INFORMATION

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS: 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday, Friday by appointment

TREASURER'S OFFICE: 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Friday

ZONING OFFICE: 9:00AM – 1:00PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

OFFICE PERSONNEL:
Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager (438-2263)
Treasurer's Office (438-2263)
Karen Reynolds, Treasurer
Pat Johnson, Bookkeeper
Christen FitzGerald, Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator
Town Clerk, Chris Wener (438-2204)
Zoning Administrator, Jayne Pratt (438-2204)
Listers: Pat Trepanier, Robert Higgins, Lisa Garcia (438-2263)

FAX: (438-5133)

TOWN GARAGE: (438-2854)

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: (438-5633)

WATER DEPARTMENT: (438-5633)

LIBRARY: (438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Veteran's Day
Day before Christmas
Martin Luther King Jr.
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
President's Day
Labor Day
Day after Thanksgiving

DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS: April 15 and October 15

DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS: August 15, November 15, May 15

MEETING HOURS:

SELECTBOARD –
2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Town Hall Conference Room

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TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium on Monday, February 29th, 2016 at 7:00 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-23. Polls to close at 7:00 PM.

Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.

Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers: Town and School Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Town Clerk 3 Year, Treasurer 3 Year, Lister 3 Year, Grand Juror and Town Law Agent.

Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of $1,230,860 to be raised by taxes?

Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $80,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements.

Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? ($300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and $4500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)

Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $9,304 ($4.00 per capita) to maintain the services of the Rutland Regional Ambulance?

Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?

Article #11 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $1,000 to the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) for the purposes of development promotion?

Article #12 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of $1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?

Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $1,250 to support the programs and services of BROC - Community Action in Southern Vermont?

Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmental disabled citizens?

Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $1,000 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?

Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?

Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $250 to support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

Article #19 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?

Article #20 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?

Article #21 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?

Article #22 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $500 to support the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center?

Article #23 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $600 to support the services of the Child First Advocacy Center?

Selectboard : January 25, 2016

Sean Barrows, Chairperson

John Harvey

Mitch Frankenberg

Peter Bianchi

Chet Brown

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
26th day January A.D. 2016
AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes A M
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc
Book Vol 6 Page 226-227
Attest
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland School District are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the following matters to wit:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town of West Rutland School District.

2. To hear and discuss the proposed school district budget. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the school board with comments and ask questions concerning the proposed school budget.

3. To explain the proposed building improvements and financing thereof.

4. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

At the close of business, the moderator shall recess the meeting until Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, West Rutland, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following matters to wit:

1. Shall the voters of the Town of West Rutland School District approve the school board to expend $5,814,209, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $14,210.59 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.14% higher than spending for the current year.

2. Shall general obligation bonds of the West Rutland Town School District in an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grant-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making repairs, replacements and renovation to the West Rutland School, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,400,000)?

   State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid.

3. To elect all school district officials as required by law.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the West Rutland Town School District duly called, noticed and held on January 18, 2016.

Received for record and recorded in the records of the West Rutland Town School District on January 19, 2016

West Rutland, Vermont

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

James Mumford, Chairperson

Blake Cushing, Vice Chairperson

Thomas Callahan, Clerk

Lisa Garcia, Member

Francesca Girardi-Coombs, Member

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
20th day of January A.D. 2016
AT 2 O'Clock 00 Minutes P M
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.
Book 6 Page 228-229
Attest Christine Weiner
Town Clerk

It's been another successful and busy year. We have a number of projects nearing completion and some in their infancy. This year's budget shows an overall increase of 2.68% which represents a $28 annual increase on a $150,000 home. We continue to look for ways to reduce spending however many of our fixed costs continue to rise. Below I will offer an explanation of the major changes in the budget, however a more detailed budget is available in the full Town Report a. As always I am available to answer any questions.

The highway budget reflects an increase of 4.8%. The change results from the addition of staff to return to three full-time employees. Our salt budget comprises another significant portion of that increase due to a 30% spike in the cost. The fire department budget is asking for a 7.4% increase to be allocated primarily toward compensation. Currently, the department pays firefighters following a point system based on call response. It is getting more difficult for the fireman to attend calls as they can't afford to leave their jobs. By increasing this stipend they hope to raise recruitment and retention. The library is also looking for an increase of $8,000. The library's total expenses have gone up 25% from 2014-15 in programs and staff. Libraries today are used for much more than books, they offer community activities, computer access and much more. Please stop in for a visit if you haven't been in for a while.

To help offset these increases we took a hard look at each department and made additional budget cuts across the board. Some of these were difficult but with these priorities in mind, other areas were trimmed to minimize the overall impact to the town.

We also seek out grant opportunities which are becoming increasingly competitive. This year our efforts in writing applications were extremely successful. The town's submittals were received quite favorably resulting in the award of nearly $900,000 in State and Federal grants. The State of Vermont Bike & Pedestrian Program awarded us $821,000 to design and construct 3305 feet of sidewalk along Campbell, Thrall, Clarendon, Ross Street to the school and Fairview through the recreation area. The grant requires a 10% local match which is the reason we are increasing Article #6 from $65,000 to $80,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements.

Work continues on the water and sewer extension on Business Route 4. Construction will begin again this spring and should finish late summer. This long anticipated project will finally allow these landowners the capacity to expand or develop their properties. The $2 million project was funded by a USDA grant and loan and the new user fees will pay the annual loan repayments. Once the infrastructure is in place we will have the results of our Smart Growth Better Connections Study which will guide us with short and long term goals related to transportation improvements, streetscape enhancements, redevelopment scenarios and business development opportunities.

As part of our streetscape improvement plan, we received a Municipal Planning Grant which will develop a master plan to design a welcoming gateway and a cohesive look throughout the village. We hope to better link assets throughout the village and provide opportunities and alternatives that will benefit the economic vitality of the village. Visitors will know they have entered a special place.

We will continue to make facility improvements at the recreation area with a new pedestrian sidewalk. We also hope to gain State approval to open an access at Boardman Hill.

With the completion of each study and project our Town continues to gain more and more momentum. Those on the outside are noticing. Without the support of our generous and engaging community, we wouldn't realize these successes. I wish to thank my dedicated staff, the direction and leadership provided by our Board of Selectmen, the many who serve on the various committees that our town needs to be effective, and the thoughtful and passionate volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager

2015 – 2016

WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

Positions	Officers	Term	Term Ending
Moderator Town and School	*Michael Moser	1 Year	2016
Town Clerk	*Christine Wener	3 Year	2016
Treasurer	*Karen Reynolds	3 Year	2016
Selectpersons	*Peter Bianchi	1 Year	2016
	John Harvey	3 Year	2018
	*Mitch Frankenberg	1 Year	2016
	*Sean Barrows	3 Year	2016
	Chester Brown Jr.	3 Year	2017
School Directors	*Francesca Girardi	3 Year	2016
	Lisa Garcia	3 Year	2017
	*James Mumford Jr.	1 Year	2016
	Blake Cushing	3 Year	2018
	*Tom Callahan	1 Year	2016
Listers	Lisa Garcia	3 Year	2018
	*Robert Higgins	3 Year	2016
	Patrick Trepanier	3 Year	2017
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 Year	2016
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 Year	2016
Police	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Health Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Town Service Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Emergency Management	Mary Ann Goulette	By Appointment	
Zoning Administrator	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	

*Positions to be voted in 2016
Updated 3/20/2015

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any question after reading this, or any time during the voting process, ask your Town Clerk or another election official.

CHECK-IN

1. Go to "in" checklist table.
2. Give your name, and if asked, your residence to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

ENTER

1. Enter within the guardrail, and do not leave until you voted.
2. An election official will hand you a ballot, either paper ballot or tabulator ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT

1. Make a cross (X) in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many to vote for. ("Vote for not more than two") If a tabulator ballot, fill in the circle o to the right of the name of the candidate (s)
2. WRITE-IN. To vote for someone, whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot or tabulator ballot.

CHECK OUT

1. Go to the "out" checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

VOTE

Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or put through the vote tabulator.

LEAVE

Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU'RE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST

If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was an error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Select Person or other election official call an immediate meeting of the members of your Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you still aren't satisfied, call the Secretary of State's Office at **1-800-439-8683.**

YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT

Ask an election official for another ballot. Three ballots are the limit.

YOU'RE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CAN'T READ

Tell an election official. You may bring a friend or relative to help you, as long as he or she is a registered voter, or you may have two election officials help you.

YOU CAN'T GET FROM YOUR CAR TO THE POLLING PLACE

Have a friend tell an election official. Two election officials may bring out a ballot to your car so you can vote there.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you're inside the building where voting is taking place.
3. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
4. Show your marked ballot to others in order to let them know how you voted.
5. Make a mark on your ballot, which would identify it as yours.

PLEASE DON'T

1. Chat or socialize in the voting area, especially when there are people in the process of voting.
2. Leave brochures, buttons or other campaign literature in the voting booth.

ABSENTEE VOTING

A voter who expects to be an absent voter may request absentee ballots until 5:00 PM or the closing of the Town Clerk's Office on the day preceding the election. (03/02/2015) Also an authorized person, on behalf of an absent voter may apply for an absent voter ballot not later than 5:00 PM of the day preceding the election. (03/02/2015).
Application for absentee ballots will be accepted by the Town Clerk in the Town Hall during regular office hours Monday through Thursday, 9-3 Fridays by appointment.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHECKLIST

Applications for person's names to be placed on the checklist shall not be accepted after 5:00 PM on the last Wednesday proceeding the day of the election. (02/25/2015). Applications will be accepted by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall during regular office hours, 9-3, Monday through Thursday, Friday by appointment and on 02/25/2015, till 5:00 PM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE WENER, TOWN CLERK AT 438-2204.

Vermont Online
VOTER REGISTRATION

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced the roll-out of the new Elections Management Platform. This platform has three main parts:

Elections Management System (EMS) – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;

New Online Voter Registration Tool – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and

New "My Voter Page" – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Secretary Condos states, "I am very excited to announce the roll-out of Vermont's first online voter registration system. One of my primary goals as Vermont's chief election officer is to increase voter participation. I am confident that our new online voter registration system and the 'My Voter Page' tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in our elections."

The online voter registration page can be found at http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us and the My Voter Page login can be found at http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

BUDGET PROPOSAL SUMMARY
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	CHANGE
GENERAL REVENUES				
PROPERTY TAXES	$ 1,251,694	$ 1,197,995	$ 1,230,860	2.7%
OTHER	$ 232,323	$ 204,859	$ 209,524	2.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 1,484,017	$ 1,402,854	$ 1,440,384	2.7%
GENERAL EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATIVE	$ 317,571	$ 319,527	$ 314,921	-1.4%
HIGHWAY	$ 467,433	$ 547,816	$ 574,276	4.8%
FIRE	$ 176,523	$ 175,564	$ 188,511	7.4%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	$ 83,995	$ 85,750	$ 91,050	6.2%
TOWN HALL	$ 100,184	$ 111,979	$ 114,117	1.9%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	$ 74,930	$ 78,116	$ 78,644	0.7%
RECREATION	$ 54,239	$ 57,563	$ 50,471	-12.3%
COUNTY TAX	$ 12,101	$ 12,739	$ 14,593	14.6%
OTHER	$ 13,001	$ 13,800	$ 13,800	0.0%
TOTAL BUDGET	$ 1,299,977	$ 1,402,854	$ 1,440,383	2.7%

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE
PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2017

Town Expenditures	FY15	FY16	FY17
General & Highway	$ 1,364,414	$ 1,412,941	$ 1,440,384
Services Articles	$ 29,308	$ 29,308	$ 29,308
Voted Town Articles	$ 65,000	$ 65,000	$ 80,000
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	$ 7,780	$ 7,780	$ 7,780
Town Total Expenses	$ 1,466,502	$ 1,515,029	$ 1,557,472
Less Other Revenues	$ 209,795	$ 204,359	$ 204,859
Expenses less Revenues	$ 1,256,707	$ 1,310,670	$ 1,352,613
Grand List Value	$ 1,855,760	$ 1,861,179	$ 1,871,278
Tax Rate per $100 val. Municipal Tax Rate Only	0.6772	0.7042	0.7228

ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION - municipal tax only

home value	FY16	FY17	CHANGE
$ 100,000	$ 704.21	$ 722.83	$ 18.61
$ 150,000	$ 1,056.32	$ 1,084.24	$ 27.92
$ 200,000	$ 1,408.43	$ 1,445.66	$ 37.23

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

REVENUES	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017
PROPERTY TAXES	$ 1,232,987	$ 1,251,694	$ 1,197,995	$ 1,230,860
STATE HIGHWAY AID	$ 80,860	$ 80,798	$ 80,000	$ 80,000
RAILROAD TAX	$ 74	$ 74	$ 74	$ 74
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	$ 27,500	$ 29,500	$ 29,500	$ 29,500
ORDINANCE FINES	$ 3,582	$ 8,068	$ 8,000	$ 8,000
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE		$ 5,097	$ 5,200	$ 5,200
CLERK FEES	$ 16,986	$ 16,576	$ 16,000	$ 16,000
ZONING FEES	$ 9,711	$ 3,127	$ 2,500	$ 3,000
COPIER	$ 505	$ 584	$ 400	$ 500
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	$ 2,112	$ 2,258	$ 2,000	$ 2,000
TREASURER SALARY SCHOOL	$ 4,198	$ 4,306	$ 4,200	$ 4,300
INTEREST	$ 3,409	$ 2,632	$ 4,000	$ 3,000
TOWN HALL RENT	$ 7,130	$ 6,855	$ 7,000	$ 7,000
LIQUOR LICENSE	$ 830	$ 940	$ 765	$ 800
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	$ 27,709	$ 28,620	$ 22,000	$ 25,000
PERMITS	$ 320	$ 400	$ 200	$ 400
PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	$ 386	$ 355	$ 300	$ 350
REFUNDS		$ 964		
MISCELLANOUS REVENUE	$ 5,872	$ 2,748	$ 4,000	$ 3,000
SPONSORSHIP	$ 5,400	$ 7,700	$ 4,000	$ 5,000
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	$ 1,135	$ 1,110	$ 1,200	$ 1,200
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	$ 2,715	$ 3,475	$ 3,000	$ 3,000
PILOT PROGRAM	$ 1,045	$ 1,511	$ 1,100	$ 1,500
STATE LAND USE	$ 8,734	$ 9,033	$ 8,700	$ 9,000
REC SOCCER	$ 360	$ 1,160	$ 720	$ 1,000
SENIOR MEALS		$ 659		$ 700
FOREST FIRE REIMBURSEMENT		$ 1,698		
TIMBER SALE	$ 3,019	$ 12,075	$ -	
TOTAL	$ 1,446,579	$ 1,484,017	$ 1,402,854	$ 1,440,384

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

EXPENDITURES ADMINISTRATIVE	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
MANAGER'S SALARY	$ 59,450	$ 61,650	$ 70,000	$ 70,700	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE	$ 3,754	$ 3,664	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	
TREASURER'S SALARY	$ 7,914	$ 7,993	$ 8,200	$ 8,400	
OFFICE BACK UP	$ 1,411	$ 2,012	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	$ 32,287	$ 33,095	$ 34,100	$ 34,428	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES	$ 1,358	$ 944	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	
COPIER LEASE	$ 2,649	$ 2,716	$ 2,700	$ 2,500	
COMPUTER / SOFTWARE	$ 7,514	$ 7,987	$ 3,000	$ 5,000	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE	$ 4,499	$ 3,149	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
EDUCATION	$ 1,205	$ 783	$ 3,500	$ 2,500	
LISTERS	$ 9,882	$ 8,562	$ 11,000	$ 10,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY	$ 768	$ 1,006	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
ZONING MILEAGE	$ 245	$ 155	$ 300	$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY	$ 10,081	$ 10,023	$ 11,500	$ 11,500	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY	$ 51,562	$ 49,165	$ 54,600	$ 46,100	
HEALTH & DENTAL	$ 11,297	$ 15,219	$ 11,229	$ 11,500	
FICA	$ 16,902	$ 17,108	$ 16,000	$ 13,820	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	$ 9,287	$ 9,650	$ 9,650	$ 11,358	
WORKERS COMP	$ 597	$ 659	$ 659	$ 626	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)	$ 6,492	$ 6,590	$ 8,775	$ 8,800	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE	$ 1,447	$ 1,593	$ 1,593	$ 2,998	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	$ 366	$ 594	$ 527	$ 745	
DISABILITY	$ 858	$ 881	$ 850	$ 610	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB	$ 3,048	$ 3,205	$ 3,205	$ 3,502	
AUDITING	$ 14,800	$ 15,100	$ 15,000	$ 15,100	
SINGLE AUDIT	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
ELECTIONS	$ 1,855	$ 3,389	$ 2,500	$ 6,000	
TAX BILLING	$ 1,538	$ 828	$ 1,500	$ 1,000	
DATA PROCESSING	$ 7,778	$ 6,775	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
LEGAL FEES	$ 5,801	$ 5,286	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS		$ 4,761	$ -	$ -	
TAX SALE REDEMPTION	$ 3,174	$ 734	$ -	$ -	
DELINQUENT TAX EXPENSE		$ 9,435	$ -	$ -	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$ 4,833	$ 3,967	$ 5,000	$ 4,500	
POSTAGE	$ 1,437	$ 1,944	$ 1,600	$ 1,900	
TOWN REPORT	$ 727	$ 552	$ 750	$ 700	
ADVERTISING	$ 2,257	$ 1,843	$ 3,000	$ 2,500	
TELEPHONE	$ 1,497	$ 1,524	$ 1,600	$ 1,600	
REGIONAL PLANNING	$ 875	$ 900	$ 925	$ 925	
VLCT DUES	$ 3,148	$ 3,369	$ 3,464	$ 3,509	
MISCELLANEOUS	$ 1,222	$ 2,561	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
NEWSLETTERS	$ 385	$ -	$ 400	$ -	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	$ 1,115	$ -	$ 1,500	$ 1,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	$ 303,515	$ 317,571	$ 319,527	$ 314,921	-1.44%

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

FIRE DEPARTMENT	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
LABOR	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$ 540	$ 435	$ 700	$ 500	
POSTAGE	$ 58	$ 58	$ 50	$ 50	
DATA PROCESSING		$ 570			
TOOLS	$ 678	$ 757	$ 800	$ 800	
VEHICLE FUEL	$ 1,643	$ 1,939	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	$ 415	$ 192	$ 400	$ 400	
PHONE	$ 1,310	$ 1,319	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	
TRAINING & DUES	$ 772	$ 289	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	$ 4,280	$ 4,392	$ 4,280	$ 3,476	
INSURANCE AUTO	$ 5,315	$ 6,723	$ 6,000	$ 6,521	
WORKMAN'S COMP	$ 1,148	$ 1,424	$ 1,400	$ 1,592	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	$ 1,802	$ 1,802	$ 1,894	$ 1,450	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	$ 4,124	$ 3,956	$ 3,875	$ 4,000	
UNIFORMS	$ 348	$ 272	$ 750	$ 750	
ELECTRIC	$ 3,677	$ 2,909	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	
HEATING FUEL	$ 4,526	$ 5,263	$ 4,600	$ 5,000	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	$ 10,450	$ 10,450	$ 10,450	$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	$ 2,368	$ 3,750	$ 2,500	$ 3,400	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	$ 2,647	$ 3,661	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	$ 2,244	$ 2,531	$ 5,700	$ 2,500	
SNOW REMOVAL	$ 2,100	$ 2,200	$ 2,200	$ 2,200	
SCBA FIT TESTING	$ 310	$ 260	$ 300	$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	-	$ 488		$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	
BOND PAYMENT	$ 88,161	$ 84,883	$ 81,165	$ 76,672	
Total FIRE DEPT	$ 174,916	$ 176,523	$ 175,564	$ 188,511	7.37%

