisting other agencies of the Town and Village of Woodstock. The safety of the people of Woodstock and visitors to our town are the most important part of our work.

Increasing pressure facing today's youth is tremendous and it is up to us to provide guidance, example and often assistance so they have the ability to make the right choices in life. Be attentive to their needs and give them your support whenever the opportunity presents itself. Their future depends a good foundation; we can help them set a good base on which they will build their lives.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office now, and must be renewed before April 1. All dogs housed in Woodstock must have a license by the age of 6 months. It is important to have your dog license and rabies certificate up to date. Please be sure your dog's license is attached to their collar because this is how we identify the dog's owner in the event that the dog becomes lost. Additionally, stray dogs are taken to Woodstock Animal Care to be held safely until owners pick up the dog. It is most important that the dog is wearing the license for identification purposes.

We would like to thank the people of Woodstock for their continuing support and cooperation and for their support at election time. Also, thank you to the emergency service departments of the Town and Village of Woodstock. We continue to work together in times of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Davis, First Constable  
Kelly Linton, Second Constable

## WOODSTOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Woodstock Fire Department responded to 170 calls of the usual nature. I am pleased to report that there was very little in the way of property loss and no fire or motor vehicle deaths.

The fire department is strong in membership. This past year six new volunteers joined the department. We are reaching out to high school students to join our cadet program. This past summer Ely Chynoweth, Garrett Wood, and Curtis Lessard attended a week of cadet training sponsored by the Vermont State Fire Fighters at Vermont Technical School in Randolph.

In October the Woodstock Emergency Service, police, fire, ambulance and South Woodstock hosted an open house. The relief association provided a delicious chicken barbeque, while the ambulance provided the salads, making for a great dinner served to nearly one hundred visitors.

One of the greatest strengths for emergency responders is to work together to provide its citizens the very best services for their tax dollars; we thank you for your continuing support.

Building fires: 0  
Chimney fires: 5  
Brush or grass: 8  
Fuel spills or smell of propane: 6  
Power lines: 2  
Fire alarms: 61  
Co alarms due to malfunction: 19  
Ambulance assist: 3  
Motor vehicle accidents: 27  
Motor vehicle fires: 2  
Mutual aid given: 4  
Electrical fires: 4  
Rescue calls: 4  
Chemical/hazmat: 4  
Citizen assist: 12  
Other dept. calls: 9

After 45 years with the Woodstock Fire Department, 25 of them as chief, I have decided to retire from the department at the end of this year.

I am grateful to the citizens and the many select boards I have worked with over the years for giving me the opportunity to have served the people of Woodstock.

I am pleased with my accomplishments; providing leadership for the members of the Woodstock Emergency Services.

We have a very solid fire department that will benefit and move forward with new energy and enthusiasm with my replacement.

My last day with the department will be December 31, 2015.

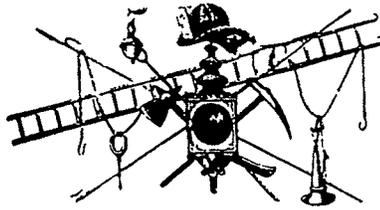
I am truly honored to have served.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.D. Sutherland, Jr., Fire Chief

## FIRE WARDEN REPORT

### State of Vermont Fire Statistics for 2014

Number of human caused fires	56
Number of lightning caused fires	0
Number of acres burned caused by human	164.361
Number of acres burned by lightning	0
Total number of fires	56
Total number of acres burned	164.361
10-year total average number of fires	102.3
10-year total average number of acres burned	220.260
Total numbers of acres burned in Woodstock	0



## Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association

The Relief Association had another consequential and active year in 2014. One important highlight was members attending the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont State Firefighter's Association (VSFA) meeting in St. Albans on July 26<sup>th</sup> where long-time Woodstock Firefighter Ed Paige was honored for his 60 years of service to the Town of Woodstock -congratulations Ed! Another was graduating three new WFD Cadets at the VSFA Fire Cadet Academy on July 19<sup>th</sup> -nice work Ely, Garrett, and Curtis!

Members also participated in an Emergency Services Open House & Chicken Barbeque in October - sharing department activities with the community 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 2014 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 purchase and make the first of 3 years of payments on a new 4wd Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) for year-round use at; structure fire scenes with difficult access requirements, for search and rescue on local trails, and for use at forest / brush fires. Having this vehicle will help us act quickly and efficiently when responding to these emergencies preventing delays and allowing for increased safety.

Thank you once again for your support. Please stay safe in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Kamb, President

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

# **SOUTH WOODSTOCK FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**The South Woodstock Fire Department**

The South Woodstock Fire Department has 12 volunteers, who respond to the South Woodstock Fire Station, EMS first response and other emergency and safety services. 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 some one who has fallen, not hurt, but needs assistance.

The South Woodstock Fire Department is equipped with 4 Fire Trucks. 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. All trucks have 4-wheel drive.

The meeting room and kitchen at the South Woodstock firehouse is used for many activities. The largest activities are the Pancake Breakfasts; one in mid April and the other on Columbus Day weekend. The meeting room has been used for other groups such as The Green Mt. Perkins Academy Historical Society, South Woodstock Community Club, Long Hill Snowmobile Club and Windsor County Maple Producers Assn. The Cub Scouts hold the rain gutter regatta at the Fire Station.

The funding for the South Woodstock Fire Department comes from generous donations from the community, and Pancake Breakfasts. New Volunteers are welcome and needed to help put on the Pancake Breakfasts.

Volunteers are needed, and you could help, as a fire fighter, or to volunteer and help around the firehouse. New personnel s always needed. Volunteering takes time, but giving something to the community and town where we live in is everyone's responsibility. To get involved, contact a firefighter. Meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We may not know who you are, so you may need to seek us out. Consider this an invitation, to volunteer at the Fire Department or with the Emergency Medical Services in your Town and Community.

I would like to thank the members of the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, who volunteer thire time, and residents that provide financial support and donations. Thank you!

Paul C.Kendall II  
South Woodstock Fire Chief

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town Highway Department continues to work on year round road maintenance whatever the season. In summer months there is general road maintenance and clearing ditches. In the winter you see the highway equipment more regularly plowing snow and sanding roads.

Culvert replacement and reconstruction using larger culverts continues. Two culvert projects completed this year included slip lining of a damaged culvert on Church Hill Road and to construct a large box culvert on Gully Road near intersection with Route 12.

Early July rain brought significant damage to some areas of the Town, requiring road and culvert repair. Currently plans are being drawn for replacement of an undersized culvert about a mile up Cox District Road.

Every winter is different, and by late November we were anticipating a winter like last year and while we have not been buried in significant amounts of snow this year, there have been many snow events of short duration which have brought out the road crew to make travel safe in the early morning hours.

General expenses of the department for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 included:

Salt / Sand	\$119,867	Gravel / Hardpack	\$66,194
Dust Control	\$ 24,170	Culverts	\$ 1,327
Bridges	\$ 52,648		

I would like to thank the Town Highway Crew for their hard work and dedication, whether plowing snow and sanding roads in winter or working longer days in the summer to take advantage of longer light and for their prompt response to calls in emergency situations.

Finally, to the people of Woodstock, thank you, for your patience and caution while passing through work zones. Public safety as well as the safety of our highway crew is most important.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Vandenburg

Town / Village Highway Superintendent

# WASTEWATER TREATMENT

I hereby submit the annual report of the wastewater treatment facilities of the Town of Woodstock. I am pleased to report that all plants are in good condition and compliant with state standards.

I am also pleased to report that the blower improvement project at the main plant has been completed. This involved installation of two 50 hp positive displacement blowers and a complete new electrical motor control center and Hach dissolved oxygen sensors which control the speed of the blowers. During the winter months (this year) we are operating at 50% speed as an energy saving plan. On the large blue storage tanks we have replaced the 40 hp motors with energy efficient models. Three sump pumps were also replaced with energy efficient models.

The pump station on Route 4 in West Woodstock is operating well with no unusual occurrences there during this last year.

In Taftsville the satellite plant is undergoing a 45 year evaluation, being conducted by Stantec Engineers. The onset of winter forced an extension and the evaluation will be completed during 2015 and a report will be made to the Town during the summer.

The nitrogen discharge report has become part of the typical reporting process for any plant that discharges into the Connecticut River. We are compliant with all reports required by the State of Vermont. The Main Plant will be required to do nitrogen reporting when the next permit is issued.

At the South Woodstock Satellite Plant, we replaced one 10 hp blower motor with a high efficiency model. A parabolic unit was installed for chlorine chemical feed so that all chemicals are confined within the tubing preventing contamination which would cause corrosion to the pumps.

Robert Latchaw has achieved a provisional license to operate the plant and in June he passed the Grade 1 license examination. Following a year of experience (since passing the test) he will have a Grade 1 level domestic wastewater operator's license. Tim Lynds remains assistant chief operator. I am pleased to have hard working, conscientious workers with me in the department. We will continue to meet the required education hours for license renewal going forward. My license was renewed in July 2014 and the Grade 3 level domestic waster operator's license is good until July 2019.

We will continue on going manhole repairs and you will find us working in the streets and roads more often than you would probably like. Thank you for your patience. Finally I would like to thank the other town and village departments for their support and assistance when needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayland Lord  
Chief Operator

## PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning Commission completed the rewrite of the 2014 Town/Village of Woodstock Comprehensive Plan following a two and a half year effort. In June, both Select Board and Board of Trustees completed the task with the official adoption. Although numerous and substantial changes were made, the overall intent and policy direction have been continued. State mandates are forcing town plans to be more of a regulatory document, than what a town plan should be - a municipality's inventory and vision statement. This is especially true for Act 250 and Act 248 decisions. State and Federal grants are now require a reference to the appropriate section of a town plan in their application processes. With the final adoption of the town plan, the Planning Commission will begin devoting its energies to rewriting both the Town and Village Zoning Regulations. This five year cycle helps keep regulations consistent with town plan goals and policies. I want to thank the dedication of all the Planning Commissioner members who helped in the rewrite process but especially to those of whom extended their terms to finish the process.

Unfortunately, the long tentacles of the great recession are still with us. Although there were many positive economic developments during the past year, one can still feel the tentativeness of the economy as indicated in the stock market trend of constant surges and retrenchments. Two large projects are currently under construction in West Woodstock. A 41 room hotel and 50 seat restaurant has gone through numerous permit amendments. It is still under construction but is open for business nonetheless. The 36 unit affordable housing project, Safford Commons, began construction in the late fall. Due to an ambitious construction schedule, a number of the units are projected to be occupied in September 2015.

Town wide, single family housing starts are up. The majority of these are smaller homes to be occupied by local families. As noted in last year's report, there have been a large number of undeveloped lots created over the past few years. With the improving economy, the lots are starting to be built on. Hopefully this trend continues, as it will have a positive impact on the local school systems.

The Town Planner/Administrative Officer Michael Brands, AICP, celebrated his silver (25<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of service to the community this past July. 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 & Zoning assistant Renee Vondle, in her twelfth year, is always helpful and cheerful in her daily contact with applicants and information gatherers. The office receives constant compliments for its service and professionalism. Due to last year's updated website, the number of Planning and Zoning Office "hardcopy" documents has decreased significantly as users find it much easier to download the 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. Please take time to visit the site. [www.townofwoodstock.org](http://www.townofwoodstock.org) Any and all suggestions for an improved service are welcome.

In 2014, the Town Development Review Board remained at full capacity with no new members. The Conservation Commission membership has held steady for the past two years, however there has also been a long term vacancy for this period. After the adoption of the 2014 Town/Village Comprehensive Plan, a number of Planning Commission members resigned. Many extended their term specifically to see the plan finalized. The Planning Commission now has three new members. Keri Cole, doing double duty with the Village Development Review Board, and Sam Segal were appointed in August. Susan Boston was appointed in September. 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 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.

As expected the overall permit activity has increased somewhat but is still well short of the pre-recession levels. All indicators predict continuing improvement for the forthcoming year. The overall 2014 permit total is 71. The total number of Administrative permits decreased by seven to forty-eight. The number of single family home permits increased from three to five, all of which are built for local residents. Apartment/guest house permits decreased slightly from three to two units. Once again, there were no home occupation permits granted. Subdivision permits increased from four to seven, while the total number of parcels created increased from six to eight. Lot line adjustments remained the same with two permits issued. Conditional use permits increased significantly from ten to eighteen. There was one waiver to setback request approved. There was one Bed and Breakfast permit issued. Short Term Rental permits (less than 30 days) reduced from two in 2013 to zero permits issued in 2014. There were no Scenic Ridgeline permits issued. The South Woodstock Design Review Board activity decreased from five permits to two 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

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held nine regularly scheduled meetings and a number of additional site visits in 2014. In the previous year, a successful effort to invite speakers to many of the meetings was started. This trend continued into 2014 with speakers attending approximately half the meetings. For the second year in a row there were no Scenic Ridgeline applications. The CC conducted three wetland site visits in conjunction with ongoing permit applications. There were three riparian reviews in the Village. And for the first time ever, an amphibian life zone review and site visit were conducted. An amphibian life zone is where two or more wetlands/vernal pools are within 1500' of each other. The review is to assure the amphibians are able to maintain connectivity with the various wetlands via corridors which are then protected from development impacts.

In May, Jeanie McIntrye, president of the Upper Valley Land Trust, led a discussion on the work of UVLT and how land trust covenants function. A recent State initiative to allow amendment of land trust covenants started the conversation. In some circumstances, creators of covenants are unable to predict future events. Eventually these events may trigger a necessary change at a later date. The other school of thought is that land trust covenants are perpetual and should never be allowed to change. The conversation was lively.

Mike Bald, invasive plant specialist, gave a presentation on the eradication of Giant Hogweed from a site on Gaebert Road. Mr. Bald has been working with the home owner since 2007. He used this meeting as a celebration point in the plant's final removal. The plant was originally given as a gift. Giant Hogweed is an especially toxic plant that requires extreme care to handle. Mr. Bald's method of removal was to cut the plant before flowering, two to three times a summer. The seeds if allowed to produce have a very long life cycle, up to several years.

David Sleeper, Executive Director of the Hubbard Brook Foundation, spoke to the Conservation Commission on the forestry research conducted by the foundation. Although the foundation is located in New Hampshire, the executive offices operate out of the Simmons Building here in Woodstock. The foundation is an 8,000 acre experimental forest located in the White Mountains. It was founded 52 years ago by Dartmouth University scientists. Research conducted in 1964-65 led to the discovery of acid rain. Currently the foundation is considered one of the leading institutions in the study of climate change impacts on forests. Mr. Sleeper noted the foundation would like to work with a community such as Woodstock to create model studies that could be used to solve local problems. Invasive plants was a suggested topic of study. The Conservation Commission is looking forward to working with Mr. Sleeper in the upcoming year.

Larry Kasden, representing the local branch of the US Soil Conservation District, stated the agency is able to supply and plant trees for riparian buffer areas. There are several stretches of the Ottauquechee River and other water bodies that were denuded during Tropical Storm Irene. Invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed are finding these areas fertile for their progeny. By replanting the buffer areas with the appropriate trees and shrubs, not only does the river bank

become stabilized but the opportunity of invasive plant growth is substantially diminished. Should property owners desire the reestablishment of their riparian buffer, please contact the Planning & Zoning office for free trees and advice. Mr. Kasden can be reached at (802) 436-2266. [onrcd1@gmail.com](mailto:onrcd1@gmail.com)

During the course of the year many members, the majority in fact, 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 year. However, during this period there has also been a long term vacancy. Should one desire to become a member please contact Town Planner Michael Brands at 802-457-7515, [mbrands@townofwoodstock.org](mailto: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. Conservation Commission agendas and activities are posted on three bulletin boards (the Town Hall, the Norman Williams Public Library and the Emergency Services Building in the East End) and on the Town's website [www.townofwoodstock.org](http://www.townofwoodstock.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Brands, AICP  
Planning Zoning Administrative Officer

## 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 2014 Sustainable Woodstock proudly celebrated our fifth year as a local community action group. With the support of our many community partners and active volunteers, we have been able to show progress in the last five years on our ongoing projects as well as participate in new ventures.

During 2014 the *East End Action Group* and the Village of Woodstock worked on two major projects involving the Jungle parcel. The first was a \$62,500 grant awarded by the State's Ecosystem Restoration Program to implement the Woodstock Community River Park project. The grant serves the dual purpose of protecting the state's water quality and restoring the area for community use. The work completed during late summer included stabilizing the slope between the upper and lower levels of the park and parking area; establishing rain gardens on the lower level to manage the stormwater runoff; installing a riparian buffer of trees, shrubs and native plantings; and replacing compacted gravel in the lower areas with amended soil and hardy grass to promote infiltration.

In September 2014, the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Economic Development granted the Village \$175,000 for creating a new environmentally-friendly snow dump on an alternative site away from the Ottauquechee River. The East End Action Group was instrumental in preparing the grant application. The funding comes from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is administered by the state on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist communities with disaster recovery. The snow dump qualified as municipal infrastructure lost during the flood. The Village is under contract to purchase a suitable parcel for the new snow dump, located well away from the river, on Maxham Meadow Way. Sustainable Woodstock privately raised nearly half of the purchase price of the land for the new snow dump and has committed to raise the matching funds for the CDBG grant.

Community activities on the Jungle site included a knotweed work day in August and a "Farewell to the Jungle" celebration in October, attended by more than 100 people, to mark the transformation of the site from a long-neglected blemish on Woodstock's landscape into a welcoming and usable recreational property. The work on the Jungle site has encouraged adjacent landowners to make improvements to their commercial properties. The Village voters will be asked to accept the CDBG grant at the 2015 Village meeting.

With support from the Canaday Family Charitable Trust, Sustainable Woodstock will be expanding its community outreach and education efforts through a more sophisticated and concerted initiative, called *Act Now!* This program will focus on three areas: (1) reducing reliance on fossil fuels and increasing use of renewable sources; (2) expanding residential and municipal recycling and composting; and (3) helping to build a stronger local food system. We will focus on understanding the specific needs of different constituencies, designing and executing outreach interventions that have greater impact, and creating a more effective partnership with all residents, especially seasonal homeowners. The grant has allowed us to hire a part time staff person to work directly with individuals to help them become more sustainable.

The *Sustainable Woodstock Energy Group* continues with work with residents, businesses and the municipality to increase energy efficiency. In Spring 2014 we sent out a Request for Proposals for the development of a municipal solar array in Woodstock, but subsequently discovered that none of our Town-owned properties were appropriate. We are currently exploring other options for municipal solar. This past fall we joined with Pomfret to participate in the Solarize Upper Valley program, a 15-week campaign (running mid-October through the end of January) to help residents and small businesses go solar. The local team competitively selected a partner solar installer to offer homeowners good value and competitive pricing. By mid-January 25 households had signed up to build more than 160kW of renewable energy in our communities.

Our *Sustainable Woodstock Recycling Action Group* (the Trashforce) continues to engage and collaborate with local businesses and institutions in the greater Woodstock area to provide education, support and recognition to help them reduce solid waste outputs and comply with VT Act 148 which requires these entities, over the next five years, to recycle all possible materials and compost all organics. With additional funding from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Trashforce has hired a project coordinator to engage and collaborate with local businesses and organizations to help them reduce solid waste outputs by assessing and streamlining current practices. We will be creating a template for replication throughout the state. Any local business is encouraged to contact the Trashforce to develop a plan.

This past summer the *Sustainable Woodstock Community Gardens* had more than 30 families and three organizations gardening at three locations in the Woodstock area – King Farm, Billings Farm and Chippers in Pomfret. Our allotment gardens are open to community members and maintained individually by each gardener. We continue to support and annually rejuvenate raised beds at the Riverside Mobile Home Park. We collaborate with the Vermont Community Garden Network to bring workshops to our community.

Through our partnerships with other nonprofits and ad hoc working groups, Sustainable Woodstock provides leadership and ongoing support for community projects such as the Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network, the Woodstock Access Group and the Woodstock Area Flood Relief Fund. Sustainable Woodstock has also been providing a local voice for regional projects such as the East Central Vermont Sustainability Consortium and is an organizing partner in Trek to Taste and Covered Bridges Half Marathon.

Through our film series we provide a platform for discussion on topics relating to local and global sustainability. Our weekly column in the Vermont Standard and the monthly newsletter sent to our 500+ email list alerts our community to new initiatives and upcoming events. Our activities have allowed us to collaborate with a number of local organizations including Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission, Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce, Norman Williams Public Library, the Thompson Senior Center and many others.

We gratefully acknowledge support from our many local donors, including the Woodstock Rotary, the Woodstock Garden Club and the 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.

For updates on our projects and activities, visit our website at [www.sustainablewoodstock.org](http://www.sustainablewoodstock.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Miller, Executive Director  
[sally@sustainablewoodstock.org](mailto: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 in existence for three years and continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues common to our organizations. The Network emerged in Fall 2011 when a group of Woodstock area nonprofits gathered to discuss how to meet local needs following TS Irene. These organizations had worked collaboratively to recruit and organize volunteers for disaster relief and, through this experience, realized that collectively they were stronger and more efficient.

The Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network had its inaugural meeting in April 2012. The primary goals and benefits of the Network are to explore collaboration around volunteerism, fundraising, communication, sustainability and educational opportunities. We see many shared benefits without using too much of our time or adding more tasks to our individual jobs. 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 December 2014 the Woodstock NPN sponsored an evening forum on Collective Impact. Collective impact is a collaborative framework for organizations to coordinate their own missions and activities towards a common agenda and goals with an intended outcome to leverage everyone's collective resources to achieve greater impact. The event was attended by more than 30 nonprofit directors and board members and the facilitated discussion explored how Woodstock's non-profits, government, and businesses might be able to collaborate to create alignment on shared goals for building a more prosperous, vital, and resilient community. In order to start identifying areas in which all of our work intersects, a working group was established to collect and review the mission statements of the nonprofits serving our community. All local nonprofits are encouraged to send their mission statements to the NPN.

Another focus for 2014-15 is Results Based Accounting (RBA) education. RBA is a system of collecting data to measure whether outcomes are being met. The State of Vermont's Government Accountability Committee promotes RBA as a tool to show taxpayers how their money is being spent to achieve desired outcomes. While not currently required to receive state funding, organizations are encouraged to use RBA to help evaluate and document the success of their programs. The Woodstock NPN is working with Benchmarks for a Better Vermont and Common Good Vermont to bring a series of RBA trainings in the spring of 2015.

The Network is actively working on many other issues including establishing a community calendar where we can all post our events and a volunteer coordination system. We gladly welcome input from the greater community. To receive notifications of meetings and other events, please send an email to [woodstocknonprofitnetwork@gmail.com](mailto: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, Ottawaquechee Community Partnership  
Sally Miller, Sustainable Woodstock  
Sherry Thornburg, Ottawaquechee Health Foundation



## The Woodstock Area Job Bank

### Board of Directors

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### Staff

Elizabeth Craib, Director

### Location:

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## The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*“Bringing together people who need work  
with people who need workers.”*

### What do we do?

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 new at the Job Bank?

- Volunteers! We’ve expanded our services to accommodate organizations and individuals in need of volunteers.
- An interactive website that allows those offering work opportunities the ability to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online
- Continued involvement with the Woodstock Area Nonprofit Network – collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community, ease donor fatigue and share common resources.

### How are we doing?

- In 2014 there were over 600 work opportunities listed through the Job Bank.
- There are over 600 active job-seekers registered with the Job Bank – and this number is growing!
- 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!*

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2014 Overview  
*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)**  
**2014 YEAR-END REPORT**

TRORC is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each member town. As advocates for our member towns, we 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. Highlights from 2014 include:

**Technical Assistance**

In 2014, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient communities. TRORC helped with obtaining an award of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Woodstock's snow dump in 2014, and has also provided town plan assistance.

**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, and we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP). In 2014, TRORC worked with Woodstock to draft a new HMP, and also provided brownfields planning assistance.

**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 continue to refine the goals and actions that will guide our focus on working landscapes and the region's economy from our East Central Vermont Sustainability Plan, pursue brownfield assessment work, and begin an update to our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. TRORC, in conjunction with the state, facilitated a Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative forum in Woodstock in 2014, to assess businesses' vulnerabilities to future floods.

**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 town 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. TRORC assisted Woodstock with completing a town highway culvert inventory, a VTrans sidewalk grant, and a Safe Routes to School grant project in 2014.

*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*

## Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 68 years old in 2015. 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.

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 Schmill, Vice-Kent McFarland, Secretary- Marybeth Defalco , Treasurer- Eric Goldberg, Select board Rep.- Preston Bristow, board members at large: Tom Emery , Dave Doubleday, Jim Giller

# WOODSTOCK HISTORY CENTER

In 2014, the History Center had a very successful year. We had more than 2,500 people attend our programs, workshops, open houses, and events. We held thirteen lectures which covered a wide array of topics from the future of Vermont farms, German POWs in New England, Grant's 1864 Overland Campaign, and Woodstock's built environment. 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). We were happy to collaborate with a number of organizations on events such as Bookstock, Stories of Woodstock's Past, Peak to Peak, Trek to Taste, and the Holiday House Tour.

The History Center partnered with area non-profits, the National Park, and the Woodstock Elementary School on the Fourth Grade History Fair. We had 32 students and 10 mentors researching and presenting programs on Woodstock's court houses, architecture, foodways, fires, recreation, historic places, and the moving of buildings. We had a number of school groups visit our museum during the year to learn more about the uniqueness of our town, historic architecture, folklore, and mourning customs. Spooky Woodstock continues with a children's party full of games and crafts and an evening lecture for adults.

We created several new exhibits this year. *The Decorative Arts of Everyday Objects* was a shared exhibit between the Society and Billings Farm & Museum. *Mapping Woodstock Through Time* used maps to trace the development of Woodstock. *Woodstock: Then and Now* juxtaposed historic images with modern-day photos. *The Covered Bridges of Woodstock* highlighted the culturally important bridges of our area. Our visitor center was reorganized with a new gift shop, interpretive panels, introductory video, and seating for a dozen people. The main focus of the space is to tell the "story of Woodstock."

A new garden and benches were installed on our back lawn in memory of Georgina Williamson. 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 over 1,000 visitors to our back lawn. These visitors were not only here to take a photo of our iconic covered bridge but also to eat and enjoy the beautiful view of Mt. Tom.

The History Center received significant donations of objects, ephemera and photographs that represent our local history. With the help from a grant to purchase new equipment, we are continuing to digitize our collection to make it more readily accessible to the public. We have purchased archival boxes to rehouse our costume collection and continue to conserve and reorganize the rest of the collection.

We remain diligent in providing resources to our community. We have created more outlets for historic content including a new e-newsletter, an enhanced Facebook page, and additional walking tours of the village. The staff has contributed resource materials to researchers, schools, and local organizations.

I would like to thank the staff, board, volunteers and community members who have supported the Society in the past year. We are looking forward to 2015! Once the snow melts, a heating/ac unit will be installed so that the barn can be used year round. We will continue to engage the local schools and community with new programs and other workshops, most of which are offered free of charge. There will also be enhanced interpretation throughout the museum as well as on our back lawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Powers  
Director



## Pentangle Arts

In 2014, Pentangle Arts marked its 40th 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.

- **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 five 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 *Fiddler on the Roof*, which draws from local and regional talent, *Rainbow Fish*, a live performance based on the classic children's book about the value of being an individual, and West African drummer *Sayon Camara and Lendaya*, just to name a few.

- **Mainstage Events:** Pentangle continues to bring exhilarating performance experiences to the Upper Valley, including current season highlights like *Fiddler on the Roof*, the *Hot Club of San Francisco*, and the *Sierra Leone Refugee AllStars*, who through an amazing performance will raise awareness about the Ebola crisis in West Africa. In the spring we bring Helen Kim and Sakiko Oshima, world renowned violinist and pianist for a main stage performance as well as a school performance entitled "The Art of the Violin". Our abundant local talent take center stage with community theatre productions like *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and in the fall of 2015 *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

- **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 *Fiddler on the Roof*. 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](http://www.pentanglearts.org) or 802-457-3981.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Alita Wilson  
Executive Director

THE NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 THE GREEN, WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

The Norman Williams Public Library (NWPL) is a private Not-For-Profit Corporation celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community. NWPL's mission is to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the Greater Woodstock Community by providing access to literature, culture, current information, and technology; promoting the love of reading; fostering the free and open exchange of ideas; serving as a gathering place for people of all ages; and supporting lifelong learning for all. We have a primary focus on digital literacy and provide free one-on-one tutorials and information-technology training. The library also provides a safe place for children to go after school to be with friends, do homework and pursue special interests.

This past year NWPL provided nearly 400 programs split equally between offerings for children and adults. Attendance at those programs averaged 700-1200 monthly. The library presents diverse programs which are provided free of charge and designed to enrich the community and fulfill the mission of the library. Programs are frequently organized in collaboration with other nonprofits and individuals. Recent programs include: author and poetry readings; discussions about the classics; dance and gardening classes; children's story hour; pre-literacy training for young parents; Business Effectiveness Series; Stories of Woodstock Past; What's on Your Nightstand Book Reviews: The Downton Abbey Support Group and discussion about community and spirituality with local clergy. Local theater previews on the mezzanine are held in collaboration with Pentangle Arts, BarnArts, Artistree, Northern Stage and Opera North. The library partners with the Bookstock Literary Festival and Digital Media Festival on these popular annual events. The library's Art @ The Mezz gives local artists a venue to display their work and Music @ The Mezz provides a performance space for local musicians -- including elementary and high school students -- to share their talents.

Centrally located on the Village Green, our historic building is a natural place for the Learning Collaborative courses, Memoir Writing classes, studies of great literature, technology education, and non-profit board meetings for a variety of local organizations. The library is also a popular spot for quiet reading, research and student homework. NWPL provides free Internet access both within our building and broadly in the Village of Woodstock through our Wireless Woodstock Initiative.

NWPL is open six days (46 hours) per week. Of roughly 3,000 Woodstock citizens, about 2,000 are active library cardholders. The 71,000 visits to the library in 2014 represents an 11% increase over the previous year's visits. The library collection totals 54,000 books and includes DVDs, audio books, newspapers, journal subscriptions, eBooks, and access to hundreds of databases. Forty-five thousand (45,000) books and information sources circulated this past year. About half of this circulation is for materials from the Children and Youth Library. The two full-time staff members are joined by a dedicated group of part-time staffers and volunteers, whose talents and commitment enable us to provide a wide breadth of services and programs. NWPL is the Cornerstone of the Community and is served by a Board of Trustees and Corporators who provide fiduciary oversight and are responsible for the welfare of the Library and its patrons.

●● *The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:15 pm. The public is welcome.* ●●



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Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Belton, Executive Director

## E C FIBER

Woodstock is a member of the East Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network (ECFiber), a joint venture of 24 municipalities. Its goal is to make sure that every household and business in these towns has assured, high-speed access to the internet.

For many Woodstock homes and businesses, high-speed internet is becoming a necessity for safety, education, health, entertainment, services and more. Other than ECFiber, Woodstock home and business could access the internet in 2014 through various technologies including cable, DSL, regular phone dial up, and satellite. However today fiber-optic is accepted worldwide as the fastest and most reliable medium for Internet connectivity for future decades.

Since 2010, ECFiber has been installing fiber-optic cables, typically on telephone poles, and providing high-speed Internet service. Optional phone service is also available.

ECFiber is the only fiber-optic-only Internet supplier and the second municipally-owned Internet vendor in the state. ECFiber is committed to providing the best possible Internet access at a very competitive price. It is particularly dedicated to providing high-speed Internet in geographic areas that for-profit suppliers may bypass or charge premium access fees for.

George Sadowsky, Peter Rousmaniere and David Brown serve as delegate and alternates to the ECFiber Governing Board on behalf of Woodstock. The Board oversees a small and highly expert executive team, all area residents, to manage the entity's business. ECFiber Governing Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of each month and are open to the public.

ECFiber now provides service to subscribers in 11 towns, and will reach Woodstock in 2016. The Vermont Telecom Authority (VTA) has committed to providing leased fiber-optic cable on Route 106 from Reading to Woodstock. A successful fund raising drive last fall resulted in \$147,500 of capital that will permit ECFiber to connect subscribers in southern Woodstock, with the first connections possibly occurring early in 2016. Given continued funding, the network can be extended into adjacent parts of Woodstock.

ECFiber funds its growth by accepting private loans and does not depend on member municipalities for any taxpayer-based subsidies. Growth in 2014 was significant and generally consistent with plans. At the end of 2014 ECFiber had almost 1,000 subscribers, and during the year it raised over \$1.5 million needed to sustain expansion going into 2015.

The ECFiber Governing Board is working with our representatives in the Vermont Legislature to expand the definition of Municipal Utility Districts so that the law accommodates the creation of Telecommunications Districts throughout the state. An Australian Ballot article will ask the voters of Woodstock to ratify the Town's membership in the EAST CENTRAL VERMONT TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (aka ECFiber). The creation of this district will substantially improve ECFiber's opportunities to obtain non-recourse financing from private sources. This proposed change in governance structure maintains the current prohibitions against any of ECFiber's financial obligations being passed to the Town or its taxpayers.

More information about ECFiber is available at [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net) or through your town representatives. Those wishing to promote ECFiber's expansion in Woodstock or wishing to invest in ECFiber are encouraged to contact ECFiber's treasurer, John Roy, by e-mailing [john.roy@ecfiber.net](mailto:john.roy@ecfiber.net).

George Sadowsky  
Peter Rousmaniere  
David Brown

## 2014 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 22 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, 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.

During the 2014 fiscal year the GUVSWD provided direct services to Woodstock and its residents including the following:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at regional events including: fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, and tires.
- 439 GUV residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and Norwich in September, in which nearly 20,000 lbs. and 3,500 gallons were disposed of.
- District residents also recycled 1,372 tires and over 20,000 lbs. of electronics at our collection events. Many residents also utilized our bulky trash, fluorescent bulb, book, and scrap metal collections.
- The next household hazardous waste day will be held on the first Saturday in June at the Hartford Recycling Center.
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In FY 14, 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](mailto:guvswd@valley.net); call us at 296-3688 or visit us on the web at [www.guvswd.org](http://www.guvswd.org).

## **Windsor County Assistant Judges**

The County held the preliminary budget meeting on December 17, and the final budget meeting on January 24. The 2015-2016 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$453,839, a *decrease* of \$91,161 from the current year's amount of \$545,000. The tax rate will be .005115756 per hundred dollars.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2015.

### **Courthouse Renovation**

The Court House renovation was completed last summer, and Civil and Probate Divisions moved back in at the end of August 2014. The project was completed on budget and on time. The Assistant Judges once again wish to thank the voters of the county for approving the bond. The building is now handicapped accessible, safe, secure and functioning like a 21<sup>st</sup> century court.

### **Construction Bond Repayment**

The bond from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank carries an interest rate of 2.83%. The bond is for ten years. We are now in the second year of repayment. A rate of .0028018155 is assessed to collect the total 2015 bond repayment of \$248,560. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2015.

Jack Anderson  
David Singer  
Assistant Judges

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

*Your First Resource for Aging in our Community*

The Thompson Center continues to serve a **wide variety** of people from those thinking ahead to retirement to those who are struggling with remaining independent at home in their advanced years. From meals, to transportation, programs, and referrals, The Thompson continues to be a recognized leader in community based aging services.

**Basic Services:**

- Home delivered meals (“Meals on Wheels”) & nutritious, delicious noon meals in our dining room (16, 234 meals served last year, including 7,121 home delivered meals)
- Transportation services for senior and disabled community members for local errands and medical appointments throughout the Upper Valley (3,452 rides provided last year)
- Medical equipment, exercise and health related programs, tax and Medicare assistance, caregiver support, financial assistance referrals
- Wellness clinics, flu shots, foot care clinics, hearing and vision screenings (3,706 check-ins for health & wellness programs and 3,605 check-ins for Social events last year).

Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction. As the needs in our region are increasing, we have increased our outreach and have taken significant steps at becoming more efficient and sustainable. We are proud to be in the role as a critical community based support, but most importantly we truly care for those we serve.

Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. If you would like more details about the services we provide, please contact us at [info@thompsonscenter.org](mailto:info@thompsonscenter.org) or 457-3277. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at [www.thompsonscenter.org](http://www.thompsonscenter.org) or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

## STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Since 1976 Stagecoach Transportation Services has worked to create a network of community transportation alternatives that connect the people and places in Orange and Northern Windsor Counties. Our goal is to provide services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone.

Over the past 38 years, Stagecoach has provided transportation services to medical appointments, pharmacies, senior meal-sites, grocery markets and other vital or quality-of-life services.

Stagecoach supports Thompson Senior Center by securing and managing the two federal operating grants which support their Transportation Program; these funds compliment the local dollars they raise which combine to make transportation of Senior Citizens from their home in Woodstock to medical appointments and to Thompson Senior Center for meals and social events possible.

Stagecoach also secures and manages the grants which pay for 90% of the capital cost for Thompson Senior Center's bus; this helps to contain the cost of their Transportation Program.

In FY14, Stagecoach provided a total of 61,428 Scheduled Bus and Dial-a-Ride trips either by Stagecoach volunteer drivers or on our wheelchair accessible buses. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.



### Board of Directors

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*OCP's mission is to engage individuals and organizations in developing healthy environments positive Inter-generational relationships in the Vermont towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, Reading and Woodstock..*

***OCP is a 501 c-3 organization that thrives with your contribution!***

## **OCP 2014–2015 Initiatives**

### **OCPs Mentor and Buddy Program**

OCP partners with school counselors to match and support positive caring adults with young people at Woodstock Union Middle/High School and with children in Bridgewater Village School, Reading Elementary School and Woodstock Elementary School. There are currently many more children, particularly boys that want or need a mentor than we have adults willing to serve.

**This year we are looking for more MEN to become MENTors!**  
The Family and School Coordinator from Woodstock Elementary School, Erin Klocek describes why mentoring is important: Many boys in our schools are in need of a positive male presence in their lives. Boys find value and meaning in a simple game of chess, a walk on the playground, building a model, a card game, or in the gym, brushing up on soccer or basketball skills. Sometimes, our male matches simply sit and talk. The gift of one hour per week has an amazing impact on these boys that can last a lifetime.

### **Substance Abuse Prevention**

OCP works with youth in schools, law enforcement and other community organizations on substance abuse prevention. OCP leads the Windsor County-wide Rx Drug Abuse Prevention Taskforce working with pharmacists, law enforcement, Thompson Center, OHF and other county-wide organizations focusing on increasing public awareness about prescription drug abuse and how to prevent it.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Summit!**

Vermont Youth Action Network (VYAN) is a youth-led team of youth and adults that organizes the Youth Summits. We're planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Youth Summit in March 2015. If you want to hear more from young people and work to support youth-led efforts in Woodstock, find out how you can participate by contacting OCP.

### **Connecting Communities Campaign**

OCP is leading a Facebook campaign to encourage and support building positive relationships in the Woodstock area. To participate in Connecting Communities, just 'like' OCP on Facebook by going to the Ottawaquechee Community Partnership page. See you there!



January 13, 2015

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to 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 18 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. We throw Halloween, Super Bowl, and Holiday parties. Our teens enjoy our other activities like pizza night, build your own ice cream sundaes, board games, bowling, swimming, rock climbing, barbecues, Yankee gift swaps, and roller skating. **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.

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 Rubenstein & Joni Kennedy, Co-Directors  
[hruenstein@wcsu.net](mailto:hruenstein@wcsu.net) & [jkennedy@wcsu.net](mailto:jkennedy@wcsu.net)

Spectrum Teen Center  
70 Amsden Way  
Woodstock, VT 05091

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Woodstock, VT***

Visiting Nurse and 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.

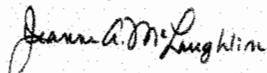
Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 1,732 homecare visits to 106 Woodstock residents. This included approximately \$85,592 in unreimbursed care to Woodstock residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,285 home visits to 88 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 168 home visits to 6 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 258 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 21 home visits to 5 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 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 FY14 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 FY14, HCRS provided 2,217 hours of services to 48 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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## Town of Woodstock Annual Report 2014

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

RSVP has been helping local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and placing volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windsor County. Our volunteers address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors. They include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. For instance in our companionship & wellness program we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windsor County serving over 400 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in the Woodstock area have served hours at: Area Elementary Schools, Bone Builder leaders, benefiting many area residents, along with numerous other community priorities throughout Windsor County. GMRSVP volunteers from Woodstock donated well over 543 hours of service over the last year. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windsor County in the upcoming year.

You are always welcome to contact us in our Springfield office at (802) 885-2083 and speak to our coordinator Judi Ragnarsson or reach me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 447-1545. We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine Haytko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped flourish at the end.

Elaine Haytko  
GMRSVP Director  
ehaytko@svcoa.net

## 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, Tax Preparation, Working Bridges (resource coordination), VT Health Connect Navigation, Disaster Recovery, Thrift Stores and Textile Recycling.

In the community of Woodstock we have provided the following services during FY2014:

**Weatherization:** 8 homes (10 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$14,054

**Emergency Heating Systems:** 1 home (1 person) received a furnace repair or replacement at a cost of \$2,958

**Tax Preparation:** 1 household (1 person) received tax preparation services valued at \$42

**Emergency Services:** 16 families (33 people) received 78 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$826

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 18 households (39 people) received services valued at \$8,980

**Housing & Other Support Services:** 5 households (5 people) received housing and other support services valued at \$6,900

**Disaster Recovery Assistance:** 1 household (2 people) received disaster recovery assistance and case management, valued at \$3,455

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



# Windsor County Partners

MENTORS for YOUTH

PO Box 101, Windsor, VT 05089 \* 802-674-5101 \* [www.WCPartners.org](http://www.WCPartners.org) \* [info@WCPartners.org](mailto:info@WCPartners.org)

## Town Report Narrative - Woodstock For July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

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 (ages 8-17). These mentoring partnerships then meet 2 hours a week at least a year, with many partnerships continuing on for additional years. Retention rates are one of the measures used to evaluate mentoring programs and WCP is proud of achieving a 87% retention rate for its community program in Fiscal Year 2014.

Last year, WCP served 2 individuals in **Woodstock** and supported 30 community-based partnerships from 10 of the towns in Windsor County. These partners spent 2677 hours together. Mentored youth learned life skills, provided community service and participated in cultural and athletic activities. With training and support from WCP staff, mentors provide a listening ear and gentle guidance, helping youth to make better life choices and realize their potential.

