

Annual Report



**Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2014**



Tribute to the Waldo Family

This Annual Report is dedicated to the Waldo family who has resided in Chester more than sixty-four years. Not only have Cecil and Shirley raised three beautiful children who have their own successful careers, but have made invaluable and lasting contributions to the community through their involvement in the local schools and town government. Specific recognition is bestowed on Cecil Waldo and his son, Brian, for their devotion and remarkable service to the residents of Chester, VT.

Cecil, a Chester High School graduate, worked many years at The National Survey, General Electric, Town of Chester, and other part-time positions until his retirement in 1992. He served the Town in many volunteer capacities including fireman, police officer, regional planner, etc., and felt it a privilege to be elected Selectman. Thank you, Cecil, for your many years of dedicated service to the Town of Chester!! Your contributions to the Town will continue to be recognized by future generations.

Brian, who also attended local schools, chose a public relations career while attending Mt. Wachusett College which lead to a position at NewsBank here in Chester. Brian has given many, many hours of his free time to several worthwhile charities. Many years ago, he joined the Elks in Springfield and assisted them in several of their fund raisers. More recently, he has chosen to become active in the "Music in the Meadow" annual event with the goal to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure campaign. Brian also served as MC at the annual Senior Christmas Dinner, bringing much levity to the event. Thank you, Brian, for giving 100 percent of your support to these organizations and events with your amazing sense of good humor and musical abilities!!

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS

OF THE TOWN OF

CHESTER, VERMONT

AUDITORS

J. H. CABLE

E. W. SPAULDING

P. D. JEWETT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2014

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Education Listed Value	\$418,401,040.00
Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$416,490,700.00
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	4,164,907.00
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	224,327,840.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	2,243,278.40
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	194,073,200.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	1,940,732.00

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

2006	2,002,470	1.8%
2007	2,033,891	1.6%
2008	3,990,394	1.9%
2009	4,059,405	1.7%
2010	4,076,502	0.4%
2011	4,158,567	0.2%
2012	4,177,428	0.0045%
2013	4,172,950	No Gain
2014	4,164,907	No Gain

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.3898	\$1.2365	\$1.2001	\$1.2062
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.4753	1.3530	1.8906	1.3471
Municipal Tax Rate	0.6359	0.5976	0.5828	0.5684

*There are 46 non-taxed parcels in the Town of Chester
 There are 17 veterans receiving the veterans exemption
 There are 178 properties enrolled in the land use program

ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

March 4, 2014

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2015	E. W. Spaulding	2015
		Phyllis Jewett	2016
TOWN CLERK:		John H. (Jack) Cable	2017
Deborah J. Aldrich	2017		
		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
LISTERS:		TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2015	Wanda Purdy	2015
Deborah Trent	2016	Alison DesLauriers	2016
		Michael Leonard	2017
		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
SELECTMEN:		UNION NO. 29:	
Thomas Bock	2015	Marilyn Mahusky	2015
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	2015	Jacob Arace	2016
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	2015	Jeffrey M. Hance	2016
William L. Lindsay	2016	Tonia Fleming	2017
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	2017		
		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
TAX COLLECTOR:		UNION NO. 35:	
Town Manager		Doug Caum	2015
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		Alison DesLauriers	2016
		Kelly Kehoe	2016
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		Michael Leonard	2017
Shirley A. Barrett	2015		
Erron J. Carey	2016	BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
Sandra K. Walker	2017	Heidi Buxton Ladd (Deceased)	2015
		Amy Howlett	2015
TOWN GRAND JUROR:		Susan Kibbe	2015
John DeBenedetti	2015	Mariette Bock	2016
TOWN TREASURER:		GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2014	
Deborah J. Aldrich	2017	Justices of the Peace:	
		Kenneth D. Barrett	
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		Patricia G. Benelli	
Jo-Anne DeBenedetti	2015	Patricia Budnick	
		Robert Crawford	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		Ruth Douglas	
Alice H. Forlie	2015	Tom Elgan	
Bruce Parks, Chairman	2015	Molly Ferris	
Lynda Tallarico	2015	Cheryl LeClair	
Mariette Bock	2016	Bruce Parks	
David A. Lord	2016	Colleen Truax	
Mary Lou Farr	2017	Heather Chase	
Kathy Pellett	2017	Susan Kibbe	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:		PLANNING COMMISSION:	
Chief of Police		Thomas Bock, Chairman	03-2015
Richard H. Cloud	03-2015	Naomi Johnson	03-2015
		Harry S. Goodell	03-2016
		Tom Hildreth	03-2017
		Randall Wiggin	03-2017
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:		POUND KEEPER:	
Ken Barrett, Alternate	06-30-2015	Chief of Police	
Donald Robinson	06-30-2015	Richard H. Cloud	03-2015
Amy O'Neil, Vice Chair	06-06-2015		
Carla Westine, Chair	06-06-2015		
Mark Curran, Alternate	06-30-2015		
Heidi Buxton Ladd (Deced.)	06-30-2016		
Harry Goodell	06-30-2016		
Philip Perlah	06-30-2016		
		REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES:	
		Thomas Bock	03-2015
		Derek Suursoo - Alternate	03-2015
CEMETERY SEXTON:		ROAD COMMISSIONER:	
Jeffrey Sheldon	03-2015	Town Manager	
		SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN:	
CLERK TO SELECTMEN:		Georgia A. Ethier (Resigned)	03-2015
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	03-2015	Julie Hance (Appointed)	03-2015
CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY		BOARD OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL:	
Bruce Parks (Resigned)	03-2015	Board of Selectmen	
SENIOR SOLUTIONS - COUNCIL ON AGING:		SOLID WASTE DIST. REPRESENTATIVE:	
Linda Stowell	03-2015	Derek Suursoo	03-2015
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN:		TOWN MANAGER:	
Town Manager David Pisha	03-2015	David Pisha	
FENCE VIEWERS:		TOWN SERVICE OFFICER:	
Frank E. Balch	03-2015	David Pisha	03-2015
J. Leon Spaulding	03-2015		
Tony Weinberger	03-2015	TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	
		Derek Suursoo	03-2015
FIRE WARDEN:		TREE WARDEN:	
Jeffery C. Holden	06-2019	Joseph Epler	03-2015
FIRST CONSTABLE:		WATER COMMISSIONERS:	
Jeffery C. Holden	03-2015	Board of Selectmen	
GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRMAN:		WEIGHER OF COAL:	
Frank Kelley	03-2015	Tony Weinberger	03-2015
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD:		ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	
Tony Weinberger	03-2015	Michael Normyle	03-2017

APPOINTED BY TOWN MANAGER

Police Chief - Richard H. Cloud
Fire Chief - Matthew S. Wilson
Ambulance Coordinator - Daniel J. Cook
Public Works Director - Graham D. Kennedy
Water/Sewer Superintendent - Jeffery C. Holden
Recreation Director - Matthew McCarthy