MISCELLANEOUS	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
STREET LIGHTS	$ 38,896	$ 36,884	$ 39,000	$ 38,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	$ 2,320	$ 1,638	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
LIBRARY	$ 40,200	$ 41,200	$ 43,200	$ 50,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	$ 767	$ 370	$ 500	$ 500	
IRA TOWN TAXES	$ 514	$ 507	$ 550	$ 550	
CLARK HILL FOREST/FIRE	$ 4,171	$ 3,396			
Total MISCELLANEOUS	$ 86,868	$ 83,995	$ 85,750	$ 91,050	6.18%

TOWN HALL	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	$ 4,187	$ 3,914	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	$ 3,532	$ 3,662	$ 3,500	$ 3,800	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	$ 5,072	$ 4,596	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
ELECTRIC	$ 7,154	$ 7,277	$ 7,200	$ 7,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	$ 3,880	$ 3,448	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
FUEL OIL	$ 16,303	$ 15,302	$ 17,000	$ 16,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	$ 154	$ 311	$ -		
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	$ 25,000	$ 2,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	
BOND PAYMENT	$ 10,656	$ 10,359	$ 10,359	$ 9,403	
NEW BOND PAYMENT	$ 7,923	$ 49,315	$ 48,920	$ 52,714	
Total TOWN HALL	$ 83,861	$ 100,184	$ 111,979	$ 114,117	1.91%

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	$ 70,000	$ 70,000	$ 70,000	$ 70,000	
LABOR	$ 115,364	$ 109,502	$ 132,000	$ 147,000	
ADDITIONAL LABOR			$ 2,000		
FICA	$ 6,353	$ 5,967	$ 7,500	$ 11,220	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	$ 5,729	$ 5,422	$ 7,139	$ 7,517	
HEALTH & DENTAL	$ 24,884	$ 25,631	$ 34,849	$ 37,238	
WORKMANS COMP	$ 7,765	$ 8,539	$ 8,539	$ 9,684	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	$ 5,812	$ 5,471	$ 5,471	$ 6,514	
UNEMPLOYMENT	$ 377	$ 438	$ 687	$ 489	
DISABILITY	$ 1,007	$ 1,145	$ 1,100	$ 1,078	
UNIFORMS	$ 1,163	$ 1,425	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	
SALT	$ 54,942	$ 75,820	$ 65,000	$ 70,000	
SAND	$ 5,559	$ 6,386	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	$ -	$ 1,820	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
ENGINEERING	$ 650	$ 650	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	$ 2,901	$ 55	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
GRAVEL	$ 14,485	$ 11,238	$ 14,000	$ 14,000	
HOT MIX	$ 353	$ 2,673	$ 1,500	$ 2,000	
RESURFACING	$ 62,440	$ -	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	$ -	$ 633	$ -	$ 500	
COLD PATCH	$ 1,431	$ 1,827	$ 2,000	$ 2,500	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	$ 3,590	$ 5,125	$ 6,000	$ 5,200	
TREE WORK	$ 1,850	$ 2,100	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	$ 1,892	$ 5,132	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
PAGER SERVICE	$ 539	$ 539	$ 550	$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	$ 3,076	$ 2,738	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
BRIDGE RESERVE	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	$ 390	$ 560	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	$ 3,240	$ 900	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	$ 951	$ -	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	
STREET CLEANING	$ -	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	$ 7,079	$ 3,261	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	$ 3,355	$ 2,318	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
TRAINING	$ 485	$ 135	$ 500	$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	$ 25,925	$ 18,646	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	
REPAIR PARTS	$ 3,064	$ 7,630	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	$ 8,191	$ 9,571	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	$ 4,248	$ 3,420	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
PLOW BLADES	$ 6,455	$ 4,208	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	$ 1,682	$ 1,605	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
INSURANCE - AUTO	$ 3,770	$ 3,277	$ 3,277	$ 4,077	
RADIOS	$ -	$ 410	$ 200	$ 200	
GARAGE HEAT	$ 8,155	$ 7,942	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	$ 3,353	$ 4,768	$ 2,500	$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	$ 415	$ 462	$ 500	$ 500	
ELECTRICITY	$ 2,458	$ 2,157	$ 2,200	$ 2,200	
DATA PROCESSING	$ 835	$ 873	$ 750	$ 750	
MISC PROJECTS		$ 6,771			
GARAGE LOAN BOND	$ 24,073	$ 23,384	$ 22,695	$ 22,006	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	$ 10,656	$ 10,359	$ 10,359	$ 9,403	
Total HIGHWAY	$ 515,442	$ 467,433	$ 547,816	$ 574,276	4.83%

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	$ 7,680	$ 7,644	$ 8,500	$ 7,644	
HUMANE SOCIETY		$ -	$ 200	$ 200	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	$ 65,122	$ 67,286	$ 69,416	$ 70,800	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	$ 72,802	$ 74,930	$ 78,116	$ 78,644	0.68%

RECREATION	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
ELECTRIC	$ 1,039	$ 492	$ 800	$ 600	
TELEPHONE	$ 452	$ 431	$ 500	$ 500	
LABOR	$ 5,069	$ 6,409	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	$ 288	$ 236	$ 267	$ 227	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	$ 1,000	$ 1,209	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	$ 1,843	$ 4,259	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	$ 521	$ 696	$ 696	$ 844	
HEATING FUEL	$ 1,233	$ 1,134	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	$ 1,501	$ 1,776	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	
BOYS BASEBALL	$ 2,894	$ 1,605	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
SPONSOR BANNERS	$ 380	$ 950	$ 200	$ 600	
CONSTRUCTION	$ 8,940	$ 1,288	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	$ 1,783	$ 2,567	$ 1,800	$ 2,000	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	$ 1,000	$ 596	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
SKATING RINK	$ 87	$ -	$ 200	$ 200	
SENIOR MEALS		$ 726		$ 1,000	
MISC PROGRAMS	$ 526	$ 1,393	$ 1,000	$ 2,000	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	$ 3,130	$ 3,532	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
FIELD MOWING	$ 4,535	$ 4,940	$ 4,600	$ 5,000	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	$ -	$ -	$ 500	$ 1,000	
MARBLE STREET PARK	$ 150	$ -	$ 500	$ 500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$ 10,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 10,000	
Total RECREATION	$ 46,371	$ 54,239	$ 57,563	$ 50,471	-12.32%
COUNTY TAX	$ 11,701	$ 12,101	$ 12,739	$ 14,593	14.55%

OTHER	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	$ 4,137	$ 2,991	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
GREEN UP	$ 82	$ -	$ 200	$ 200	
PROPERTY MAPPING REVISIONS	$ -	$ 3,000	$ 1,600	$ 1,600	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	$ 1,951	$ 4,895	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	$ 2,115	$ 2,115	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
Total OTHER	$ 8,285	$ 13,001	$ 13,800	$ 13,800	0.00%
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	$ 1,303,762	$ 1,299,977	$ 1,402,854	$ 1,440,384	2.68%

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January 25, 2016

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

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Delinquent Property Taxes
June 30, 2015

Name	Previous Years	2014-2015
Alberico, Darrell		830.64
Barker, Keith		*394.80
Bartlett, John		*103.60
Bartlett, Philip		1,221.92
Bennett, William		*1,328.97
Bowen, Loreen		*770.11
Brewster, Todd	*42.45	2,858.19
Buonamono, Jim		#753.36
Chandler, Holly		*769.11
Coombs, Francesca	1,198.49	
Corey Knoll Land Co		1158.41
Costantino, Greig		376.53
Curtis, Glen		285.50
Cyr, Robert		#2,167.20
Davis, Wilfred		*2,083.34
Dumas, Robert	**3,120.14	**2,265.21
Fitzgerald, Scott		**3,006.96
Flory, John		*53.94
Fournier, Annamaria		*1,106.04
Fyfe, Roger		#1,906.17
Gallipo, Lawrence	*1,611.44	
Grandchamp, David		1,955.19
Henry, Michael		3,580.32
Higgins, Patrick		**1,616.00
Higgins, Patrick		**595.89
Hyjek, Helen		*237.42
Kurant, John	997.80	488.70
Lloyd, Debra	6,339.31	2,765.79
Long, Stephen.	2,280.57	2,310.36
Mace, Larry		*1,207.67
McDermott, Karen		*504.73
McDevitt, Patrick		*615.74
Miller, Gary		*303.75
Orr, Rachel	*624.32	*2,067.45
O'Rourke, David		*850.64
Prevendoski, Charles	542.84	2,503.29
Ray, Mary.	1,303.32	828.54
Roman, Gregory		*1,245.87
Saltis, James		*65.11
Sanford, Dylan	3,289.98	3,322.98
Sawyer, Elizabeth		#2,703.99

Delinquent Property Taxes
June 30, 2015 cont.

Name	Previous Years	2014-2015
Sevigny, Charlotte	1,158.47	2,466.12
Soroka, Ronald		**3,459.72
Spafford, Michael		*384.88
Speidel, Jesse		#2,946.09
State of VT		*1,090.17
Tamblini, Erica		*321.92
Thompson, Lori		1,505.38
Thornton, Michael		1091.00
Trigo, Linda	**1,781.34	**1,641.90
Tuttle, Timothy		1,000.00
Vahle, Barbara	*118.56	**1,081.83
Webster, Joshua		*1,024.58
Wright, David	*630.08	**1,124.88
Total	$25,039.11	$72,347.90

* Paid
**Agreement
Tax Sale
Totals do not include interest/penalty

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

WATER DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	PROPOSED 2017	change
SALARIES	52,732	60,091	52,361	62,456	
ASSISTANT LABOR	110	861	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	12,500	13,500	13,500	13,500	
FICA	3,904	4,507	4,500	4,778	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	755	820	700	700	
DATA PROCESSING	-	342	500	500	
ADVERTISING	250	443	300	500	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	-	335	400	400	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	8,838	10,902	10,367	13,031	
RETIREMENT VMERS	3,008	3,466	2,620	3,435	
DISABILITY INS	482	510	450	350	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,385	2,377	2,377	2,739	
WORKERS COMP INS	1,254	2,288	2,288	2,268	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	144	160	230	190	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	337	337	500	500	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,753	1,239	2,000	1,500	
PERMITS	3,847	4,564	4,500	4,800	
POSTAGE	225	226	225	225	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	92,524	106,968	98,818	112,872	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS					
WELL & LINE OPERATIONS					
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	150	1,575	500	500	
PHONE	263	275	400	300	
PAGER SERVICE	258	258	300	300	
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	3,125	2,754	5,000	4,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	180	1,682	7,300	1,500	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	758	1,738	1,000	1,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	20,169	14,963	10,000	10,000	
PROPANE-WELL	1,807	1,662	1,800	1,800	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	38,014	37,383	40,000	38,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	1,614	1,857	1,600	2,000	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	340	312	500	500	
PHONE-PINE HILL	263	275	300	300	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	1,004	1,085	1,100	1,100	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	-	-	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	608	562	562	658	
VEHICLE FUEL	1,213	905	1,000	1,000	
VEHICLE MAINT.	406	425	500	500	
UNIFORMS	608	580	600	570	
TRAINING	1,207	1,292	1,500	1,500	
ENGINEERING	400	-	3,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	135	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	850	850	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	84,737	82,068	90,262	90,828	
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	186,615	186,568	187,822	189,364	
Total Water Department	363,876	375,604	376,902	393,064	4.3%

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET

WASTEWATER EXPENSES	FY 14 ACTUAL	FY 15 ACTUAL	FY 16 BUDGET	FY 17 PROPOSED	change
SALARIES	83,943	89,822	93,644	99,180	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	14,300	19,229	16,503	23,457	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	760	934	760	650	
WORKMAN'S COMP	1,969	3,578	3,578	4,605	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	222	188	230	370	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	4,704	4,776	4,776	5,694	
F I C A	6,059	6,686	6,500	7,587	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	4,083	4,735	4,500	5,455	
UNIFORMS	905	960	850	950	
ASSIST LABOR	490	956	2,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	15,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	
DATA PROCESSING	1,583	573	1,000	1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,994	1,021	2,000	1,500	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	650	1,022	650	1,364	
VEHICLE-FUEL	1,669	1,487	2,000	1,800	
LAB CHEMICALS	1,144	747	1,000	1,000	
LAB EQUIPMENT	1,729	744	1,800	1,500	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,390	1,560	1,600	1,600	
LAB TESTING	2,409	4,590	3,500	4,000	
SODA ASH	1,019	1,002	1,500	1,500	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	3,975	8,806	9,000	9,000	
UV BULBS	-	2,148	2,000	2,500	
TELEPHONE	1,102	990	1,200	1,000	
MODEM PHONE EXPENSE	486	539	550	550	
PAGING SERVICE	258	258	300	300	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	941	1,107	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,984	864	2,000	1,000	
TRAINING	686	861	2,000	1,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	9,217	6,253	9,500	9,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	400	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	10,226	10,342	12,000	12,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	1,930	1,719	2,000	2,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	-	-	2,000	2,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,380	1,345	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	1,750	1,750	2,500	2,000	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	9,796	4,175	10,000	10,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	24,154	25,201	28,000	26,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	515	-	700	1,000	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	1,360	-	1,500	1,500	
Sub Total	267,682	278,468	308,841	320,262	
PLANT - ELECTRIC	19,674	18,565	23,000	21,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	3,512	5,118	6,000	6,000	
ELM STREET	10,518	4,885	12,000	5,000	
ELM ST FUEL	959	652	1,200	1,000	
HARRISON AVENUE	3,469	2,324	4,300	4,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	-	159	150	150	
BARNES STREET	1,039	956	2,000	2,000	
BAXTER STREET	481	459	500	500	
CLARENDON AVENUE	2,373	2,222	2,600	2,500	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	1,299	29	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,165	1,052	1,200	1,200	
THRALL AVENUE	465	378	500	500	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4				500	
Sub Total	44,954	36,799	53,600	44,500	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	312,636	315,267	362,441	364,762	
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	127,025	127,025	127,025	127,025	
Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.	439,661	442,292	489,466	491,787	0.47%

Town of West Rutland
Delinquent Utility Accounts as of June 30, 2015

*	Abatiell, Marc	$732.72
**	Austin, Charles	666.98
	Barker, Ronald	761.71
	Bartlett, Philip	370.07
*	Beaulieu, Matthew	4.03
*	Bedard, Mark	4951.50
	Bills, Dale	225.38
	Borowy, Stanislaus	323.54
*	Boudreau, David	3.89
**	Boynton, Michael	546.76
*	Cardi, Heith	99.34
**	Chadwick, Bertran	699.23
*	Chamberland, George	306.24
*	Chandler, Holly	406.09
*	Coltey, Isaiah	3.95
*	Coombs, Francesca	323.47
#	Cyr, Robert	780.16
*	Davis, Bettina	316.13
*	Davis, Wilfred	394.49
*	Doaner, Andrew	2051.62
*	Dow, Richard	197.41
**	Duncan, Charles	1397.57
	English, Tammy	968.13
*	Federal Home Loan Mortgage	836.03
*	Fitzgerald, Kathy	214.12
**	Flanders, Travis	1029.25
**	Fleming, Jeremy	402.06
*	Fowler, Leonard	398.99
	Furman, Zachary	379.48
#	Fyfe, Roger	768.00
**	Gelbar, Edward	538.60
**	Geryk, Robert	521.37
	Gosselin, Michael	532.70
**	Graham, Bonnie	1104.61
	Grandchamp, Betty	907.02
	Grandchamp, David	379.48
*	Griffith, Justin	3.56
*	Hawver, Perry	405.15
*	Henry, Michael	505.00
**	Hewitt, William	839.21
*	Higgins, Patrick	734.37
*	Higgins, Patrick	1162.47
	Holden, William	385.38
	Johnson, Dennis	211.41
**	Kearney, Kevin	1258.11
**	Kellogg, Michele	413.06
*	King, Mary	414.96
*	Korzun, Constance	753.03
*	Lafond, Thomas	$433.84
*	Lasante, William	222.24
*	Lawless, Christina	522.36
*	Lehman, James	390.93
*	Little, Frederic	370.78
**	Lloyd, Debra	322.22
*	Logan, Paul	388.80
*	Long, Stephen	814.09
*	Loso, Gary	1937.87
**	Loso, John	278.83
*	Mace, Larry	248.45
*	Martin, Rebecca	502.27
*	Martucio, Margaret	321.76
*	McDevitt, Patrick Jr	275.59
*	McDevitt, Patrick Jr	7.37
*	McLaren, Paul	343.26
**	Moore, Thomas	608.81
*	Mumford, James Jr	399.15
*	O'Rourke, David	395.13
*	Pease, John	412.01
**	Peters, Hal Mitchel	1078.40
*	Picard, Jason	1252.80
**	Prevendoski, Charles	707.54
*	Reed, Douglas	465.74
*	Reed, Jack	447.30
*	Reeves, Holly	375.15
*	Reynolds, Jeff	702.76
**	Rivers, Michael	733.00
*	Sanderson, Jeff	435.36
	Sanford, Dylan	709.09
#	Sawyer, Elizabeth	1090.97
	Sevigny, Charlotte	2996.60
*	Shull, Richard	390.93
*	Sienicki, Phil	385.65
	Smith, Robert	1453.45
*	Spiedel, Jesse	762.56
*	Terounzo, Joseph	404.00
*	Therrien, Kyle	431.27
	Thornton, Michael	401.88
*	Torres, Stephen	330.42
**	Torres, Tina	461.00
*	Trepanier, Patrick	211.40
*	Trigo, Linda	145.31
*	Vahle, Barbara	212.88
	Webster, Rick	766.94
	Welch, Daniel	1013.11
*	Whitt, Gary	55.33
*	Wilmington Savings	410.00
	TOTAL	**$59,654.45**

* Paid ** Payment Agreement # Tax Sale

Town of West Rutland

Annual Report of the Water and Wastewater Divisions

The Annual Report is always a good way for us to let the townspeople know what is going on with the water and wastewater systems. This year was another busy one for us. We worked with the engineers on the new water and wastewater line that will provide water and sewer to the section of route 4 east of the town all the way to the underpass in Center Rutland. We also had a very busy and costly winter with all the frozen service lines. And while that was going on, we were able to get a contractor in to build us a new storage garage to be able to keep our service vehicles in out of the weather.

The work that has to be done to get ready to extend the water and wastewater lines is quite involved. The coordination of State, local and Federal regulators is critical to make sure that the project progresses properly. The groundwork that has to be done includes locating all existing utilities and addressing where the new ones should be located. And what points are best to connect the old and new lines.