Let's Do Lunch (LDL), our school-based program, currently serves youth ages 5-18 in the Springfield district, though we are exploring expansion to other districts. LDL mentors meet with students to do crafts and play games or sports. In the most recent school year, 20 LDL partnerships spent more than 500 hours together.

To ensure the well-being of the children and the success of mentoring matches, there are staffing and other organizational costs associated with creating and supporting each match. Community-based matches run about \$2500 and school-based matches \$1000. Town funding is critical to helping WCP stay financially viable. WCP thanks the voters of **Woodstock** for their continued support for the children of Windsor County.

Jennifer Grant

Executive Director

# WISE

WISE provides confidential *and* free services to any individual who, because of domestic violence or sexual abuse or stalking, seeks crisis intervention, supportive services, or education. Violence is not the only form of abuse: victims may endure financial, emotional, and psychological abuse and/or controlled isolation.

WISE is the Upper Valley's *sole* provider of crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and advocacy for victims of domestic or sexual violence, serving 21 towns, and is a leading educator on healthy and safe relationships. WISE's 24-hour crisis hotline's trained advocates will meet victims at emergency rooms, police stations, courthouses, and the Child Advocacy Center. WISE educators are in middle and high schools in 7 school districts.

WISE serves victims, families, and friends by meeting in confidence to safety plan, understand alternatives, and the experience. WISE coordinates transitional housing and other collaborative services. Support group participation, financial seminars, writing groups, and experiential opportunities offer victims empowerment and recovery assistance.

WISE trains law enforcement, court, medical, legal and school professionals, and parents. WISE educators deliver workshops on healthy relationships, media messaging, dating violence, and safety. Professional, community, book and church groups request WISE healthy relationship and safety presentations.

Last fiscal year, WISE served 1,108 individuals, 18 of whom are known to be Woodstock residents. We do know that many clients do not disclose residence for personal reasons. WISE remains a very active partner with the schools providing on-going curriculum development and student trainings reaching K-12 Woodstock youth.

## Vermont Department of Health Report for Woodstock

**Your Health Department 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 our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

**Supported healthy communities:** Windsor County was awarded Partnership for Success funding to address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse. In its second year of funding, Windsor County Prevention Partners have been increasing law enforcement response to underage drinking and successfully working with pharmacists, law enforcement, councils on aging and others to collect unused prescription medications so they are no longer in medicine cabinets where they could be misused.

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Woodstock, 24 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** From January to September in 2014 we responded to 345 cases of infectious disease in Windsor County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$955,732 of which was in the area served by this district.

**Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction:** Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state including 529 in-person participants. The Hartford Region (which includes northern Windsor County and southern Orange County) included 35 people at a District Leadership Team meeting and continues to meet to plan next steps to address the opiate issue in our area. For more information, contact Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant Claudia Marieb at [claudia.marieb@state.vt.us](mailto:claudia.marieb@state.vt.us).

Health Department staff have been active participants in advising the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission's work on incorporating health into the Regional Plan, individual town plans, and into the long-term sustainability planning for the region (<http://ecvermont.org/>). This advice has focused on Health Impact Assessments and citizen engagement for local policies to make healthy choices the easy choices in communities. Health Department staff have also been active in ReThink Health of the Upper Connecticut River Valley to find ways to promote healthy changes in our health systems (for more information, contact Alice Stewart at [alice.f.stewart@dartmouth.edu](mailto:alice.f.stewart@dartmouth.edu)).



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

**(This is available as a downloadable word document on the “About Us” page of our website).**

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

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

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

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

## 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, 2014, as conducted by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, Certified Public Accountants, the firm retained to do this work by the Town of Woodstock. We have had an opportunity to meet and discuss the report of the audit.

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 Manager's Office. You may view the audit on the web site [www.townofwoodstock.org](http://www.townofwoodstock.org) . If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call (802)457-3456.

Town Auditors  
Tom Debevoise  
Marian Koetsier  
Gray Perkins

# COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Revenues		
	Town	Village	Total
<b>Property Taxes</b>			
Current (Net/Taxes Abated)	3,296,867	632,559	3,929,426
National Park Land Trust	0	7,200	7,200
In Lieu of Taxes and Land Use	234,422	1,574	235,996
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	3,531,289	641,333	4,172,622
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>			
Licenses and Fees	50,839	125	50,964
Boards and Agencies	10,496	8,343	18,839
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	61,335	8,468	69,803
<b>Intergovernmental</b>			
Highway State Aid	133,460	44,987	178,447
Misc State Agency of Transportation	19,219	0	19,219
Town - Highway Rebate	0	219,604	219,604
Grant - Fire, Ambulance & Police Depts	7,820	1,820	
Grant - Transit Service	56,006	0	56,006
Grant - Dispatch Console	7,887	0	7,887
Grant - Waterfront Park	0	15,000	15,000
Grant - Park & Ride	0	1,972	1,972
Grants - Energy	5,000	7,771	12,771
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	229,392	291,154	510,906
<b>Charges for Services *</b>			
False Alarms and Permits	10,210	0	10,210
Ambulance Services	370,642	0	370,642
Communications	64,730	0	64,730
Police Contracts & Misc Services	0	8,257	8,257
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	445,582	8,257	453,839
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>			
Parking Ticket Fines	0	29,857	29,857
Parking Meter Revenue	0	89,965	89,965
Moving Violations	0	117,263	117,263
Delinquent Tax Penalties and Interest	125,163	0	125,163
<b>Total Fines and Forfeits</b>	125,163	237,085	362,248
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Interest Income	105	11	116
Miscellaneous	3,445	1,297	4,742
Sale of Equipment	4,225	0	4,225
Rents	14,040	0	14,040
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	21,815	1,308	23,123
<b>Total Revenues</b>	4,414,576	1,187,605	5,592,541

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Note Proceeds	95,000	0	95,000
Insurance Proceeds	12,668	0	12,668
Transfer from Capital Reserve	173,910	56,001	229,911
Transfer from Trust Funds	<u>10,000</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>13,250</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	291,578	59,251	350,829
Total Revenue & Other Sources	4,706,154	1,246,856	5,943,370
Expenditures			
General Government			
Selectmen/Trustees			
Legislating	16,628	12,414	29,042
Executive Department	121,651	56,935	178,586
Administration	20,577	8,382	28,959
Finance Department			
Treasurer	19,517	1,645	21,162
Accounting and Bookkeeping	50,995	25,255	76,250
Auditing	17,900	11,800	29,700
Tax Listing	95,758	0	95,758
Tax Collecting	<u>19,442</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,442</u>
Total Finance Department	203,612	38,700	242,312
Village Clerk Salaries	0	400	400
Town Clerk Department			
Document Recording, Etc.	88,318	0	88,318
Board of Civil Authority	<u>4,760</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,760</u>
Total Town Clerk Dept.	93,078	0	93,078
Boards and Agencies			
Municipal Planning & Zoning	107,195	97,950	205,145
Plant and Equipment	93,973	0	93,973
Contingency Department	8,233	7,891	16,124
Insurance and Fidelity Bond Premium	<u>130,150</u>	<u>53,116</u>	<u>183,266</u>
Total General Government	795,097	275,788	1,070,885
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>29,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>31,500</u>
Total General Govt and Transfers	824,097	278,288	1,102,385

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Safety			
Town Constables	5,416	0	5,416
Communications Department	253,846	0	253,846
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Communications Dept. and Transfers	259,846	0	259,846
Fire Department			
Firefighting	113,571	0	113,571
Fire Communications	6,884	0	6,884
Fire Trucks and Equipment	16,720	0	16,720
Firefighting Equipment	<u>5,837</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,837</u>
Total Fire Department	143,012	0	143,012
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>21,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,000</u>
Total Fire Dept. and Transfers	164,012	0	164,012
Police Department *			
Police Administration	0	143,872	143,872
Police Office Maintenance	0	15,255	15,255
Law Enforcement	116,456	278,475	394,931
Training	0	5,101	5,101
Communications	0	79,486	79,486
Parking Meters	0	33,285	33,285
Vehicles and Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>17,820</u>	<u>17,820</u>
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
Total Police Dept.	116,456	573,294	689,750
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>13,750</u>	<u>13,750</u>
Total Police Dept. & Transfers	116,456	587,044	703,500
Ambulance Department			
Operations	324,628	0	324,628
Vehicle Maintenance	14,306	0	14,306
Training	7,905	0	7,905
Communications	<u>3,852</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,852</u>
Total Ambulance Dept.	350,691	0	350,691
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	<u>65,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total Ambulance & Transfers	415,691	0	415,691
Emergency Services Department			
Emergency Services Bldg	41,858	0	41,858
Woodstock Station #2	<u>10,424</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,424</u>
Total Emergency Service Dept	52,282	0	52,282
Total Public Safety	1,013,703	587,044	1,600,747

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Total</u>
Highways and Streets			
Maintenance	718,842	318,895	1,037,737
Construction	22,050	0	22,050
Culverts and Drains	1,327	0	1,327
Construction and Maintenance of Bridges	52,648	0	52,648
Traffic Control	846	896	1,742
Street Lights	16,031	31,287	47,318
Maintenance of Sidewalks	0	14,557	14,557
Equipment Maintenance and Purchase	144,249	15,460	159,709
Public Works Building	141,831	5,382	147,213
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Total Highways and Streets	1,097,824	386,477	1,484,301
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	79,800	20,000	99,800
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Total Highways and Streets and Transfers	1,177,624	406,477	1,584,101
Health			
Town Cemetery Unit	15,000	0	15,000
Public Health Services	5,652	0	5,652
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Total Health Department	20,652	0	20,652
Sanitation	38,557	0	38,557
Culture and Recreation	548,382	5,724	554,106
Intergovernmental	219,605	0	219,605
Welcome Center	26,231	0	26,231
Special Articles	248,777	5,777	254,554
Property Damage Repairs	9,640	1,170	10,810
Community Celebrations	3,110	0	3,110
Local Share Irene Recovery Expense	76,253	0	76,253
Capital Reserve Spending	214,656	56,001	270,657
Grant Expenses	76,714	26,563	103,277
Other Financing Uses			
Transfer to Capital Reserve	37,484	0	37,484
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Total Expenditures	4,535,485	1,367,044	5,902,529

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
TRUST FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2014

	COMMON ACCOUNT	BILLINGS FUND	BOYCE FUND	CEMETERY FUND	DREER FUND	FREEMAN FUND	GILMAN FUND	WHITCOMB FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Money Market	12,994	26,637	58,080	3,047	8,045	20,741	809	52	130,404
CD's		97,587		72,934	10,272		2,852		183,645
Investments		173,609	2,835			10,155		24,898	211,497
Due from other funds	1,700								1,700
Total assets	14,694	297,833	60,915	75,981	18,318	30,896	3,660	24,950	527,246
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Accounts Payable									700
Due to other funds									700
Total liabilities									1,400
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	14,694	297,833	60,915	75,981	18,318	30,896	3,660	24,250	526,546
Total Liabilities and fund equity	14,694	297,833	60,915	75,981	18,318	30,896	3,660	24,950	527,246

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
JUNE 30, 2014

	COMMON ACCOUNT	BILLINGS FUND	BOYCE FUND	CEMETERY FUND	DREER FUND	FREEMAN FUND	GILMAN FUND	WHITCOMB FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
<b>REVENUES</b>									
Investment Income		389	220	282	50	27	6	583	1,556
Investment-change in value		31,974	99					182	32,255
Total revenue		32,362	320	282	50	27	6	765	33,812
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
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		3,000			2,500	4,500		10,752
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)</b>	(752)	32,362	(2,680)	282	50	(2,473)	(4,494)	765	23,060
<b>FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2013</b>	15,446	265,470	63,596	75,699	18,267	33,369	8,154	23,485	503,486
<b>FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2014</b>	14,694	297,833	60,916	75,981	18,317	30,896	3,660	24,250	526,546

## 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*”.

#### 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 \$43,061 on June 30, 2014. The Cleveland Fund has now been totally disbursed. The Hersey Fund had a savings account balance of \$3,910. The Eloise Brockway Fund was combined with the George Brockway Fund savings account. The balance as of June 30, 2014 was \$5,021. All balance information is as of June 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Boyd, For Trustees of Public Funds

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 1, 2014  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Matt Maxham as Moderator called the Meeting to Order at 10:05 a.m. and read out the Warning. He mentioned the rules of the Meeting, and mentioned that persons other than registered voters would be allowed to speak if there were no objections. Phil Swanson, John Doten, Gretti Howe, Preston Bristow, Bruce Gould, Bob Holt, and Jerome Morgan were assembled on stage, along with Macy Lawrence operating the camera and sound for the Community TV. There were about sixty voters present. This number increased to about ninety later in the meeting.

**ARTICLE I:** is "The election of Town Officers" which is an Australian Ballot article that will be voted on Tuesday.

**ARTICLE II:** is "To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers." This article was moved by Ed English, seconded by John Doten, and discussed by Ed English and Phil Swanson. The Dispatch department has some new equipment that is installed on the radio towers that will be paid for by grant money that should arrive soon. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE III:** is "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 7, 2014 and May 8, 2015." This article was moved by Alison Clarkson, seconded by Laurence H. Roberts, Jr., there was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE IV:** is "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	22.88 per hour
Constables	22.88 per hour
Moderator	50.00 each time serves

This article was moved by Ed English and seconded by Ann Sadowski. Jeff Kahn mentioned the increase in Selectboard pay. Ed English asked how that would break down. Matt Maxham mentioned that each Selectperson receives \$1,000. per year. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE V:** is "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 2014-2015 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department." William Dagger moved and Laurence H, Roberts, Jr. seconded this article. There was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE VI:** is "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Million Four Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,408,140) which includes the specified sums of money to

operate each department;” (as warned) “and to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million Fifty Three Thousand Ten Dollars (\$3,053,010) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2014-2015.” This article was moved by Alison Clarkson and seconded by Ed English. Bob Holt introduced Gretti Howe, who thanked Mary Riley for her hard work of organizing the details and keeping the minutes for the Selectboard over the years. Gretti then provided a guided inspection of a portion of the budget and mentioned the Little Theater bond payment, repairs to Town Hall and the costs of health insurance.

John Doten mentioned our new road superintendent Ken Vandenburg who is doing an excellent job and that we are fortunate to have him. John then provided an entertaining story from local history and then made explanation of the highway budgets. It has been a hard winter wherein we have used a lot of sand, salt, diesel fuel and overtime to keep the roads in good order. There has been much work done on bridges and culverts. The State has made rules increasing the required size and design of these structures in many cases. Mr. Doten asked that any citizen who discovers any irregularity or washout of a roadway in the course of their daily travels, especially if it is near a bridge or culvert, to please report that to the Town Highway Department. Timely effort can result in great cost savings.

Preston Bristow thanked Pat Cassidy for her many years of service as our ambulance coordinator, and mentioned Alan Beebe who is our new coordinator. Alan also works for the Town of Hartford, so our crew chiefs will do some extra duty to keep the program in good order. Revenues for the Ambulance program exceed budget expense, but it must be noted that not all users can or do pay their bills. There is also a per capita fee to surrounding towns in the revenue stream. We have increased the compensation for firefighters, painted the interior of the building and paved the yard using monies from the Holt Iron Bridge fund. Ed English, Phil Swanson, Dave Schwartzman and Bev Humpstone discussed the paving costs, which were put out to bid and the low bid selected, and the three year rotation of ambulance vehicles in which the nine year old ambulance is cycled out.

Bruce Gould provided a guided inspection and explanation of the Police budgets. Laurence H. Roberts, Jr. appreciated the police reports in the Vermont Standard but asked if there were no checks of town properties. Chief Robert Blish reported that town wide property checks are made as part of an ongoing program and that they vary due to requests. The Town owns the green Explorer for a cruiser. Vickie Brooks asked if there is a dedicated officer for the Town. Bruce Gould responded that there are a number of dedicated hours but not a named person. Joe DiNatale asked about the fees and fines. Phil Swanson mentioned that the number of speeding tickets is down, probably due to the effectiveness of the flashing speed warning sign, and that the truck drivers have learned to get permits before operating oversize trucks in the Village.

Phil Swanson worked through the budget summary. Dave Schwartzman, Ed English and Phil Swanson discussed capital reserve expenses.

Article VI was again read out by the Moderator, voted, and adopted.

**ARTICLE VII:** is “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$915,200), which includes Six Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$628,200) from user fees and Two Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$287,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2014-2015.” This article was moved by Ed English and seconded by Marian Koetsier. Phil Swanson explained that our plants have sufficient additional capacity, but the big motors are reaching the end of their expected life span and additional maintenance of the structures is needed. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE VIII:** is “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 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.”

This article was moved by Nancy Pejouhy, seconded by Marian Koetsier, voted and adopted with no discussion.

**ARTICLE IX:** is “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 Carol Wood and seconded by Jennifer Belton. There was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE X:** is “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 Michael Ricci and seconded by Ed English. This article is intended to set money aside for generalized improvements to Vail Field. Phil Swanson, Oliver Goodenough, Sari White, and Marian Koetsier discussed issues. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE XI:** is “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to convey a parcel of land located on Carlton Hill Road, containing 4.1 acres, more or less, that is currently used as an outdoor classroom, to the Woodstock Union High School; in accordance with VSA Title 24, section 1061(b).” This article was moved by John Doten and seconded by Sally Miller. John Doten reminded us that we may need that property to widen the road, David Schwartzman agreed. Bob Holt mentioned that the deed would include an easement back to the town should widening be needed. Joe DiNatale, Victoria Jas, Wendy Otavsky and Ed English discussed issues. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE XII:** is “Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to lease, at terms advisable to them, the “Town Forest” containing 97.11 acres more or less, located on Long Hill Road for the purpose of maple sap collection, for a term not to exceed fifteen years in accordance with VSA Title 24 section 1061(b).” This article was moved by Ed English and seconded by Marian Koetsier. Joe Matz, Bob Holt, Oliver Goodenough, Dave Schwartzman, Phil Swanson, Stuart Matlins and Byron Quinn raised and discussed issues. This article was voted and adopted.

**ARTICLE XIII:** To see if the Town will vote to extend tax exempt status to the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, Incorporated for a period of five years, from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. (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

Ed English, Phil Swanson, Merial Hall, Marian Koetsier, and Chris Miller discussed issues. This is a renewal of exemption that has long existed, and the dollar amount can not be calculated until the State

Education tax amount is determined. All of the tax exemption requests are renewals.

**ARTICLE XIV:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the buildings known as Woodstock Masonic Association, Inc. 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 entity.

Dwight Camp spoke in favor of this article, noting the many civic groups that use this building and grounds.

**ARTICLE XV:** To see if the town of Woodstock will vote to exempt either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and building owned by the Ottauquechee Health Center, Inc. (dba Ottauquechee Health Foundation,) located at 32 Pleasant Street, Woodstock, (known as the Simmons House) for a period of five (5) years beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019.

(By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- A. Exemption from all local property taxes including education, highway and town general.
- B. Exemption from the education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

Marian Koetsier spoke in favor of this article.

At this point in the Meeting the Moderator asked to take Article XXI out of order if there were no objections. There were none. See Article XXI. At this point George Sadowski was invited to give an update on the E.C. Fiber project. Fliers are available on the counter for more information. Installation in Woodstock requires use of underground conduits and may be expensive. Solutions are sought. Article XXV was also taken out of order. See Article XXV. Then, at 12:25 p.m. the Meeting was recessed until 1:25 p.m. for Lunch.

**ARTICLE XVI:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the building known as the Prosper Community House 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 education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

Charles Degener spoke in favor of this article and gave a brief history of the many civic functions at this community facility.

**ARTICLE XVII:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the buildings known as Merten's House, located on land owned by the Homestead, Inc. 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 education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

Carol Cunningham spoke in favor of this unique facility which is a gift from the Mertens family and admits many local persons.

**ARTICLE XVIII:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the buildings known as The Homestead, located on land owned by the Homestead, Inc. 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 education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

This article is related to the Mertens House article.

**ARTICLE XIX:** Shall the voters of Woodstock, VT vote to exempt any solar power installations from paying real property taxes on the physical infrastructure used to create electricity or hot water. This exemption would apply to any individual, business or community system designed for the express purpose of sustaining the power they already use and not for profit. For a period of ten years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Eric Wegner spoke in favor of this article. David Brown, David Hall, Eric Wegener Meriel Hall and Joe Matz discussed many complicated issues related to this article.

**ARTICLE XX:** 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 spoke in favor of this article and explained some of the functions of the Job Bank.

**ARTICLE XXI:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) 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. These are the only funds requested by the senior center; there is no other budgeted support provided by the Town. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Deanna Jones spoke in favor of this article, mentioning the thousands of persons served by this program and that over 33% of persons over 65 in Woodstock use the programs for greater health and happiness in the Woodstock area.

**ARTICLE XXII:** 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 one spoke for this article.

- ARTICLE XXIII:** 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 in favor of this article as he has done these many years, and directed us to page 53 of the Town Report for a list of services provided by this venerable organization.
- ARTICLE XXIV:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) to Stagecoach Transportation Services for providing public transportation services to local and regional medical appointments, social services, shopping and employment. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)  
 No one spoke to this article, except as it relates to the Thompson Senior Center.
- ARTICLE XXV:** 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 2014-2015. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)  
 Jennifer Belton and others gave a long and spirited endorsement of this article and of the Library which is much more than just a library.
- ARTICLE XXVI:** 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 educational programming for the benefit of the town's school children, adults and senior citizens through programs and events. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)  
 Matthew Powers spoke in favor of this article and mentioned educational and school related programs.
- ARTICLE XXVII:** 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. These funds are over and above the budgeted support that the Town provides to Pentangle for fiscal year 2014-2015. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)  
 Jeff Kahn and Serena Nelson spoke in favor of this article. Pentangle is now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year.
- ARTICLE XXVIII:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to be donated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of contributing to the operation of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2014-15. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)  
 Carol Cunningham spoke in favor of this article. There may have been 43,000 visits to this facility.