APPOINTED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer - Leslie Thorsen (term expires: 03-15)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent of Schools - A. Bruce Williams

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2013	2014
TOWN MANAGER		
David Pisha	\$71,407.70	\$74,640.37
TOWN CLERK		
Deborah J. Aldrich	45,371.12	46,788.53
TOWN TREASURER		
Deborah J. Aldrich	2,825.12	2,909.90
SELECTMEN		
Tom Bock	1,100.00	1,100.00
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	1,100.00	1,100.00
William Lindsay	1,100.00	1,100.00
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	1,100.00	1,100.00
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	1,100.00	1,100.00
LISTERS		
Wanda C. Purdy	11,176.97	11,606.30
Deborah Trent	3,459.89	4,380.61
Catherine Hasbrouck	833.63	156.75
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable	1,367.49	1,406.72
Phyllis A. Jewett	1,307.05	976.41
E. W. Spaulding	1,260.19	1,412.51
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	1,000.00

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

Once again, the past year proved to be an active and productive one for the Select Board. Early in the year, the Town signed a contract with Green Lantern Capital, the operator of the proposed Solar Farm on the Town property along Route 103, opposite Trebo Road (the site of the Town well). As of this writing, Green Lantern Capital, the operator of the proposed farm, has received the necessary approvals, and actual construction of this facility is scheduled to take place in 2015. The benefit to the Town will be the revenue generated from rent and taxes, as well as credits toward Town electrical usage through net metering. This should be a positive step toward expanding revenue sources to the Town, and make Chester another Vermont town using green renewable energy as a source for electric.

Since 2010, the Planning Commission has been working on a revised version of the Unified Development Bylaws, the regulations that control development within the Town. Early in 2013, the Planning Commission presented a draft version to the Select Board, and after the first of two required public hearings was held, a list of suggested changes was presented back to the Planning Commission for consideration. Once the Planning Commission had a chance to address all the issues, a revised version of the regulations was returned, and the required second public hearing was held. In the latter part of September 2014, the Select Board voted to accept the new Unified Development Bylaws. After a brief challenge to certain uses within the Residential-Commercial District, the majority of citizens voted to uphold the regulations as written. The Board would like to thank the Planning Commission for all the hard work they put into this effort over the past four years, and would also like to thank all the citizens who offered their input to the process.

During the past year, the Board continued to work on several other Town regulatory documents. We reviewed and adopted a new Forest Management Plan which we feel will continue to insure a healthy and sustainable Town Forest for both plant and wildlife in the future. We also made necessary updates to the Road and Bridge Specifications to keep them current with State requirements to assure shared funding. Finally, we have amended our Financial Policy following State statutory guidelines, in an effort to maximize our investment potential for certain funds.

With respect to buildings and facilities, the Town was fortunate to qualify for and receive a USDA Grant towards the exterior repairs and restoration to the Whiting Library building. While this grant only covers a portion of the cost of the repairs, monies have been allocated in the capital plan to cover the remainder of the necessary work. The Board optimistically anticipates that similar restoration grants be obtained in the future to help fund much needed repairs to other town facilities, namely the repairs and painting to the upstairs of Town Hall, completion of the new slate roof at the Academy Building, and the new slate roof at Town Hall, to name but a few. In addition, the Town received two communications grants to pay for ambulance equipment, a PACIF grant for fire equipment, a Homeland Security Grant to pay for police mobile data terminals, a Municipal Planning Grant to pay for review and revisions to the Town Plan, and a Community Development Block Grant that will help pay for remaining road repairs that were caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Julie Hance for pursuing these grants that are so beneficial to the Town.

In an effort to begin the process of improving the existing Town water system, the Board, acting in the capacity of Water Commissioners, has taken advantage of a State Water Loan/Grant program. This program will provide funding for a master plan assessment of the entire Town water system, outline deficiencies and repairs, and cover the cost of preliminary engineering for the remedial work. This is an ongoing program and repairs will be prioritized and matched to construction funding options over the next several years.

Finally, the Board once again would like to thank the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board for the hard work they have provided through the year. In addition, we would like to thank all the elected and appointed officials, and to our dedicated police, fire, and ambulance workers who serve the Town. And finally, thank all the Town employees for their continued hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. DeBenedetti, Chairman
Derek Suursoo
Thomas Bock
William L. Lindsay
Arne Jonynas

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

In July, an isolated storm hit the Town and caused extensive damage, so much that the Governor decided to pay a personal visit. Much of Potash Brook Road was damaged and flooding affected homes in the surrounding area. Two of those homes ultimately qualified for a FEMA buyout. The Town's Public Works Department worked vigorously to rebuild the roads and bridges that were affected.

The Fire Department was involved in a major hazardous spill when a tank truck tipped over in West Chester and spilled a significant portion of its contents. Thankfully no one was injured in what could have been a much more serious incident. Fire departments from around the area responded with assistance.

Missing Link Bridge was severely damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. It was reopened in 2014. The only remaining project from this storm is the Cavendish Culvert which will be finished in 2015.

Aside from these emergencies, many other regular projects were accomplished as well. A grant was awarded that paid a substantial amount toward the re-roofing of the eastside of the Academy building.

The Recreation Department also began a Day Camp in conjunction with the Elementary School. It proved to be very successful and plans are to expand it in the coming year. The Department also resurfaced the tennis courts.

Plans to renovate the exterior of the Library also took a step forward with the awarding of another grant. In 2015, the stonework, window moldings, and roof will be repaired. Sidewalk construction is scheduled to proceed in the summer of 2015.

Looking to the future, a section of Popple Dungeon Road will be moved away from the River to make it more stable. The State has said they are still planning to pave Routes 103 and 11 in Chester this year. As part of their project, improving the rail crossing on Route 103 will also be accomplished.

Another grant is being applied for that will replace the liner in the pool. A new trail is being proposed behind Brookside Cemetery, across the stream. The Town is working in conjunction with the Chester Conservation Committee on this project. It is anticipated that no Town funds will be necessary to complete the new trail. I want to conclude by thanking all the employees for their dedication and hard work in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pisha, Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee, which has been reduced to one member,* endorses the 2015 Town Budget as proposed by the Chester Select Board.

With much deliberation, the Board considered the various options and their fiscal consequences presented to them in a well-stated budget report by our Town Manager, David Pisha.

Along with an annual increase in wages and salaries, a substantial health insurance increase, and a much lower 2014 surplus carried over, the largest budgeted items were a dump truck, a full- time police officer, and a part-time office employee which all contributed to a 9% tax increase over last year's budget.

To contain the increase, the Board deferred purchase of a police cruiser, reduced the paving expense, and, for the first time in 10 years, increased the Town of Andover's allotment for Fire Department services.