The new garage was needed to keep the vehicles out of the weather and to have more dry storage for our equipment. We purchased a new truck for the wastewater department and we will be able to keep it dry and warm in the winter. In the past all of our trucks could not be garaged and we were always having to get them started and let them warm up before we could go out on our daily rounds. This will save us money on gas and maintenance. We were able to do a lot of the interior work ourselves to save some additional money.

The winter was one that many of us will not forget! The frost went down as far as it ever went in recent memory. Lines that have never been affected by the frost were freezing. We had to come up with a way to thaw many lines and we could not find anyone available to come and work with our customers. We found a company that could thaw the lines with an electric welder and we were able to get many customers water back on. It was an expensive and time-consuming operation. After an unfortunate incident, we were forced to stop using the electric welder and were forced to run insulated garden hoses from neighbor's houses until the lines thawed.

We ask that in the future if you were affected by the freezing water lines to please run the water if the temperature stays low and there is not much snow cover. The cost of water to the customer is relatively inexpensive and will save a lot of time, money and aggravation if the water line doesn't freeze.

We also would like to ask the customers to let us know if you hear any noises that you think may be coming from the water line. If you hear a constant sound of running water and there are no running fixtures in your home that may indicate there is a leak in the water line near your home. Any time of the year that you hear a running water noise or see an unusually wet area, please let us know.

As always, I want to say thank you to Mary Ann, and the staff at town hall. I am grateful for all the dedication and hard work that goes into managing all of the paperwork and budgets to make sure that the taxpayers are getting the best bang for the buck!

Thank you also to the Select Board! You are always very aware of what is happening and encourage us to make the right choices to ensure a safe and viable future infrastructure.

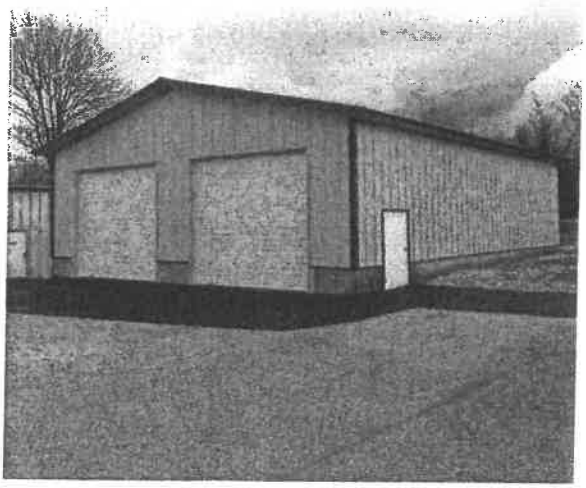
Thank you also to my Assistant Chief Operator, Frank Gorham. As the systems get older they tend to need more attention and Frank always manages to fit time into his schedule to make sure that we keep up with the maintenance items.

As always, we sometimes need extra help and we are lucky to have the road crew to come to the rescue! Thank you Frank Woolf, Dave Zawistowski and Steve Duprey.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Savage

Superintendent, Water and Wastewater



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2015

The road department is putting another year behind us. This past year has once again seen some personnel changes. We welcomed Steve Duprey to our crew.

Once again we had a busy year. We continue our partnership with the sewer department on projects around town.

Some of this past year projects included fixing basins around town and cleaning ditches. We also fixed the sidewalks around the Town Hall and painted crosswalks.

Other projects included work on Clark Hill from a Back Roads Grant the town received. Gravel and grading of roads as well as road side mowing were also included in our work load this past year. We also paved the following roads: Boardman Hill, Pine Hill, Highland Avenue, Pleasant Heights, Proctor Street and Woodward.

We have also started cleanup of the cemetery on Pleasant Street.

As in previous years we continue to work with Rutland Town in regards to the salt brine project as well as a continuing partnership with other surrounding towns in the sharing of equipment.

We extend our thanks to the residents of West Rutland for your continued support and cooperation regarding our many projects around town.

Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor
David Zawistowksi, Assistant Road Supervisor
Steve Duprey

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office is full of statistics. Here are a few:

- Recorded 1945 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were $16,452.84
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled $3,591.24 these fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 19 Births
- 25 Deaths
- 9 Marriages

We did 304 dog licenses totaling $3017.00 in fees:

- $1216.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are $14.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are $18.00.
- A dog and cat rabies clinic is held every spring for the pet owner's convenience. This year's clinic will be **Saturday, March 12, 2016** at the **Town Garage 10-12 AM.** Dr. Carini will be there again this year. Post cards will be sent out to remind everyone.

The Town Clerk's office continues to do vehicle registration renewals.

- This year we processed 77 renewals. These renewals generated $231.00 in fees.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming March Election to be held on **March 1, 2016.** Poll hours will be **10:00am - 7:00pm. Please note our poll location is now upstairs in the Town Hall Auditorium.** There is plenty of Handicap Parking by the side door entrance. As always, the elevator is there for your use. Please call if you would like to request an **Absentee Ballot (802) 438-2204.**

The Town Clerk's Office has an open door, full service policy and we are here to serve you. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Friday office hours are by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Wener, Town Clerk

Zoning Administrator's Report

Fiscal Year 2014-15

Single Family Homes	2	Fences	0
Residential Garages	3	Residential Additions	16
Change of Use	3	Home Occupations	1
Demolitions	3	Commercial Projects	4
Sheds	3	Land Filling	1
Subdivisions	2	PUD	0
Signs	4	Pools	0
		Miscellaneous-	0

Zoning permits are required for new construction, additions, demolitions, signs, land filling and any change of use of lands or buildings. A Certificate of Occupancy is also required on all completed projects prior to use. Call for an inspection time by the Zoning Administrator.

If you have any questions regarding zoning, please call me at 438-2204, Ext. 16, or email me at jpratt@westrutlandtown.com

My hours are : Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Jayne L. Pratt

West Rutland Zoning Administrator

West Rutland Development Review Board
Report for 2015

The West Rutland Development Review Board has had a busy year in 2015.

Our board now consists of Leon Minard, James Mumford, Tim Ponto, Denis Lincoln (Vice Chair) and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

I'd like to thank the Board members for their dedication of time, and their thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator and use as a "yardstick" the regulations we are provided with to insure that, as much as possible, a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgment as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of each month and are held in the conference room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm..

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jayne Pratt at 438-2204 ext. 16.

We look forward to continued service and the cases brought before us in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Moser - Chairman
West Rutland Development Board

FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

PO Box 591
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2014	$	219.97

Receipts

General Fund/Gifts	$	27.50
Friendship Tree	$	1061.00
Total Receipts	$	1088.50

Expenses

General Fund	$	658.00**
Friendship Tree	$	456.44
Total Expenses	$	1114.44

**$600.00 was transferred to the Heritage Money Market Fund

Balance June 30, 2015 $144.03

Current Assets (Jan. 5, 2016)

Checking Account	$	646.03
Heritage Fam. Svgs.	$	27.93
Heritage Fam. MM	$	13,156.74
Total Assets	$	13,830.70

We are so fortunate to have this beautiful and useful facility that is enjoyed by so many people.

If anyone would like more information about the Friends of the Town Hall, please call the town office at 438-2263.

West Rutland Historical Society

E-mail: history@westrutlandtown.com

The mission of the West Rutland Historical Society is to collect and archive all types of information relating to West Rutland's historical past. Many thanks go out to our Town Manager Mary Ann Goulette, Town Clerk Christine Wener, the Town Select board and the citizens of West Rutland for their continued support that allows the Society to offer programs and lectures by local historians and authors, historical displays and Society publications and newsletters.

Some of the highlights from our monthly meetings and programs in 2015 included the following:

February 10, 2015: Annual meeting with the election of Officers and Board of Trustees members for the year 2015 followed by the showing of the documentary film "Life in Rutland County" produced by faculty and students from Johnson State College.

April 14, 2015: Presentation by our neighbor from Pittsford, Bill Cook, USN Ret. on his research on the 1898 cannon on the Town Hall green. Interestingly enough he noted that the cannon was forged in Connecticut, placed in service in Florida and de-commissioned at the Watervliet Arsenal. How it came to the Town Hall green is still a story the Historical Society hopes to write sometime in the future.

June 9, 2015: Author Jason Smiley presented a most interesting program on the lives and times of the world renowned spirit mediums, the Eddy family of Chittenden, VT. During the last half of the Nineteenth century their home in Chittenden was visited by people from all over the world to experience their professed powers as spiritualists. Even the famous Illusionist Harry Houdini took it up himself to try to de-bunk their performances.

August 11, 2015: West Rutland native Mary Anne Christie returned to her roots to present a unique PowerPoint presentation on her reminiscences of growing up in West Rutland along with a genealogical study of the Sabotka family and the impact of Polish immigration to Rutland County during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

October 15, 2015: Society members Peter Kulig, Bernice Kulig and Elizabeth Kulig attended the Regional meeting of the Vermont Historical Society held at the Middletown
Springs Historical Society's conference hall to learn more about the issues facing local historical societies.

Other actions: Throughout the year members of the Society lent assistance to the Proctor Historical Society to collate and archive hundreds of World War One Liberty I bonds receipts issued to employees of the Vermont Marble Company.

Members of the Historical Society served on the W. Rutland World War Two Veteran's Memorial Committee and proudly took part in the memorial's dedication ceremony on August 15 th.
Officers and Trustees for 2015 were:

President, Chris Mathewson; Vice-President, Peter Kulig; Treasurer, Barbara Trepanier; Secretary, Debora Jasmin; Board of Trustees- Kitty Furman, Don Sevigny, Mary Reczek, Brandie Coolidge and Stanley Jagodzinski.

The West Rutland Historical Society is a 501 © 3 not for profit organization. P.O. Box 385 West Rutland, VT. 05777

Meetings are held at the West Rutland Town Hall and we invite anyone with an interest in the history of West Rutland to attend. Membership applications are available in the Victor and Ethel Sevigny Town Clerk's office.

West Rutland Public Library
595 Main St.
PO Box 66
West Rutland, VT 05777

The West Rutland Public Library would like to thank the residents of the Town of West Rutland for their support this past year.

This past year the library has been adventurous. We branched out in directions we have never gone before. Our programs are now focused on infant on up to senior citizens. The year of 2015 we offered monthly card games and movie matinees for the adult/seniors. We offer a book discussion group that meets the first Thursday of every month, Tucker the Library Reading Dog, weekly story time with Rebekah, Summer Reading Program (superheroes), Lunches and the Library, school break activities, Lego Club, Encore Summer Theater performance, adult basic computer classes, Family Fun day- including snow cones, photo booth, book sale, and bounce house (town wide garage sale), book sale, on-going book sales, pizza parties for the children, Dr. Seuss celebration, school children visits to the library (k-4). In December we partnered with the Recreation Dept. for an event at the Town hall. Automation is in full swing only because of some very special people who are volunteering their time. Shelly Williams, Luvia Webster, and Lorraine Wenta are the reason we are getting this huge project done. Thank you ladies! (we should go "live" in February of 2016).

We also had some teen volunteers committed to helping out each week. It is wonderful to see them getting involved in their local library. We are always looking for volunteers no matter what your skill level is we can put you to work.

We had many book and monetary donations given this year. Thank you all for remembering our library.

In September we brought on two library assistants. Stop in and welcome Rene Meyer, and Patty Webster to our staff. They are a ray of sunshine and they brighten everyone's day that walk through the doors of your library. We are thankful to have them on our staff. Don Curtis continues to maintain the beauty of our historical building. You will see him (or his wife Kim) mowing, shoveling, or doing whatever needs to be done. They put their heart and soul into keeping this building in immaculate condition.

Another exciting change at the library are the hours. We are now open two mornings a week and every Saturday morning. We can now accommodate more and more of our

community.

We have 23 different magazines, over 900 dvds, audio books, best sellers, we are constantly adding to our collection. New release movies and books are added to our shelves just days after release. If we do not have a book you are looking for just ask, we will borrow it from another Vermont library. Our circulation for 2015 was higher than it has ever been. We are seeing more and more people using our library. That is very exciting to us. We are working to make the West Rutland Public Library a place where everyone feels comfortable to come and relax.

Don't forget that the library has a wide variety of parks/museum passes that you can borrow. You check them out just like any other library material. These passes are either discounted admission or free admission. The following passes are now available: Shelburne Museum, Echo Aquarium, Billings Farm, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Wunderfeet, Hildene, state historical sights and parks pass.

2016 we are expecting great things to happen. The automation will be a blessing to all. Our patrons will be able to search our library catalog from the comfort of their own homes, they will have access to thousands more titles, we as the library staff will benefit tremendously by this system. Coming soon is Overdrive- this will make more titles available to our community.

The addition of an adult coloring club is being planned. Coming soon. We will be continuing the existing programs, and hoping to add more this coming year. We also would like to see our selves partnering up more with the Rec. department to plan activities.

We look forward to seeing what we can accomplish for our community this year.

Stop in and see us: M, W, F- 1:30 pm-5:00 pm T, Th,- 9:30-5:00 pm, and Sat. 9:30-12:30 pm.

It has been a pleasure serving this amazing community another year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Burchfield
Library Director

West Rutland Free Library Income/Expenses as of 12/31/2015 (Unaudited)

Budget Categories	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	Change From 2014	2016 Budget	Change From 2014
2311 Books, DVD & Magazines	$ 5,441	$ 10,000	$ 8,509.30		$ 8,000	
2314 Library Consortium	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 910.39		$ 1,000	
2371 Patron Programs	$ 1,324	$ 2,500	$ 2,419.56		$ 2,500	
Total Programs	$ 6,765	$ 13,500	$ 11,839	75%	$ 11,500	-3%
2121 Equip Rental & Maint	$ 3,293	$ 1,000	$ 819.00		$ 800	
2122 Maintenance Supplies	$ 371	$ 800	$ 309.91		$ 300	
2123 Computer Maint	$ -	$ 500	$ 1,615.69		$ 1,650	
2124 Other Maintenance	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,161.80		$ 2,000	
Total Maintenance	$ 3,664	$ 4,300	$ 4,906	34%	$ 4,750	-3%
2231 Electricity	$ 2,462	$ 4,500	$ 4,269.04		$ 4,350	
2232 Fuel	$ 8,482	$ 3,000	$ 2,745.00		$ 2,500	
2233 Water & Sewer	$ 864	$ 1,000	$ 891.66		$ 900	
Total Utilities	$ 11,808	$ 8,500	$ 7,906	-33%	$ 7,750	-2%
2351 Postage	$ 152	$ 450	$ 393.28		$ 440	
2361 Printing & Copying	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 1,220.73		$ 1,000	
2381 Office Supplies	$ 1,496	$ 750	$ 1,271.28		$ 750	
2391 Petty Cash	$ 300	$ 200	$ -		$ -	
2395 Telephone	$ 1,168	$ 1,500	$ 371.55		$ 1,000	
2411 Insurance	$ 2,570	$ 2,800	$ 2,781.00		$ 2,800	
2412 Misc.	$ 338	$ 1,200	$ 1,405.72		$ 800	
2413 Safety Deposit Box	$ 56	$ 60	$ 56.25		$ 60	
2611 Travel & Meetings	$ 65	$ 200	$ 285.21		$ 200	
2612 Staff Development		$ 300	$ -		$ 300	
Total Other Operating Expenses	$ 6,145	$ 8,460	$ 7,785	27%	$ 7,350	-6%
2511 Salaries and Wages	$ 28,524	$ 42,000	$ 39,133		$ 41,710	
2512 Payroll Taxes	$ 2,364		$ 2,524		$ 2,690	
Total Payroll & Benefits	$ 30,888	$ 42,000	$ 41,657	35%	$ 44,400	7%
Total Expenses	$ 59,270	$ 76,760	$ 74,093	25%	$ 75,750	2%
Kindle Fund			$ 249.11			
Ronald McDonald House			$ 90.93			
Total Grant Funded Expenses			$ 340.04			
Grand Total Expenses			$ 74,433.28			

	2014 Income	2015 Income		2016 Budget	
1012 Individ, Business Contributions	$ 5,000	$ 5,982	20%	$ 6,000	0%
1013 Book Sales / Copies / Etc.		$ 855		$ 250	-71%
1021 Interest-Savings, Short-Term CD	$ 19				
1022 Trust Fund Income	$ 15,460	$ 16,205	5%	$ 19,500	20%
1030 Town Taxes	$ 40,750	$ 42,200	4%	$ 50,000	18%
Total	$ 61,229	$ 65,242	7%	$ 75,750	
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ 1,959	$ (8,851)		$ -	

West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206
West Rutland, VT 05777

Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor once again to provide the Annual Report of the Fire Chief to the citizens of the Town of West Rutland. It is with great pleasure that I report that our department is in its 125th year of service to the Town, and has continued to provide our citizens with high quality professional emergency responses to fire, rescue, and hazardous material incidents throughout the past year. Once again I am fortunate to report that the town incurred no loss of life or serious injury due to fire during the past year.

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Program continued once again this year during Fire Prevention Week in October. This year, our firefighters delivered presentations to grades K-3 at the West Rutland School. We have seen the value of these programs first hand and I encourage parents to discuss fire safety with your children to continue these lessons at home.

Our department is served by a group of very dedicated volunteers who continue to spend many hours each year responding to emergency calls, enhancing their skills by training, and performing maintenance on our facility and equipment. This year we recognized Scott FitzGerald and Rodney Kenyon for 15 years of service and Jeff Wos for 10 years of service to our department. Firefighter T.J. Lacz left our department after serving for 7 years.

Our community is very fortunate to be served by all of our dedicated firefighters who respond at a moment's notice to your calls for assistance. Together, they represent nearly 300 combined years of service to our community. I would also like to thank the families of our firefighters for their continued patience, support, and understanding when we are called to duty. Any West Rutland resident who is interested in serving our community as a firefighter can obtain more information by contacting the fire chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Skaza
Chief

Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Joseph Skaza, Chief	43	Scott FitzGerald	15
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	37	Rodney Kenyon	15
Thomas Lacz, 2nd Assistant Chief	28	Jeffrey Wos	10
Christopher Jakubiak	28	Tyler Alexander	4
Pete Guay	24	Andrew FitzGerald	2
Jeff Lacz	22	Tyler Bathalon	1
Michael Skaza, 1st Assistant Chief	22	Josh Webster	½
Lori Lyons	19	David Joslin	½

2015 Emergency Call Volume

Mutual Aid Given	27	Outside Burning	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	25	Motor Vehicle Fires	2
Fire Alarm Activations	14	Water Emergencies	2
Medical Assist	7	Electrical Fires	1
Smoke/Odor Investigation	7	Forest Fire	2
Structure Fire	4	Citizen Assist	1
Swamp, Grass, or Brush Fire	4	TOTAL	101
Carbon Monoxide Det Activation	3		

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

Our spring baseball and softball program were a great success again this year. Thank you to Rich Dow for building the foundation to make these programs so successful. Baseball was again coached by Frank Beaulieau, Dan Perry, Jason Skaza and several parent volunteers. The knowledge of the game that Frank has is amazing and we are very lucky to have him. All our coaches bring knowledge that our children understand and make the program fun.

Jeff McGuiness along with Peter Guay and Brian Bailey directed our softball program with great success. These programs can only get better with parents and coaches donating their time and energy to make our children better.