**ARTICLE XXIX:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help fund WISE (Women’s Information Service’s) work with the Town of Woodstock. WISE provides advocacy, crisis intervention and ongoing support services; confidential emergency shelter and supportive housing to those affected by domestic and sexual violence; and community education and youth violence prevention programs. All WISE services are free and confidential. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

Meg Matz spoke in favor of this article.

**ARTICLE XXX:** 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)

Robert Williamson read a letter from Paul Regan in favor of this article. See page 55 for details.

**ARTICLE XXXI:** 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, Diana Brown and Ed English spoke in favor of this high school related program.

**ARTICLE XXXII:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to support programming of the Ottawaquechee 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)

Jackie Fisher and Jennifer Belton spoke in favor of this article. See page 51 for details.

**ARTICLE XXXIII:** 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)

Alan Willard spoke in favor of this confidential service more than 30 years old.

At this point Alison Clarkson, our Representative, was invited to speak. She thanked us for the honor and privilege of serving, and mentioned that we are doing well as a State; we have the lowest unemployment rate in the region, our renewable energy systems are good, agriculture is growing, our education systems have a high rate of graduates, our roads and bridges are being restored and maintained. There are many other issues, and our challenges are significant. See her Town Meeting Legislative Update for more details.

**ARTICLE XXXIV:** is “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 by general consent. Jack Anderson gave us an update on the Courthouse project and hopes to be open by July 4<sup>th</sup>. David Brown asked about Woodstock East. Phil Swanson mentioned that is privately owned, and the clean- up phase should be nearly complete. Stuart Matlins wants to have comparative year data included in the Town Reports. John Mathews congratulated Phil Swanson on the Hurricane Irene work. Jeff Kahn would like to revive the Economic Co-ordinator idea. Laurence H. Roberts, Jr. thanked the Moderator and Selectboard for their patience and ready explanations. Ed English pointed out that we will need an understudy for John Doten on the subject of Roads. Matt Maxham thanked Jacob from Troop 220 of the Boy Scouts for the microphone work. At 2:20 p.m. Nancy Pejouhy moved to adjourn the Meeting to 7:00 a.m. on Voting Day, Jennifer Maxham seconded, and we so voted.

Attest:

Jerome R. Morgan Town Clerk

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**February 28, 2015**  
**And**  
**March 3, 2015**

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until March 3, 2015 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 3rd day of March 2015, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

**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)

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

**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.

**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 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 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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,710,630</b>

**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.

**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 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.

- 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.
- ARTICLE XI:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote on all public questions by Australian Ballot.  
**(BY VOICE VOTE AT THE MEETING ON SATURDAY)**
- 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).
- 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 ).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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)
- 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 Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2015-1016. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- 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)
- 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)

- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)

**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)

**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.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

**WOODSTOCK SELECT BOARD**

Bruce Gould, Chair

Preston Bristow

John D. Doten, Jr.

Robert Holt

Margaretta F. Howe

Jerome R. Morgan  
Town Clerk

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**NOTICE TO VOTERS**

Woodstock residents not on the voter checklist may register to vote no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 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 March 2, 2015. 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 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
2	Culture & Recreation			
3	LittleTheaterBondPayment	11,000	11,000	11,000
4	LittleTheaterBondInterest	6,600	6,265	6,000
5	Woodstock Council Aging	10,000	10,000	10,200
6	Parades	1,500	1,487	1,500
7	Town Library Contribution	133,800	133,800	136,500
8	Woodstock Rec Center	254,500	254,500	267,225
9	Fireworks	7,500	7,500	7,500
10	Elem School Space Rental	92,000	92,000	92,000
11	Pentangle	31,830	31,830	32,500
12	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>548,730</b>	<b>548,382</b>	<b>564,825</b>
13	Health Officer			
14	Salaries & Wages	5,250	5,250	5,500
15	Employer Paid Benefits	400	402	400
16	Water Testing Supplies	100	0	100
17	Travel & Transportation	100	0	100
18	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	0	100
19	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>5,652</b>	<b>6,200</b>
20	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>554,680</b>	<b>554,034</b>	<b>571,025</b>
21	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
22	Town Hall Building			
23	Operating Supplies	3,000	2,097	3,000
24	Other Purchased Services	6,000	8,769	7,500
25	Custodial Services	20,500	8,170	18,000
26	Small Tools & Equipment	500	477	500
27	Utilities	42,000	65,040	42,000
28	Building Improvements	1,000	600	1,000
29	Bldg Repairs & Mainte	12,000	8,819	8,000
30	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>93,972</b>	<b>80,000</b>
31	Capital Reserve			
32	Town Hall Improvements	20,000	20,000	20,000
33	<b>TOTAL TOWN HALL BUILDING</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>113,972</b>	<b>100,000</b>
34	Select Board			
35	Salaries & Wages	3,750	3,750	5,000
36	Employer Paid Benefits	300	287	350
37	Legal Services	6,000	2,017	4,700
38	RCD	100	0	100
39	Community Television	2,400	2,000	2,400
40	Dues, Subs & Meetings	5,700	4,484	5,700
41	Printing Town Report	3,500	4,090	3,500
42	Coalition of Municipality	250	0	250
43	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>16,628</b>	<b>22,000</b>

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Executive				
2	Salaries & Wages	84,950	90,348	88,400	91,900
3	Employer Paid Benefits	28,100	29,928	29,800	29,600
4	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,000	1,374	1,200	1,400
5	TOTAL	114,050	121,650	119,400	122,900
6	Capital Reserve				
7	Manager's Pick-up	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
8	TOTAL EXECUTIVE	115,550	123,150	120,900	124,400
9	Office Administration				
10	Operating Supplies	3,500	2,734	3,500	3,200
11	Office Supplies	3,800	3,105	3,800	3,500
12	Postage	4,000	3,995	4,000	4,200
13	Equipment Maintenance	1,800	1,856	1,800	1,800
14	Machinery & Equipment	1,200	2,590	1,200	2,000
15	Communications	3,500	3,439	3,500	3,500
16	Advertising	2,500	2,859	2,500	2,500
17	TOTAL	20,300	20,578	20,300	20,700
18	Capital Reserve				
19	Office Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
20	Computer Software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
21	TOTAL	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
22	TOTAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	23,800	24,078	23,800	24,200
23	FINANCE				
24	Tax Listing				
25	Salaries & Wages	68,640	65,191	71,400	74,100
26	Employer Paid Benefits	30,950	29,192	32,400	32,825
27	Operating Supplies	150	0	150	150
28	Professional Services	200	0	200	200
29	Other Purchased Services	350	195	350	350
30	Licensed State Support	350	239	350	350
31	Equip Repair & Mainte	100	0	100	100
32	Travel & Transportation	600	217	500	500
33	Dues, Subs & Meetings	400	724	700	750
34	TOTAL	101,740	95,758	106,150	109,325
35	Capital Reserve				
36	Lister's Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
37	TOTAL TAX LISTING	102,740	96,758	107,150	110,325
38	Auditing				
39	Professional Services	12,000	17,900	17,000	18,000

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Treasurer				
2	Salaries & Wages	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
3	Employer Paid Benefits	1,200	1,224	1,200	1,200
4	Travel & Transportation	2,000	2,213	2,200	2,200
5	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	80	100	100
6	TOTAL	19,300	19,517	19,500	19,500
7	Accounting				
8	Salaries & Wages	37,900	38,738	40,600	41,100
9	Employer Paid Benefits	11,800	11,264	12,600	12,625
10	Software Upgrade	100	0	100	100
11	Professional Services	200	200	200	200
12	Other Purchased Services	800	793	800	800
13	TOTAL	50,800	50,995	54,300	54,825
14	Tax Collecting				
15	Salaries & Wages	13,800	14,447	14,260	14,850
16	Employer Paid Benefits	4,610	4,995	5,000	5,000
17	TOTAL	18,410	19,442	19,260	19,850
18	TOTAL FINANCE	203,250	204,612	217,210	222,500
19					
20	TOWN CLERK				
21	Board of Civil Authority				
22	Printing Supplies	2,000	2,839	5,000	3,000
23	BCA Wages	800	358	800	400
24	Election Wages	925	1,563	2,000	1,600
25	TOTAL	3,725	4,760	7,800	5,000
26	Town Clerk				
27	Salaries & Wages	54,200	49,608	56,400	58,600
28	Asst Town Clerk Wages	12,400	12,122	13,000	13,000
29	Employer Paid Benefits	23,600	23,140	24,600	25,100
30	Office Supplies	250	33	250	150
31	Other Purchased Services	100	273	100	300
32	Machinery & Equipment	500	397	500	500
33	Copier Lease	1,020	78	950	0
34	Dues, Subs & Meetings	400	448	400	400
35	Record Retention	3,200	2,219	3,200	3,200
36	Restoration of Records	50	0	50	50
37	TOTAL	95,720	88,318	99,450	101,300
38	Capital Reserve				
39	Town Clerk Vault	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
40	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	100,945	94,578	108,750	107,800

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016	
1	<b>BOARDS &amp; AGENCIES</b>				
2	Planning & Zoning				
3	Salaries & Wages	64,900	64,445	69,200	71,725
4	Employer Paid Benefits	30,100	31,276	32,900	30,825
5	Professional Services	750	220	750	500
6	Equipment Purchase	250	14	250	250
7	Travel & Transportation	3,000	4,096	3,000	4,000
8	Dues, Subs & Meetings	5,700	4,781	5,700	5,700
9	Advertising	2,500	2,039	2,500	2,500
10	GIS Mapping	100	0	100	100
11	Conservation Commission	500	324	500	500
12	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,800</b>	<b>107,195</b>	<b>114,900</b>	<b>116,100</b>
13	Capital Reserve				
14	Town Plan Consulting	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
15	Computer Equip Replace	500	500	500	500
16	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
17	<b>TOTAL BOARDS &amp; AGENCIES</b>	<b>109,300</b>	<b>108,695</b>	<b>116,400</b>	<b>117,600</b>
18	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
19	<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>				
20	Highway Construction				
21	Other Purchased Services	5,000	594	5,000	2,000
22	Rentals	500	0	500	500
23	Paving	0	5,809	0	0
24	Unclassified	10,000	15,647	10,000	15,000
25	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>22,050</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>17,500</b>
26	Traffic Control				
27	Operating Supplies	2,750	846	2,750	2,750
28	Equip Repairs & Mainte	500	0	500	500
29	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,250</b>
30	Highway Maintenance				
31	Salaries & Wages	245,350	242,733	242,600	252,000
32	Overtime	30,000	42,360	35,000	35,000
33	Retirement/Past Employee	10,600	875	0	0
34	Employer Paid Benefits	103,700	96,944	115,000	117,125
35	Operating Supplies	30,000	25,770	28,000	28,000
36	Office Supplies	250	157	250	250
37	Professional Services	1,000	2,090	1,000	1,000
38	Other Purchased Services	18,000	18,854	20,000	20,000
39	Small Tools & Equipment	500	219	500	500
40	Rentals	500	0	500	500

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Communications	2,250	2,545	2,250	2,600
2	Diesel Fuel	66,000	76,064	66,000	70,000
3	Spot Gravel	70,000	66,194	80,000	70,000
4	Pavement Patch	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
5	Road Stabilization	30,000	24,170	20,000	25,000
6	Salt & Sand	100,000	119,867	105,000	105,000
7	TOTAL	709,150	718,842	717,100	727,975
8	Mainte of Storm Drains				
9	Culverts & Drains	6,000	1,327	6,000	6,000
10	Const & Mainte of Bridges				
11	Operating Supplies	2,000	766	2,000	2,000
12	Repair & Maint Supplies	6,000	5,154	6,000	6,000
13	Other Purchased Services	6,000	13,852	6,000	10,000
14	Engineering Services	1,000	2,033	1,000	1,000
15	Rentals	500	0	500	500
16	Bridge Rehabilitation	30,000	30,843	30,000	30,000
17	TOTAL	45,500	52,648	45,500	49,500
18	Street Lights				
19	Street Lights	13,200	16,031	13,200	12,200
20	Public Works Building				
21	Utilities	18,800	20,345	18,800	20,000
22	Building Improvements	250	1,006	250	250
23	Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,415	1,000	1,600
24	Emergency Bldg Repairs	0	1,360	0	0
25	Replace Salt Shed	5,500	5,500	0	0
26	Bond Payment	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
27	Bond Payment - Interest	42,500	42,205	41,000	40,500
28	TOTAL	138,050	141,831	131,050	132,350
29	Highway Equipment				
30	Operating Supplies	7,000	10,191	7,000	10,000
31	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	40,000	40,069	40,000	40,000
32	Other Purchased Services	4,000	3,882	4,000	4,000
33	Grader Lease/Purchase	30,000	27,780	25,000	27,780
34	Backhoe Lease/Purchase	17,200	17,168	17,200	17,200
35	Loader Lease/Purchase	16,000	15,892	17,000	16,000
36	Small Tools & Equipment	1,000	700	1,000	1,000
37	Ton Truck Lease/Purchase	14,000	0	14,000	14,000
38	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '12	18,300	18,264	18,800	18,800
39	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '13	10,400	10,303	10,900	10,900
40	Dump Truck Lease Purchase '14	0	0	10,000	16,000
41	Communications	500	0	500	500
42	TOTAL	158,400	144,249	165,400	176,180

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016	
1	Capital Reserve				
2	Equip Dump Truck '14	11,500	11,500	30,000	0
3	Equip Dump Truck '15	18,300	18,300	10,000	30,000
4	Equip Dump Truck '16	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
5	Equip Dump Truck '17	0	0	0	10,000
6	Pave Church Hill Road	0	0	10,000	15,000
7	Bridge N Bridgewater Road	5,000	5,000	0	0
8	General Bridge & Culvert O & M	35,000	35,000	50,000	50,000
9	TOTAL	79,800	79,800	110,000	115,000
10	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,168,850	1,177,624	1,207,000	1,239,955
11					
12	Maintaining Cemeteries				
13	Other Purchased Services	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
14	Repair & Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
15	TOTAL	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
16	Sanitation				
17	Upper Valley Solid Waste	38,600	38,557	38,600	38,600
18					
19	Welcome Center				
20	Maintenance Supplies	2,500	1,735	2,500	2,000
21	Custodial Services	19,000	18,209	19,000	19,000
22	Propane	1,600	1,667	1,000	1,200
23	Electricity	1,100	1,253	900	1,250
24	Misc Utilities	1,300	2,894	1,500	3,000
25	Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	473	1,800	1,000
26	TOTAL	27,300	26,231	26,700	27,450
27	Total Expenditures	1,169,950	1,177,612	1,177,300	1,206,005
28	Total Transfers Out	79,800	79,800	110,000	115,000
29	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,249,750	1,257,412	1,287,300	1,321,005
30	PUBLIC SAFETY				
31	AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT				
32	Ambulance Operations				
33	Salaries & Wages	66,300	30,342	56,700	40,000
34	Employer Paid Benefits	28,000	10,328	6,500	6,500
35	Operating Supplies	18,500	19,556	28,000	23,000
36	Office Supplies	1,500	7,097	2,400	2,700
37	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	100	102	100	100
38	Paramedic Supplies	2,000	1,779	2,200	2,500
39	Other Purchased Services	2,400	7,626	6,000	2,600
40	Associates Salary	100,000	197,858	180,000	202,700
41	Paramedic Intercept	2,000	12,900	6,000	9,000
42	Contract Services	0	19,944	0	0
43	Personal Protection Equip	1,000	1,105	2,500	1,500
44	Communications	0	98	0	100

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Dues, Subs & Meetings	500	697	500	750
2	Billing Software	0	0	0	4,000
3	Medical Testing	300	0	300	300
4	Uncollectable Accounts	100	15,196	100	25,000
5	Medicare & Ins Allowance	100	0	100	100
6	TOTAL	222,800	324,628	291,400	320,850
7	Ambulance Vehicle				
8	Small Tools & Equipment	800	782	800	800
9	Ambulance 1 Maintenance	2,500	1,985	3,000	2,000
10	Ambulance 2 Maintenance	1,500	1,620	5,000	4,000
11	Ambulance 3 Maintenance	1,000	1,803	1,500	2,000
12	Storage Trailer	0	0	0	2,500
13	Fuel	7,000	8,116	9,000	9,000
14	TOTAL	12,800	14,306	19,300	20,300
15	Ambulance Training				
16	Training Wages	0	0	0	7,000
17	Employer Paid Benefits	0	0	0	535
18	Operating Supplies	1,000	450	1,000	1,100
19	Professional Services	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
20	Small Tools & Equipment	300	0	300	300
21	Travel & Transportation	500	52	500	500
22	Dues, Subs & Meetings	200	243	200	200
23	State EMS Training	8,000	7,160	8,000	8,000
24	TOTAL	11,500	7,905	11,500.00	19,135
25	Ambulance Communications				
26	Office Phone & Internet	800	1,319	800	1,600
27	Vehicle Cell Phones	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
28	Pagers	500	557	2,000	1,000
29	Portable Radios	1,500	976	2,000	1,000
30	Vehicle Mobile Radios	500	0	1,000	500
31	TOTAL	4,300	3,852	6,800	5,100
32	Capital Reserve				
33	Cardiac Monitors	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
34	Stryker Power Stretcher	0	0	0	3,000
35	Ambulance	50,000	50,000	50,000	55,000
36	TOTAL	65,000	65,000	70,000	78,000
37	TOTAL AMBULANCE DEPT	316,400	415,691	399,000	443,385
38	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
39	Firefighting				
40	Salaries & Wages	90,000	77,596	90,000	85,000
41	Employer Paid Benefits	6,800	5,936	6,800	6,800
42	Operating Supplies	2,000	339	2,500	2,000
43	Professional Services	2,000	1,026	2,000	2,000

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Winter Hydrant Maintenance	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600
2	Hydrant Rental	27,000	21,398	27,000	23,000
3	Travel & Transportation	200	425	200	200
4	Dues, Subs & Meetings	900	858	900	900
5	Education	3,500	1,270	4,500	2,500
6	CDL Licensing	500	75	500	500
7	Medical Testing	750	814	750	750
8	Fire Prevention	1,000	333	1,000	1,000
9	TOTAL	138,250	113,570	139,750	128,250
10	Fire Communications				
11	Alarm Registration Admin	1,500	25	1,500	1,500
12	Equip Repair & Maintenance	2,400	1,299	2,400	2,400
13	Machinery & Equipment	500	3,447	500	2,000
14	Communications	2,400	2,113	2,400	2,400
15	TOTAL	6,800	6,884	6,800	8,300
16	Fire Truck & Equipment				
17	Operating Supplies	1,200	565	1,200	1,200
18	Repair & Maintenance	2,000	28	2,000	2,000
19	Engine #1 Maintenance	0	0	0	2,500
20	Engine #2 Maintenance	2,500	1,246	3,000	3,000
21	Engine #3 Maintenance	4,000	4,252	3,500	3,500
22	Rescue Maintenance	1,500	6,555	1,500	1,500
23	Fire Truck Lease Payment	1,500	1,473	1,500	1,500
24	Fuel	2,800	2,601	2,800	2,800
25	TOTAL	15,500	16,720	15,500	18,000
26	Firefighting Equipment				
27	Operating Supplies	500	44	500	500
28	Equipment Maintenance	1,000	48	1,000	1,000
29	Air Pack Maintenance & Equip	2,000	400	2,000	2,000
30	Equipment Purchase	2,000	3,456	2,000	2,000
31	Small Tools & Equipment	400	0	400	400
32	Rescue Equipment	800	210	800	800
33	Bunker Gear	5,000	1,270	6,000	2,500
34	Hose Adapters	3,000	409	3,000	1,000
35	TOTAL	14,700	5,837	15,700	10,200
36	Capital Reserve				
37	Pager Replacement	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
38	Fire Truck	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
39	Bunker Gear	0	0	0	3,000
40	TOTAL	21,000	21,000	21,000	24,000
41	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	196,250	164,011	198,750	188,750

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDINGS			
2	Woodstock Station #2			
3	Maintenance Supplies	250	0	150
4	Propane	2,000	2,047	1,600
5	Electricity	800	2,258	1,300
6	Misc Utilities	1,300	952	1,800
7	Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	2,400	5,167	2,400
8	TOTAL	6,750	10,424	7,250
9	Emergency Services Bldg			
10	Maintenance Supplies	1,000	1,393	1,400
11	Building Custodian	4,400	4,540	4,400
12	Propane	4,200	4,968	4,500
13	Electricity	7,000	7,326	8,000
14	Misc Utilities	1,600	1,805	1,800
15	Paint Exterior of ESB	0	0	10,000
16	Equip Repair & Maintenance	11,000	21,825	7,000
17	TOTAL	29,200	41,857	35,200
18	TOTAL EMERGENCY SERV BLDGS	35,950	52,281	41,950
	COMMUNICATIONS			
19	Dispatch Services			
20	Salaries & Wages	187,000	190,887	195,000
21	Training Wages	1,500	230	1,500
22	Residency Stipend	3,000	1,614	2,000
23	EMT Stipend	1,000	360	1,000
24	Employer Paid Benefits	45,600	48,449	50,000
25	Operating Supplies	1,000	1,166	1,000
26	Office Supplies	1,300	1,028	1,300
27	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	500	440	500
28	Repairs & Maintenance	900	1,757	900
29	Machinery & Equipment	800	83	800
30	Small Tools & Equipment	400	417	400
31	Tower Rental & Lease	3,000	2,706	3,000
32	Tower Maintenance	200	415	200
33	Communications	3,100	4,165	3,600
34	Travel & Transportation	550	47	550
35	Training Fees	250	82	300
36	TOTAL	250,100	253,846	262,050
37	Capital Reserve			
38	Replace "K" Freq	0	0	2,000
39	Console Terminal (a)	2,000	2,000	0
40	Console Terminal (b)	2,000	2,000	2,000
41	Recorder	2,000	2,000	2,000
42	TOTAL	6,000	6,000	6,000
43	TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	256,100	259,846	268,050