I believe the Board and Town Manager have put together a fiscally responsible budget package that should be acceptable to the voters of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Bock

*The Budget Committee is in need of members. If you are interested in serving, please contact Town Manager, David Pisha or Executive Assistant, Julie Hance.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2014, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1681-1689, Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated. We have met each quarter during the past year to examine all bills, sample payroll records, review fund balances, and reconcile the cash. We have attended auditing seminars sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns thus keeping abreast of our responsibilities.

DELINQUENT TAXES:

The Delinquent Tax Collector received on September 23, 2014, from the Town Treasurer one (1) Warrant for 2014 totaling three hundred forty-five thousand, twenty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$345,028.88) in real and personal property taxes, including penalties and interest, for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2014, was four hundred sixty-six thousand, seven hundred thirty-four dollars and forty-four cents (\$466,734.44) including penalties of thirty-two thousand four hundred ten dollars and fifty cents (\$32,410.50) and interest of thirty-two thousand seventy-four dollars and forty-four cents (\$32,074.44). There was one abatement this year due to property loss.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

The Trust Department of Peoples United Bank provides the Trustees of Public Funds investment advice, custodial service, and periodic reports relative to the assets held in the name of the various funds. The Trust Department's year-end investment advisory account report and other reports as prepared by the Trustees have been reviewed.

WHITING LIBRARY:

The portion of Library funds managed by the Town was verified as well as revenues and expenditures processed by the Town Office.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT:

R. H. R. Smith & Company performed an audit of Town records for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, and will be performing the 2014 audit.

The Annual Report is compiled by your Auditors, relying on financial data and related reports prepared by Town administration and by various Town activities. The natural process of examining and adjusting Town records creates interruptions for the Town Manager and office staff. We, therefore, sincerely wish to thank David Pisha, Deborah Aldrich, Julie Hance, and Priscilla Mathews for their professionalism and patient assistance during the year. A special thanks, also, to Georgia Ethier for her assistance in preparing the Annual Report for the printers.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. (Jack) Cable
Phyllis D. Jewett
E. W. Spaulding

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE REPORT

The project of putting our land records, cemetery records, birth, death, and marriage records into our computerized records system is still ongoing.

This year with our restoration money we had several books restored: Atlas of Windsor County 1869, Grand Lists 1800 – 1832 and 1837. We also had new survey maps scanned and linked to the computer. The next project that we are looking into is new shelving for the vault, which will expand the vault capacity significantly.

Some of the things that are available at the Town Clerk's Office are: Dog Licenses, which are due by April 1; Motor Vehicle Renewals, accompanied by the renewal form you receive from the State (we can do the current month and two previous months); Fish & Game Licenses, which are now computerized; Springfield Recycling Center tickets; Civil Marriage Licenses; and Voter Registration. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. However, staff is available outside of those hours if prior arrangements are made.

Property taxes will be due September 15, 2015, and Water/Sewer billing is now done quarterly.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the Town Office. (875-2173)

I would like to thank our Office Staff, Highway and Water/Sewer Departments, Police Department and Fire and Ambulance Services and the citizens of Chester for your dedication and hard work to the Town of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

General Fund

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$ 7,684,922.67
Taxes	223,560.31
Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,874.50
Planning & Zoning	5,332.93
General Government	37,255.73
Police Department	33,149.09
Fire Department	56,260.68
Ambulance Service	77,758.39
Communications	30,600.00
Public Works	394,794.43
Recreation Department	29,830.00
Parks & Cemeteries	9,291.63
Other Income	99,920.18
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 8,689,550.54</u>

EXPENDITURES

Selectboard	\$ 81,180.73
Administration	234,933.51
Listers	24,237.72
Taxes	8,381.65
Planning & Zoning	23,984.48
Insurance	592,151.41
Police Department	391,346.67
Fire Department	123,460.91
Ambulance Service	94,470.47
Communications	27,108.39
Public Works	1,181,522.40
Solid Waste	25,520.60
Health & Welfare	1,000.00
Recreation Department	63,561.29
Parks & Cemeteries	47,623.66
Library	93,243.47
Town Hall	30,884.86
Facilities	36,261.11
Capital	325,000.00
School Assessment	5,170,098.76
County Tax	36,212.02
Grant Expenses	32,450.00
Voted Articles	31,501.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 8,676,135.11</u>

Excess General Fund Revenues	13,415.43
Public Works Deficit	24,052.00
General Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 37,467.43</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues	
2014	2015
\$245,600.00	\$252,250.00
Expenses	
\$968,900.50	\$1,050,112.02
Net	
<u>(\$723,300.50)</u>	<u>(\$797,862.02)</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues	
\$188,045.00	\$177,850.00
Expenses	
\$651,400.00	\$705,270.50
Net	
<u>(\$463,355.00)</u>	<u>(\$527,420.50)</u>

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues	
\$256,249.00	\$253,936.00
Expenses	
\$1,161,175.00	\$1,151,000.00
Net	
<u>(\$904,926.00)</u>	<u>(\$897,064.00)</u>

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues	
\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	
\$325,000.00	\$330,000.00
Net	
<u>(\$325,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$330,000.00)</u>

CULTURE & RECREATION

Revenues	
2014	2015
\$44,145.00	\$37,691.00
Expenses	
\$292,780.00	\$296,907.00
Net	
<u>(\$248,635.00)</u>	<u>(\$259,216.00)</u>

HEALTH

Revenues	
\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Net	
<u>(\$1,500.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,500.00)</u>

GRANTS

Revenues	
\$1,803,841.00	\$2,158,384.89
Expenses	
\$1,836,291.00	\$2,185,631.89
Net	
<u>(\$32,450.00)</u>	<u>(\$27,247.00)</u>

OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues	
\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Expenses	
\$34,000.00	\$29,828.00
Net	
<u>(\$31,800.00)</u>	<u>(\$27,628.00)</u>

TOTALS	2014	2015
Revenues	\$736,239.00	\$723,927.00
Expenditures	\$3,434,755.50	\$3,564,617.52
GF Surplus/Deficit	\$135,721.62	\$37,467.00
Pre Surplus Total	(\$2,730,966.50)	(\$2,874,937.52)
To Be Collected	(\$2,595,244.88)	(\$2,837,470.52)
Difference	\$115,437.57	\$242,225.64

A year-end surplus occurred in the General Fund while a small deficit happened in Public Works, both of which are reflected herein.