Thank you to all the T-Ball and Mighty-Mites coaches. The concession stand was up and running thanks to the management of Jessie Cain and Cara Rici and other dedicated parents who donated their time. Many parents donate their time and we couldn't operate without it. We look forward to more parents volunteering next year.

We were lucky to have so many sponsors this year to support our programs. I would like to thank them individually below:

American Legion	**Bailey Motors**	**Jiffy Mart**	**Sweet Caroline's**	**Fabian Earthmoving**
H Hirschmann LTD	**Poultney Pools**	**SE Smith**	**Stewarts Shops**	**Waldron and Rhodes**

Soccer was again managed by Ian Akin and Scott Maxham. The knowledge and skill they bring to the program is amazing. IMX Soccer offers many different programs that keep our children interested in the sport.

Thank you to Joe Harrington and the West Rutland School for their support of our programs. Additionally I would like to thank Mary Ann Goulette and the Select board for their support and willingness to help in any way. I am certain with the continued support of the parents and the community the recreation program will continue to grow.

Mike Senecal

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2015 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Rutland School

A Vermont K-12 Public School
Committed to Excellence

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Sarah P. Merrill
Principal

Joseph H. Harrington
Associate Principal

Report of the Principal
West Rutland School

West Rutland School is committed to excellence. In addition to offering a rigorous academic curriculum, we provide opportunities for our students to foster interest in athletics and the fine arts. We also encourage our students to become actively involved in our local, national and global communities and to develop lifelong learning habits in a safe school environment.

West Rutland School is guided by the Common Core State Standards and the Vermont State Graduation Proficiencies. These guides provide a road map for teachers with defined, high level learning outcomes for students. Our schoolwide action plan addresses the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment, student support systems, community engagement and educational leadership. The overarching goals are as follows:

- To ensure that curriculum, instruction, and assessment occur within real world contexts and are supported by appropriate research based strategies and technologies. Curriculum, instruction and assessment are aligned with content and transferable standards, teachers regularly clarify those standards, regularly checking for understanding and providing feedback to students around the standards, and students regularly track their own academic performance against the standards.
- To provide comprehensive systemic social/emotional and academic support for all students in an environment that is safe, nurturing, inclusive, flexible, personalized and supported by technology.
- To increase community understanding and participation in the realization of our shared vision for student learning. All students achieve at high levels.
- Leaders promote the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community and by sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

Federal, district and local assessments provide benchmark information to inform and assess our ongoing student and school-wide learning goals.

In June 2013, Governor Shumlin signed the Flexible Pathways bill (Act 77). There are multiple components to the bill, one of them being the implementation of Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs). In September, we introduced PLPs to students in grades 7-12. Personalized Learning Plans support the development of individual student goals while providing teachers with critical information regarding their students' learning styles and interests. Students connect their interests, academic goals, and personal learning styles to specific learning goals in their PLP, thus creating purposeful learning.

Another facet of the bill offers flexible pathways for students to achieve success. Our high school students have multiple opportunities to challenge themselves while pursuing their short and long term interests.

- Expansion of the existing statewide dual enrollment program - 18 students receive vouchers to enroll in college level courses.
- Expansion of the early college program - 3 students interested in early enrollment in a full year of college-level classes while completing their high school degree next year.
- Increased access to work-based learning - 7 WRS students are engaged in activities that involve actual work experience or that connect classroom learning to employment and careers.
- Increased virtual/blended learning opportunities - 7 WRS students access coursework using technology to connect them with a virtual classroom.
- Increased access to career and technical education - 21 students are registered for a program of study at the Stafford Technical Center.

In addition to the opportunities through the Flexible Pathways bill, students at West Rutland School have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English Literature, US History, Statistics and Calculus. Twenty WRS students are enrolled in AP courses. Over half of our high school population is taking advantage of one or more of these enrichment opportunities. We are proud to offer diverse, academically rich, flexible pathways to high school completion to our learners.

West Rutland School strives to prepare our students to be college and career ready. In 2014-2015, 80% of our seniors applied to colleges and all were accepted. The class of 2015 acquired over $196,000 in scholarships to assist in pursuing their post-

secondary education. To date, we have 22 college acceptances for our graduating class of 17, with one student enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Extra- and co-curricular activities support our students and complement our academic experiences. Activities such as, but not limited to, seasonal athletic teams, Green Mountain Chorus and Band (a Vermont choral and instrumental competition), spelling bee teams, visual arts groups, Destination Imagination, Vermont Special Olympics Unified Sports program, and an active National Honor Society support our students' learning experiences. Some of our achievements in these areas include:

- Varsity girls' basketball team made it to the semi-finals.
- Varsity boys' soccer team made it to the state semi-finals and our varsity girls' soccer team made it to the state finals.
- Two sophomores nominated to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership state seminar in May.
- Eleven students were selected to participate in the All-State Music Festival:
    - 6 choral students
    - 5 instrumental students.
- WRS hosted the Unified Sports Soccer Tournament in October, 2015.
- Every West Rutland team that competed in the State Destination Imagination Competition placed at trophy-level:
    - Improvisation Team - 2nd place
    - Community Service Team - 2nd place
    - Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award - Tallest Trophy
    - Tower Team - Renaissance Award
    - Deconstruct-able Tower - First Place and invitation to the Global Finals.
- Four juniors will participate in the Academic Showdown organized and publicized by Peg-TV.

The West Rutland School, in partnership with the West Rutland Public Library and the West Rutland Recreation Department applied to and was accepted for the Vermont Reads 2016 project of the Vermont Humanities Council: ***Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition***. We will be joining communities throughout Vermont in celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the heroic survival and return home of the expedition.

WRS unites with local organizations to advance school safety and community responsibility. The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program continues to review safe walking, biking and rolling routes to school. In addition to this partnership, we collaborate with the Rutland Sheriff's Department to provide a safe school environment and quick response protocols in the event of a crisis. Our partnership with our Parent-Teacher Community (PTC) provides events such as Trunk of Treat and Breakfast with Santa. Thank you for your support of our PTC fundraisers that enable us to continue to bring our school families together in a free, fun family-friendly environment. We are also proud to work with our Booster Club who provides ongoing support for our athletic endeavors. This year they funded a new scoreboard which was placed on the varsity soccer field.

Our facility maintenance is a critical component to maintaining a safe, healthy school environment. Our major projects last year consisted of tree removal, tiling in the front entryway and second floor hallway, locker room partitions, ball field upgrades and playground maintenance. As always, our dedicated custodial crew spent much of their summer upgrading the building and cleaning in preparation for the start of the school year. This year we are seeking your support for schoolwide renovations and upgrades. The building retrofit will provide increased safety, modernization and efficiency to a beautifully historic, yet rapidly aging, building.

The staff at West Rutland School is committed to delivering a well-rounded, high quality educational experience for all students. Staff members engage in ongoing professional development to address federal, supervisory union and local initiatives to meet our goals. In addition to their teaching responsibilities, they commit to fostering the development of the whole child by playing the additional role of mentor, guide, coach and advisor, connecting all aspects of our students' learning.

Diverse learning opportunities combined with a rigorous curriculum and high expectations for establishing proactive learning habits generate a healthy, productive learning environment. As a 21st century educational leader, it is my role to model, facilitate and support these well-rounded learning opportunities which leverage our learning environment for all students in an equitable, fiscally responsible and sustainable system/manner.

I am incredibly proud of the work we do to ensure academic growth and develop responsible citizens. I invite you to visit West Rutland School to see how our students are succeeding. I appreciate the support provided by our superintendent, supervisory union staff, Board of School Directors, community and parents. It is my honor to serve the students, parents and community of West Rutland, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah P. Merrill
Principal

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **West Rutland**
County: Rutland

T237
Rutland Central

Property dollar equivalent yield: 9,870
Homestead tax rate per $9,870 of spending per equalized pupil: 1.00
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income: 11,065

			FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
	Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)		$5,547,878	$5,647,580	$5,763,687	$5,814,209	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget		$5,547,878	$5,647,580	$5,763,687	$5,814,209	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget		$5,547,878	$5,647,580	$5,763,687	$5,814,209	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		$281,150	$286,660	$292,533	$1,042,449	8. *
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data		-	-	-	-	9.
	Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)		$901,683	$1,061,816	$1,100,052	$1,128,694	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues		$901,683	$1,061,816	$1,100,052	$1,128,694	13.
14.	Education Spending		$4,646,195	$4,585,764	$4,663,635	$4,685,515	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils		333.11	327.03	335.21	329.72	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		$13,947.93	$14,022.46	$13,912.58	$14,210.59	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	$190.40	$183.56	$158.49	NA	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of $50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	$2.29	-	-	NA	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	NA	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	NA	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	NA	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	NA	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	NA	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	NA	NA	-	NA	24.
			threshold = $16,484	threshold = $16,168	threshold = $17,103	District Threshold	
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)		NA	NA	NA	$14,211.04	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		$13,948	$14,022	$13,913	$14,210.59	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)		152.420% based on $9,151	151.023% based on $9,283	147.083% based on $9,459	NA	28.
	Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [$14,210.59 ÷ ($9,870.00 / $1,000)]		$1.4327 based on $13.94	$1.4800 based on $13.59	$1.4561 based on $14.13	$1.4398 based on $13.59	29.
30.	Percent of West Rutland equalized pupils not in a union school district		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x $1.44)		$1.4327	$1.4800	$1.4561	$1.4398	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		102.13%	106.28%	105.27%	105.79%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town ($1.4398 / 105.79%)		$1.4028 based on $13.94	$1.3925 based on $14.59	$1.3832 based on $14.13	$1.3610 based on $13.59	33.
	If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [($14,210.59 ÷ $11,065) x 2.00%]		2.74% based on 1.99%	2.72% based on 1.93%	2.65% based on 1.89%	2.57% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.57%)		2.74% based on 1.99%	2.72% based on 1.93%	2.65% based on 1.89%	2.57% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1		-	-	-	-	36.
37.			-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of $9,955 for every $1.00 of homestead tax per $100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of $11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of $1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to $9,870 and the income yield to $11,065.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

* In FY2017 Special education and transportation services have been centralized to the Supervisory Union per statute and are included in the assessment for the first time.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: West Rutland School
S.U.: Rutland 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.statevt.us/educ/

FY2015 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 12
(11 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
4 out of 11

School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller → Chelsea Elementary High School	PK - 12	194	18.50	1.00	10.49	194.00	18.50
Concord Graded/High School	PK - 12	212	20.70	2.00	10.24	106.00	10.35
Danville School	PK - 12	347	37.00	2.00	9.38	173.50	18.50
West Rutland School	**PK - 12**	**352**	**37.36**	**2.00**	**9.42**	**176.00**	**18.68**
South Royalton Elementary/High School	PK - 12	379	28.93	2.00	13.10	189.50	14.47
Twinfield USD #33	PK - 12	389	35.80	2.00	10.87	194.50	17.90
← Larger Blue Mountain USD #21	PK - 12	409	43.90	3.00	9.32	136.33	14.63
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		**272.27**	**26.62**	**1.64**	**10.23**	**166.39**	**16.27**

School District: West Rutland
LEA ID: T237

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.

FY2014 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district
(34 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
25 out of 34

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
Smaller → Whitingham/Wilmington Joint District	PK-12	250.38	$29,774
Proctor	PK-12	280.83	$15,158
Bethel	PK-12	284.77	$13,238
West Rutland	**PK-12**	**335.04**	**$13,266**
Danville	PK-12	346.08	$13,813
Royalton	PK-12	353.49	$12,609
← Larger Twinfield USD #33	PK-12	377.42	$14,249
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		**787.86**	**$13,311**

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.

FY2016 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate: SchDist Equalized Pupils	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate (Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.)	Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates: MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate (These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.)
Smaller → T160	Proctor	PK-12	299.06	14,945.17	1.5642	1.5642	111.07%	1.4083
T057	Danville	PK-12	310.63	14,161.09	1.4821	1.4821	104.05%	1.4244
T171	Royalton	PK-12	316.47	14,498.09	1.5174	1.5174	108.32%	1.4008
T237	West Rutland	PK-12	335.21	13,912.58	1.4561	1.4561	105.27%	1.3832
T005	Arlington	PK-12	377.47	15,455.83	1.6176	1.6176	108.15%	1.4957
U021	Blue Mountain USD #21	PK-12	403.27	15,570.77	1.6297	-	-	-
← Larger U033	Twinfield USD #33	PK-12	405.07	14,881.73	1.5576	-	-	-

The Legislature has required the Agency 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.

West Rutland School District
FY17 Proposed Budget

	FY16 Budget	FY17 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
Local Revenue:			
001-0000-41312-00-00-000-00 Tuition K-6 LEA	$ (117,000)	$ (131,350)	$ (14,350)
001-0000-41322-00-00-000-00 Tuition 7-12 LEA	(244,500)	(254,400)	(9,900)
001-0000-41362-00-00-000-00 Tuition Spec Ed - LEA	-	(27,000)	(27,000)
001-0000-41510-00-00-000-00 Interest	(3,500)	(5,000)	(1,500)
001-0000-41700-00-00-000-00 Athletic Receipts	(5,500)	(3,500)	2,000
001-0000-41941-00-00-000-00 SE Excess Cost Reimb	(71,000)	(61,000)	10,000
001-0000-43150-00-00-000-00 Transportation aid	(18,600)	(32,900)	(14,300)
001-0000-43201-00-00-000-00 Mainstream Block	(121,487)	(120,972)	515
001-0000-43202-00-00-000-00 SE reimb	(420,000)	(365,852)	54,148
001-0000-43203-00-00-000-00 SE Extraordinary reimb.	(1,300)	-	1,300
001-0000-43204-00-00-000-00 EEEP Grant	(8,915)	(12,400)	(3,485)
001-0000-43282-00-00-000-00 Driver Education	(1,500)	(2,000)	(500)
001-0000-43308-00-00-000-00 Vocational transportation	(10,900)	(11,320)	(420)
001-0000-44454-00-00-000-00 Child Care Food Program	(850)	(1,000)	(150)
001-0000-46999-00-00-000-00 Reserved funds to open	(75,000)	(100,000)	(25,000)
TOTAL Local Revenue	$ (1,100,052)	$ (1,128,694)	$ (28,642)
Expenditures:			
Kindergarten, 1, 2			
001-1100-56100-10-02-100-25 K,1,2 supplies	$ 5,200	$ 3,600	$ (1,600)
001-1100-56400-10-02-100-25 K,1,2 books	2,800	2,000	(800)
001-1100-56700-10-02-100-25 K,1,2 software	300	500	200
TOTAL Kindergarten, 1, 2	$ 8,300	$ 6,100	$ (2,200)
3 & 4			
001-1100-56100-10-08-100-25 3 & 4 supplies	$ 4,000	$ 2,400	$ (1,600)
001-1100-56400-10-08-100-25 3 & 4 books	2,200	2,000	(200)
TOTAL 3 & 4	$ 6,200	$ 4,400	$ (1,800)
5 & 6			
001-1100-56100-10-12-100-25 5 & 6 supplies	$ 1,250	$ 1,800	$ 550
001-1100-56400-10-12-100-25 5 & 6 books	1,250	1,250	-
TOTAL 5 & 6	$ 2,500	$ 3,050	$ 550
All Programs			
001-1100-53200-00-16-100-25 All prog purch serv K -12	$ 3,000	$ 6,500	$ 3,500
001-1100-53210-00-16-100-25 RI Purch sub K-12	6,000	1,000	(5,000)
001-1100-53210-10-16-100-25 RI Purch subs K-6	18,000	25,000	7,000
001-1100-53210-30-16-100-25 RI Purch sub 7-12	12,000	20,000	8,000
001-1100-53320-00-16-100-25 Purch serv - RCSU (Title 1 and ELL)	65,500	55,000	(10,500)
001-1100-55800-10-16-100-25 All programs travel K- 6	-	300	300
001-1100-55800-30-16-100-25 All prog travel 7-12	-	300	300
001-1100-56100-00-16-100-25 All prog supply K-12	4,000	3,000	(1,000)
001-1100-56900-30-16-100-25 All prog graduation	3,500	3,500	-
001-1100-57350-00-16-100-25 All prog technology software	4,765	5,000	235
TOTAL All Programs	$ 116,765	$ 119,600	$ 2,835
Art			
001-1100-56100-10-17-100-25 Art supplies K-6	$ 2,600	$ 2,600	$ -
001-1100-56100-30-17-100-25 Art supplies 7-12	3,600	3,700	100
TOTAL Art	$ 6,200	$ 6,300	$ 100
Athletic			
001-1400-51100-30-21-900-25 Athletic Salaries	$ 39,058	$ 38,221	$ (837)
001-1400-52200-30-21-900-25 Athletics FICA	2,988	2,924	(64)
001-1400-52400-30-21-900-25 Athletics retirement	-	500	500
001-1400-52500-30-21-900-25 Athletic W/C	275	520	245
001-1400-53200-30-21-900-25 Athletic purch serv	4,800	5,500	700

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	FY16 Budget	FY17 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
001-1400-54300-30-21-900-25 Athletic repairs	3,000	3,000	-
001-1400-55200-30-21-900-25 Student catastrophic ins.	950	1,000	50
001-1400-55800-30-21-900-25 Athletic travel	2,000	2,250	250
001-1400-55900-30-21-900-25 Athletic officials	15,500	20,000	4,500
001-1400-56100-30-21-900-25 Athletic supplies	5,000	5,000	-
001-1400-58100-30-21-900-25 Athletics dues & fees	2,500	2,800	300
TOTAL Athletic	$ 76,071	$ 81,715	$ 5,644
Technology			
001-1100-56100-30-23-100-25 Tech Instruction supplies	$ 200	$ 300	$ 100
001-2230-53200-00-23-100-25 Tech purchased services	10,000	9,000	(1,000)
001-2230-53310-10-23-100-25 Tech assessment K-6	42,475	59,833	17,358
001-2230-53310-30-23-100-25 Tech assessment 7 -12	42,475	59,833	17,358
001-2230-54300-00-23-100-25 Tech infrastructure repairs	3,000	3,000	-
001-2230-55300-00-23-100-25 Tech infrastructure comm	6,000	3,000	(3,000)
001-2230-56100-00-23-100-25 Tech infrastructure supplies	2,500	2,500	-
001-2230-57390-00-23-100-25 Tech infrastructure equip	20,000	30,000	10,000
TOTAL Technology	$ 126,650	$ 167,466	$ 40,816
Copier			
001-1100-54300-00-27-100-25 Copier maint	$ 11,000	$ 15,000	$ 4,000
001-1100-54400-00-27-100-25 Copier lease	12,050	15,000	2,950
001-1100-56100-00-27-100-25 Copier supplies	4,000	5,000	1,000
TOTAL Copier	$ 27,050	$ 35,000	$ 7,950
Debt Service			
001-5100-58301-00-29-100-25 School Add'n Interest	$ 1,775	$ (587)	$ (2,362)
001-5100-58302-00-29-100-25 2016 Bond interest	-	28,000	28,000
001-5100-58310-00-29-100-25 Capital Lease Interest	-	463	463
001-5100-59101-00-29-100-25 School Add'n Princ.	55,000	55,000	-
001-5100-59110-00-29-100-25 Capital Lease Principal	-	7,983	7,983
TOTAL Debt Service	$ 56,775	$ 90,859	$ 34,084
Drivers Ed			
001-1100-51100-30-30-100-25 Driver Ed wages	$ 1,775	$ (587)	$ (2,362)
001-1100-52200-30-30-100-25 Driver Ed FICA	593	497	(96)
001-1100-53200-30-30-100-25 Driver Ed purch svc	1,000	1,000	-
001-1100-54300-30-30-100-25 Driver Ed repairs	250	250	-
001-1100-56100-30-30-100-25 Driver Ed supplies	800	800	-
TOTAL Drivers Ed	$ 10,393	$ 9,047	$ (1,346)
Pre K Program			
001-1100-51110-11-31-100-25 RI wages PreK	$ 19,726	$ 19,200	$ (526)
001-1100-52100-11-31-100-25 RI health ins PreK	6,403	10,888	4,485
001-1100-52200-11-31-100-25 RI FICA PreK	1,509	1,469	(40)
001-1100-52300-11-31-100-25 RI life ins Pre K	132	120	(12)
001-1100-52400-11-31-100-25 RI retire. Pre K	789	768	(21)
001-1100-52500-11-31-100-25 RI W/C Pre K	140	142	2
001-1100-52600-11-31-100-25 RI unemp. Pre K	129	235	106
001-1100-52900-11-31-100-25 RI dental ins Pre K	373	347	(26)
001-1100-52910-11-31-100-25 RI disability ins Pre K	4	75	71
001-1100-53210-11-31-100-25 RI Purch sub Pre K	-	1,500	1,500
001-1100-53211-11-31-100-25 Pre K Serv - Preschool Partnerships	20,000	21,814	1,814
001-1100-53320-11-31-100-25 Pre K Purchased service - RCSU	64,680	66,150	1,470
001-1100-56100-11-31-100-25 Pre K Supplies	100	1,100	1,000
001-1100-56105-11-31-100-25 Pre K materials (snack supplies)	1,500	1,700	200
001-1200-51110-11-31-200-25 EEE I/A wages	902	2,400	1,497
001-1200-52100-11-31-200-25 EEE health ins	293	1,361	1,068
001-1200-52200-11-31-200-25 EEE FICA	69	184	115
001-1200-52300-11-31-200-25 EEE life ins	6	10	4
001-1200-52400-11-31-200-25 EEE retirement.	36	96	60