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Town Constable			
2	5,000	3,366	5,000	5,000
3	400	257	400	400
4	500	515	500	500
5	200	0	200	200
6	100	0	100	100
7	200	739	200	200
8	200	200	200	200
9	200	200	200	200
10	700	139	700	700
11	7,500	5,416	7,500	7,500
12	TOWN POLICE DISTRICT			
13	Response & Administration			
14	49,750	49,750	52,100	55,475
15	48,125	48,125	52,500	68,100
16	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,440
17	2,375	2,375	2,375	2,730
18	18,400	18,400	19,000	21,200
19	18,000	18,000	20,000	19,800
20	300	300	375	450
21	125	125	125	150
22	215	215	215	255
23	250	250	300	390
24	250	250	250	300
25	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200
26	0	0	0	900
27	800	800	800	960
28	70	70	70	85
29	235	235	235	450
30	65	65	65	75
31	30	30	30	40
32	100	100	100	90
33	142,490	142,490	151,940	174,090
34	Town Police Services			
35	70,000	66,968	70,000	72,000
36	1,000	825	1,200	1,300
37	2,600	1,000	2,600	3,000
38	200	0	200	200
39	26,800	28,970	26,800	28,850
40	1,300	1,290	1,300	1,300
41	2,500	2,498	2,500	2,500
42	500	433	500	500
43	6,500	6,655	6,500	7,250
44	700	650	700	800
45	0	1,000	0	0

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	T Fuel	6,500	3,633	6,500	4,500
2	T Tuition	750	735	750	750
3	T Roof Replacement	2,500	1,800	0	0
4	T Flashing Radar Speed Signs	0	0	0	8,000
5	TOTAL	121,850	116,457	119,550	130,950
6	Training				
7	Training Salaries & Wages	750	750	900	1,200
8	Employer Paid Benefits	75	75	75	90
9	Travel & Transportation	50	50	50	90
10	Tuition	250	250	250	540
11	TOTAL	1,125	1,125	1,275	1,920
12	Communications				
13	Radio Maintenance	575	575	575	90
14	Communications	2,625	2,625	2,625	3,000
15	TOTAL	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,090
16	Police Vehicle				
17	Equip Repair & Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,050
18	Small Tools & Equipment	150	150	150	180
19	Fuel	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,900
20	TOTAL	4,600	4,600	4,600	5,130
21	Building Maintenance				
22	Salaries & Wages	375	375	375	450
23	Employer Paid Benefits	25	25	25	30
24	Propane	900	900	900	780
25	Electricity	600	600	600	540
26	Rubbish Removal	275	275	275	330
27	Water/Sewer	175	175	175	210
28	Storage Trailer	0	0	0	750
29	Building & Maintenance	340	340	340	405
30	TOTAL	2,690	2,690	2,690	3,495
31	Capital Reserve				
32	Police Computer	250	250	250	75
33	Radio System	0	0	0	600
34	Flashing Radar Sign	0	0	0	900
35	Police Cruiser	3,400	3,400	3,500	4,500
36	Office Carpet	250	250	0	0
37	TOTAL	3,900	3,900	3,750	6,075
38	TOTAL TOWN POLICE DISTRICT	279,855	274,462	287,005	324,750
39	Intergovernmental				
40	Highway Rebate	215,000	219,605	220,000	220,000

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Select Board Contingency			
2	30,000	29,921	30,000	30,000
3	500	312	500	500
4	122,000	130,150	115,000	130,000
5	152,500	160,383	145,500	160,500
6	Capital Expenses			
7	0	95,000	0	0
8	Capital Reserve Spending			
9	20,000	0	80,000	80,000
10	0	4,483	0	0
11	68,000	20,559	5,000	50,000
12	0	2,549	0	7,500
13	0	210	0	0
14	10,000	0	0	0
15	20,000	0	0	0
16	0	7,808	85,000	85,000
17	25,000	17,084	0	0
18	25,000	0	75,000	20,000
19	0	0	0	170,000
20	0	6,214	0	0
21	0	217	0	0
22	0	34,959	28,000	10,000
23	0	0	0	4,000
24	1,000	0	0	0
25	10,000	25,574	0	0
26	179,000	119,657	273,000	426,500
27	Loss Repair Expense			
28	0	5,855	0	0
29	0	1,830	0	0
30	0	1,955	0	0
31	0	9,640	0	0
32	Irene Recovery Expense			
33	0	54,253	0	0
34	Grant Expense			
35	0	6,000	0	0
36	0	7,888	0	0
37	0	56,006	0	0
38	0	5,000	0	0
39	0	1,820	0	0
40	0	76,714	0	0
41	Community Celebrations			
42	0	3,110	0	0

		Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Transfers Out				
2	Transfer to Cap Reserve	0	37,484	0	0
3	Town Forest				
4	Professional Services	0	1,403	0	0
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,122,830	4,446,115	4,408,140	4,710,630
6	SUMMARY				
7	Expenditures				
8	Culture & Recreation	548,730	548,382	564,825	579,450
9	Health Officer	5,950	5,652	6,200	6,425
10	Town Hall Building	105,000	113,972	100,000	108,000
11	Select Board	22,000	16,628	22,000	19,290
12	Executive	115,550	123,150	120,900	124,400
13	Administration	23,800	24,078	23,800	24,200
14	Finance	203,250	204,612	217,210	222,500
15	Town Clerk	100,945	94,578	108,750	107,800
16	Boards & Agencies	109,300	108,695	116,400	117,600
17	Town Highway	1,168,850	1,177,624	1,207,000	1,239,955
18	Cemeteries	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
19	Welcome Center	27,300	26,231	26,700	27,450
20	Sanitation	38,600	38,557	38,600	38,600
21	Ambulance	316,400	415,691	399,000	443,385
22	Fire Department	196,250	164,011	198,750	188,750
23	Emergency Services Bldg	35,950	52,281	41,950	35,350
24	Dispatch Services	256,100	259,846	268,050	273,225
25	Constable	7,500	5,416	7,500	7,500
26	Town Police District	279,855	274,462	287,005	324,750
27	Village Highway Rebate	215,000	219,605	220,000	220,000
28	Selectmen's Contingency	30,500	30,233	30,500	30,500
29	Insurance	122,000	130,150	115,000	130,000
30	Capital Expense	0	95,000	0	0
31	Loss Repair Expense	0	9,640	0	0
32	Irene Recovery Expense	0	54,253	0	0
33	Community Celebrations	0	3,110	0	0
34	Town Forest	0	1,403	0	0
35	Grant Expense	0	76,714	0	0
36	Capital Reserve Spending	179,000	119,657	273,000	426,500
37	Total Operating Budget	3,743,030	4,088,174	3,899,140	4,032,130
38	Total Capital Reserve	200,800	200,800	236,000	252,000
39	Total Capital Reserve Spending	179,000	119,657	273,000	426,500
40	Total Transfers Out	0	37,484	0	0
41	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,122,830	4,446,115	4,408,140	4,710,630

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Revenues			
2	Taxes	2,948,700	3,032,120	3,053,010
3	Land Use Reimbursement	220,000	232,146	222,000
4	In Lieu of Taxes	3,000	2,276	4,000
5	Del. Tax Penalty & Interest	125,000	125,163	130,000
6	Interest Earned	500	59	500
7	Ambulance	350,000	370,642	415,000
8	Highway State Aid	128,000	133,460	133,000
9	Town Hall Rent	11,700	14,040	11,700
10	Town Clerk Records	5,000	6,962	10,000
11	Licenses & Fees	50,000	44,713	55,000
12	Zoning Fees	12,000	10,496	12,000
13	Communications	64,730	64,730	64,730
14	False Alarm Charges	5,000	300	5,000
15	Moving Violations	5,000	0	4,000
16	Town Police False Alarm	1,000	0	1,000
17	Permits	1,000	870	1,000
18	Alarm System Registrations	8,000	9,040	8,000
19	Town Forest Lease Income	0	0	0
20	Miscellaneous	5,200	2,609	5,200
21	Sale of Equipment/Material	0	4,225	0
22	Grant Income	0	76,714	0
23	Loan & Bond Proceeds	0	95,000	0
24	Insurance Reimbursements	0	12,668	0
25	State of VT	0	19,219	0
26	SUB-TOTAL	3,943,830	4,257,451	4,135,140
27	Transfer from Capital Reserve	179,000	173,910	273,000
28	Surplus	0	0	0
29	Surplus, Town Police District	0	0	0
30	TOTAL REVENUE	4,122,830	4,431,361	4,408,140

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
REVIEW OF TAX APPROPRIATIONS  
FY 2015-2016**

	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Less Income</b>	<b>Net Taxes</b>
Selectmen	19,290	0	19,290
Executive	124,400	(9,000)	115,400
Finance	222,500	(125,100)	97,400
Town Clerk	107,800	(52,500)	55,300
Administration	24,200	(15,000)	9,200
Boards & Agencies	117,600	(10,000)	107,600
Town Hall Building	108,000	(12,000)	96,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>723,790</b>	<b>(223,600)</b>	<b>500,190</b>
Constable	7,500	0	7,500
Dispatch	273,225	(64,730)	208,495
Ambulance	443,385	(440,000)	3,385
Fire Department	188,750	(500)	188,250
Building Maintenance	35,350	0	35,350
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>948,210</b>	<b>(505,230)</b>	<b>442,980</b>
Highway Maintenance	1,239,955	(133,000)	1,106,955
Sanitation	38,600	0	38,600
Cemetery	15,000	0	15,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,293,555</b>	<b>(133,000)</b>	<b>1,160,555</b>
Recreation	278,900	0	278,900
Library	139,200	0	139,200
Rental of Elem School Space	92,000	0	92,000
Parades	1,500	0	1,500
Health	6,425	0	6,425
Fireworks	7,500	0	7,500
Pentangle	33,150	0	33,150
Woodstock Council on Aging	10,200	0	10,200
Little Theater Bond Payment	17,000	0	17,000
<b>TOTAL Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>585,875</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>585,875</b>
Village Highway Rebate	220,000	0	220,000
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVT</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220,000</b>
Selectmen's Contingency	30,500	0	30,500
Insurance	130,000	0	130,000
Capital Outlay	426,500	(416,500)	10,000
<b>TOTAL Contingency &amp; Outlay</b>	<b>587,000</b>	<b>(416,500)</b>	<b>170,500</b>
Welcome Center	27,450	0	27,450
<b>TOTAL Welcome Center</b>	<b>27,450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,450</b>
Town Police			
Town Police	324,750	(4,200)	320,550
Surplus, Town Police District	0	0	(10,000)
<b>TOTAL Town Police Taxes</b>	<b>324,750</b>	<b>(4,200)</b>	<b>310,550</b>
Land Use and In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	(234,000)
Surplus	0	0	(85,000)
<b>TOTAL TAX APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,710,630</b>	<b>(1,282,530)</b>	<b>3,099,100</b>
Special Articles	222,597	(10,000)	212,597
<b>TOTAL Special Articles Taxes</b>	<b>222,597</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>212,597</b>

## SPECIAL ARTICLES BUDGET

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	SPECIAL ARTICLES - Trust Funds			
2	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
3	3,000	3,230	3,000	3,000
4	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
5	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
6	10,000	10,230	10,000	10,000
7	SPECIAL ARTICLES - General Funds			
8	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400
9	2,000	2,000	0	2,500
10	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
11	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
12	30,000	30,000	30,000	31,200
13	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
14	3,247	3,247	3,247	3,247
15	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
16	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
17	1,000	1,000	1,250	1,250
18	1,200	0	0	0
19	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
20	500	500	500	500
21	18,000	18,000	18,000	25,000
22	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
23	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
24	0	0	0	2,500
25	60,000	60,000	0	0
26	264,747	238,547	201,797	212,597
27	274,747	248,777	211,797	222,597
	SUMMARY			
28	Expenditures			
29	10,000	10,230	10,000	10,000
30	264,747	238,547	201,797	212,597
31	274,747	248,777	211,797	222,597
32	Revenue			
33	264,747	264,747	201,797	212,597
34	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
35	274,747	274,747	211,797	222,597

## SEWER BUDGET

		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
		2013/2014	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
SEWER OPERATION					
1	Maintaining Sewer System				
2	Salaries & Wages	22,000	24,518	34,000	30,000
3	Employer Paid Benefits	9,400	11,278	13,000	11,500
4	Operating Supplies	2,500	3,702	4,000	4,000
5	Professional Services	2,000	2,833	2,000	3,000
6	Engineering Services	6,000	7,557	10,000	10,000
7	Sewer Line Cleaning	12,000	12,638	12,000	12,000
8	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	1,321	4,000	4,000
9	Machinery & Equipment	500	567	500	500
10	Sewer Line Mainte Equip	500	594	500	600
11	Rentals	400	70	400	400
12	I I Improvements	100	0	100	100
13	TOTAL	56,900	65,078	80,500	76,100
14	Construction & Maintenance of Sewer Plant				
15	Salaries & Wages	134,000	140,007	130,000	150,000
16	Employer Paid Benefits	64,000	58,121	56,150	57,175
17	Operating Supplies	28,000	32,436	35,000	35,000
18	Office Supplies	600	119	600	600
19	Repair & Mainte Supplies	5,000	5,103	6,000	6,000
20	Professional Services	12,000	5,087	15,000	10,000
21	Other Purchased Services	24,000	22,541	18,000	23,000
22	Uniforms, Protective Gear	4,000	3,663	5,000	5,000
23	Engineering Services	5,000	4,622	8,000	10,000
24	Laboratory Testing	8,000	5,909	8,000	6,500
25	Test/Monitor Wells	500	0	500	500
26	Repair & Maintenance	1,500	4,989	2,500	5,000
27	Small Tools & Equipment	1,000	1,160	1,000	1,000
28	Field Rental	12,000	7,000	12,000	12,000
29	Utilities	90,000	98,863	75,000	85,000
30	Communications	4,200	4,734	4,200	4,800
31	Travel & Transportation	500	682	500	500
32	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,500	1,384	1,500	1,500
33	Field Lime	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
34	Contingency Account	10,000	18,889	10,000	15,000
35	Bond Repayment	37,675	37,675	37,675	37,675
36	Taxes, Licensing & Regs	1,000	1,644	1,000	1,000
37	Insurance & Fidelity Bond	15,000	20,734	18,000	21,000
38	TOTAL	462,975	475,362	449,125	491,750

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
1	Sewer Vehicle			
2	2,000	13,491	3,000	4,000
3	0	0	0	5,000
4	8,000	11,156	8,000	10,000
5	10,000	24,647	11,000	19,000
6	Construction			
7	250,000	27,231	250,000	0
8	250,000	27,231	250,000	0
9	Capital Reserve			
10	600	600	600	600
11	0	0	5,000	0
12	0	0	3,000	3,000
13	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
14	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
15	10,000	10,000	3,000	3,000
16	35,600	35,600	36,600	31,600
17	779,875	592,318	790,625	586,850
18	35,600	35,600	36,600	31,600
19	815,475	627,918	827,225	618,450
20	SEWER ADMINISTRATION			
21	Executive			
22	26,900	28,128	28,000	29,500
23	8,700	8,959	9,350	9,600
24	35,600	37,087	37,350	39,100
25	Office Administration			
26	1,100	1,287	1,100	1,100
27	250	0	250	250
28	800	416	800	800
29	2,150	1,703	2,150	2,150
30	Auditing			
31	4,800	4,800	6,500	6,500
32	4,800	4,800	6,500	6,500

	Budget 2013/2014	Actual 2013/2014	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016	
1	Accounting				
2	Salary & Wages	20,500	20,362	21,800	22,150
3	Employer Paid Benefits	6,500	6,110	6,875	7,000
4	Professional Services	800	0	800	800
5	Computer Expense	500	0	500	500
6	TOTAL	28,300	26,472	29,975	30,450
7	TOTAL SEWER ADMINISTRATION	70,850	70,062	75,975	78,200
8	Capital Reserve Spending				
9	Manager's Pick-up	0	1,630	0	0
10	Ton Truck	0	0	0	13,500
11	Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	34,959	12,000	12,000
12	TOTAL	12,000	36,589	12,000	25,500
13	Total Expenditures	70,850	70,062	75,975	78,200
14	Total Transfers In	12,000	36,589	12,000	25,500
15	TOTAL ADMIN & TRANSFERS	82,850	106,651	87,975	103,700
16	Sewer Operations	815,475	627,918	827,225	618,450
17	Sewer Administration	82,850	106,651	87,975	103,700
18	Total Expenditures	886,325	697,980	903,200	696,650
19	Total Transfers In	12,000	36,589	12,000	25,500
20	GRAND TOTAL	898,325	734,569	915,200	722,150
21	Revenues				
22	User Fees	613,325	611,201	628,200	648,050
23	Delinquent Penalty & Interest	17,000	9,669	20,000	10,000
24	Interest Income	5,000	2,899	4,000	100
25	Sewer Connection Fees	0	40,588	0	0
26	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000	2,969	1,000	2,000
27	Transfer from Constr Fund	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
28	Surplus	0	0	0	50,000
29	Transfer from Cap Reserve	12,000	36,589	12,000	12,000
30	TOTAL REVENUE	898,325	953,915	915,200	722,150

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 1, 2014  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Matt Maxham as Moderator called the Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and read out the Warning. Paige Hiller, Karen White and Jerome Morgan were assembled on the stage.

ARTICLE 1: is "To elect a Woodstock School District Moderator." Paige Hiller nominated Matt Maxham. Alison Clarkson seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. Matt Maxham was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: "To elect a Woodstock School District Director for a three year term and a Woodstock Union High School District Director for a three year term. (Australian Ballot)" This article will be voted on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

ARTICLE 3: is "To act upon the reports of the District's Officers for the previous year." This article was moved by Ed English and seconded by Nancy Pejouhy. There was no discussion, this article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 4: is "To determine what sum of money the District will vote to pay its officers as compensation." Ed English moved to pay the Officers \$250.00 Dollars per year. Jack Hunter seconded, and this article was so voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 5: is "To see if the District will authorize the School Board 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 current expenses of the District." This article was moved by John Doten, seconded by Nancy Pejouhy, and there was no discussion. This article was voted and adopted.

ARTICLE 6: is "Shall the voters of the Woodstock School District appropriate \$3,333,209 (Three million, three hundred thirty three thousand, two hundred nine dollars), as the amount necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2014." John Doten moved the article, seconded by Alison Clarkson.

Alison Clarkson moved to amend the article to read \$3,219,146. , to correct the amount. Paige Hiller seconded, and the amendment was so voted.

Paige Hiller introduced Karen White and mentioned the new "STEM" program. Karen explained that "STEM" stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and explained a bit about each. This program is designed to prepare children to be thoughtful and productive individuals who can move into middle and high school and beyond, and to look thoughtfully at data to assist in developing decisions. There will be some professional development of teachers for this program. Nancy Pejouhy, Ed English and Karen White discussed issues. Paige Hiller explained a portion of the budget. We have fewer assistants and part-time people, but no cuts to teaching staff. A new cycle of leasing of equipment was started. Some monies were transferred to the retirement fund. Nancy Pejouhy, David Schwartzman, and Jack Hunter discussed issues. Paige Hiller continued with more explanation of the budget, mentioning an

increase in the special education costs, some of which will be reimbursed by tuition, the Pals program which is for students with unique needs, and a salary increase for the food service workers.

Karen White explained the revenue portion of the budget. Paige Hiller made an explanation of Act 68. Dave Schwartzman pointed out that even though we have determined a budget, we still do not know how much we will have to spend until the State makes a determination, therefore we have no local control. Alison Clarkson defended Act 68 per pupil spending equitability.

The Moderator read out Article 6 as amended to \$3,219,146.00 and this article was voted and adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 7: is “To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.” Paige Hiller referred to the Elementary School Consolidation Study, for which there was a written hand-out, and mentioned several issues. Neighboring towns will face difficult decisions. There was a question about Reading and Killington, and whether we have two \$100,000,000. Supervisors for one thousand children. There was no answer. Alison Clarkson thanked the Board for their hard work. Chris Miller moved to adjourn the meeting to voting day, Nancy Pejouhy seconded, and the Meeting so voted at 3:40 p.m.

Attest:

Jerome R. Morgan Town Clerk

## Report of the Woodstock Elementary School Board of Directors

The 2014-2015 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. I would like to thank my fellow board members, Principal 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, her staff, Business Manager, Richard Seaman and WES board members for their hard work in preparing this budget.