**2015
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENSES

REVENUES		2013	2014	2014	2015
Taxes		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,913.62	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 478.17	\$ 1,900.00
1-318-02	Tax Sale Redemption	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-318-03	Land Use	128,194.00	128,500.00	133,491.00	135,000.00
1-318-06	Pilot Program	2,406.52	2,500.00	2,327.38	2,500.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Interest	64,695.92	65,000.00	87,263.77	70,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 197,211.66	\$ 197,900.00	\$ 223,560.32	\$ 209,400.00

Licenses, Permits, & Fees		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,300.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	207.50	250.00	162.50	250.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,464.00	1,500.00	1,354.00	1,500.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	3,236.00	1,850.00	2,507.00	1,850.00
1-321-06	Rabies	1,280.00	1,300.00	1,216.00	1,300.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	363.00	500.00	295.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,565.50	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,874.50	\$ 6,700.00

Planning & Zoning		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-321-02	Permits	\$ 5,542.19	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,332.93	\$ 5,000.00

General Government		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 33,665.47	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,281.74	\$ 25,000.00
1-341-12	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-17	911 House Nmbrs.	41.00	100.00	0.00	50.00
1-341-19	Miscellaneous	744.13	700.00	15.00	700.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	3,800.38	2,000.00	5,850.00	2,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	1,207.23	800.00	1,415.50	1,000.00
1-341-53	Interest	0.00	0.00	2,293.49	0.00
1-341-61	Audit	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
1-341-69	Effiec. VT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3-341-73	Payroll Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 41,858.21	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 37,255.73	\$ 31,150.00

TOT. GEN.	GOVT. REVENUES	\$ 252,177.56	\$ 245,600.00	\$ 273,023.48	\$ 252,250.00
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EXPENSES		2013	2014	2014	2015
Selectmen FT=1		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
1-411-70	Selectmen Exps.	2,144.10	1,500.00	1,029.97	1,500.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	71,407.70	76,000.00	74,640.37	78,280.00
1-412-16	Mgmt. Cnsltnt.	4,444.07	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	335.06	1,500.00	10.39	1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 83,830.93	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 81,180.73	\$ 88,280.00

**2015
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENSES

EXPENSES		2013		2014		2014		2015	
Administration		Cash		Budget		Cash		Budget	
1-413-09	Elections	\$	1,703.12	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,814.62	\$	2,000.00
1-413-10	Election Payroll		551.70		2,500.00		650.00		500.00
1-415-10	Payroll		124,531.11		127,500.00		128,367.89		145,000.00
1-415-11	Treasurer		2,825.12		3,000.00		2,909.90		3,090.00
1-415-17	911 House Nbrs.		25.54		100.00		0.00		100.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies		10,564.26		10,000.00		10,896.82		11,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment		19,441.95		19,300.00		18,075.44		20,000.00
1-415-33	Notices		2,671.60		3,000.00		1,046.00		1,500.00
1-415-34	Telephone		4,135.21		5,000.00		4,963.13		5,000.00
1-415-35	Postage		5,452.49		6,000.00		6,622.22		6,500.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer		2,227.00		2,500.00		4,026.00		2,500.00
1-415-40	VLCT		3,992.00		4,230.00		4,230.00		4,350.00
1-415-41	Training		1,149.50		2,500.00		946.93		1,500.00
1-415-55	Chamber of Com.		125.00		125.00		125.00		125.00
1-415-56	Legal		6,520.38		8,000.00		4,078.46		9,000.00
1-415-57	Town Audits		3,934.73		4,000.00		3,795.64		4,000.00
1-415-58	Outside Audit		13,000.00		13,000.00		13,000.00		13,000.00
1-415-59	Computer Service		4,461.52		6,000.00		8,344.26		6,500.00
1-415-60	Service Charge		1,579.65		2,000.00		2,107.09		2,000.00
1-415-62	Town Report		1,198.80		1,500.00		1,166.00		2,000.00
1-415-63	Record Rstrtn.		7,142.62		7,000.00		6,551.91		7,000.00
1-415-77	Legal Envirnmrntl.		3,970.20		0.00		67.65		0.00
1-415-79	Unclassified		19.00		0.00		40.00		0.00
1-415-80	Scanning Station		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest		6,615.97		7,500.00		9,108.55		10,000.00
1-415-91	FEMA Loan Int.		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$	227,838.47	\$	238,755.00	\$	234,933.51	\$	256,665.00
Listers									
01-416-10	Salary PT=3	\$	15,470.49	\$	24,750.00	\$	16,143.66	\$	25,500.00
01-416-21	General Expenses		4,040.23		6,500.00		6,387.89		7,000.00
01-416-22	Training		350.00		1,500.00		250.00		1,500.00
01-416-23	Equipment		103.98		100.00		0.00		100.00
01-416-74	Travel		1,511.71		2,000.00		1,456.17		2,000.00
01-416-75	State Training		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$	21,476.41	\$	34,850.00	\$	24,237.72	\$	36,100.00
Taxes									
01-417-20	Tax Billing	\$	0.00	\$	500.00	\$	0.00	\$	500.00
01-417-21	General Expenses		10.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
01-417-22	Abatement		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
01-417-24	State Appeals		2,405.59		3,000.00		0.00		3,000.00
01-417-30	Tax Sale Service		4,071.25		500.00		538.65		500.00
01-417-33	Advertising		2,156.00		2,500.00		7,843.00		2,500.00
01-417-56	Legal		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$	8,642.84	\$	6,500.00	\$	8,381.65	\$	6,500.00
Planning & Zoning									
01-418-10	Salary PT=1	\$	11,821.79	\$	12,000.00	\$	10,924.51	\$	12,500.00
01-418-11	DRB Salaries		0.00		2,600.00		2,500.00		2,600.00
01-418-21	Notices		1,353.00		2,500.00		1,475.00		2,500.00
01-418-22	Grant Funding		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
01-418-23	Enforcement		25.99		4,000.00		0.00		5,000.00
01-418-38	Town Plan/Zoning		0.00		500.00		0.00		500.00
01-418-56	Legal		5,832.21		3,500.00		5,142.47		6,000.00
01-418-62	Printing		0.00		100.00		0.00		100.00
01-418-64	Training		180.19		500.00		0.00		500.00
01-418-65	Computer		354.68		500.00		0.00		500.00
01-418-66	Reg Plan. Dues		3,942.50		3,942.50		3,942.50		3,942.50
01-418-95	SRDC		8,649.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$	32,159.36	\$	30,142.50	\$	23,984.48	\$	34,142.50

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EXPENSES		2013	2014	2014	2015
Insurance & Deductions		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-419-15	Social Security	\$ 91,326.77	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 96,235.79	\$ 108,500.00
1-419-16	Unemployment	2,168.37	2,493.00	1,879.04	2,600.00
1-419-17	Workers Comp.	38,773.34	42,381.00	47,538.73	47,500.00
1-419-18	Medical	162,424.49	193,194.00	189,102.81	207,509.52
1-419-19	Life	2,785.06	3,200.00	2,454.97	3,400.00
1-419-20	Retirement	52,772.12	55,000.00	57,149.35	60,000.00
1-419-50	Prop/Casualty	72,224.50	78,385.00	76,617.00	78,915.00
1-419-52	Coinsurance	93,967.01	95,000.00	121,173.72	120,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 516,441.66	\$ 572,653.00	\$ 592,151.41	\$ 628,424.52
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.EXPENSES		\$ 890,389.67	\$ 968,900.50	\$ 964,869.50	\$1,050,112.02