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	FY16 Budget	FY17 Proposed Budget	Budget Change
001-1200-52500-11-31-200-25 EEE W/C	7	18	11
001-1200-52600-11-31-200-25 EEE unemp	2	30	28
001-1200-52900-11-31-200-25 EEE dental ins	17	43	26
001-1200-52910-11-31-200-25 EEE disability	83	10	(73)
001-1200-53210-11-31-200-25 EEE Purch sub	-	200	200
001-1200-53320-11-31-200-25 EEE Purch serv - RCSU	7,200	-	(7,200)
001-1200-56100-11-31-200-25 EEE materials	200	200	-
001-1200-56105-11-31-050-25 EEE materials (snack supplies)	-	100	100
001-1200-56105-11-31-200-25 EEE materials (snack supplies)	100	-	(100)
001-2400-53310-11-31-200-25 EEE Program Assessment	-	7,847	7,847
TOTAL Pre K Program	$ 124,401	$ 138,006	$ 13,606
English			
001-1100-56100-30-32-100-25 English supplies 7-12	$ 400	$ 900	$ 500
001-1100-56400-30-32-100-25 English books 7 -12	1,500	1,500	-
001-1100-56500-30-32-100-25 English supplies -technology rltd 7-12	750	-	(750)
TOTAL English	$ 2,650	$ 2,400	$ (250)
Enrichment			
001-1100-53300-00-33-100-25 Enrich Purch Svc.	$ -	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
TOTAL Enrichment	$ -	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
Extra/Co curricular supplies			
001-1100-56100-00-35-900-25 Extra/Co supplies	$ -	$ 200	$ 200
TOTAL Extra/Co curricular supplies	$ -	$ 200	$ 200
Foreign lang			
001-1100-56100-30-36-100-25 Foreign lang supplies	$ 500	$ 500	$ -
TOTAL Foreign lang	$ 500	$ 500	$ -
Guidance			
001-2120-51100-00-37-100-25 Guidance wages	$ 88,897	$ 69,570	$ (19,327)
001-2120-52100-00-37-100-25 Guidance health ins	24,809	23,482	(1,326)
001-2120-52200-00-37-100-25 Guidance FICA	6,801	5,322	(1,478)
001-2120-52300-00-37-100-25 Guidance life ins	334	185	(149)
001-2120-52400-00-37-100-25 Guidance retirement	1,536	682	(854)
001-2120-52500-00-37-100-25 Guidance W/C	620	515	(105)
001-2120-52600-00-37-100-25 Guidance unemp	336	400	64
001-2120-52700-00-37-100-25 Guidance prof dev	275	300	25
001-2120-52900-00-37-100-25 Guidance dental ins	976	586	(390)
001-2120-52910-00-37-100-25 Guidance disability	-	265	265
001-2120-55800-00-37-100-25 Guidance travel	250	250	-
001-2120-56100-00-37-100-25 Guidance supplies	200	300	100
001-2120-56400-00-37-100-25 Guidance books	300	200	(100)
001-2120-56700-00-37-100-25 Guidance software	10,000	7,000	(3,000)
001-2120-58100-00-37-100-25 Guidance dues & fees	200	200	-
TOTAL Guidance	$ 135,533	$ 109,257	$ (26,276)
Health			
001-1100-56100-30-38-100-25 Health supplies 7-12	$ 200	$ 200	$ -
TOTAL Health	$ 200	$ 200	$ -
High School - tech center costs			
001-1100-53200-30-39-100-25 Dual Enrollment - purch serv	$ 13,425	$ -	$ (13,425)
001-1100-55680-30-39-100-25 Tech Ctr tuition - State	96,032	100,124	4,092
001-1100-55690-30-39-100-25 Tech Ctr tuition - School	58,213	68,908	10,695
TOTAL High School tech center costs	$ 167,670	$ 169,032	$ 1,362
School Resource Officer			
001-2113-53210-00-40-100-25 SRO purchased svc	$ 54,500	$ -	$ (54,500)

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TOTAL School Resource Officer	$ 54,500	$ -	$ (54,500)
Library			
001-2220-51100-00-42-100-25 Library wages	$ 65,273	$ 65,273	$ 0
001-2220-52100-00-42-100-25 Library health ins	19,189	20,478	1,289
001-2220-52200-00-42-100-25 Library FICA	4,993	4,993	-
001-2220-52300-00-42-100-25 Library life ins	138	95	(43)
001-2220-52500-00-42-100-25 Library W/C	455	498	43
001-2220-52600-00-42-100-25 Library unemp	134	265	131
001-2220-52700-00-42-100-25 Library prof dev	500	500	-
001-2220-52900-00-42-100-25 Library dental ins	390	390	-
001-2220-52910-00-42-100-25 Library disability	-	255	255
001-2220-53320-00-42-100-25 Tech Integrationist purch service - RCSU	38,400	-	(38,400)
001-2220-56100-00-42-100-25 Library supplies	500	200	(300)
001-2220-56400-00-42-100-25 Library books	2,500	4,000	1,500
001-2220-56700-00-42-100-25 Library software	5,000	5,500	500
001-2220-57390-00-42-100-25 Library equip	1,000	1,000	-
001-2220-58100-00-42-100-25 Library dues & fees	-	200	200
TOTAL Library	$ 138,473	$ 103,648	$ (34,825)
Math			
001-1100-56100-10-43-100-25 Math supplies K - 6	$ 20,000	$ 3,000	$ (17,000)
001-1100-56100-30-43-100-25 Math supplies 7-12	900	1,500	600
001-1100-56400-30-43-100-25 Math books 7 - 12	500	9,000	8,500
TOTAL Math	$ 21,400	$ 13,500	$ (7,900)
Music			
001-1100-54300-00-44-100-25 Music repairs	$ 900	$ 900	$ -
001-1100-56100-00-44-100-25 Music supplies	1,000	1,000	-
001-1100-56400-00-44-100-25 Music books	700	700	-
001-1100-57390-00-44-100-25 Music equipment	2,000	2,000	-
TOTAL Music	$ 4,600	$ 4,600	$ -
Nurse			
001-2130-51100-00-45-100-25 Nurse wages	$ 53,876	$ 53,876	$ 0
001-2130-51200-00-45-100-25 Nurse subs	1,000	2,000	1,000
001-2130-52100-00-45-100-25 Nurse health ins.	19,189	20,478	1,289
001-2130-52200-00-45-100-25 Nurse FICA	4,767	4,992	225
001-2130-52300-00-45-100-25 Nurse life ins.	138	95	(43)
001-2130-52500-00-45-100-25 Nurse W/C	375	410	35
001-2130-52600-00-45-100-25 Nurse unemp	134	265	131
001-2130-52700-00-45-100-25 Nurse prof dev	200	200	-
001-2130-52900-00-45-100-25 Nurse dental ins	390	390	-
001-2130-52910-00-45-100-25 Nurse disability	-	210	210
001-2130-56100-00-45-100-25 Nurse supplies	750	850	100
001-2130-56700-00-45-100-25 Nurse software	300	300	-
001-2130-57390-00-45-100-25 Nurse equipment	200	200	-
TOTAL Nurse	$ 81,319	$ 84,266	$ 2,947
Phys Ed			
001-1100-56100-00-47-100-25 Phys Ed supplies	$ 2,200	$ 2,300	$ 100
TOTAL Phys Ed	$ 2,200	$ 2,300	$ 100
School Admin			
001-2400-51100-00-53-100-25 S Admin wages	$ 209,863	$ 248,183	$ 38,320
001-2400-51110-00-53-100-25 S Admin - other wages	10,136	-	(10,136)
001-2400-52100-00-53-100-25 S Admin health ins	67,161	50,071	(17,090)
001-2400-52200-00-53-100-25 S Admin FICA	16,830	18,986	2,156

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001-2400-52300-00-53-100-25 S Admin life ins	483	620	137
001-2400-52400-00-53-100-25 S Admin retirement	1,832	19,135	17,303
001-2400-52500-00-53-100-25 S Admin W/C	1,465	1,830	365
001-2400-52600-00-53-100-25 S Admin unemp.	470	1,195	725
001-2400-52700-00-53-100-25 S Admin prof dev	2,500	2,500	-
001-2400-52900-00-53-100-25 S Admin dental ins	1,366	976	(390)
001-2400-52910-00-53-100-25 S Admin disability	442	940	498
001-2400-55300-00-53-100-25 S Admin communications	5,200	6,000	800
001-2400-55301-00-53-100-25 S Admin postage	3,450	3,450	-
001-2400-55800-00-53-100-25 S Admin travel	750	1,000	250
001-2400-56100-00-53-100-25 S Admin supplies	3,000	3,000	-
001-2400-56400-00-53-100-25 S Admin books	100	200	100
001-2400-57350-00-53-100-25 S Admin software	500	-	(500)
001-2400-57390-00-53-100-25 S Admin equipment	1,500	1,500	-
001-2400-58100-00-53-100-25 S Admin dues & fees	1,000	2,000	1,000
TOTAL School Admin	$ 328,048	$ 361,586	$ 33,537
Science			
001-1100-56100-30-55-100-25 Science supplies 7-12	$ 1,000	$ 600	$ (400)
001-1100-56400-30-55-100-25 Science books 7 -12	-	4,000	4,000
001-1100-57390-30-55-100-25 Science equipment 7 -12	700	2,000	1,300
TOTAL Science	$ 1,700	$ 6,600	$ 4,900
Soc Study			
001-1100-56100-30-57-100-25 Soc Study supplies 7-12	$ 300	$ 600	$ 300
001-1100-56400-30-57-100-25 Soc Study books 7 - 12	200	200	-
001-1100-57390-30-57-100-25 Soc Study equipment 7 - 12	300	-	(300)
TOTAL Soc Study	$ 800	$ 800	$ -
Spec Ed Direct Instruction			
001-1200-51100-10-58-200-25 SE Teacher K-6	$ 208,770	$ -	$ (208,770)
001-1200-51100-30-58-200-25 SE Teacher 7-12	135,899	-	(135,899)
001-1200-51110-10-58-200-25 SE I/A K-6	98,716	93,333	(5,383)
001-1200-51110-30-58-200-25 SE I/A 7-12	154,030	127,198	(26,832)
001-1200-52100-10-58-200-25 SE health ins K-6	64,992	32,065	(32,927)
001-1200-52100-30-58-200-25 SE health ins 7-12	76,117	48,435	(27,681)
001-1200-52200-10-58-200-25 SE FICA K-6	23,523	7,140	(16,383)
001-1200-52200-30-58-200-25 SE FICA 7-12	22,180	9,731	(12,449)
001-1200-52300-10-58-200-25 SE life ins K-6	1,163	445	(718)
001-1200-52300-30-58-200-25 SE life ins 7-12	1,413	615	(798)
001-1200-52400-10-58-200-25 SE retire K-6	3,949	3,733	(216)
001-1200-52400-30-58-200-25 SE retire 7-12	6,162	4,885	(1,277)
001-1200-52500-10-58-200-25 SE W/C K-6	2,145	610	(1,535)
001-1200-52500-30-58-200-25 SE W/C 7-12	2,022	865	(1,157)
001-1200-52600-10-58-200-25 SE unemp K-6	1,200	1,240	40
001-1200-52600-30-58-200-25 SE unemp 7-12	1,380	1,590	210
001-1200-52700-10-58-200-25 SE prof dev K-6	3,500	-	(3,500)
001-1200-52700-30-58-200-25 SE prof dev 7-12	3,500	-	(3,500)
001-1200-52900-10-58-200-25 SE dental ins K-6	3,291	1,831	(1,460)
001-1200-52900-30-58-200-25 SE dental ins 7-12	3,608	1,844	(1,764)
001-1200-52910-10-58-200-25 SE disability K-6	411	315	(96)
001-1200-52910-30-58-200-25 SE disability 7-12	650	445	(205)
001-1200-53200-10-58-200-25 SE purch svc K-6	9,500	-	(9,500)
001-1200-53200-30-58-200-25 SE purch svc 7-12	8,500	-	(8,500)
001-1200-53210-10-58-200-25 SE purch subs K-6	7,000	-	(7,000)
001-1200-53210-30-58-200-25 SE purch subs 7-12	3,000	-	(3,000)
001-1200-53310-10-58-200-25 SE Direct Instruction Assessment K - 6	-	281,769	277,120
001-1200-53310-30-58-200-25 SE Direct Instruc Assessment 7 - 12	-	278,049	245,748
001-1200-55660-30-58-200-25 SE tuition 7-12 private	59,000	-	(59,000)
001-1200-55800-10-58-200-25 SE travel K-6	200	-	(200)

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001-1200-55800-30-58-200-25 SE travel 7-12	100	-	(100)
001-1200-56100-10-58-200-25 SE supplies K-6	400	-	(400)
001-1200-56100-30-58-200-25 SE supplies 7-12	400	-	(400)
001-1200-56400-10-58-200-25 SE books K-6	200	-	(200)
001-1200-56400-30-58-200-25 SE books 7-12	400	-	(400)
001-1200-56700-10-58-200-25 SE software K-6	500	-	(500)
001-1200-56700-30-58-200-25 SE software 7-12	500	-	(500)
TOTAL Spec Ed Direct Instruction	$ 908,319	$ 896,139	$ (49,131)
Speech			
001-2150-53320-10-59-200-25 Speech K-6 Purch Service - RCSU	$ 50,450	$ -	$ (50,450)
001-2150-53320-30-59-200-25 Speech 7-12 Purch Service - RCSU	16,850	-	(16,850)
TOTAL Speech	$ 67,300	$ -	$ (67,300)
Student Support			
001-2100-53310-10-61-200-25 SE Student Support Assessment K - 6	$ -	$ 27,000	$ 31,650
001-2100-53310-30-61-200-25 SE Student Support Assessment 7 - 12	-	11,558	43,858
001-2130-53320-10-61-100-25 OT/PT K-6 purch service RCSU	600	600	-
001-2130-53320-10-61-200-25 OT/PT K-6 purch serv RCSU	26,625	-	(26,625)
001-2130-53320-30-61-200-25 OT/PT 7-12 SE purch serv RCSU	8,875	-	(8,875)
001-2142-53220-10-61-200-25 Diagnostic Svc K-6	1,000	-	(1,000)
001-2142-53220-30-61-200-25 Diagnostic Svc 7-12	1,000	-	(1,000)
TOTAL Student Support	$ 38,100	$ 39,158	$ 38,008
Distance Learning			
001-1100-58100-30-63-100-25 Distance Learning Fees	$ 2,000	$ 2,700	$ 700
TOTAL Distance Learning	$ 2,000	$ 2,700	$ 700
Wages and Benefits			
001-1100-51100-00-64-100-25 RI wages K-12	$ 80,851	$ 121,417	$ 40,566
001-1100-51100-10-64-100-25 RI wages K-6	826,554	859,384	32,830
001-1100-51100-30-64-100-25 RI wages 7-12	774,506	780,337	5,831
001-1100-51105-00-64-100-25 RI other wages K-12	19,000	23,500	4,500
001-1100-52100-00-64-100-25 RI health ins K-12	8,705	15,267	6,563
001-1100-52100-10-64-100-25 RI health ins K-6	204,548	219,481	14,934
001-1100-52100-30-64-100-25 RI health ins 7-12	162,468	169,260	6,792
001-1100-52200-00-64-100-25 RI FICA K-12	7,639	11,086	3,448
001-1100-52200-10-64-100-25 RI FICA K-6	63,231	63,132	(99)
001-1100-52200-30-64-100-25 RI FICA 7-12	59,250	57,238	(2,012)
001-1100-52300-00-64-100-25 RI life ins K-12	138	95	(43)
001-1100-52300-10-64-100-25 RI life ins K-6	2,100	1,475	(625)
001-1100-52300-30-64-100-25 RI life ins 7-12	2,155	1,465	(690)
001-1100-52400-00-64-100-25 RI retirement K-12	707	-	(707)
001-1100-52400-10-64-100-25 RI retirement K-6	143	1,398	1,254
001-1100-52400-30-64-100-25 RI retirement 7-12	120	2,501	2,381
001-1100-52500-00-64-100-25 RI W/C K-12	325	486	161
001-1100-52500-10-64-100-25 RI W/C K-6	5,914	6,265	351
001-1100-52500-30-64-100-25 RI W/C 7-12	5,425	5,675	250
001-1100-52600-00-64-100-25 RI unemp. K-12	135	265	130
001-1100-52600-10-64-100-25 RI unemp K-6	2,100	4,005	1,905
001-1100-52600-30-64-100-25 RI unemp 7-12	2,057	4,190	2,133
001-1100-52700-00-64-100-25 RI prof dev K-12	3,000	3,000	-
001-1100-52700-10-64-100-25 RI prof dev K-6	7,000	7,000	-
001-1100-52700-30-64-100-25 RI prof dev 7-12	16,000	16,000	-
001-1100-52900-00-64-100-25 RI dental ins K-12	390	390	-
001-1100-52900-10-64-100-25 RI dental ins K-6	6,124	6,194	70
001-1100-52900-30-64-100-25 RI dental ins 7-12	5,717	5,575	(142)
001-1100-52910-00-64-100-25 RI disability K-12	76	250	174
001-1100-52910-10-64-100-25 RI disability K-6	15	3,215	3,200
001-1100-52910-30-64-100-25 RI disability 7-12	13	2,913	2,900