The proposed WES budget for the 2015-2016 school year are \$3,221,324.00 an overall increase of .0676% from the 2014-2015 budget of \$3,219,146.00. The proposed 2015-2016 WES budget has basically been level funded from last year's 2014-2015 budget. However, education funding from the taxpayers will increase 4.3% from last year's request of \$2,338,178.00 to \$2,438,994.00. The 4.3% increase in education spending is the result of a combination of things. First, the board's decision to designate a full time teacher and dedicated lab to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program. Second, an increase of 4.5% in health care benefits. Third, a loss of state grants and special education funding.

Principal Karen White continues to work with the students, parents, staff and board to provide a safe environment where our children can excel in their education. We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the experience and dedication of our staff as we look forward to another successful year.

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 28, 2015, 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 3, 2015, 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 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: 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.

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

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2015

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 11, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., to act on the following articles. Australian ballot voting will take place on March 3, 2015 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: To appropriate Eleven Million, Six Hundred Forty Three Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$11,643,478.00) as the amount necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015. (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 25, 2015 at 7:30 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2015.

**DWIGHT DOTON**

Woodstock Union High School District No. 4 Board Chairperson

**Woodstock Elementary School District  
Revenue Report and Proposed Budget  
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
<b>General Program Revenue</b>				
Tuition From Pupils/Parents	29,400	39,200	39,200	29,400
Tuition from VT LEA's	88,200	117,600	78,400	68,600
Interest Earned	-	4,683	-	3,000
Interest On Investments	-	-	14,000	-
Bank Cashing Errors	-	53	-	-
Rental Income	161,000	162,400	161,000	162,000
Donation from Rockefeller Fund	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Education Spending Grant	2,386,604	2,383,477	2,341,987	2,438,994
State Transportation Reimb	27,355	27,318	27,903	24,425
Capital Debt Hold Harmless Aid	9,989	13,116	14,766	-
Prior Year Surplus Applied	36,239	40,933	52,500	69,709
<b>Total General Program Revenue</b>	<b>2,772,787</b>	<b>2,822,780</b>	<b>2,763,756</b>	<b>2,830,128</b>
<b>Special Education Revenue</b>				
Special Ed Block Grant	64,162	64,162	65,071	62,537
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	105,197	141,745	101,365	163,312
Early Essential Education Grant	22,568	22,568	22,295	22,340
Tuition from VT LEAs	-	-	12,000	4,000
Special Ed Excess Costs Revenue	-	1,548	132,372	46,107
Title I Subgrant	-	64,596	63,187	33,800
<b>Total Special Education Revenue</b>	<b>191,927</b>	<b>294,619</b>	<b>396,290</b>	<b>332,096</b>
<b>Food Service Revenue</b>				
Food Service Revenue	25,000	35,733	40,000	40,000
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	500	782	1,000	1,000
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	10	93	100	100
Subgrant - State Add'l Breakfast	30	45	-	-
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	14,000	14,755	16,000	16,000
Subgrant-Fed Sch Brkfst/Start Up	2,000	1,623	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Food Service Revenue</b>	<b>41,540</b>	<b>53,031</b>	<b>59,100</b>	<b>59,100</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,006,254</b>	<b>3,170,430</b>	<b>3,219,146</b>	<b>3,221,324</b>

**Woodstock Elementary School District  
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget  
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Bond Interest	14,844	14,844	10,631	6,390
Bond Principal	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>84,844</b>	<b>84,844</b>	<b>80,631</b>	<b>76,390</b>
<b>Regular Instruction</b>				
Teachers' Salaries	945,713	946,921	867,249	971,881
Aides' Salaries	29,855	29,843	26,369	27,127
Substitute Salaries	15,500	21,829	16,500	16,500
Health Insurance	256,857	221,666	246,128	232,811
Long-Term Disability Insurance	179	97	158	115
FICA	75,817	72,490	69,264	77,686
Life Insurance	605	384	419	418
Municipal Retirement	1,194	977	718	740
403-B Retirement Benefit	207	67,921	264	271
Workers' Comp Ins	5,490	6,122	5,042	5,626
Dental Insurance	5,760	7,072	6,813	5,314
Four Winds	2,700	3,263	2,700	2,700
Pentangle	2,580	2,940	2,500	2,625
Museum Ed	2,000	339	2,800	3,300
Hulburt Outdoor Ctr.	5,945	2,367	4,500	5,000
Nature's Classroom	14,250	9,758	12,260	-
Copier Expense	6,500	6,052	6,500	6,500
Postage	500	502	500	750
Excess Costs-Tuition	-	7,779	-	-
General Supplies	6,500	6,269	7,500	8,000
Grade 1 Supplies	250	336	250	708
Grade 2 Supplies	250	448	250	850
Grade 3 Supplies	250	243	250	730
Grade 4 Supplies	250	627	350	1,282
Grades 5-6 Supplies	750	408	750	1,060
Grade 6 Play Materials	500	111	500	500
Kindergarten Supplies	870	622	250	1,050
Grade 3 Texts	150	-	300	200
Grade 4 Texts	250	-	250	350
Grade 5-6 Texts	350	937	600	600
Grade 5-6 Science Kit	500	659	350	500
Field Trips	350	1,184	300	200
Grade 2 Supplies	-	49	-	-
<b>Total Regular Instruction</b>	<b>1,382,872</b>	<b>1,420,213</b>	<b>1,282,584</b>	<b>1,375,394</b>
<b>Art</b>				
Instruction -Art Equipment Repairs	-	83	-	-
Art Supplies	1,750	1,909	1,900	1,900

**Woodstock Elementary School District  
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget  
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Art Texts	100	70	100	100
<b>Total Art</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>				
Foreign Language Materials	600	502	600	600
<b>Physical Education/Health</b>				
Phys Ed Supplies	750	840	500	500
<b>Math</b>				
Supplies	-	497	-	250
Textbooks	5,000	7,517	2,500	3,250
<b>Total Math</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8,014</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Music</b>				
Music Supplies	1,000	613	700	700
Music Texts	300	51	300	200
<b>Total Music</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Science</b>				
STEM Consulting Services	-	-	45,000	-
<b>Excel</b>				
Enrichment Supplies	500	1,175	1,200	2,200
<b>Language Arts</b>				
Health Insurance	-	4,549	-	-
Life Insurance	-	7	-	-
Dental Insurance	-	133	-	-
Supplies	1,300	920	1,300	1,000
Textbooks	2,000	884	2,000	5,000
<b>Total Language Arts</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Guidance</b>				
Salary	42,995	42,995	44,070	46,520
Health Insurance	18,001	17,370	18,151	18,968
FICA	3,289	2,979	3,371	3,559
Life Insurance	34	23	23	23
Workers' Comp Ins	238	238	244	258
Dental Insurance	445	476	443	378
504/EST Services	1,500	425	1,500	750
VCAT Assessment	1,500	1,074	1,300	1,350
Supplies	300	265	300	300
<b>TOTAL 2120 Guidance</b>	<b>68,302</b>	<b>65,845</b>	<b>69,402</b>	<b>72,106</b>

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
<b>Health Services</b>				
Nurse Salary	60,920	60,920	62,443	48,969
Health Insurance	18,001	17,370	18,151	18,968
FICA	4,660	4,343	4,777	3,746
Life Insurance	34	23	23	23
Workers' Comp Ins	337	337	346	271
Dental Ins	-	476	443	378
Purchased Professional Services	610	345	540	-
Supplies	1,264	1,694	1,865	1,300
Equipment	-	124	-	-
<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>85,826</b>	<b>85,631</b>	<b>88,588</b>	<b>73,655</b>
<b>Curriculum Development</b>				
Stipends	3,700	1,050	4,200	-
FICA	283	80	322	-
<b>Total Curriculum Development</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Instructional Staff Training</b>				
Course Reimbursement-Teachers	10,000	2,304	10,000	12,000
Support Staff Course Reimbursement	250	250	250	250
Staff Conference	10,000	1,690	10,000	10,000
Professional Development-Support Staff	200	23	200	200
Professional Development - General	5,000	3,268	5,000	7,000
Staff Travel	250	999	1,000	200
Inservice Expense	250	259	400	250
<b>Total Instructional Staff Training</b>	<b>25,950</b>	<b>8,794</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>29,900</b>
<b>Educational Media Services</b>				
Media Specialist Salary	47,780	35,835	36,731	24,972
Media Assistant Salary	20,328	20,444	20,836	21,353
Health Insurance	22,241	18,186	19,091	19,950
Long-Term Disability Insurance	122	100	125	132
FICA	5,210	3,954	4,564	3,544
Life Insurance	34	23	23	23
Municipal Retirement	813	1,021	833	854
403-B Retirement Benefit	198	-	208	214
Workers Comp Ins	377	377	328	267
Dental Insurance	339	913	627	577
Staff Development	750	-	-	250
Supplies	1,000	1,089	-	250
Library Books	2,000	1,633	1,750	1,750
Newspapers & Periodicals	500	281	500	500
Dues & Fees	500	115	250	300

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
<b>Total Educational Media Services</b>	<b>102,192</b>	<b>83,969</b>	<b>85,866</b>	<b>74,936</b>
<b>Audio-Visual Services</b>				
AV Materials	-	780	-	-
Projection Equipment	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
<b>Total Audio-Visual Services</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Technology</b>				
Salary	2,040	3,307	1,860	1,860
FICA	156	292	142	142
WCSU Assessmt - Technology Integratic	16,343	16,344	16,569	18,418
Computer Asstd. Instruction - Consulting	-	-	500	-
Technical Support	-	531	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repairs	1,000	2,795	3,000	750
Apple Lease Payment	21,502	21,502	-	22,000
Internet Fees	1,200	1,664	3,780	2,100
Technology Supplies	750	1,929	2,500	2,000
Software	1,000	957	1,500	1,000
Technology Equipment	2,000	1,190	17,502	-
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>45,991</b>	<b>50,511</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>49,270</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>				
Stipends	750	750	750	750
Legal Liability Insurance	2,500	2,313	2,500	2,500
Advertising	400	1,539	400	400
Supplies	250	264	250	250
Expenses	400	-	400	400
Dues and Fees	1,400	1,471	1,500	1,500
Legal Services	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Audit Services	4,200	4,675	-	-
Negotiations Expense	-	1,249	-	-
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>12,261</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>10,800</b>
<b>Central Administration</b>				
<b>WCSU Assessmts - Executive Admin.</b>	<b>118,577</b>	<b>118,578</b>	<b>130,050</b>	<b>134,322</b>
<b>Office of the Principal</b>				
Principal's Salary	90,000	86,538	92,250	92,250
Secretary Salary	42,008	41,604	49,278	58,717
ASP Secretary	4,668	4,623	-	-
Health Insurance	21,626	21,206	22,161	22,829
FICA	10,456	10,421	10,827	11,549
Life Insurance	34	228	34	23
Municipal Retirement	1,867	1,923	1,971	2,020

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	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
403-B Retirement Benefits	-	-	493	505
Workers' Comp Ins	757	757	784	836
Course Reimbursement	1,500	-	1,500	500
Dental Insurance	604	485	577	514
Postage	650	148	250	200
Travel & Conference	1,000	350	1,500	750
Supplies	600	665	750	250
Equipment	2,000	1,401	-	-
Professional Dues	300	-	300	300
Education Data Warehouse	1,000	600	-	-
<b>Total Office of the Principal</b>	<b>179,070</b>	<b>170,949</b>	<b>182,675</b>	<b>191,243</b>
<b>Interest on Current Loans</b>				
<b>Interest on Current Loans</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,448</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>
<b>Operation of Plant</b>				
Custodial Salaries	91,978	88,924	94,277	96,622
Summer Salaries	3,340	818	1,100	1,100
Health Insurance	34,719	33,501	35,008	36,584
Long-Term Disability Insurance	552	451	566	599
FICA	7,292	6,998	7,296	7,476
Municipal Retirement	3,679	4,624	3,771	3,865
403-B Retirement Benefits	897	-	943	966
Workers' Comp Ins	4,278	3,829	4,281	4,386
Dental Ins	-	471	350	350
Water	1,500	1,533	1,800	1,800
Disposal Services	4,000	4,862	5,000	5,000
Building Repairs	6,000	7,229	6,000	6,000
Service Contracts	-	370	-	-
Bldg Maint Contract Ser	26,000	15,949	40,000	40,000
Equipt.Maint Contracted Ser	15,000	7,973	-	-
Property Insurance	15,000	14,968	15,500	14,653
Telephone Services	4,500	1,660	1,500	2,450
Travel Reimb.	100	20	100	100
Custodial Supplies	9,500	8,916	9,000	9,250
Bldg Maintenance Supplies	2,000	1,131	3,250	3,000
Building Equipment Supplie	750	512	-	-
Electricity	38,000	44,036	42,000	43,260
Propane Gas	2,400	995	1,200	1,200
Heating Oil	50,000	46,473	50,000	50,000
Furniture/Equipt. Replacem	2,000	1,758	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Operation of Plant</b>	<b>323,485</b>	<b>298,001</b>	<b>324,942</b>	<b>330,661</b>

**Care and Upkeep of Grounds**

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
Sewage Services	3,500	3,341	4,500	3,600
Snow Removal & Plowing	15,000	9,301	15,000	12,000
Contract Services	-	800	3,000	4,000
<b>Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>13,442</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>19,600</b>
<b>Transportation</b>				
Contracted Services	57,046	60,842	58,303	59,500
Field Trips	6,000	4,694	5,000	6,000
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>63,046</b>	<b>65,536</b>	<b>63,303</b>	<b>65,500</b>
<b>Other Support Services</b>				
<b>Unemployment</b>	-	<b>666</b>	-	-
<b>Fund Transfers</b>				
Transfer to Retirement Fund	20,000	20,000	35,000	35,000
Transfer to Building Maintenance Funds	10,000	10,000	30,000	30,000
<b>Total Fund Transfers</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>
<b>Special Education</b>				
Teachers' Salaries	137,923	120,733	107,700	-
ESY Salary	3,000	663	3,000	4,000
Program Aides' Salary	19,556	24,355	94,145	59,234
Individual Aides' Salary	-	22,322	-	-
Substitutes' Salary	3,000	1,468	2,500	2,500
Health Insurance	23,509	46,366	95,241	44,536
Long Term Disability Ins	117	188	565	509
Social Security	12,507	10,867	15,862	5,029
Individual Aides' Soc Sec	-	1,663	-	-
ESY Social Security	-	22	-	-
Life Insurance	69	23	-	-
Municipal Retirement	782	1,852	3,766	2,369
403-B Retirement Benefit	-	-	941	592
Workers' Comp	872	338	1,149	364
Dental Insurance	746	2,261	2,443	700
Consultations	10,000	14,255	1,000	1,000
ESY Assessment	-	5,978	-	-
Copier Lease	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,500
Postage	200	46	200	250
Tuition	-	31,133	-	-
Course Reimbursement	3,415	-	3,000	-
General Supplies	1,000	898	500	3,000
Instructional Materials	1,000	782	1,000	-
Materials ESY	600	-	-	300
Consumable Materials	1,000	483	-	1,000

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
Equipment	-	1,166	800	1,000
Transportation Services	1,000	-	-	-
ESY Transportation	750	200	-	-
MH Purchased Services	-	594	6,000	9,025
Evaluations	2,000	1,209	-	-
Assessment	6,439	6,438	12,058	-
WCSU Assessmts - Special Ed	21,361	21,363	19,142	264,554
SLP Summer Assessments	250	-	250	-
SLP Services Assessment	37,227	37,227	36,359	-
WCSU Assessment - PT	263	263	4,510	-
WCSU Assessment - OT	1,775	1,776	5,241	-
PT ESY Services Assessments	500	-	500	-
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>293,061</b>	<b>359,333</b>	<b>420,072</b>	<b>402,462</b>
<b>EEE</b>	-	3,412	-	-
EEE - Preschool Tuition	-	-	1,000	-
EEE-Psychological Services	1,000	-	1,000	-
WCSU Assessment - EEE	21,770	21,771	23,869	-
<b>Total EEE</b>	<b>22,770</b>	<b>25,183</b>	<b>25,869</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Title I</b>				
Teacher Salary	-	-	48,670	49,886
Health Insurance	-	-	10,156	10,613
FICA	-	-	3,723	3,816
Life Insurance	-	-	23	23
Workers' Comp. Ins.	-	-	270	277
Dental Insurance	-	14	346	362
<b>Total Title I</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63,188</b>	<b>64,977</b>
<b>Food Service</b>				
Salaries	67,881	75,483	76,789	79,931
Substitutes	-	1,820	1,500	1,500
Health Insurance	18,001	17,370	18,151	18,968
Long-Term Disability Insurance	-	77	-	-
Social Security	5,193	5,636	5,989	6,229
Life Ins	34	23	23	23
LTD Insurance	92	-	98	-
Municipal Retirement	613	654	655	672
403-B Retirement Benefit	-	-	164	248
Workers' Comp	376	1,287	1,470	1,559
Staff Training	-	-	-	250
Dental Insurance	445	947	812	728
Travel Reimbursement	-	-	250	150
Supplies	-	1,749	800	-

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-2016</b>
Food Purchases	35,000	37,706	43,000	41,000
Equipment	300	2,642	2,000	2,000
Dues and Fees	150	344	150	150
<b>TOTAL 3100 Food Service</b>	<b>128,085</b>	<b>145,737</b>	<b>151,851</b>	<b>153,408</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,006,254</b>	<b>3,065,615</b>	<b>3,219,146</b>	<b>3,221,324</b>

Three Prior Years Comparisons  
Tax Rate Calculations  
LEA: T009

District: Woodstock  
County: Windsor  
SU: Windsor Central

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Local Budget	2,914,057	3,006,254	3,219,146	3,221,324	1.
Gross Act 68 Budget	2,914,057	3,006,254	3,219,146	3,221,324	2.
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus	571,341	609,661	862,393	782,330	3.
Capital debt aid for eligible projects	9,148	13,116	18,575	-	4.
Education Spending	2,333,568	2,383,477	2,338,178	2,438,994	5.
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	170.01	170.02	161.30	156.01	6.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	13,726	14,019	14,496	15,634	7.
Less net eligible construction costs per EP	524	500	500	490	8.
Excess Spending Threshold	14,841	15,456	16,166	17,103	
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	-	-	-	9.
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.	13,726	14,019	14,496	15,634	10.
District spending adjustment	157.355% <i>based on \$8,723</i>	153.194% <i>based on \$9,151</i>	156.121% <i>based on \$9,285</i>	165.277% <i>based on \$9,459</i>	11.
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.4005 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$1.4400 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$1.5300 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$1.6528 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	12.
Percent of equalized Students in Elementary	43.54%	45.12%	44.36%	44.46%	13.
Equalized Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6098	\$0.6497	\$0.6787	\$0.7348	14.
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.54%	95.66%	98.99%	97.90%	15.
Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Elementary	\$0.6317 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$0.6792 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$0.6856 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$0.7506 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	16.
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated	2.83% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.76% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	3.03% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	3.21% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	17.
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity	1.23% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	1.25% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	1.34% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	1.43% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	18.
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD	56.46%	54.88%	55.64%	55.54%	19.

ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY			
	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12	Total
Estimated Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 1.6528	\$ 1.7639	
Percentage of equalized Students	44.46%	55.54%	
Prorated Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 0.7348	\$ 0.9797	
Common Level of appraisal	97.90%	97.90%	
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates	\$ 0.7506	\$ 1.0007	\$ 1.7513

ESTIMATED TAX DOLLARS TO FUND 2015-2016 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL BUDGETS			
	Equalized Pupils	Spending per E.P.	Total
Grades K-6	156.01	15,634	2,438,994
Grades 7-12	194.88	16,685	3,251,571
	350.89		5,690,565

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

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

The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

**Woodstock Elementary School District**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of June 30, 2014 (unaudited)**

<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Account	\$107,644.90	
Investment Account	\$390,281.53	
Food Service Cash	\$372.21	
Prepaid	\$2,635.49	
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$62,514.94</u>	
Total Assets		<u><u>\$563,449.07</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$63,261.83	
Accrued Payroll	-\$1,470.91	
		\$61,790.92
<b>Reserves</b>		
Reserve for Specific Purpose	\$334,691.15	
		\$334,691.15
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Designated for F15 Budget</b>	61,918.11	\$61,918.11
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
Revenue 2013-2014	\$3,170,689.72	
Expenses 2013-2014	<u>\$3,065,640.83</u>	
	\$105,048.89	
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2014		<u>\$105,048.89</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		<u><u>\$563,449.07</u></u>

**Woodstock Elementary School District**  
**Reserve Fund Activity**  
**Year Ending June 30, 2014**

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/13	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/14
After School Program	\$ 34,475	\$ 5,345	\$ (8,818)	\$ 31,002
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 150,738	\$ 40,000	\$ (36,816)	\$ 153,922
Computer Fund	\$ 9,977		\$ (7,246)	\$ 2,731
E-Rate Reimbursement		\$ 1,726		\$ 1,726
Endowment Grant		\$ 650		\$ 650
EPSDT Sub Grant		\$ 2,323	\$ (2,323)	\$ -
Excel Program	\$ 376			\$ 376
Garden Club	\$ 293		\$ (293)	\$ -
WUHS Endowment - Garden Project	\$ 302		\$ (302)	\$ -
Learning Landscape	\$ 198,493	\$ 146,337	\$ (312,669)	\$ 32,162
Medicaid Sub-Grant		\$ 4,042	\$ (4,042)	\$ -
Path Wellness Sub-Grant		\$ 150		\$ 150
Retirement/Severance Pay Reserve	\$ 68,269	\$ 70,000		\$ 138,269
Teachers' Sick Bank	\$ 4,205			\$ 4,205
TITLE II A		\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ -
VT Farm to School Grant	\$ (15)	\$ 15		\$ (0)
Wellborn Ecology Fund		\$ 500		\$ 500
	<b>\$ 467,114</b>	<b>\$ 272,088</b>	<b>\$ 373,493</b>	<b>\$ 365,693</b>

**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report**  
**16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)**

School: Woodstock Elementary School  
 S.U.: Windsor Central S.U.