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENSES

POLICE DEPARTMENT

		2013	2014	2014	2015
Revenues		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-11	Court Fees	\$ 35,709.16	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 12,940.25	\$ 30,000.00
1-342-12	Ski Payroll Reimb.	17,030.00	21,000.00	16,850.00	21,000.00
1-342-13	Other Payroll	1,690.00	0.00	280.00	0.00
1-342-15	Other Income	1,250.50	1,500.00	1,121.94	1,500.00
1-342-19	START	989.36	4,145.00	1,956.90	4,250.00
	TOTAL	\$ 56,669.02	\$ 71,645.00	\$ 33,149.09	\$ 56,750.00

		2013	2014	2014	2015
Expenses		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-421-10	Payroll	\$ 269,502.43	\$ 309,000.00	\$ 299,501.81	\$ 345,000.00
1-421-11	Overtime	18,430.92	20,000.00	20,692.47	20,000.00
1-421-12	Ski Traffic	14,558.40	19,000.00	11,862.40	19,000.00
1-421-13	Traffic Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-14	2014 Storm	0.00	0.00	146.25	0.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	1,356.03	7,500.00	274.00	5,000.00
1-421-16	SIU PR	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-421-19	GHSP Payroll	689.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-20A	Special Detail	0.00	0.00	2,256.22	0.00
1-421-20	Supplies	1,935.78	6,500.00	6,168.85	7,000.00
1-421-22	START Payroll	807.36	2,000.00	378.00	2,000.00
1-421-23	Equipment	10,961.43	8,000.00	8,850.30	8,000.00
1-421-24	DARE	473.36	750.00	761.54	750.00
1-421-25	Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	218.98	0.00
1-421-34	Telephone	5,740.56	4,500.00	3,659.99	5,000.00
1-421-36	Training	5,021.63	5,000.00	1,842.60	5,500.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	368.00	450.00	305.00	500.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	15,228.12	12,500.00	9,087.02	19,000.00
1-421-69	Gasoline	20,593.49	20,000.00	13,019.74	22,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	3,300.12	2,500.00	836.86	3,500.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	4,395.60	4,000.00	2,120.94	4,000.00
1-421-76	Attorney	498.75	1,500.00	7,080.70	1,500.00
1-421-77	MDC	960.42	3,000.00	2,168.00	3,000.00
1-421-78	Watch Guard	0.00	500.00	100.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 374,822.04	\$ 427,700.00	\$ 391,331.67	\$ 472,250.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

		2013	2014	2014	2015
Revenues		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 985.25	\$ 500.00	\$ 403.00	\$ 500.00
1-342-22	Andover	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	14,000.00
1-342-24	Hazmat Income	0.00	0.00	46,557.68	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,285.25	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 56,260.68	\$ 14,500.00

Expenses

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-422-10	Salary	\$ 30,147.35	\$ 38,750.00	\$ 49,863.92	\$ 48,750.00
1-422-22	Physicals	0.00	750.00	1,520.00	2,000.00
1-422-23	Equipment	17,410.80	15,000.00	14,590.23	15,000.00
1-422-34	Telephone	0.00	750.00	529.00	750.00
1-422-36	Training	1,842.56	4,000.00	3,163.49	4,000.00
1-422-37	Contract Services	0.00	0.00	148.75	0.00
1-422-40	Assoc. Dues	1,317.00	1,600.00	2,091.85	1,600.00
1-422-56	Legal	487.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-422-67	Building Maintenance	5,893.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	3,228.68	4,000.00	5,180.22	4,500.00
1-422-69	Fuel	2,000.80	2,500.00	1,767.94	2,500.00
1-422-70	Radio Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00	892.45	1,500.00
1-422-76	Utilities	0.00	600.00	5.71	750.00
1-422-79	Transfer to Water	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
1-422-81	Hazmat Incident	0.00	0.00	23,707.35	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 82,327.19	\$ 89,450.00	\$ 123,460.91	\$ 102,350.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENSES

AMBULANCE

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-31	Ser. Fees/Reimb.	\$ 82,305.50	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 71,758.39	\$ 70,000.00
1-342-33	Other Income	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-342-34	Andover	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 88,314.50</u>	<u>\$ 76,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,758.39</u>	<u>\$ 76,000.00</u>

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
Expenses					
1-423-10	Salary	\$ 74,445.09	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,303.58	\$ 80,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	5,779.55	6,000.00	5,720.66	6,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Expenses	1,024.51	1,500.00	555.33	1,500.00
1-423-23	Equipment	8,362.44	8,000.00	7,071.90	8,000.00
1-423-24	Intercept	950.00	2,000.00	1,875.00	2,000.00
1-423-36	Training	3,080.96	5,000.00	711.13	5,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint.	168.89	1,000.00	142.82	1,000.00
1-423-69	Fuel	2,311.52	2,500.00	1,476.19	2,500.00
1-423-70	Billing Expense	0.00	3,500.00	2,613.86	3,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 96,122.96</u>	<u>\$ 103,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 94,470.47</u>	<u>\$ 109,500.00</u>

COMMUNICATIONS

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 27,600.00
1-343-21	Andover Disp. Fee	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
1-343-23	Vtel Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 22,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,600.00</u>

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
Expenses					
1-426-10	Dispatching	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,405.50
1-426-34	Telephone	1,306.92	2,750.00	1,612.25	2,750.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	1,735.46	2,750.00	497.36	2,750.00
1-426-36	Cell Phones	4,345.11	5,250.00	4,998.78	5,250.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 27,387.49</u>	<u>\$ 30,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,108.39</u>	<u>\$ 21,155.50</u>

Tn. Constable

1-427-36	Training	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
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TOT. PUB.	SAFETY Revenues	<u>\$ 177,468.77</u>	<u>\$ 188,045.00</u>	<u>\$ 197,768.16</u>	<u>\$ 177,850.00</u>
	Expenses	<u>\$ 580,659.68</u>	<u>\$ 651,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 636,386.44</u>	<u>\$ 705,270.50</u>