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TOTAL Wages and Benefits	$ 2,266,404	$ 2,392,458	$ 126,054
Building and Grounds			
001-2600-51100-00-66-100-25 Maint wages	$ 150,344	$ 153,685	$ 3,341
001-2600-51200-00-66-100-25 Maint subs	5,670	7,000	1,330
001-2600-51300-00-66-100-25 Maint OT	2,000	500	(1,500)
001-2600-52100-00-66-100-25 Maint health ins	52,495	56,687	4,192
001-2600-52200-00-66-100-25 Maint. FICA	12,088	12,369	281
001-2600-52300-00-66-100-25 Maint. life ins	552	380	(172)
001-2600-52400-00-66-100-25 Maint retirement	5,701	6,106	405
001-2600-52500-00-66-100-25 Maint W/C	1,105	1,200	95
001-2600-52600-00-66-100-25 Maint unemp	672	1,325	653
001-2600-52900-00-66-100-25 Maint dental ins	1,562	1,562	-
001-2600-52910-00-66-100-25 Maint disability	400	565	165
001-2600-53200-00-66-100-25 Maint purchased services	1,000	1,000	-
001-2600-53210-00-66-100-25 Maint subs K-12	1,000	-	(1,000)
001-2600-54110-00-66-100-25 Maint water/sewer	14,000	14,000	-
001-2600-54210-00-66-100-25 Maint trash removal	12,000	12,000	-
001-2600-54220-00-66-100-25 Maint snow plowing	7,500	7,500	-
001-2600-54240-00-66-100-25 Maint. grounds	2,800	3,000	200
001-2600-54241-00-66-100-25 Maint. playground	1,500	1,750	250
001-2600-54300-00-66-100-25 Maint. & repairs	35,000	35,000	-
001-2600-55200-00-66-100-25 Maint property ins	17,030	17,000	(30)
001-2600-55800-00-66-100-25 Maint travel	225	100	(125)
001-2600-56100-00-66-100-25 Maint supplies	24,000	24,000	-
001-2600-56200-00-66-100-25 Maint heating oil	136,500	107,000	(29,500)
001-2600-56220-00-66-100-25 Maint electricity	70,200	68,000	(2,200)
001-2600-57310-00-66-100-25 Maint machinery	3,200	3,200	-
001-2600-57330-00-66-100-25 Maint furniture	3,500	3,500	-
001-2600-57390-00-66-100-25 Maint equip	2,000	3,000	1,000
TOTAL Building and Grounds	$ 564,044	$ 541,429	$ (22,615)
Transportation			
001-2711-53310-00-67-100-25 RCSU Assessment - transportation	$ -	$ 92,512	$ 92,512
001-2711-53310-30-67-200-25 SE Transportation Assessment 7 - 12	-	8,000	8,000
001-2711-54300-00-67-100-25 Transportation repairs	2,000	1,000	(1,000)
001-2711-55100-00-67-100-25 Trans to/from school	88,520	-	(88,520)
001-2711-55100-10-67-200-25 SE trans K-6	1,000	-	(1,000)
001-2711-55100-30-67-200-25 SE trans 7-12	15,300	-	(15,300)
001-2711-55200-00-67-100-25 Transportation insurance	-	500	500
001-2711-56270-00-67-100-25 Trans fuel costs	1,500	1,500	-
001-2711-57300-00-67-100-25 Transportation equipment	10,000	-	(10,000)
001-2720-55180-00-67-900-25 Trans - field trips	4,000	5,000	1,000
001-2720-55190-00-67-900-25 Trans - athletic	26,000	25,000	(1,000)
TOTAL Transportation	$ 148,320	$ 133,512	$ (14,808)
Fiscal Serv			
001-2510-53300-00-72-100-25 Fiscal treasurer	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -
001-2510-53310-00-72-100-25 Fiscal bookkeeping	7,500	7,750	250
001-2510-56100-00-72-100-25 Fiscal supplies	300	400	100
001-2510-58300-00-72-100-25 Fiscal interest	2,000	3,800	1,800
TOTAL Fiscal Serv	$ 14,800	$ 16,950	$ 2,150

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Gen Administration and School Board			
001-2300-51100-00-73-100-25 Board wages	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ -
001-2300-52200-00-73-100-25 Board FICA	459	459	-
001-2300-53200-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin purchased services	2,650	2,500	(150)
001-2300-53300-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin secretary	1,500	3,500	2,000
001-2300-53310-00-73-100-25 RCSU Assessment	193,418	203,372	9,954
001-2300-53312-00-73-100-25 RCSU Assessment - audit	14,165	14,500	335
001-2300-53600-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin legal	10,000	10,000	-
001-2300-55200-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin liab ins	15,860	16,000	140
001-2300-55400-00-73-100-25 Board advertising	1,500	2,000	500
001-2300-55401-00-73-100-25 Board marketing effort	4,000	4,000	-
001-2300-55800-00-73-100-25 Board travel	100	100	-
001-2300-56100-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin/ board supplies	2,000	2,000	-
001-2300-58100-00-73-100-25 Gen Admin dues & fees	1,850	2,000	150
TOTAL General Administration and School Board	$ 253,502	$ 266,431	$ 12,929
Total Expenditures	$ 5,763,687	$ 5,814,209	$ 50,521
Education Spending (Total expenditures less local revenue)	$ 4,663,635	$ 4,685,515	$ 21,879

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL STAFF							
Last Name	First Name	Highest Degree Held	Total Years of Experience	Years in RCSU	2015-2016 Salary	FTE	Current Assignment
Abatiell	Jenna	Bachelor's	3	0	43,861	1.00	Science
Ames	Karen	Master's	23	9	65,273	1.00	Language Arts
Audet	Brian	Master's	13	13	54,222	1.00	Math
Audette	Jessica	Master's	3	0	45,588	1.00	Language Arts
Brewster	Susanne	Master's	29	11	53,876	1.00	School Nurse
Buck	Suzanne	Master's	12	0	59,747	1.00	Special Educator
Burke-Bruno	Nancy	Bachelor's	15	15	52,149	1.00	Science/Social Studies
Chadburn	Carisa	Bachelor's	4	3	42,479	1.00	Math
Charron	Dawn	Master's	29	26	65,273	1.00	Librarian/Technology
Cimonette	Kyri	Master's	20	9	65,273	1.00	Special Educator
Coombs	Marie	Master's	36	36	69,417	1.00	Kindergarten
Daley	Dawn	Bachelor's	35	31	69,417	1.00	Grade 2
Doherty	Meghan	Bachelor's	1	1	17,959	0.50	Art
Dowst	Wendi	Master's	7	7	48,350	1.00	Language Arts
Dutton	Jill	Master's	23	1	65,273	1.00	Art
Eastman	Zacharia	Bachelor's	5	0	46,624	1.00	Language Arts
Fagan de Oquendo	Mary	Ed.D.	26	22	65,273	1.00	Spanish/A.P. English
Gilmore	Samantha	Master's	9	8	49,732	1.00	Physical Education
Harrington	Joseph	Master's	26	17	81,959	1.00	Associate Principal/Athletic Director
Hart	Joy	Master's	31	19	69,417	1.00	Special Educator
Henry	Philip	Bachelor's	18	12	45,588	1.00	Elementary Music and Chorus
Hutchins	Jessica	Bachelor's	3	2	37,299	1.00	Grade 4
Jackson	Jennifer	Bachelor's	1	1	35,917	1.00	Science
Lashof	Judith	Master's	39	0	63,892	1.00	Reading
LeBlanc	Keleigh	Master's	1	1	25,695	0.60	Math
Louiselle	Lauren	Master's	3	1	51,000	1.00	Director of Guidance
Maxham	Scott	Master's	19	19	58,366	1.00	Physical Education
Maxham	Susannah	Master's	12	5	54,222	1.00	Grade 3
McLaughlin	Dennis	Bachelor's	12	12	47,660	1.00	Social Studies
Merrill	Sarah	Master's	12	0	87,000	1.00	Principal
Ojala	Mary	Master's	33	33	69,417	1.00	Kindergarten
Olewnik	Matthew	Master's	11	3	55,603	1.00	History
Ott	Catherine	Master's	4	1	44,206	1.00	Music
Pawlusiak	Christine	Bachelor's	26	26	63,546	1.00	Grade 4
Pipeling	Julia	Master's	16	9	56,984	1.00	Math
Spatzer	Wanda	Master's	36	19	69,417	1.00	Special Educator
Stevens	Kayla	Master's	8	2	49,732	1.00	Grade 2
Stickney	Antonette	Master's	33	33	45,121	0.65	Physical Education
Therrien	Erin	Master's	11	10	51,113	1.00	Grade 1
Turgeon	Kathleen	Bachelor's	31	31	61,819	1.00	Grade 3
Turner	Robin	Bachelor's	26	15	61,819	1.00	Special Educator

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL		
Extra Curricular Contracts		
2015-2016		
Name	***Activity***	***Salary***
Alcorn, Daniel	Basketball - Boys 5/6	750
Ames, Amanda	Soccer - Girls 7/8	750
Ames, Karen	Spelling Club	300
Bixby Jonathan	Senior Class Co-Advisor	300
Caliguiri, Michael	Baseball - Varsity	4,000
Chadburn, Carisa	Soccer - Girls Varsity	3,000
Champine, Domenico	Basketball - Boys 7/8	750
Charron, Dawn	Licensing Board	300
Dambrackas, Mikayla	Basketball - Girls 5/6	750
Dambrackas, Mikayla	Soccer - Girls 5/6	750
Bixby Jonathan	Soccer - Boys 5/6	1,000
Dowst, Wendi	Drama/Destination Imagination	1,750
Dunchus, Don Jr.	Basketball - Boys Varsity	3,000
Dunchus, Don Sr.	Basketball - Boys Junior Varsity	2,000
Fagan de Oquendo, Mary	National Honor Society Advisor	1,250
Gilmore, Samantha	Senior Class Co-Advisor	300
Hart, Richard	Soccer - Boys Varsity Co-Coach	1,500
Henry, Phil	Jazz Band	1,000
Henry, Phil	Festivals Chorus	2,000
Henry, Phil	Select Chorus	2,000
Maxham, Scott	Soccer - Boys Varsity Co-Coach	2,000
Ojala, Mary	Licensing Board	300
Ott, Catherine	Jazz Band	625
Ott, Catherine	Marching Band	1,250
Perry, Tabitha	Soccer - Boys 5/6	1,000
Santamassino, Frank	Soccer - Boys 7/8	1,000
Serrani, Carl	Basketball - Girls Varsity	4,000
Serrani, Carl	Softball - Varsity	2,500
Serrani, Matt	Basketball - Girls 7/8	750
Thurston, Jessica	Basketball - Girls Junior Varsity	1,250
TOTAL		**$ 42,125**

West Rutland School
2015-2016

Name	*Position*	*Hourly Wage*
Ackerman, Lynn	Registrar/Administrative Assistant	15.71
Ambrose, Meghann	Administrative Assistant	17.34
Brookman, Beverly	Para Educator	15.68
Champine, Domenico	Para Educator	13.83
Charron, Jenna	Para Educator	12.35
Corey, Nicholas	Technology/Library Instructional Assistant	13.83
Doherty, Meghan	Para Educator	13.83
Dorman, Gail	Para Educator	15.68
Dunchus, Jr., Donald	Para Educator	15.31
Heath, Jen	Para Educator	15.68
Hogan, Kathy	Receptionist	14.46
Hopp, Jamie	Para Educator	12.72
Metcalfe, Kimberley	Para Educator	15.68
Mills, George	Custodian	13.09
Nilsen, Janine	Para Educator	15.68
Parker, Alice	Custodian	17.54
Plaisance, Frederick	Para Educator	15.68
Ramirez, Deborah	Para Educator	13.83
Serrani, Carl	Custodian	15.68
Swan, Andires	Crossing Guard	13.66
Sybiak, Christina	Para Educator	15.68
Vitagliano, Lois	Para Educator	15.68
Wedin, Linda	Para Educator	15.68

Name	*Position*	*Salary*
Jones, Elmer	Head Custodian	$46,913

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Barre, VT 05641
www.education.vermont.gov

RUTLAND CENTRAL S.U.

December 7, 2015

FINAL DETERMINATION

Title I (1111)(h) of NCLB requires LEAs to publicly report the percentage of core academic classes* **NOT** taught by highly qualified teachers, the percentage of teachers teaching on emergency credentials by LEA and school, and the professional qualifications of their teachers. The following is the percentage of core academic classes **NOT** taught by highly qualified teachers and the percentage of teachers teaching on emergency credentials for your LEA as a whole and for all schools in your LEA for the 2014-2015 school year.

LEAs are responsible for determining a measure for the professional qualifications of their teachers.

LEA	SCHOOL NAME	Classes taught by NOT HQ teacher/total classes	Percentage of core academic classes NOT taught by highly qualified teachers
WEST RUTLAND		0 / 52	0.00%
	West Rutland School	0 / 52	0.00%

LEA	School Name	# of Emergency credentialed teachers/total teachers	Percentage of teachers teaching with emergency credentials
WEST RUTLAND		0/ 39	0.00%
	West Rutland School	0 /39	0.00%

*Core academic subjects are: English language arts (including ESL), math, science, social studies, reading, foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary education and early childhood education (grades K-3 only). In addition, alternative program and special education primary instruction assignments in math, science, social studies and/or ELA/reading are also considered "core" areas.

RUTLAND CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

16 Evelyn Street
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Office of the Superintendent

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January 27, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of West Rutland School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 by A. M. Peisch & Company, LLP has recently been completed. Copies of the report will be available for review at the Town Hall upon receipt of the final report.

Sincerely,

Cheryl M. Scarzello
Business Manager

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - Budgetary Basis
(unaudited)
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual (Unaudited)	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
State Aid	$ 5,177,080	$ 5,137,999	$ (39,081)
Federal Aid	1,000	1,509	509
Local income	369,500	446,591	77,091
Total Revenues	5,547,580	5,586,099	38,519
EXPENDITURES			
Regular Instruction	2,698,410	2,697,410	1,000
Athletics	75,903	72,278	3,625
Special Education	921,278	894,420	26,858
Student Support Services	72,100	66,686	5,414
Guidance Services	139,817	135,990	3,827
Health Services	119,235	113,992	5,243
Library and Media Service	131,860	114,107	17,753
Staff Support	183,734	173,931	9,803
General Administration	247,485	240,682	6,803
Fiscal Services	17,500	15,869	1,631
School Administration	311,960	297,024	14,936
Building Maintenance	555,443	567,936	(12,493)
Pupil Transportation	109,500	123,269	(13,769)
Debt Service	63,355	60,066	3,289
Total Expenditures	5,647,580	5,573,660	73,920
Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ (100,000.00)	$ 12,439	$ 112,439
OTHER USES OF FUNDS			
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund		$ (25,000)	
Transfer to Technology Fund		(15,000)	
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses of funds		$ (27,561)	
Fund Balance at July 1, 2014		$ 256,179	
Fund Balance at June 30, 2015		$ 228,618	

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February, 2016

Dear Community Members,

We have made great strides in our schools enhancing instructional programs and providing a very high quality education to our students. In my fifth year as Superintendent, I am honored to work with the passionate and dedicated staff members in our schools. We are firmly committed to ensuring high levels of learning for all of our students. We know that while we do many things well there are also areas in which we need to improve. We accept and embrace our responsibility to continuously improve in order to better meet the needs of each and every one of our students.

Unique to the RCSU, and in response to current best practice and new state requirements, our schools are moving toward a Learner-Centered Education model designed to help our students become self-directed learners while providing more accurate feedback about their progress to them and their families. This model includes:

- Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements—students working toward and tracking their own progress against performance-based proficiencies as they move at their own paces to ensure success
- Personalized Learning Plans—students working with teachers to set and meet academic and personal goals
- Flexible Pathways—students working with teachers to identify alternative ways to access and demonstrate their learning both in and outside of school

Join us on February 24 at our "Student Spotlight on School Transformation" where students will share their experiences with this model as it has been implemented thus far, and educators will explain our change to a proficiency-based reporting system. This event will be held at Rutland Town School on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm. All parents, guardians and community members are welcome!

We have made great strides in our schools this year. Some examples of our accomplishments include a). aligning our standards based curriculum with proficiency based expectations; b). utilizing data from student assessments to adjust instruction and realize improved achievement; c). differentiating instruction and individualizing student intervention; d). implementing our one-to-one computing program for students in grades 3-12; and e). continuing our professional learning communities with all teachers engaged in school improvement.

I would be remiss if I did not elaborate further on the exciting improvements in our 21st century school communities! We continue to support our teachers instructional transformation efforts through technology integration in classrooms every day! This year there were wireless access point additions, cable upgrades and expansions, and server hardware upgrades in all of our schools. There were several software platforms implemented to assist teachers and students with our one-on-one computer program such as Omnito ~ a Chromebook management system for teachers that integrates with Google Classroom, and Clever ~ a platform for sharing e-books and educational content and several Scholastic digital educational content products.

Rutland Central Supervisory Union serves the schools and communities of Proctor, Rutland Town and West Rutland.
Our Mission is to ensure that all students learn at a high level.

During the past year, we have also addressed energy efficiency. Thanks to our Proctor community for approving energy savings upgrades for Proctor School District, allowing us to install pellet boilers and a solar array last summer. West Rutland has carefully examined school facility needs and is proposing a project to address needed repairs and energy efficiencies. Rutland Town is proposing a modest project which will address needed security and facility repairs. Both West Rutland and Rutland Town are retiring a long term debt and therefore the timing is just right for this work to begin. Meanwhile, Rutland Town's recently installed solar project continues to contribute to savings in electricity.

Our School Boards have appointed an Act 46 Study Committee to examine governance unification options in response to requirements of this new legislation. We do not quite fit the requirements for unifying so we are looking at all options and seeking partnerships with area school districts and supervisory unions. For more information on the work of this committee, visit our website and watch for updates!

Our School Boards have worked tirelessly to prepare proposed budgets which are centered on our students and dedicated to their learning while still within each community's means. Developing a budget for students growing up in our global society is a wonderful challenge. This year our budgets have been scrutinized and many reductions have been implemented in response to Act 46 austerity measures. To ensure maximum savings we have implemented a number of cooperative and centralized services for our schools at the supervisory union including curriculum development, construction coordination, joint negotiations, coordinated transportation, special education and food service. This and other cooperative efforts improve efficiency and maximize our resources. The budget challenges for the coming school year include a decline in federal funding, increased state mandates, increased health insurance costs and needs for building repairs.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have served our school communities throughout the past year. Grandparents, parents, and community members regularly assist our teachers and support our students in classroom and school–wide projects. We are so fortunate to have the support of our communities as we work together to ensure that all our students reach their full potential. Thank you!

We invite you to review budget information in this annual report and visit our school and supervisory union websites to learn more about our programs, services and successes. As always, feel free to call or email me or one of your School Board members if you have any questions.