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

**FY2014 School Level Data**

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Proctor Elementary School	PK - 6	160	16.10	1.00	9.94	160.00	16.10
	Underhill Central Elementary School	PK - 4	165	9.00	1.00	18.33	165.00	9.00
	Robinson School	PK - 6	169	13.80	1.00	12.25	169.00	13.80
	<b>Woodstock Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>9.89</b>	<b>173.00</b>	<b>17.50</b>
← Larger	Rumney Memorial School	PK - 6	176	14.41	1.00	12.21	176.00	14.41
	Bethel Elementary School	PK - 6	178	11.10	1.00	16.04	178.00	11.10
	Samuel Morey Elementary School	PK - 6	179	15.61	1.00	11.47	179.00	15.61
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>147.65</b>	<b>12.63</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>11.69</b>	<b>141.77</b>	<b>12.13</b>

School District: Woodstock  
 LEA ID: T253

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

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

**FY2013 School District Data**

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
 (32 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 4 out of 32
Smaller →	Underhill Town	K-4	168.19	\$9,481	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Vernon	PK-6	171.28	\$16,391	
	Starksboro	PK-6	178.29	\$11,227	
	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>K-6</b>	<b>178.70</b>	<b>\$14,548</b>	
← Larger	Warren	PK-6	183.31	\$10,216	
	Mettawee Comm. UESD #47	PK-6	189.15	\$11,778	
	Clarendon	PK-6	197.87	\$14,127	
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>139.81</b>	<b>\$12,630</b>	

**FY2015 School District Data**

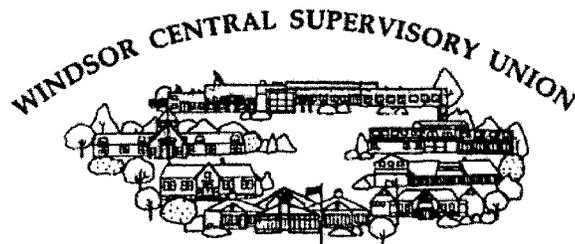
LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist Equalized Pupils	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
								Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.
								These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
Smaller →	U047 Mettawee Comm. UESD	PK-6	157.31	15,545.89	1.6408	-	-	-
	T124 Middlesex	PK-6	157.82	14,233.46	1.5023	1.5611	95.61%	1.6328
	T196 Starksboro	PK-6	159.04	14,248.28	1.5039	1.5453	93.51%	1.6526
	<b>T253 Woodstock</b>	<b>K-6</b>	<b>161.30</b>	<b>14,495.83</b>	<b>1.5300</b>	<b>1.6382</b>	<b>98.99%</b>	<b>1.6549</b>
← Larger	T049 Clarendon	PK-6	175.96	15,503.52	1.6363	1.5610	113.27%	1.3781
	T242 Whitingham	PK-5	200.97	16,248.90	1.7150	1.7150	110.18%	1.5565
	T077 Fletcher	PK-6	219.40	12,271.46	1.2952	1.2952	94.01%	1.3777

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

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

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

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## **Annual Report 2014- 2015**

### **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 2014-2015

Your Board of School Directors is comprised of twenty-one 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
<b><u>BARNARD</u></b>					
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	2015	234-5590	2009
Chip Davis	P.O. Box 1126, Barnard, VT 05031	chip@rowingnews.com	2016	234-4054	appointed 2015
<b><u>BRIDGEWATER</u></b>					
Greg Jenne*	312 Oak Chapel Road, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	gjenneconstruction@gmail.com	2015	672-3307	2005
Justin Shipman	7429 Route 4, Bridgewater, VT 05034	jshipman@tgroupusa.com	2017	672-4455	2014
Seth Shaw	P.O. Box 238, Killington, VT 05751	west.has@gmail.com	2016	672-1008	2013
<b><u>Killington</u></b>					
Jennifer Iannantuoni*	604 Schoolhouse Rd., Killington, VT 05751	jennifer.iannantuoni@yahoo.com	2016	422-5402	2007
Kristin Schiessl-Alf	2461 Killington Road, Killington, VT 05751	kristinalf3@gmail.com	2015	422-4079	2009
Walter J. Findeisen, Jr.	265 Telefon Trail, Killington, VT 05751	findeisen@vermontel.net	2017	422-4458	2008
<b><u>POMFRET</u></b>					
Greg Greene*	405 Webster Hill Rd., Pomfret, VT 05053	greg.greene@efi.com	2016	457-9053	2007
Jody Eaton	540 Log Cabin Drive, Woodstock VT 05091	jjeaton@myfairpoint.net	2015	457-1747	2012
Bob Coates	1884 Stage Road, So. Pomfret VT 05067	bcoatesvt@hotmail.com	2017	457-9991	2005
<b><u>READING</u></b>					
Justin Sluka*	3967 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT 05153	justin.sluka@gmail.com	2015	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
<b><u>WOODSTOCK</u></b>					
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	2015	457-1573	2014
<b><u>WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL</u></b>					
Dwight Doton*	240 Schoolhouse Hill, Woodstock, VT 05091	dwrightdoton@aol.com	2015	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	2017	457-9982	2014

\*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 Human Resources, 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 a team of teachers 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 and compensatory programs for children 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.

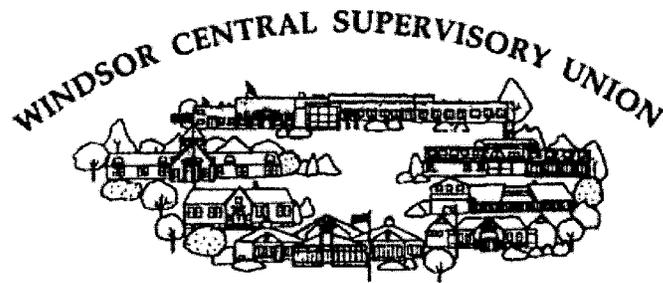
**Business Operations** – Each supervisory union must employ an individual to manage financial accounts in accordance with proper fiscal standards. All accounting operations for school districts are conducted by the supervisory union. In practice, the role of the school district treasurer varies for 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, construction management, negotiations, transportation, heating contracts, e-rate bidding and disbursement, 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 2014-2015

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
Kyle Bristol.....	School Psychologist
Jean Bontrager .....	EEE Assistant
Lori E. Poludin.....	Speech/Language Pathologist
Donna Williamson .....	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](mailto:aworth@wcsu.net).

## **Report of the WCSU Board Chair January 2015**

Windsor Central has seen a lot of activity over the last year partially as a result of state legislative activity, local student needs, and the growing financial strain under which communities strive to sustain quality schools in an environment of declining enrollment.

**Consolidation Study:** In the fall of 2013 the school boards of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, and Woodstock formed a study committee to examine the sustainability of their four elementary schools in the face of declining enrollment and rising costs and to explore possibilities for reorganizing elementary education to both ensure a quality education and to find financial efficiencies. With the support of a small study grant from the Vermont Agency of Education, the committee worked with a consultant to gather and analyze information and looked at a number of possible actions. They sought feedback from citizens through a series of local meetings and electronic feedback, after which they arrived at a recommendation for a “first phase” action to form a Joint Contract School between the towns of Bridgewater and Pomfret. This new school would be located on the current Pomfret Elementary School campus. It would work to collaborate with Woodstock Elementary School in ways that would benefit both entities. Possible collaborations include food service, the sharing teachers and professional development, and both after-school and pre-school programs. Further consolidation options will be studied by the WCSU Board.

**The Budget:** A significant change to the WCSU budget, which merits serious understanding because of the impact on local budgets, is the state-mandated consolidation of special education services in the supervisory union. This effort to centralize service is driven by legislative action intended to manage escalating costs. The WCSU budget reflects an increase of \$923,957.00, which is a result of bringing all special education teachers from all K-6 schools as well as the high school and middle school under the WCSU budget. Taxpayers will notice that, as a result, there is a significant decrease in their local special education costs. There have been modest increases in staff salaries (some dictated by contractual obligations) and a 4.5 % increase in health insurance costs. Teacher’s salaries are still under negotiation. In total, the budget increase, not accounting for the transfer of special education teacher salaries, is only a 3.61% 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, Bridgewater Village School, 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 2013. After months of negotiations, the effort went to mediation and is now in fact finding. We expect the fact finding report in February 2015.

**Welcome Pittsfield School District:** In December 2013, the Vermont State Board of Education approved the town of Pittsfield's request to leave Windsor Northwest Supervisory Union and join Windsor Central. Pittsfield will officially become part of our supervisory union July 1, 2015. Many of Pittsfield's students already attend WCSU schools as tuition students.

**The WCSU Staff:** We welcome the newest additions to our WCSU staff: Richard Seaman, Director of Finance and Operations, joined us this fall after serving as the Chief Financial Officer at The Student Conservation Association (SCA). Richard earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University and his Master of Business Administration from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Raphael Adamek, Director of Instructional Technology, came from Brattleboro Area Middle School where he had served as Education Technology Specialist. Raphael received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bates College and a Master of Education degree from Harvard University. We are also delighted to have Rayna Bishop join our team. Rayna served for many years as the Administrative Assistant at the Reading Elementary School and is now the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at WCSU. Rayna is a graduate of Mount Ida College where she earned an Associate of Science degree with a concentration in business.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Green, Chair of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union Board

## **Report of the Superintendent**

January 2015

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

Each January I look forward to writing my annual report to the communities of Windsor Central Supervisory Union. It's an opportunity to reflect on the last twelve months of school, supervisory union and state educational accomplishments as well as challenges and consider future steps so we can respond to the growing needs of our local children in a changing economic and political arena. In my work with boards, educators and colleagues, I value and practice long range planning which is only successful with regular monitoring and reflection. We need to assess the success or shortcomings of what we have done in order to plan for success in the future. As your Superintendent I work to ensure our planning is mindful of state and federal requirements; efficient and resourceful; aligned with research informed practice; and most importantly meets the needs of all of our students to the best of our ability.

In the spring of 2012, we undertook multi-year planning for curriculum, assessment and instructional needs across the schools. Joint planning and coordination in these areas are required by state statute and valuable, necessary activities to ensure coordination in preparation for success at our shared middle and high school. Needs were identified through both teacher and administrator conversation; student work and students working; classroom observation; and knowledge of best educational practice. Collaborative attention to what we are teaching, how we are teaching and how we measure student success is essential in a supervisory union that shares a union middle and high school and values equity of opportunity for all students. This requires an on-going effort to stay current and coordinated. Over the last three years this planning and the resulting implementation has focused on the following: implementing, with fidelity, a K-12 mathematics curriculum and shared instructional and assessment practice; K-12 reading instruction; the refinement and development of units of study in science and social science; and a coordinated assessment system across the schools that would tell us how students are doing through meaningful assessments that are a part of instructional practice and not a separate stand-alone event. Teachers are responding professionally, working collaboratively to support each other in new learning and working to better understand student performance information so they can adjust curriculum or interventions as necessary. We are proud of the work our teachers have done particularly in the areas of reading and mathematics with the assistance of a Literacy Leadership Team and classroom coaches in both content areas.

In addition to work that focuses on improving classroom outcomes, other activities designed to respond to student and community needs have been underway this year. In the fall of 2013 The School Boards of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, and Woodstock formed a study committee to examine the sustainability of their four elementary schools in the face of declining enrollment and rising costs. They looked at several possibilities for actions that would improve elementary educational opportunities and at the same time increase the efficiency of the system. With the support of a small study grant from the Vermont Agency of Education, the committee worked with a consultant to gather and analyze information, sought feedback from citizens through a series of local meetings and electronically, and arrived at a recommendation for a "first phase" action to form a Joint Contract School between the towns of Bridgewater and Pomfret. This

proposal will go before the voters in those towns this March. If successful, a new school will open on the Pomfret campus beginning July 1 2015.

In response to a growing statewide commitment to provide universal Pre-school in Vermont, WCSU led a task force chaired by Student Support Services Director Sherry Sousa and Early Childhood Coordinator Catherine Mallo to investigate the needs of area families and the extent to which school and local community services could support those needs. In the spring of 2014, the Vermont Legislature passed Act 166 requiring local communities to fund PreK opportunities for three and four year olds beginning in school year 2016/17 for up to 10hrs weekly for 35 weeks in either a state approved private “partner” preschool or state approved local PreK program. At this time, school and area programs are continuing their work to meet state regulations and the task force will continue to monitor local needs and services available to our families.

As a result of a state mandate to consolidate special education services by centralizing services at the supervisory union level, communities will see a significant change in their local budgets this year. The local WCSU assessment will have a noticeable increase while the local special education budget will have a significant decrease. This is a result of centralization of all professional contracts and benefits, which will be the responsibility of the supervisory union beginning July 1 2015.

As always, I am indebted to the WCSU staff for their professionalism, collaboration and optimism. They continue to work tirelessly to provide numerous services successfully to the local schools and communities. Together we manage contracts and benefits for all staff in all schools; administer payroll for all employees; develop and monitor budgets; establish curriculum; provide professional development to administrators and staff; provide special education services PreK-12; provide technology advice and services including data management and provide policy and legal support to boards. 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

**Instructional Support Services**  
**January 2015**

Dear Community Members,

The programs of Instructional Support Services continue to evolve as we work to better meet the needs of students within the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. An important role of my position is to attend to student needs as identified by parents, principals and educators. This has led to greater scrutiny of existing programs and the addition of a few new programs including Summer SOAK.

At the start of the school year, Special Educators identified needs for professional development. Teachers wish to continue in their development of Common Core Individual Education Plans and skills in diagnostic teaching. A part-time reading and math consultant were added to the Special Education team to analyze our programs and guide future work. Lois Perlah, Reading Specialist, has completed her support and review of Special Education literacy services at the high school, middle school and WES, and began at Barnard Academy in December. She has begun to identify areas for future professional development including writing instruction. Julia Lau, Math Interventionist, observed middle and high school special education and general education math classes in December. The goal of her work is to identify the strategies and resources needed to address the needs of students with significant math challenges so that areas of weakness are remediated and students have multiple entry points into the regular curriculum. Julia shared that she was very impressed with the openness of teachers to discuss this issue and to consider her recommendations. She will continue to work with the middle and high schools twice a month.

The importance of expanding opportunities for student learning beyond the scheduled school day resulted in the addition of a four week summer program offered through the Supervisory Union. Summer SOAK provided academic enrichment and community service activities for students from across the district. Students from first grade through high school arrived at the middle and high school campus daily to take part in activities such as music, theater, cooking and mountain biking. All activities included an academic, service learning and enrichment component. This program will be offered again in 2015. The Summer SOAK committee has developed a timeline of tasks to insure that the program is ready for students on June 29th, 2015. Proposal applications were sent out to teachers in mid-December, decisions for offerings will occur in February, and registration will begin in March and close in May. Parents received a Save-the-Dates notice to inform them of when registration will begin and the weeks that Summer SOAK will be offered. The Summer SOAK team also met to discuss online registration. A model was developed to address many of the issues from last year's registration. The Byrne Foundation awarded the Summer SOAK program a \$20,000 matching grant and we are waiting to hear from other foundations regarding our grant applications.

Killington, Reading and Bridgewater are also looking into expanding their school days by providing after school programming funded through the Title I grant. Teaching teams are investigating how to implement this opportunity that will focus on the academic and enrichment needs of students. Woodstock Elementary is pursuing a private provider to develop a program on their campus for after school programming. The hope is that other local communities will be able to access this program.

Providing access to resources for educators and parents is another area of need that we are addressing. A small group of special education teachers met to identify the format for a Special Education website for the WCSU. Models from other districts were reviewed and topics to include were discussed. The next step is to work with Raphael Adamek, Technology Director, to see how this initiative can inter-phase with the newly revised WCSU website.

In other areas, the WCSU Health and Wellness group, which includes school counselors, nurses, health teachers and others, met to develop a district wide Health and Wellness mission that will act as a benchmark for decisions regarding use of resources and programming. The group reviewed the Assets Survey and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to identify key areas of need. Gretchen Czaja was appointed the WCSU Food Service Coordinator. Her role will be to advise building-based food service providers of state and federal compliance issues, train staff on those requirements, develop and maintain high standards of food preparation, and make recommendations on common purchasing.

The educators and professionals that support Instructional Support Services programs are a highly professional group who strive to identify their student needs, and find resources and interventions to address challenges. I am impressed daily by their commitment to honing their skills and insuring that time away from the classroom best serves the students' academic needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Sousa, Director of Instructional Support Services

**Percentage of Students Identified for Special Education Services**

**As of December 1, 2014**

<b>Town District</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>High/Middle School</b>	<b>Total (Elem. &amp; HS/MS)</b>	<b>Special Education Students</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Barnard	68	46	114	15	13.2
Bridgewater	35	42	77	17	22.1
Killington	48	43	91	14	15.4
Pomfret	53	51	104	10	9.6
Reading	54	36	90	17	18.9
Woodstock	163	175	338	43	12.7
<b>WCSU Totals</b>			<b>814 *</b>	<b>116 **</b>	<b>14.2</b>

\* This number does not reflect out of district tuition students attending our schools.

\*\* Special Education numbers include all students in the town who are receiving services on an IEP. These numbers include Essential Early Education (EEE) and school-aged students placed outside of the district. This total does not reflect out of district tuition students attending our schools.

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union #51 Annual Special Education Comparisons**

**Identified Special Education Students (by percentage) as of December 1, 2014**

<b>Town District</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Barnard	17.5	12.7	9.0	5.3	6.9	7.8	5.6	7.4	9.6	11.3	13.2
Bridgewater	15.7	11.6	15.2	19.7	20.0	21.8	23.8	20.8	24.7	24.5	22.1
Killington	18.1	14.7	14.8	11.7	16.8	14.3	13.9	12.0	16.1	17.2	15.4
Pomfret	19.7	16.8	8.3	6.3	11.0	6.6	8.8	8.1	8.3	15.7	9.6
Reading	25.2	16.5	19.6	17.8	21.6	24.7	19.7	25.0	18.7	7.2	18.9
Woodstock	17.2	14.7	16.0	15.8	18.1	14.8	14.7	13.2	15.1	15.0	12.7
<b>WCSU Totals</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union  
Enrollment Report Opening Day August 27, 2014**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	TUITION
Barnard	11	9	9	8	4	9	9	11	70	2
Bridgewater	0	5	5	4	5	6	4	8	37	2
Pomfret	0	4	8	6	8	7	9	13	55	2
Reading	13	6	9	8	5	5	4	8	58	2
Killington	0	14	11	9	14	12	20	11	91	45
Woodstock	0	14	21	24	33	16	33	30	171	14
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>67</b>

**DISTRICT STUDENTS AT WUHSMS:**

TOWN	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Secondary	Total K-12
Barnard	6	8	7	9	8	8	46	114
Bridgewater	2	11	4	13	10	5	45	80
Killington	9	9	5	10	10	2	45	91
Pomfret	8	8	7	11	11	9	54	107
Reading	7	1	5	7	9	6	35	91
Woodstock	23	29	31	24	35	28	170	327
	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>810</b>

	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	TUITION
Woodstock Union Middle School	72	76					148	27
Woodstock Union High School			78	97	104	70	349	75
<b>SUBTOTAL SECONDARY</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>102</b>
School Choice			1	2	2	1	6	
Foreign Exchange			0	0	1	0	1	
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>504</b>	
	<b>MS</b>	<b>148</b>			<b>HS</b>	<b>356</b>		

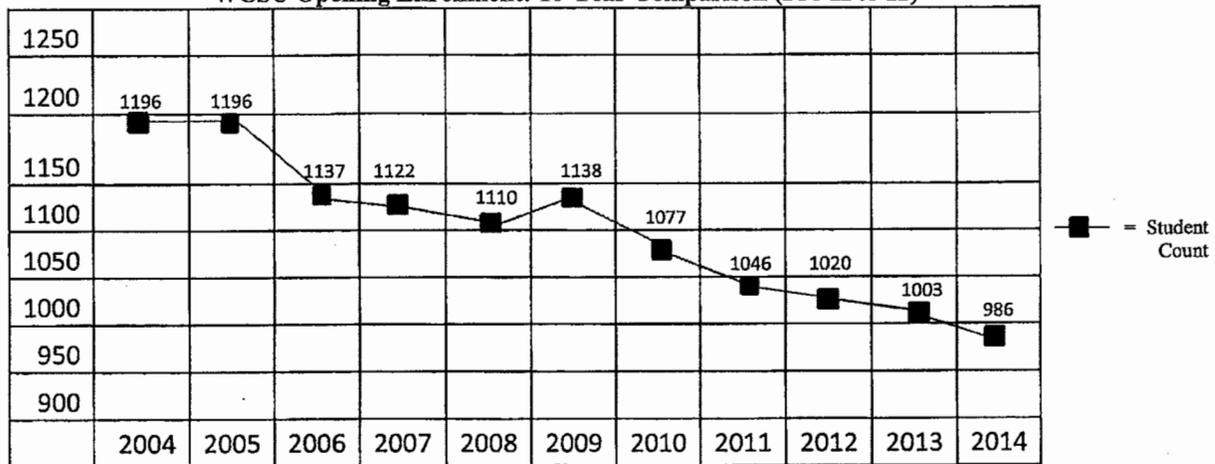
WCSU DISTRICT TOTAL:

**986**

Tuition

Total **169**

**WCSU Opening Enrollment: 10-Year Comparison (Pre-K to 12)**



**Windsor Central Supervisory Union  
Revenue Report and Budget  
2015-2016 Budget Year**

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016
<b>Food Service</b>				
Annual Lunch Match	-	3,615	4,000	4,000
Annual Breakfast Match	-	760	600	600
Add'l Brkfst Reimb	-	1,282	1,200	1,200
Child Nutrition Summer Food Service Prog	-	409	-	-
Federal School Lunch	-	95,366	100,000	100,000
Federal Special Milk	-	3,204	3,900	3,900
Federal School Brkfst/Start Up	-	25,945	23,000	23,500
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,581</b>	<b>132,700</b>	<b>133,200</b>
<b>Regular Program</b>				
Medicaid Transfer Reg P-K	10,740	-	10,984	10,985
Medicaid Transfer - Reg Ed OT	7,957	-	8,228	-
II-A Transfer - Teacher Leader	61,802	-	-	-
Technology Integration Specialist Assess	93,070	93,069	95,320	102,975
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>173,569</b>	<b>93,069</b>	<b>114,532</b>	<b>113,960</b>
<b>Superintendent and Business Officer</b>				
Prior Yr Surplus Applied	31,692	31,712	29,982	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	5,514	-	-
Interest Income	-	7	-	-
Bank Check Cashing Errors	-	18	-	-
Administration Assessment	675,285	675,289	748,168	770,980
<b>Total Superintendent and Business Officer</b>	<b>706,977</b>	<b>712,540</b>	<b>778,150</b>	<b>770,980</b>
<b>Total Regular Program</b>	<b>880,546</b>	<b>805,609</b>	<b>892,682</b>	<b>884,940</b>
<b>Special Services</b>				
<b>EEE</b>				
EEE Assessments	59,038	59,040	66,196	-
IDEIA-B Pre-School Grant Interfund Trans	10,500	-	7,875	9,943
<b>Total EEE</b>	<b>69,538</b>	<b>59,040</b>	<b>74,071</b>	<b>9,943</b>
<b>OT Services</b>				
IDEIA-B Interfund Transfer - OT	71,631	-	53,745	53,745
Occupational Therapist Assessments	10,110	10,113	30,150	-
<b>Total OT Services</b>	<b>81,741</b>	<b>10,113</b>	<b>83,895</b>	<b>53,745</b>
<b>Psychological Therapy</b>				
<b>Psychologist Assessments</b>	<b>69,852</b>	<b>69,846</b>	<b>69,370</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>				
IDEIA-B Transfer Physical Therapist	38,452	-	28,860	4,970
Physical Therapist Assessments	1,500	1,501	28,820	-
<b>Total Physical Therapy</b>	<b>39,952</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>57,680</b>	<b>4,970</b>
<b>Director of Special Services and Teachers</b>				
IDEIA-B Interfund Transfer - Sp Ed Dir.	79,308	-	59,520	59,520
Special Ed Services to Other VT LEA's	-	-	-	147,203

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Special Ed Assessments	121,661	121,659	110,121	1,321,083
SLP Assessments	212,006	212,007	210,608	-
Medicaid Interfund Transfer	11,500	-	11,500	11,500
SpEd Coordinator Assessments	100,544	-	-	-
<b>Total Dir. Special Services and Teachers</b>	<b>525,019</b>	<b>333,666</b>	<b>391,749</b>	<b>1,539,306</b>
<b>Total Special Services</b>	<b>786,102</b>	<b>474,166</b>	<b>676,765</b>	<b>1,607,964</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,666,648</b>	<b>1,410,356</b>	<b>1,702,147</b>	<b>2,626,104</b>

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
<b>Regular Instruction</b>				
<b>Pre-School</b>				
Salary	8,999	-	9,224	-
FICA	688	-	706	-
Worker's Comp	53	-	54	-
Travel	1,000	-	1,000	-
<b>Total Pre-School</b>	<b>10,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,984</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Occupational Therapy - Regular Education</b>				
Salary - Reg Ed	5,664	-	5,806	-
Health Insurance - Reg Ed	1,483	-	1,496	-
FICA - Reg Ed	433	-	444	-
Life Insurance - Reg Ed	2	-	2	-
Municipal Retirement - Reg Ed	297	-	312	-
Workers' Comp - Reg Ed	33	-	34	-
Dental Insurance - Reg Ed	45	-	47	-
<b>Total Occupational Therapy - Regular Education</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,141</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Improvement of Instructional Services</b>				
Teacher/Leader - Salary	47,483	1,125	-	-
Teacher/Leader - Health Insurance	10,071	-	-	-
Teacher/Leader - FICA Expense	3,632	86	-	-
Teacher/Leader - Workers' Comp	280	-	-	-
Teacher/Leader - Dental Insurance	336	-	-	-
<b>Total Improvement of Instructional Services</b>	<b>61,802</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Instructional Staff Training</b>				
District Wide- Professional Development	5,000	4,605	5,000	5,000
District Wide Prof Dev - Supplies	1,000	1,701	1,000	1,500
<b>Total Instructional Staff Training</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,306</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>Technology</b>				
IT Specialist Salary	65,246	39,531	66,877	67,650
Health Insurance	15,613	8,789	15,745	22,056
FICA	4,991	3,024	5,116	5,175
Life Insurance	24	-	23	23
Municipal Retirement	3,262	2,026	3,595	3,636
Workers' Comp Ins	385	310	395	400
Dental Insurance	449	449	469	437
Professional Development	500	711	500	500
Technical Services	-	4,000	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	500	33	500	500
Postage & Cellular exp	-	250	-	-
Travel Reimbursement	1,500	609	1,500	2,000
Supplies	600	119	600	600
Computer Software	-	1,112	-	-
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>93,070</b>	<b>60,962</b>	<b>95,320</b>	<b>102,977</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>				
Advertising & Recruitment	2,500	3,395	4,000	4,000

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
Travel & Conference Exp	-	255	-	-
Expenses	1,000	763	1,500	1,500
Dues and Fees	2,000	-	1,000	1,000
HRA Admin Fees	-	125	-	-
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>Board Secretary</b>				
Stipend/Recorder	-	-	500	500
Board Clerk FICA	-	-	40	38
<b>Total Board Secretary</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Board Treasurer</b>				
Treasurer's Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
FICA	153	153	153	153
<b>Total Board Treasurer</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>2,153</b>
<b>Legal Fees</b>				
<b>Board Of Education Legal Fees</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>4,628</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Audit Services</b>				
<b>Audit</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>Executive Administrative Services</b>				
Technology Consulting	6,000	1,778	7,000	7,000
Other Professional Services	7,500	9,438	10,500	-
Equipment Repair & Service	13,000	11,998	14,000	14,000
Copier Expense	3,000	3,975	3,300	3,500
Telephone Expense	5,600	1,887	2,400	2,450
Postage	4,500	6,411	5,500	5,500
Internet Service Fees	2,800	2,576	1,500	1,500
Staff Travel	1,000	130	-	-
Subscriptions & Prof. Literature	750	237	700	700
Equipment Purchase	1,200	15	8,000	8,000
Dues and Fees	2,150	2,192	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Executive Administrative Services</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>40,636</b>	<b>57,900</b>	<b>47,650</b>
<b>Office of the Superintendent</b>				
Superintendent's Salary	111,100	111,100	113,878	117,294
Admin Asst. Salary	41,624	37,810	52,822	49,613
Substitute Personnel	1,200	3,325	1,000	1,000
Health Insurance	14,833	5,964	18,621	11,780
FICA	11,683	11,206	12,829	12,845
Staff Life Insurance	24	21	23	23
Municipal Retirement	2,185	1,938	2,839	2,667
Workers' Comp. Ins.	902	902	990	992
Conf: Local/State/Nat'l	3,000	608	3,000	3,000
Staff Dental Insurance	449	337	469	437
Supt. Benefit Package	28,685	28,685	28,685	28,685
Travel	3,000	2,083	3,000	3,000
Office Supplies	5,500	3,095	5,500	5,500
Dues & Fees	3,500	3,867	3,500	3,500

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<b>Total Office of the Superintendent</b>	<b>227,685</b>	<b>210,940</b>	<b>247,156</b>	<b>240,336</b>
<b>Finance and Human Resources</b>				
Dir of Finance Salary	91,800	92,000	94,300	97,850
Payroll/Human Resources Coord. Salary	47,268	49,220	50,000	52,021
Accounting Salaries	94,352	81,919	93,173	96,344
Business Office - Sub/Temp Salary	13,000	15,270	11,450	14,000
Health Insurance	49,550	42,984	49,966	66,592
Social Security	17,857	17,815	19,043	19,906
Group Life	72	61	69	68
Municipal Retirement	12,675	11,436	12,845	13,987
Workmens Compensation	1,455	1,562	1,470	1,537
Unemployment Compensation	-	3,428	-	-
Course Reimbursement	800	-	800	800
Dental Insurance	1,347	1,198	1,408	1,748
Bus Mgr Benefit Acct	28,685	28,685	28,685	-
Staff Training	-	763	1,500	1,500
ASBO/VSBO Conference	3,000	-	2,500	2,500
Manager-Travel/Conference	3,000	1,504	2,000	2,000
Supplies & Materials	6,000	5,604	6,000	6,000
Equipment	-	-	2,500	2,500
Dues & Fees	1,200	601	1,000	1,000
Bank Fees	-	83	-	-
<b>Total Director of Finance and HR</b>	<b>372,061</b>	<b>354,132</b>	<b>378,709</b>	<b>380,353</b>
<b>Operation of Building</b>				
Custodial Salary	-	1,552	-	-
Custodial FICA	-	119	-	-
Utilities-Water	350	245	350	350
Custodial Service	6,300	2,800	5,000	5,000
Fire Alarm	900	963	900	900
Building Mainten	3,000	3,599	3,000	3,000
Rent Expense	10,878	10,878	10,292	12,000
Property & Liability Insurance	1,800	1,592	1,900	1,900
Supplies	4,200	3,261	3,000	3,000
Electricity	5,000	4,763	5,200	5,200
Heat Expense	5,200	3,278	5,600	5,600
<b>Total Operation of Building</b>	<b>37,628</b>	<b>33,048</b>	<b>35,242</b>	<b>36,950</b>
<b>Municipal Sewer System</b>				
Utilities-Sewer	450	364	450	500
<b>Fund Transfers</b>				
Building Maintenance Fund	-	-	2,500	2,500
Food Service Subgrants	-	130,170	132,700	135,000
<b>Total Regular Programs</b>	<b>880,546</b>	<b>854,981</b>	<b>1,025,295</b>	<b>1,005,957</b>

Special Services

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
<b>EEE Services</b>				
Salary	40,149	37,280	46,114	38,757
Health Insurance	15,613	15,834	16,209	16,939
FICA	3,071	2,545	3,528	4,314
Life Insurance	24	19	23	23
Workers Comp	237	160	272	333
Course Reimbursement	3,410	3,106	2,000	2,000
Conferences	500	458	500	500
Dental Insurance	359	-	-	-
Copier Expense	225	62	225	100
Advertising	-	413	100	100
Tuition	-	150	-	-
Travel	3,000	1,664	3,000	2,000
Travel-EEE Aide	800	1,793	500	1,500
Supplies	250	99	250	250
Materials	1,000	921	500	500
Testing	200	311	250	250
Literature/Periodical	200	30	100	100
Equipment	400	409	400	400
Dues And Fees	100	-	100	100
<b>Total EEE</b>	<b>69,538</b>	<b>65,254</b>	<b>74,071</b>	<b>68,166</b>
<b>Occupational Therapy Services</b>				
Program Therapist Salary	50,978	-	52,252	-
Health Insurance	13,350	-	13,462	-
FICA	3,900	-	3,997	-
Life Insurance	22	-	21	-
Municipal Retirement	2,676	-	2,809	-
Workers Compensation	301	169	309	-
Course Reimbursement	3,410	-	3,410	2,000
Conferences/Professional Development	500	524	500	500
Dental Insurance	404	-	422	-
Contracted Services	-	-	-	68,796
Copying	225	-	225	225
Therapist Mileage	2,500	2,183	3,500	2,500
Supplies	400	341	400	350
Materials	800	233	800	500
Literature/Periodicals	200	142	100	100
Testing Materials	600	107	400	200
Equipment	1,000	201	900	900
Dues/Fees	475	225	475	250
<b>Total Occupational Therapy Services</b>	<b>81,741</b>	<b>4,124</b>	<b>83,982</b>	<b>76,321</b>
<b>Psychological Testing Services</b>				
Salary	47,319	47,319	48,502	49,971
Health Insurance	8,472	7,358	7,690	8,036
FICA	3,620	3,525	3,710	3,823
Life Insurance	24	23	23	23
Workers' Comp	279	225	286	295
Course Reimb.	3,410	1,395	3,410	2,000
Conference	500	-	500	750

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
Dental Insurance	448	449	469	402
Travel	3,000	1,378	2,000	2,000
Testing Materials	2,500	727	2,500	1,000
Literature	100	-	100	100
Dues & Fees	180	-	180	180
<b>Total Psychological Testing Services</b>	<b>69,852</b>	<b>62,399</b>	<b>69,370</b>	<b>68,580</b>
<b>Speech/Language Pathologists</b>				
Psychologist(s) - Salary	112,685	112,685	115,502	105,263
Assistant Salary	32,981	32,981	33,806	34,650
Group Health Ins	38,523	33,273	34,771	36,336
FICA	11,143	10,751	11,422	10,703
Life Insurance	72	68	69	68
Municipal Retirement	1,731	1,690	1,817	1,862
Workers Comp	860	692	882	745
Course Reimbursement	3,410	-	1,500	4,000
Conference	1,400	650	1,400	1,400
Dental Insurance	1,076	1,258	1,314	1,124
Equipment Repairs	150	-	150	150
Copier Expense	225	-	-	-
Travel	4,800	4,838	4,800	4,900
Materials	600	355	600	600
Supplies	300	117	300	300
Literature/Periodicals	200	108	200	200
Testing	1,000	1,000	1,225	1,000
Equipment	200	80	200	200
Dues And Fees	650	570	650	650
<b>Total Speech/Language Pathologists</b>	<b>212,006</b>	<b>201,116</b>	<b>210,608</b>	<b>204,151</b>
<b>Physical Therapist Services</b>				
Salary	35,524	-	-	-
FICA	2,718	-	-	-
Workers Comp	210	-	-	-
Contracted Services	-	-	57,680	27,501
Travel	1,500	-	-	1,500
<b>Total Physical Therapist Services</b>	<b>39,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,680</b>	<b>29,001</b>
<b>Director of Instructional Support Svcs</b>				
Director Salary	99,079	45,000	92,250	95,018
Admin Asst Salary	26,621	16,521	20,465	22,932
Asst Director Salary	82,179	-	7,375	-
Health Ins	36,995	14,309	31,040	35,327
FICA	15,903	4,312	9,187	8,988
Life Insurance	48	-	46	46
Municipal Retirement	1,398	1,436	1,100	846
Workers Comp	1,228	494	709	667
Director - Conference	3,000	2,690	3,000	3,000
Admin Conference	-	-	-	250
Dental Insurance	777	316	469	402
Benefit Account	28,685	10,174	-	-
Staff Training	1,000	1,237	1,000	1,250

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	<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>	<b>Actual 2013-2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
Technical Training	200	-	200	200
Repair & Service to Equip	300	-	200	200
Copier Expense	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Telephone	3,400	-	1,500	1,500
Postage	1,600	-	500	1,000
Advertising	1,000	527	1,000	1,000
Director - Travel	3,200	1,965	3,200	2,500
Secretary -Travel	100	24	100	100
Office Supplies & Materials	1,500	1,679	1,500	1,500
Computer Supplies	1,300	1,600	1,300	1,300
Literature & Periodicals	500	38	500	250
Dues & Fees	1,200	500	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Director of Instructional Support Svcs</b>	<b>312,213</b>	<b>102,822</b>	<b>178,641</b>	<b>180,276</b>
<b>Special Education Teachers</b>				
Teacher Salaries	-	-	-	727,239
Health Insurance	-	-	-	199,337
FICA	-	-	-	55,634
Life Insurance	-	-	-	104
Workers Comp	-	-	-	3,994
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	4,344
<b>Total Special Education Teachers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>990,652</b>
<b>Legal Fees</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>786,102</b>	<b>436,554</b>	<b>676,852</b>	<b>1,620,147</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,666,648</b>	<b>1,291,536</b>	<b>1,702,147</b>	<b>2,626,104</b>

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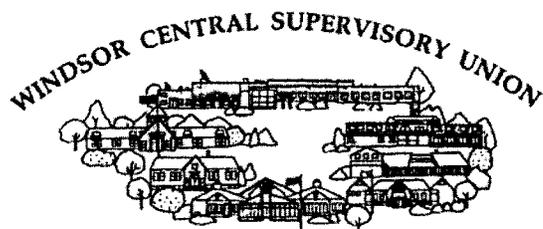
## Windsor Central Supervisory Union ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS CONCERNING EDUCATION RECORDS

Date: August 21, 2014

- To: All parents of students, and to eligible students\*, currently attending schools in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union and its member districts (including Barnard Academy, Bridgewater Village School, The Pomfret School, Reading Elementary School, Killington Elementary 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, D.C. 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" is defined as follows: "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.**



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## **WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND RIGHT OF REFUSAL**

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

DATE: August 11, 2014

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 15, 2014.

\*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, 2015**

<b><u>2010 Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,438.36</u></b>
<b><u>2011 Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 33,230.84</u></b>
<b><u>2012 Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 111,397.90</u></b>
<b><u>2013 Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 187,290.05</u></b>
<b><u>Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 346,357.15</u></b>

**TREASURER'S DELINQUENT SEWER TAX REGISTER**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

<b><u>2010S Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,172.67</u></b>
<b><u>2011S Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,175.77</u></b>
<b><u>2012S Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,121.57</u></b>
<b><u>2013S Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,866.00</u></b>
<b><u>Grand Total of Delinquent Sewer Taxes</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,336.01</u></b>

## SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand List:

General Property:

Real Estate .....	8,546,136
Personal Property.....	10,250
Total Grand List.....	8,556,386

Taxes Billed:

Educational:

Non-Residential Education (5,309,023 x 1.5053).....	7,991,672
Homestead Educational (3,244,241 x 1.6406).....	5,322,502
Personal Property Educational (10,250 x 1.5053).....	15,429

Municipal:

Real Estate Town (8,556,386 x 0.3638).....	3,112,803
Real Estate Village (2,706,712 x 0.2337).....	632,558
Town Police District (5,849,674 x 0.0487).....	284,879
County Tax (8,554,483 x 0.0032) .....	27,375

Other:

VT State Forest & Parks - 1% of Value.....	3,850
Total Taxes Billed.....	17,391,068

Taxes Accounted For as Follows:

Collections:

General Property

Total Collections.....	16,712,479
Delinquent Taxes to Collector.....	678,589
Total Taxes Accounted For.....	17,391,068

# INFORMATION DIRECTORY

<b>EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>FIRE</b> (non-emergency)	<b>457-2337</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b> (non-emergency)	<b>457-2326</b>
<b>WOODSTOCK POLICE</b> (non emergency)	<b>457-3327</b>
<b>CONSTABLE</b>	<b>457-2337</b>
<b>COUNTY SHERIFF</b>	<b>457-5211</b>
<b>STATE POLICE</b>	<b>234-9933 OR 457-1416</b>

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** Give name, address, including House Number and name of road or street, and description of emergency. Do not hang up the telephone until you are certain that the dispatcher understands your message.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:	CALL	PHONE NUMBER
Accounts Payable	Bookkeeper	457-3605
Administration	Town Manager	457-3456
Ambulance Bills	Ambulance Bookkeeper	457-3605
Assessments	Listers (M-F 8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Auto Registration (VT)	Police	457-1416
Auto Registration (renewal)	Town Clerk	457-3611
Civil Defense	Dispatch	457-2337
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Counseling	Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont	295-3031
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Deeds	Town Clerk	457-3611
Delinquent Taxes	Tax Collector	457-3456
Dog Complaints	Town Manager	457-3456
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Drainage Problems	Town Manager	457-3456
Elections	Town Clerk	457-3611
Financial Information	Treasurer	457-3605
Fire Permits	Dispatch	457-2337
Highways	Town Manager	457-3456
Library	Librarian	457-2295
Listers	Listers (M-F.8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Nursing-Home Care	Visiting Nurses	800-575-5162
Recreation	Recreation Director	457-1502
Regional Planning	Regional Commission	457-3188
Sewers	Superintendent	457-1910
Sewer Permits	Town Manager	457-3456
Snow Removal	Town Manager	457-3456
Water	Aqueduct Company	457-4497
Water Testing	Health Officer	457-1334
Zoning	Zoning Administrator	457-7515

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