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues	2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-344-11 Diesel Sales:				
1-344-11 Ambulance	\$ 2,157.03	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,630.68	\$ 2,000.00
1-344-11 Fire	1,439.30	2,500.00	2,470.16	2,500.00
1-344-11 Police	18,739.30	20,000.00	14,927.36	20,000.00
1-344-11 School	57,636.74	60,000.00	60,175.87	55,000.00
1-344-11 Sewer	2,129.46	3,000.00	1,892.27	2,000.00
1-344-11 Water	2,457.75	2,500.00	2,164.80	2,000.00
1-344-12 Material Sale	245.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-13 State Aid	194,544.18	194,488.00	194,430.58	194,488.00
1-344-14 Other Income	1,899.00	0.00	815.10	0.00
1-344-25 Prior Year Surplus	7,654.08	(28,739.00)	0.00	(24,052.00)
1-344-26 Popple Dungeon Fd.	90,465.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-27 2 for 1 Road Grant	162,624.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-28 Efficiency Vermont	8,920.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-29 Storm Damage	0.00	0.00	116,287.61	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 550,912.15	\$ 256,249.00	\$ 394,794.43	\$ 253,936.00

Expenses	2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-431-10 Payroll	\$ 428,961.56	\$ 435,175.00	\$ 402,873.54	\$ 455,000.00
1-431-12 Overtime	0.00	0.00	50,835.47	0.00
1-431-13 2014 Storm	0.00	0.00	83,018.73	0.00
1-431-20 Equipment	5,481.79	6,500.00	1,087.73	6,500.00
1-431-21 Supplies	7,745.73	8,500.00	7,057.43	8,500.00
1-431-23 Tools	6,491.09	6,500.00	2,136.30	6,500.00
1-431-24 Salt	55,997.66	55,000.00	70,448.06	75,000.00
1-431-25 Sand	66,052.50	65,000.00	59,336.90	65,000.00
1-431-26 Gravel	108,310.50	80,000.00	53,979.67	80,000.00
1-431-27 Hot Mix	3,957.01	5,000.00	3,767.42	5,000.00
1-431-28 Paving	286,454.92	125,000.00	108,050.24	95,000.00
1-431-29 Cal. Chloride	7,137.00	15,000.00	2,766.25	15,000.00
1-431-30 Culverts	1,770.59	5,000.00	3,947.94	5,000.00
1-431-31 Rip Rap	413.95	2,000.00	1,690.00	6,000.00
1-431-32 Bridge Material	1,878.96	3,000.00	11,939.27	5,000.00
1-431-34 Communications	963.14	1,500.00	1,234.83	1,500.00
1-431-36 Training	284.76	500.00	233.00	500.00
1-431-37 Cont. Serv.	16,676.97	13,000.00	15,987.15	13,000.00
1-431-38 Mowing	9,860.00	13,000.00	10,470.50	13,000.00
1-431-55 Sidewalk Repair	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-431-66 Blades/Chns/Plws	20,367.20	20,000.00	15,291.09	20,000.00
1-431-67 Diesel/Gas	168,529.33	160,000.00	175,343.26	130,000.00
1-431-68 Veh. Maint.	57,079.87	55,000.00	55,152.78	55,000.00
1-431-69a Street Light Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-431-69 Street Lights	34,863.00	21,000.00	25,214.91	23,500.00
1-431-75 Uniforms	9,740.60	9,000.00	7,145.91	9,000.00
1-431-76 Garage Utilities	7,259.67	8,500.00	6,925.95	9,500.00
1-431-77 Garage Water	1,210.03	2,500.00	1,223.65	3,000.00
1-431-78 Fuel	292.23	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
1-431-79 Garage Maint.	2,336.99	15,000.00	4,364.42	15,000.00
1-431-82 Power on the Green	64.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,310,182.04	\$1,134,925.00	\$ 1,181,522.40	\$1,124,750.00
Net Expenditures	\$ 759,269.89	\$ 878,676.00	\$ 786,727.97	\$ 870,814.00

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

SOLID Expenses	WASTE	2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-432-37	Eager Beaver	\$ 479.50	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,050.00
1-432-38	Transfer Station	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
1-432-39	Green Up Day	0.00	200.00	520.60	200.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25,479.50	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 25,520.60	\$ 26,250.00
	Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,335,661.54</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,175.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,043.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,000.00</u>

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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENSES

REVENUES	Non-Program	2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
01-346-09	Town of Andover	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
01-346-14	Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-23	Pool Income	3,383.50	3,500.00	3,927.00	3,500.00
01-346-27	Donations	70.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
01-346-28	Food Com./Sales	1,370.95	2,000.00	1,082.00	1,800.00
01-346-29	Pavilion Rental	50.00	225.00	0.00	225.00
01-346-33	Babe Ruth Baseball	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
01-346-35	Men's Basketball	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-36	League Fees	0.00	0.00	425.00	425.00
	TOTAL	\$ 8,674.45	\$ 9,625.00	\$ 9,759.00	\$ 9,850.00
	Seasonal Sprts&Camps				
01-346-10	Smart Start Camps	\$ 295.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
01-346-11	Sports for Squirts	130.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
01-346-12	Spring Baseball	2,375.00	2,250.00	2,670.00	2,000.00
01-346-13	Black Fly Baseball Camp	1,703.62	1,600.00	1,300.00	1,200.00
01-346-15	Softball Camp	385.00	200.00	325.00	200.00
01-346-16	Fall Soccer	2,120.00	2,000.00	2,555.00	1,800.00
01-346-17	Flag Football	225.00	240.00	180.00	210.00
01-346-17	Soccer Camp	1,950.00	2,000.00	1,670.00	1,750.00
01-346-18	GM Sports Camp	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,205.00	1,000.00
01-346-19	Winter Basketball	1,401.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
01-346-20	Dance Camp	285.00	270.00	450.00	270.00
01-346-20	Hip Hop Dance	755.00	600.00	367.00	0.00
01-346-21	Golf Camp	395.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
01-346-22a	Girls Basketball Camp	315.00	350.00	0.00	150.00
01-346-22b	Boys Basketball Camp	595.00	350.00	30.00	0.00
01-346-24	Baseball Camp	100.00	200.00	0.00	100.00
01-346-25	Summer Programs	0.00	9,000.00	5,384.00	5,500.00
01-346-26	Skateboard Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-27	Basketball	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-29	Tennis Camp	110.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
01-346-30	OWLS Adventure Camp	1,265.00	1,000.00	1,425.00	600.00
01-346-33	Babe Ruth Baseball	525.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
01-346-50	Wrestling	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-51	Climbing Camp	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 16,319.62	\$ 24,070.00	\$ 20,071.00	\$ 17,390.00
	Total Revenues	\$ 24,994.07	\$ 33,695.00	\$ 29,830.00	\$ 27,240.00