Yours in Education,

Debra J. Taylor, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

RUTLAND CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Grant Summary

	2013/2014 Grant Expenditures	2014/2015 Grant Expenditures	2015/2016 Award/Expenditures as of 12/31/15
Grants:			
Title One	$ 316,591	$ 323,082	$ 122,519
Title Two	105,522	96,847	35,268
IDEA- B	314,695	320,383	137,738
IDEA- B Preschool	11,544	7,108	1,199
ACT 156 Union School Dist. Analysis			20,000
ACT 230 and BEST	5,169	10,390	576
Early Education Initiative	-	27,054	-
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables		21,970	18,600
High School Completion (PBL)	-	2,606	-
High School Transformation		2,509	409
Licensing		700	525
Medicaid/EPSDT	205,251	201,097	28,873
National School Lunch Program	226,247	228,747	91,557
VDH Chronic Disease Prevention		1,532	-
Vt. Community Preschool Coll.	43,301	38,475	16,638
Total Grants	**$ 1,228,320**	**$ 1,282,501**	**$ 473,900**

RUTLAND CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Town of West Rutland School District Assessment Summary

	FY15	FY16	FY17
Summary of Expenditures:			
General Administration	$ 326,810	$ 332,971	$ 344,462
Curriculum Administration	-	21,655	22,428
Fiscal Services	271,425	265,583	276,272
Technology Services	246,703	254,925	357,511
School District Audits	43,000	44,140	45,900
Office Maintenance	13,500	14,000	13,500
School District Transportation *	-	-	292,744
School District Special Education *	-	-	2,256,055
Total Expenditures	$ 901,438	$ 933,274	$ 3,608,872
Summary of Revenue:			
Interest	$ 150	$ 30	$ 30
Fees for Services	9,000	9,000	9,500
Indirect Rate Charged to Grants	15,000	19,000	16,000
Use of Prior Year Surplus	15,558	26,000	25,000
Total Revenue	$ 39,708	$ 54,030	$ 50,530
Total Amount Assessed to School Districts	$ 861,730	$ 879,244	$ 3,558,342
Assessment to West Rutland School District	**$ 286,660**	**$ 292,533**	**$ 1,042,449 ***

* In FY2017 Special education and transportation services have been centralized to the Supervisory Union per statute and are included in the assessment for the first time.

Please note: The Rutland Central Supervisory Union budget detail is available on-line at www.rcsu.org or by calling the RCSU central office at (802)775-4342.

RUTLAND CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These management plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below:

Rutland Central Supervisory Union
16 Evelyn Street
Rutland, VT 05701
775-4342

West Rutland School
713 Main Street
West Rutland, VT 05777
438-2288

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGES 0-21 YEARS 2015-2016

NOTICE

The Rutland Central Supervisory Union (Proctor, Rutland Town and West Rutland), in meeting the requirements of its Local Education Agency Plan, is attempting to identify any and all area resident children between the ages of 0-21 years who may be considered handicapped. Also, any person between the ages of 3 and 21 who is in need of special education and related services is entitled to a free and appropriate public education. It is possible that the Rutland Central Supervisory Union may not be aware of the residence of all handicapped children. If you know of a child who might be eligible for educational services and is not in school, please notify Christine Kamm, Director of Student Services, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, Vermont, 05701, or phone 802-775-4342, ext. 105.

Any parent of a child who attends a school that receives Title 1 funds has the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher (NCLB). Contact the Rutland Central Supervisory Union office for further information.

WEST RUTLAND SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

February, 2016

Dear Community Members,

Greetings from your school board! We have been working hard to prepare our proposed spending budget. We are all mindful of the ever increasing cost of public education and the direct impact it has on our property taxes. We continue to be conscientious with our tax dollars. Our staffing has been adjusted to reflect student needs and enrollment. We will continue to make adjustments as needed that enable us to be as lean and efficient as possible. However, our number one goal is to provide the best possible education for all students and there is only so much to cut.

Our proposed FY 2017 expenditure budget represents an increase over the FY 2016 budget of $50,522 or .87%. Our actual education spending as proposed for FY 2017 represents an increase of $22,880 or .49% over FY 2016. Article 1 of the School District Warning defines total budgeted expenses and how this translates into education spending per equalized pupil of $14,210.59 or 2.14% higher than the current year. West Rutland has been, and continues to be a very low spending school district.

As our current 20-year bond is retiring, this year the board is proposing a building retrofit to address needed remodeling and improvements. Improvements include upgrading electricity and fire panel, replacing the elevator, upgrading lighting, repairing the roof, remodeling bathrooms and making security improvements. The total bond obligation would be $1.4 million. This work is necessary to maintain our facility.

The proposed school budget, including bond expenses, results in an estimated tax rate reduction of 1.6% less than the current year.

Our students represented the school very well this year in the Halloween Parade! Our students continue to excel in the Destination Imagination statewide competition. We are so proud of their hard work and progress as they continue to improve academically. With your support we provide every child in our school with an electronic device (i.e. personal computer, tablet). We continue to support all our learners and would be remiss in our duty if we did not provide our children the tools necessary to succeed at school and prepare them for the future.

Your continued support means a great deal to the school board, administration and school staff. West Rutland is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Our school is the focal point of our community. Rutland Central Supervisory Union continues to enact our vision of excellence. Our new principal, Sarah Merrill is continuing to provide a well-rounded, dynamic education to all our children in West Rutland. We would love to see more people move here and send their kids to our school. Together we can accomplish many things if we all work together.

Thank you for your support!

The West Rutland School Board

James Mumford, Chair
Blake Cushing, Vice Chair
Tom Callahan, Clerk
Lisa Garcia, Member
Francesca Girardi, Member

Rutland West Neighborhood Housing
d/b/a NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont
Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008
110 Marble Street
West Rutland, Vermont 05777
802-438-2303
nwwvt@nwwvt.org

NEIGHBORWORKS® OF WESTERN VERMONT

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.
Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

2015 has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

- ✓ **142** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ **179** people received pre-purchase coaching and **75** people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ **27** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **$389,143.**
- ✓ **19** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ **32** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ **68** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
- o **470** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
- o **95** families to make energy improvements worth $780,867, and
- o **50** families were loaned **$559,391** which enabled them to complete improvements
- ✓ **4** homes have been purchased to demolish or rehab in our revitalization Northwest Neighborhood of Rutland City.

These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, nwwvt.org.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

88 GROVE STREET
P.O. BOX 303
RUTLAND, VT, 05701
802-775-8002

Established
1781

Stephen P. Benard
SHERIFF

2015
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND VERMONT

During 2015, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department has had some important administrative changes due to the departure of some staff. The Patrol Division is now headed by Lieutenant David Fox. Lieutenant Jonathon Bixby now takes care of state paid transports, and oversees or School Resource Deputies and other details. Deputy Andrew Cross and James Bennick are Patrol Sergeants. These changes/additions have proved to add to the depth of services we can offer, and have improved our pro-active stance to issues addressed by the patrol division.

The biggest issues that we are dealing with, as a whole, are related to the epidemic of drugs in our communities. This is not unlike what is happening in other communities and police agencies. The investigation of drug related activities is very labor and resource intensive and take time. Add to this the investigation of crimes committed by those in need of drugs and it keeps us quite busy.

I want to encourage all citizens to keep vigilant about what is going on around you. It is often tips and calls of suspicious circumstance from folks like you that solve or interrupt crime. Car descriptions and plate numbers, along with physical descriptions of suspects helps u law enforcement do their job. I know that I speak for all law enforcement when I say that we would rather respond to ten calls that turn out to be nothing than to one crime that could have been prevented with a call.

I want to thank the Select board and the citizens of the Town of West Rutland for your continued support.
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard
Sheriff

2015 Stats for West Rutland

		Total Incidents	1082
911 Hangups	12	Motor Vehicle	
Accidents	39	Traffic Stops	578
Agency Ass't	30	Suspended License	11
Animal issues	33	Intoxication	7
Assaults	5	Tickets issued	309
Citizen Assist	39	Warnings issued	236
Burglary	3	Estimated Ticket	
Citizen Dispute	15	Revenue	$6,064.80
Custodial issues	5		
Family Fight	17		
Fraud	6		
Motor Vehicle Comp	36		
Littering	6		
Noise Complaints	8		
Service of APO	10		
Suspicious persons			
Or Circumstances	60		
Trespass	7		
Arrests	40		

West Rutland Food Shelf

This January 2016 marked the beginning of our eighth full year of operations. The number of families coming through our doors remains steady and our donors have been generous enough for us to keep up with the demand. For the past few years the citizens of our town have approved a funding article to appropriate $1,000 to support our efforts at making sure our neighbors do not go hungry. We are very grateful for the support and ask for your continued support this year (2016). Your appropriation is used to keep us going particularly during the summer months when kids are out of school and have less access to a breakfast or noon meal. When summer arrives the lives of people become busy and donations dry up. That's what makes this appropriation such an important one for us. It costs about $11,000 a year to keep the food shelf amply supplied

Last year we saw a total of 762 families from West Rutland with 1,610 individuals in those families including 325 children and 106 customers over 65. We saw 19 "new" families come through our door, families who had never been to the food shelf but whose situations had become increasingly challenging in this still stagnant economy. Thanks to the support you give us through this appropriation, we were there to help them. In total we spent in excess of $11,000 to purchase food items. That is where donated dollars go, to help us stock our shelves.

As I mentioned, the community continues to be supportive of our efforts with: food donations, cash donations, food and cash support from all four churches in town (including a highly successful Kotska Walk and 2 food drives., support from the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary, the United States Postal Service drive in May and the willing carriers involved and Price Chopper.

In addition there have been welcomed cash donations from businesses in the region such as: OMYA, the Vermont Country Store, and H. Hirschmann LTD in our industrial park. Additional welcomed support has come from, Sam's Good News, The United Church of Proctor, Marble Valley Lions, Casella's Call Center and the ever popular Soup Bowls for Hunger event with our own Sweet Caroline's donating soups for the benefit of our food shelf.

There is always danger in making a list of whom to thank because someone is always forgotten by mistake and I apologize if I miss people but finally most important for us and a sign of this generous community are the silent "angels" who drop food in the box at Price Chopper and Town Hall. Or those who come down our stairs on a Saturday with a bag of food or a cash donation or an offer to volunteer. Some donors faithfully send a check at the beginning of every month. You are our lifeblood and we would not make it without you. Whether it was: one can, one bag, one hour or one dollar in our effort to ensure no one in our town goes hungry, thank you. If you have questions or know someone who needs help, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me at 282-5374 anytime. We appreciate your support. Thank You West Rutland.

Tony Morgan, West Rutland Food Shelf

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Business: 802-773-1746
FAX: 802-773-1717

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ANNUAL REPORT
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015)
32 Years of Service 1983 - 2015

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 32nd annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-two years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 184,840 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2015, the service responded to a total of 8,856 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 251 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Ashley Gabriel, EMT for being honored as our "Star of Life" at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life celebration in our nation's capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 31 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is $4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles each. Due to the hail storm a new roof was put on our facility and new support trailers were purchased.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,815 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 156 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

"Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism"

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

Community Care Network
Rutland Community Programs
thriving community, empowered lives.

2016 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY15
TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND AMOUNT REQUESTED: $400.00

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 10 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include ***RSVP TeleCare,*** a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called ***RSVP Rutland County Reads,*** and after school program called ***RSVP After School Buddies,*** an osteoporosis prevention program, ***RSVP Bone Builders,*** which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More,*** in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **1036 volunteers**. From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **179,316 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **$4,095,577.**

Once again this year RSVP/VC is not asking for additional monies from the Town of West Rutland. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County. Many RSVP volunteers throughout our region stepped up along with their neighbors to assist after the damage from Irene this past summer.

Currently in West Rutland, RSVP/VC volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, West Rutland Elementary and High Schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Dismas House, Rutland Partnership, College of Saint Joseph, Rutland Town Elementary School, Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, Northwest and Northeast Elementary Schools, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, West Rutland Free Library, One-2-One, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Castleton Community Center, Chaffree Art Center, Kids on the Move, The Mission, American Red Cross, ***RSVP Bone Builders, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, RSVP TeleCare*** and ***RSVP Rutland County Reads.***

The volunteer services they provide include: knitting and sewing items for children and elders, tutoring and mentoring in area schools, mailings, entertaining in the area nursing homes and schools, greeting people at RRMC and providing information at the front desk, clerical assistance, delivering and preparing meals, cooking assistance, friendly visitation, companionship and outreach, community relations, reading club moderator, library aides, community relations, board member, clowning, providing essential transportation, tax counseling, volunteers in ***RSVP Rutland County Reads*** and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More, RSVP Bone Builders*** Exercise Trainer, and providing safety check in calls to homebound seniors through ***RSVP TeleCare.*** In addition, ***RSVP Bone Builders*** **classes are offered in West Rutland FREE of charge** to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need. We welcome the opportunity to speak to your board to update you on our program.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart

Nan M. Hart, Director
November 21, 2015

United Way Member Agency

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RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

RRPC Mission:

To develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs while remaining consistent with our federal and state requirements.

The Commission's 2015 Activities Included:

Technical assistance to municipalities on land use, transportation, water quality, emergency management, agriculture, energy, capital budgeting, and economic development planning.

Land Use planning, including enhanced consultations with Planning Commissions and Selectboards, the update and implementation of town plans and land use bylaws, and Regional Approval of town plans.

Use of mapping and GIS capabilities to provide mapping and data collection on a variety of land use, emergency management, water quality, public health and safety, and economic development topics.

Grant writing assistance and general administration services to municipalities receiving funding from state and federal sources.

Support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council to provide a forum for public involvement; and to plan for transportation needs of the Region, including roundtables of local road commissioners and outreach regarding Clean Water Act requirements.

Education, training, and information outreach programs on various topics for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees for attendance at workshops offered through other organizations.

Review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications for municipalities, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.

Operated the Brownfields Reuse Program by conducting environmental site assessments and remediation planning, and by providing redevelopment assistance to property owners.

Emergency Management planning for towns including flood resilience and disaster recovery, development of hazard mitigation projects, public assistance community briefings, maintenance of critical facilities lists and updates of local hazard mitigation plans.

Update of the Rutland Regional Plan, including new Land Use and Agriculture and Forestry chapters.

Disaster trainings for town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region Local Emergency Planning Committee and emergency management planning including assistance to towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.

Supported agricultural viability and economic development through work on an Agritourism Toolkit and collaboration with the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and VT Farmers Food Center.

Natural resource and water quality planning, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District.

Partnered with the Vermont Department of Health on projects exploring links between community health and land use planning.

Energy planning, including the development of guidance documents for local boards.

The Commission's 2015 Activities Specific to West Rutland Included:

Served as local project manager on Strong Communities, Better Connections study for BR4 and VT 4A.

Provided training for Road Commissioners on topics including: Road Surface Management System, water quality, hazardous material reporting, weight limit posting, maintenance of small structures and managing roads.

Provided GIS and mapping services for several grant applications, including sidewalks, growth areas, recreation areas and connections with neighboring towns.

Provided review and comment on Section 248 applications.

Worked to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Began assisting the Town with renewing the Village Center designation and updating related language in the Town Plan.

Assisted the town in applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to develop a Master Plan for the village core.

Additional 2015 Activities Included:

Created model Town Plan language regarding solar electrical generation facility siting.

Created checklists for towns to use when deliberating over proposed solar or wind electrical generation facilities.

Provided 13 best practices and how-to guides on agritourism to regional farmers and hosted a two-day conference on using agritourism, education and direct sales to increase farm profits.

Performed a GIS based regional residential growth analysis in Village Designations, towns and Future Land Use districts, 2005 – 2014.

Conducted Flood Resiliency checklist surveys.

Created a user-friendly tool for towns to use to inform conversation about renewable energy developments.

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning; the development of regional transportation planning and priorities for the Region; assistance on transportation projects; coordination on policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation; and the promotion and cooperation on transportation issues. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

All towns in the Rutland Region can participate in the RRTC and those with representatives appointed by their town to the Council may vote on any issue. Meetings are held monthly, normally on the fourth Thursday, at the RRPC office. All are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to: Susan Schreibman, Assistant Director (775-0871 ext. 204) or Richard Baker, Chair (236-2946) or check the website: http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php.

2015 Highlights Include:

-Assessed and prioritized the Rutland Region's VTrans transportation project list.
-Assisted in organizing the Pedestrian Assessment with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Rutland City.
-Served on the Board of Marble Valley Regional Transit District and participated in strategic planning efforts.
-Facilitated the regional advisory group of Public Transportation for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.
-Organized monthly meetings of the Region's Road Commissioners/Foremen on topics such as Road Surface Management System, electronic timesheets, weight limit posting, emergency management /Tier 2 reporting, paving contracts, and maintenance of small structures.
-Represented the RPC/Regional Transportation Council on the Statewide Safe Routes to School Task Force, Public Transit Advisory Council, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Regional Advisory Board, statewide committee for the development of the On Road State Highway Bicycle Plan.
-Assisted Rutland City and Brandon with grant applications for bike/pedestrian feasibility studies and infrastructure projects.
-Served as project manager on Strong Communities, Better Connections grant for BR4/VT4A in West Rutland and Rutland Town.
-Assisted towns of Castleton, Chittenden, Clarendon, Danby, Ira, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Pittsford, Poultney, and West Haven with culvert inventories as part of the Better Backroads Program.
-Developed a Capital Improvement Plan with Tinmouth local officials.
-Worked on imputing data to vtculverts.org, the state on-line culvert database; to reduce towns' local match on bridge and structure grants.
-Provided technical assistance/project management to Rutland City for the Rutland Creek Path (Segments 4 & 5) and Center Street Alley.
-Participated in a High Risk Rural Road study in Danby.
-Conducted traffic studies and counts in Benson, Rutland City, Shrewsbury, and Sudbury.
-Continued and expanded support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program, particularly with the City of Rutland and Town of Pittsford.

Currently and in the future, the RRTC will continue working on these efforts, with the goal of coordinating land use and transportation to create a more balanced, efficient multi-modal transportation network.

Community Care Network

Rutland Mental Health Services

thriving community, empowered lives.

In the year 2015, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of West Rutland assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Emergency/Crisis Services

Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2015, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 17,751 hours of services to 128 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle

Chief Executive Officer

Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

Rutland Area
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Town of West Rutland

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2015, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 91,840 visits to 3,308 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 3,455 visits to 141 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Dr. Richard Lovett, President of the Board of Directors

Rutland Area ARC

Advocacy * Resources * Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

United Way

2015 ANNUAL REPORT ~ WEST RUTLAND

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Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with Developmental Disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

In 2015:

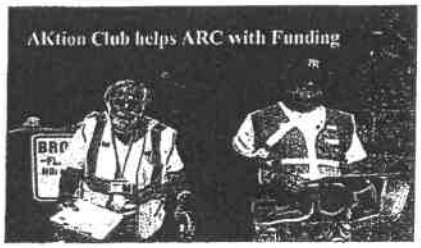
- We were representative payee for about 56 clients referred to us by Social Security and other Human Service agencies and organizations.
- Provided Five dances throughout the year: Valentines, End of Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and our annual Christmas Dinner Dance – together these events were attended by about 416 people. A newsletter goes out to invite all members and interested parties on the mailing list (approximately 470 addresses), they get updates with valuable information on; upcoming trainings, possible legislative changes, support circles, upcoming events, and some free to low cost activities in the community.
- ARC Rutland Area supported the local Self Advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities; members focus on group goals, share their lives and gain committee meeting experience. They can be called upon to provide an Abilities Awareness Training. Pennies collected, funds from a car wash, and funds from their bake sales go to adopt a family at Christmas through the Boys and Girls Club. This year a self advocate facilitated a Stereotype workshop for the group.
- ARC continued to support The Rutland Family Support Network, which is lead by parents, is ongoing with their listserve, and provides a space for trainings, workshops and informational gatherings.
- Some of our efforts have again gone into the Transportation grant. We used the Elderly & Disabled Grant to help get people with transportation gaps to where they need to go; the self advocacy group, AKtion Club, work, events and our dances. We also advocate for voiced transportation needs.
- The AKtion Club, is a group of adults living with disabilities giving back through community service projects and is co sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rutland. This year they participated in a pet food drive, Pack the Paramount food drive, Stuff A Bus food drive, Grow and Donate Garden veggies, cards to recovering soldiers, back packs for school children, blankets for Vets and ARC petitions.

On behalf of the Board Members, friends, and families; we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of the Rutland Area. We receive neither state nor federal funding, our main sources of income continue to be allocations from United Way and 14 other towns/city in the greater Rutland Area. Our minor sources of income come from our membership, service fees, 50/50 raffles, door donations, and two new fundraiser events. We thank all who have donated to ARC Rutland Area and made these great things possible. In 2015 there were a total of 26 West Rutland residents and 938 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. Our 2016 funding request is $300. We do all this, with three part-time employed positions, two part-time staff volunteers, volunteer board members and much community support. For those who want to use our services or volunteer, please call 775-1370.

1958—2015 Celebrating 57 Years of Service

Sincerely,

Lisa S. Lynch
Executive Director



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BROC-COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT

To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

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

Over the past year, BROC has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of West Rutland. **214 individuals** had their basic needs met, including food, housing and heating and utility assistance. **2 homeless families** were helped to secure housing. **3 residents** received technical assistance in support of fulfilling their dream of starting a small business. **20 children** received nutritious meals and snacks at area child care homes. **4 homes** consisting of 7 individuals were weatherized reducing energy costs.

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

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is $1,250.00.

Sincerely,

Carol Flint

Carol Flint
Executive Director

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Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2015

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The District complied with all the ACT 148 requirements and was able to have their SWIP Plan approved of in August of 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five year period.

One of the requirements of the SWIP is for solid waste management entities survey constituents on knowledge of variable rate pricing, recycling, organics, C & D (Construction & Demolition Debris), and Electronic Waste and Universal Waste. Your participation in filling out the survey would be most appreciated, The survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S86DB77

Waste Disposal: During 2015, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was $81.77 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled $24.97, for a final disposal cost of $106/74 per ton.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year. The MRF had switched over to zero-sort in November of 2011. The equipment is designed to handle up to 15 tons an hour with the capability of expansion overtime. As part of this process, the facility can now take plastics #3 through #7.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials, anti-freeze, pesticides, used motor oil, asbestos, fluorescent tubes, computers and electronics. The District also collects electronic waste.

In July of 2014 the District started accepting latex paint as per the new Paint Care Recycling Program. Several local paint stores and hardware stores started accepting it as well. This has been very popular through 2015.

Other Programs: The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society.

In 2014 the District participated in several local programs including Green Up Day, the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Show, and EXPO 50.

James O'Gorman

District Manager

2015 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2014/2015:

Education:

Vermont Envirothon - The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored four teams from two high schools in the 2015 statewide competition.

Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery - The District organized this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden. More than 200 students from six elementary schools in Rutland County participated. Some of the topics that students learned about were: stream ecology, water filtration, bird and fish species and migration patterns, how to reduce and recycle waste, the value of wetlands and tree identification. Funding for this year's event came from the US Forest Service.

Continuing Education for Real Estate Professionals - The District sponsored this course at the College of St. Joseph where Real Estate professionals received continuing education credits to learn about how to use the VT Natural Resources Atlas and about Stormwater, flood resiliency and conservation.

Backyard Sugar Making - The District co-sponsored this workshop with the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, where participants learned the basics of making maple syrup in their backyard.

Organization:

RNRCD Annual Meeting

The District held its Annual Meeting at the US Forest Service in Rutland. Gary Sabourin, Watershed Forester with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) presented information regarding "the connection between healthy forests and clean water".

Local Work Group

Rutland District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings. The focus of these meetings is to assist in setting local priorities for USDA Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Programs:

Land Treatment Planning (LTP)

The District works with a Land Treatment Planner who provides technical assistance to farmers in preparing technical information for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CMNP'S).

Portable Skidder Bridges

The District has two portable skidder bridges available for rent to loggers and consulting foresters. Portable skidder bridges when properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance as compared to other alternatives, thus minimizing the potential for sedimentation.

Outreach:

Website - The District hosts a website at www.vacd.org/rcd that contains information describing the many projects/programs that the District is involved in.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District secured funding through grant sources to:

- Coordinate and lead in the development of a Rutland County Stream Team. Activities that the Stream Team participated in were: Stream Cleanup in the Moon and Tenney Brooks in the City of Rutland and a Summer Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program.
- Coordinate the labor and materials to plant riparian buffers in two locations along the Sugar Hollow Brook in Pittsford, and in one location along the Neshobe River in Brandon. Funding is available to the District each year in the spring for buffer plantings.
- Hire a consultant to design green stormwater practices for Preville Avenue and Giorgetti Park in the City of Rutland.
- Coordinate the labor and materials to build a portable skidder bridge. This bridge will be added to the Districts Portable Skidder Bridge Rental Program.
- Hire a contractor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan for the Tenney Brook and East Creek in the City of Rutland.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net. You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland. We encourage you to visit our website at www.vacd.org/rcd

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of West Rutland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in West Rutland in 2015:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 4,547 meals that were delivered to the homes of 33 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". We also supply "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. In addition, 60 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 1,054 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 45 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the *"60Plus"* column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders;

7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health;

8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance.

Vermont Adult Learning

a member of Learning Works
Vermont's Adult Education & Literacy System

Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

Vermont Adult Learning(VAL), a member of Learning Works, is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology and career readiness. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in **ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages). Our **Flexible Pathways** provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including duel enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

College and Career Standards (CCRS) have been a major focus of on-going training for our teachers in keeping up with the most current research in instruction.

We provide a free bus pass for students in need of transportation and for those who live outside of the bus route limits; there is some assistance with gas for qualifying students.

Vermont Adult Learning served approximately 1,624 students statewide in fiscal year 2015.
13% or 202 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11,555 hours of education. We provided 603 hours of instructional service to 10 students from West Rutland. One student earned their high school credential four of the ten students were 16-21 years of age.

As part of preparing adults for the workforce, we provide a four week workshop, Career 101, to help individuals develop their soft skills for employment. Students learn how to best present themselves to potential employees, write a resume, work on interviewing skills, and address other topics such as good workplace communication, time management, and meeting employer expectations.

Classes are four days a week, Monday –Thursday from 9am-3:30pm with an evening class on Tuesday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We also have an evening class in Poultney at the LiHigh School on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm.

Please call or stop by our facilities for a tour at 16 Evelyn Street, Suite #101 in Rutland.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of West Rutland.

Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager
Email: mfolger@vtadultlearning.org
Or call 775-0617

16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101, Rutland, Vermont 05701 / (802) 775-0617 / Fax: (802) 773-0323 / www.vtadultlearning.org

HOUSING TRUST
of Rutland County

YEAR 2015 ACTIVITY IN WEST RUTLAND

The **Housing Trust of Rutland County** (formerly known as Rutland County Community Land Trust) is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to **Energize Neighborhoods**, providing **Housing You Can Trust! We build quality housing that is affordable, and provide exceptional service that is responsive to residents and neighborhoods.**

Most recently, the **Housing Trust of Rutland County** completed the **Stanislaus Gardens associated with our historic renovation of the Stanislaus School and Convent** on Barnes Street in West Rutland.

During the past 20 plus years, the Housing Trust has provided a hand up to over 1,500 people – seniors, children, families and individuals. It has developed and maintains over 245 apartments and 3 mobile home parks with 55 lots.

Each year 500 people directly benefit from our services in Rutland County. Furthermore, the broader community benefits from improved neighborhoods, increased tax assessments and payment of property taxes, and work opportunities. Several West Rutland business owners work with us to manage our properties, and people working in West Rutland live in housing we've created throughout the region.

We are pleased to have been working in West Rutland again and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

"Does the Town vote to raise **$750.00** for the **Housing Trust of Rutland County** to assist West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?"

Please vote to fund us. We thank the community at large for its support last year.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Kulas

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Rutland County Humane Society

Annual Report to the Town of West Rutland

For 2015

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to the goal of helping citizens make their communities more humane. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community education and events that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animals neglect and abuse.

Our agency also works to control over-population through low cost spay/neuter clinics for cats, Trap/Neuter/Return assistance for feral cats

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,250 animals in 2015.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding and donations or special events. We thank those citizens of West Rutland who support our operations

In 2015, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 32 animals from West Rutland and responded to 2 complaints of cruelty or neglect.

Please call as at 483-9171 if you have would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society or need our assistance.

RUTLAD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY
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2015 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

This report, from Rutland Audubon, follows from an agreement between the Town of West Rutland and the Rutland County Audubon Society regarding the West Rutland Marsh. Audubon agreed to do the following:

Monitor the conservation easement restrictions

Take steps to insure the goals of the easements are fulfilled

Study the marsh and make recommendations for the benefit of the public

Propose and implement educational programs

Here is a summary of our efforts:

We have monitored bird populations at the marsh every month since the year 2000. In our 14 years we have spotted 145 separate species and counted over 1,500 participants who assisted us with the effort. Our "Marsh Walk" is our outdoor classroom to make new discoveries while helping educate others. We welcome all comers. Come to see for yourself. Our schedule of all events is on our web site: www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org.

January provided a special surprise. Most of us remember how cold it was. In the midst of the cold and snow our West Rutland members, the Coolidge's, spotted an American Bittern at the marsh. They usually migrate by late summer or early fall. We recorded its prescience on ebird so scientists will have it in their data bank for further study. We welcome everyone's observations of this Important Bird Area.

We participated in the usual cleanup in May. There are still many people who somehow believe they can dump trash at the marsh and expect their friends and neighbors to clean it up. We believe this problem can be solved if we get more local people involved with the prevention and cleanup. Many hands make light work and some of those workers will take the word to others that dumping is a bad thing. Please help us at Greenup (or any other time) so we stop the problem.

We publicized and popularized the marsh in every way we could. Look back through our website blog and you will see articles like: Great Backyard Bird Count in February, a Marsh Monitoring Report every month, Greenup in May, Century Count in May (we find 60 of our 100 total species at our first stop, the marsh and Christmas Bird Count in December (the marsh is a major sector). Other birders around the state now know about the marsh. An example is the birder who showed up in December from Massachusetts. (Of course, he joined us for lunch after the walk at Mary's).

Our educational efforts include meeting school classes to observe "Birds of the Marsh". If we can find more school classes interested we would gladly take more classes to this outdoor classroom. Most of the education is informal like the bird observation and discussion on our marsh walks. We would do more but need volunteer help. How about a "Big Sit" or a "Birding Festival?" The marsh is an ideal place for those type activities and we will do them if we can muster the help.

Our new event for the year was a showing of the video "The Lost Bird Project" at the carving studio. It was planned as a joint effort but (maybe due to the date) birders were about all that attended. We believe they missed a compelling video about extinct bird species and what it means to us as humans. Those who came left with the feeling we should all do more to protect our environment.

You may have noticed a new sign near the carving studio that appears to be a pair of binoculars. With a little persuasion we were able to get the state to provide us with a "Watchable Wildlife" sign. We hope it will be yet another way for visitors to find the Marsh.

2015 was a great year for birds. Since we have many issues that are unsettled, we can expect more of the same this year.

We thank all the volunteers that have helped us and hope to find even more in the future.

Rutland County Audubon Society is a 501 (c)(3) non profit corporation. We have a website: www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org and Rutland County Audubon Facebook page. If you would like a notification of our events you can signup by emailing Marv Elliott at vtbirdhouses@yahoo.com.

Rutland County Audubon Society

Marvin Elliott, president

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Birding @rutlandcountyaudubon.org

Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2015 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Jennifer Ellis, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its thirty-ninth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Transit District is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 686,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 4,100 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park and Westway Mall. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel. An additional 2,554 medically necessary trips were provided to West Rutland residents as well.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to West Rutland for many years in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

THE
CARVINGSTUDIO&
SCULPTURECENTER

January 2016

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Art education programs at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center continue to serve our community and attract visitors from around the world.

Our success is due to the efforts of so many individuals and groups; from local volunteers to generous donors and grant support. Capital Campaign contributions funded the historically accurate "cathedral" windows on the "Coping Shop" building as part of our ongoing preservation of West Rutland's industrial and cultural heritage.

In 2015, two to five-day workshops remained the core of our curriculum, with 29 held from March through October. We also hosted the semester long "Stone and Wood Sculpture" class for Green Mountain College students. Custom workshops serving local youth engaged more than 50 students in 2015.

Visiting Artists in Residence included Stephen Schaum of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Belgian sculptor Paty Sonnville, each creating unique contemporary sculpture. Five Resident Interns from colleges around the country gained invaluable experience and exposure to professional artists while helping out with day-to-day operations at our facility.

Our on-site gallery featured the Annual Members' Exhibition and solo shows by artists Kevin Donegan and Rita Fuchsberg. Eight sculptural installations and performances were the highlight of SculptFest2015; many thanks to the Gawet family for allowing us to use the quarry grounds for our annual outdoor exhibition event.

We welcome you to take a workshop, attend an exhibit, picnic in the sculpture garden or just stop in for a visit! To see what is in store for 2016 visit www.carvingstudio.org.

Sincerely,

Carol Driscoll

Carol Driscoll,
Executive Director

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REDC
RUTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

December 9, 2015

Town of West Rutland
Mary Ann Goulette
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West Rutland, VT 05777

RE: REDC Membership Support for FY 17

Dear Mary Ann,

Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) has for over 75 years served this region with economic development services. During this time the organization has worked with businesses in all parts of the county, helping them to start, expand and prosper. And when a company has an impediment to progress, REDC is the "One-Stop-Shop" to find them the resources they need. The Development Corporation acts as a single source point of contact to access regional, State, and Federal programs to assist business.

REDC provides a local home base for several programs based in Montpelier. By locating staff in Rutland, these programs are more accessible for business, and technical assistance advisors have the opportunity to build relationships with local entrepreneurs. Currently REDC is home to the Procurement Technical Assistance Program, which helps guide businesses through government contracting opportunities. The Small Business Development Center provides counseling services and technical assistance with one-on-one counseling and group training programs. REDC provides a conduit to the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, Global Trade Office, and many more State run programs.

In 2015 REDC held our first Mini-Maker Faire. The event introduced dozens of small businesses from a bronze pouring artisan to a developer of high tech drones. We have begun work on the potential development of a Maker Space in the region. We also hosted a stop on the Fresh Tracks Capital Road Pitch, where local entrepreneurs had an opportunity to "pitch" their ideas Shark Tank style to a group of angle investors and advisors. All of this is tied to a renewed focus on encouraging new businesses for our region.

Additionally REDC has been very active developing resource ties for workforce training. With high retirement rates in most operations over the next 5 years, and a historically low unemployment rate, we recognize that creating and keeping the workforce we need going forward will require a major effort from everyone. REDC will continue to lead efforts to meet the need.

REDC is a regional support system, providing assistance to companies throughout the County. Each year we work with communities to plan for future economic development, as well as provide direct services to small businesses located in each town. Through a collaborative process with a variety of programs, REDC is the one-stop-shop to access small business assistance for home-grown enterprises.

With a resurgence of domestic manufacturing occurring nationally, now is the time to redouble our efforts to rebuild this region as a prominent economic driver for the State. With your help we can continue this important work, creating an economic vitality that provides for the high quality of life we all desire. And please don't stop with membership. Participate in REDC activities, join a committee, be part of the solution.

Best regards,

Jamie Stewart, EDP
Executive Director

American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region

December 29, 2015

Select Board
Town of West Rutland
35 Marble St.
West Rutland, VT 05777

Dear Select Board,

On behalf of the entire board, staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross of NH and VT I want to thank you for your support and for agreeing to appropriate funds this year to our organization. We simply could not do the work that we do without the support from the citizens of West Rutland.

As you know, disaster can strike at any time, and when it does the American Red Cross is committed to being there to help. The type of disaster we respond to most often is home fires. Here we provide the family affected with the things they need like clothing, food, shelter, transportation and other resources to help them get back on their feet. We also provide mass care to first responders in the form of water, food and hot beverages to help them maximize their time on-site. While West Rutland did not see any fires last year, we responded to 16 fires in Rutland County as a whole, and supported 46 individuals in recovering from those disasters.

Prevention is a big part of the mission of the American Red Cross. 776 residents of Rutland County took part in one of our many health and safety trainings that we offer in the last year. These courses will help insure that when disaster strikes, those 766 individuals are prepared to meet the needs around them, overall making West Rutland a safer place to be.

Blood collection is also a very important part of the work of the American Red Cross, providing life-saving blood and platelets wherever they are needed. 119 pints of life-saving blood were collected from people who live in West Rutland over the past year, and we are so very grateful for their gifts of life.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to the American Red Cross. We believe that together we can prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, and with the support from the citizens of West Rutland we will be able to make that vision more of a reality. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Specialist
American Red Cross, New Hampshire and Vermont Region

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL ESSAY

During the years of World War II, 609 men and women from West Rutland served in the U.S. military. On August 15, 2015, the 70th anniversary of VJ day, the community dedicated a memorial to honor their service.

During the war, a wooden memorial board was erected on the grounds of West Rutland High School. It contained names of West Rutland natives who volunteered or were drafted. The wooden structure deteriorated during the next two decades, and the memorial was removed in the 1970s. In 2013, a group of former and present residents began to consider erecting a more permanent memorial.

A committee worked for two years to determine whether the project had the financial support of the community. Within six months, donations enabled the project to move forward. It was decided that the design should contain some of the features of the original monument, and the decision to locate it on the grounds of the Town Hall was approved by the West Rutland Board of Selectman. The search for a complete list of those who served led us to many sources, but in the end, 609 individuals who were either born in West Rutland or lived in West Rutland prior to their service were validated. Their names appear on the two wide black granite sections. The center stone names those who were killed in action or died while in service. Atop this central stone is our national symbol, a bronze eagle.

The memorial ties together the monuments to all of our town's veterans, from the Civil War through World War II. An area in the center of the memorial contains a meditation space, with West Rutland marble enclosing the perimeter of the entire memorial park .

The World War II Veterans' memorial is a tribute not just to the veterans, but to our local citizens who supported the project with financial donations and contributions of time, materials and labor. It is at such a time that we can look to the community with pride; a time to remember and thank the "greatest generation" and those who made the memorial a reality.

Submitted by Mary Reczk