**2015
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENSES

Expenses	Non-Program	2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
01-451-11	Snack Shack Payroll	\$ 192.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
01-451-16	League Fee	0.00	0.00	823.00	825.00
01-458-22	Concession Expense	1,070.38	1,500.00	1,132.97	1,300.00
01-451-35	Men's Basketball	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-451-41	Weight Room	0.00	0.00	440.00	0.00
01-451-78	Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,262.38	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,395.97	\$ 3,625.00
	Seasonal Sprts.& Camps				
01-451-14	Start Smart Camp	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
01-451-15	Sport for Squirts	40.12	140.00	20.00	50.00
01-451-37	Baseball	1,596.24	1,700.00	1,610.02	1,600.00
01-451-36	Black Fly Camp	1,468.26	1,400.00	1,066.43	1,000.00
01-451-38	Softball	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-451-38A	Spring Softball Camp	250.00	160.00	150.00	160.00
01-451-40	Fall Soccer	1,789.37	1,500.00	1,357.29	1,400.00
01-451-17	Fall Flag Football	108.00	180.00	84.00	120.00
01-451-42	Soccer Camps	1,661.33	1,800.00	947.95	1,600.00
01-451-18	GM Sports Camp	1,359.25	800.00	711.00	800.00
01-451-44	Basketball	839.60	1,000.00	727.15	900.00
01-451-23	Dance Camp	225.00	720.00	817.00	220.00
01-451-20	Hip-Hop Dance	660.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
01-451-21	Golf	320.00	320.00	0.00	320.00
01-451.43a	Girls Basketball Camp	320.00	300.00	0.00	100.00
01-451-43b	Boys Basketball Camp	482.50	300.00	50.00	0.00
01-451-47	Summer Program	0.00	7,000.00	4,198.25	4,500.00
01-451-45	Skateboard Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-451-30	OWLS Adventure	1,040.00	800.00	745.00	500.00
01-451-12	Bake Ruth Baseball	533.00	600.00	285.00	600.00
01-451-50	Wrestling	126.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 12,898.67	\$ 18,820.00	\$ 12,769.09	\$ 14,290.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,161.05	\$ 20,820.00	\$ 15,165.06	\$ 17,915.00
	Other Rec. Exp.				
01-451-10	Payroll	\$ 43,488.75	\$ 45,320.00	\$ 44,927.03	\$ 46,680.00
01-451-13	Vehicle Expense	3,603.45	3,500.00	3,820.60	3,800.00
01-451-77	Pool Water & Sewer	154.56	400.00	781.57	400.00
01-458-11	Lifeguards	12,164.81	16,000.00	16,223.57	15,500.00
01-458-20	Pool Improvement	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
01-458-21	Supplies	1,704.55	4,000.00	3,874.41	3,000.00
01-458-41	Skating Rink Maint.	301.47	300.00	247.03	300.00
01-451-46	Tennis Court	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-458-68	Pool Maintenance	8,028.46	3,000.00	2,588.56	3,000.00
01-458-75	Water & Sewer	1,090.69	1,000.00	251.69	1,000.00
01-458-76	Utilities	3,360.39	4,500.00	5,530.03	4,500.00
01-458-77	Equipment Repair	0.00	300.00	554.87	500.00
01-458-78	Facility Repair	0.00	5,800.00	5,767.98	800.00
	TOTAL	\$ 73,897.13	\$ 84,120.00	\$ 84,657.34	\$ 79,480.00
TOTAL	REC. REVENUES	\$ 24,994.07	\$ 33,695.00	\$ 29,405.00	\$ 26,815.00
TOTAL	REC. EXPENSES	\$ 88,058.18	\$ 104,940.00	\$ 99,822.40	\$ 97,395.00

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BUDGET**

Other Income		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
01-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 551.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 403.56	\$ 500.00
01-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	1,228.24	1,200.00	899.61	1,200.00
01-389-15	VLCT Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-432-15	Other Income	3,500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-350-13	School Refund	86,679.22	0.00	98,617.01	0.00
01-350-15	State Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-350-16	Net FEMA Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 91,958.46	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 99,920.18	\$ 2,200.00

Other Expenses		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
01-450-15	School Refund	\$ 82,439.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
01-475-61	County Tax	23,346.64	34,000.00	36,212.02	29,828.00
01-431-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 105,785.70	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 36,212.02	\$ 29,828.00

HEALTH & Expenses		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
01-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
01-441-20	Animal Care	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00

PARKS & Revenues		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,500.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	4,116.00	4,500.00	5,497.00	4,500.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	2,323.18	2,400.00	1,717.63	2,400.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	1,250.00	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00
1-347-26	Other Income	50.00	50.00	175.00	50.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	850.00	500.00	702.00	500.00
1-347-41	Town Hall, Other	737.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,076.69	\$ 10,450.00	\$ 9,291.63	\$ 10,450.00

Expenses		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-452-10	Payroll	\$ 45,747.81	\$ 49,440.00	\$ 37,497.07	\$ 49,440.00
1-452-21	Supplies	2,324.36	4,000.00	3,254.72	4,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment	2,679.58	3,500.00	4,671.59	8,000.00
1-452-38	Contract Labor	272.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-452-39	Trees	2,937.00	4,000.00	0.00	6,672.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	2,500.00	1,400.00	1,250.00	1,400.00
1-452-76	Water	160.00	300.00	200.00	300.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	706.00	700.00	750.28	700.00
1-452-82	Power on the Green	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 57,326.75	\$ 64,340.00	\$ 47,623.66	\$ 71,512.00

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LIBRARY Expenses		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-455-11	Janitorial Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1190.00	\$ 0.00
1-455-20	Architectural Service	1,280.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-455-21	Library Expense	72,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00	72,000.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	9,283.99	5,000.00	11,803.84	5,000.00
1-455-76	Utilities	4,297.72	2,500.00	4,304.73	2,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	501.28	1,000.00	493.32	1,000.00
1-455-78	Fuel	8,400.73	8,000.00	8,451.58	8,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 95,763.72	\$ 84,500.00	\$ 93,243.47	\$ 89,500.00
TOWN HALL Expenses		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-456-11	Cleaning Service	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 5,500.00
1-456-21	Supplies	335.70	1,500.00	420.73	1,500.00
1-456-68	Repair/Maint.	3,813.80	6,000.00	4,628.60	6,000.00
1-456-76	Utilities	8,468.58	8,500.00	8,698.67	8,500.00
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	669.99	1,000.00	646.08	1,000.00
1-456-78	Fuel	6,363.91	7,500.00	8,107.78	7,500.00
1-456-79	Trash	2,670.00	3,000.00	2,748.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 28,126.98	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 30,884.86	\$ 33,000.00
HISTORIC FACILITIES					
1-457-68	Academy	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
1-457-69	Hearse House	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
		\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500.00
TOT. CULTURE & REC. Revenues		\$ 35,070.76	\$ 44,145.00	\$ 39,121.63	\$ 37,690.00
Expenses		\$ 269,675.63	\$ 291,780.00	\$ 271,574.39	\$ 296,907.00
CAPITAL EXPENSES Fnd Trnsfrs		2013 Cash	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
1-470-90	Cap. Plan Fund	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
1-470-91	Grant Fund	32,450.00	32,450.00	32,450.00	32,450.00
	TOTAL	\$ 232,450.00	\$ 357,450.00	\$ 357,450.00	\$ 232,450.00
Voted Articles					
1-480-21	Visiting Nurses	\$ 13,807.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,807.00	\$ 0.00
1-480-22	Health Care & Rehab.	3,044.00	0.00	3,044.00	0.00
1-480-23	Council on Aging	2,400.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
1-480-25	CT River Transit	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
1-480-26	Meals on Wheels	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00
1-480-27	Family Center	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
1-480-28	RSVP	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
1-480-32	Windsor. Co. Partners	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
1-480-34	SEVCA	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
1-481-87	Com. Cares	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
1-481-89	SRDC	8,649.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 41,350.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,501.00	\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES		\$8,118,489.84	\$ 852,526.96	\$ 8,689,550.54	\$ 723,927.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,088,750.18	\$3,417,205.50	\$ 8,676,135.11	\$ 3,564,617.52

GRANTS 2015

	Proceeds	Expenditures	
<u>Awarded Grants</u>			
FEMA Buy out	\$ 288,175.89	FEMA Buy out	\$ 288,175.89
Popple Dungeon Road	167,317.50	Popple Dungeon Road	223,090.00
July Storm Damage	561,990.00	July Storm Damage	619,536.00
Municipal Planning	9,313.00	Municipal Planning	9,960.00
CDGB Cavendish Culvert	106,000.00	CDGB Cavendish Culvert	106,000.00
Sidewalk Replacement	274,760.00	Sidewalk Replacement	343,450.00
Library	41,900.00	Library	119,820.00
Total Awarded Grants	<u>\$1,499,456.39</u>		<u>\$1,710,031.89</u>
<u>Grants Under Review</u>			
DeFoe Buy out	\$ 222,400.00	DeFoe Buy out	\$ 222,400.00
Rosati Buy out	170,200.00	Rosati Buy out	170,200.00
Total Grants Under Review	<u>\$ 392,600.00</u>		<u>\$ 392,600.00</u>
<u>Potential Grants</u>			
Trail Development	\$ 18,000.00	Trail Development	\$ 18,000.00
Hearse House	0.00	Hearse House	5,000.00
Recreation	25,000.00	Recreation	50,000.00
PACIF	5,000.00	PACIF	10,000.00
Total Potential Grants	<u>\$ 48,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 83,000.00</u>
Total Proceeds	\$1,890,056.39	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,185,631.89
		Amount to be Raised	(\$ 295,575.50)
		Less:	
		Carry Forward	\$ 8,400.00
		Funds from Other Sources	\$ 259,928.50
		Net	(\$ 27,247.00)

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN

	2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Beginning Bal.	\$97,646.69	\$97,646.69	\$108,882.07	\$21,539.18	\$26,778.18	\$21,278.18	\$101,278.18
Transfer In	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$335,000.00	\$345,000.00	\$355,000.00	\$360,000.00
Trsts. Of Pub.Fnds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library Trustees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Fund Contrib	\$0.00	\$60.56	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Andover Contrib.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$422,646.69	\$422,707.25	\$454,367.07	\$356,539.18	\$371,778.18	\$376,278.18	\$461,278.18
Expenditures							
Highway	\$125,000.00	\$122,688.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$135,000.00
Other Highway	\$22,000.00	\$19,201.00	\$58,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00
Sidewalks	\$60,000.00	\$5,833.11	\$54,166.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emerg. Equip.	\$124,261.00	\$117,503.07	\$144,161.00	\$99,761.00	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$105,500.00
Bridges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Police	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00
Rec./Cemetery	\$14,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Expenses	\$384,761.00	\$313,825.18	\$432,827.89	\$329,761.00	\$350,500.00	\$275,000.00	\$437,500.00
Carry-Forward	\$37,885.69	\$108,882.07	\$21,539.18	\$26,778.18	\$21,278.18	\$101,278.18	\$23,778.18

The Beginning Balance in any year has been adjusted to reflected interest earned in this account.

Purchases by Year of Acquisition						
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	Highway	Other	Emerg. Equip.	Bridges	Police	Recreation	Facilities
2015	Dump Trck	Lder. Lease	Fire Truck Lease Air Packs Air Cmp. Fill Stn. Tower Upgrades	Storm Damage		Cem.Survey	Library Hearse House
2016	Dump Trck	Excvtl.Lse. Lder. Lease	Fire Truck Lease Air Packs	Storm Damage			Library
2017	Dump Trck	Pick-Up Excvtl.Lse. Lder. Lease	Air Packs		Cruiser		Library
2018	Dump Trck	Excvtl.Lse.	Pumper Lease Air Packs				Library
2019	Dump Trck	2 nd Ldr.Lse. Pick-Up	Pumper Lease Air Packs		Cruiser		

GRANTS FUND - PROFIT AND LOSS - 2014

	2014 Cash	2014 Budget
Income		
Fund Transfer	\$ 32,450.00	\$ 0.00
Awarded Grants		
Academy Building Roof	15,095.00	15,950.00
FEMA Buy out	14,249.03	614,330.87
Communications	15,634.00	15,634.00
PACIF Grant	3,031.93	5,000.00
Popple Dungeon	19,181.03	167,317.50
Recreation Playground	0.00	0.00
Sidewalk Replacement	<u>12,369.15</u>	<u>274,760.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants	<u>\$ 79,560.14</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,992.37</u>
Total Income	\$ 112,010.14	\$ 1,092,992.37
Expenses		
Awarded Grants Expenses		
Academy Building Roof	\$ 30,190.00	\$ 31,900.00
Communications	15,634.00	15,634.00
FEMA Buy out	10,529.50	614,330.87
Library	250.00	77,883.00
PACIF Grant	6,167.36	10,000.00
Popple Dungeon	20,956.03	223,090.00
Sidewalk Replacement - 2013	<u>7,211.00</u>	<u>343,450.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants Expenses	\$ 90,937.89	\$ 1,316,287.87
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 181,875.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,316,287.87</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 69,865.64)</u>	<u>(\$ 223,295.50)</u>

**GRANT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2014**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2014	\$112,010.14
Incurred Expenditures 2014	<u>90,937.89</u>
	\$ 21,072.25

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 55,479.22
Due from General Fund	<u>23.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 55,502.22</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 55,502.22**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Liabilities-Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00

Retained Earnings	\$ 34,429.97
Net Income	<u>21,072.25</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 55,502.22</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 55,502.22**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 34,249.97
Fund Transfer	32,450.00
Cash Receipts from Grants	79,560.14
Grant Expenditures	<u>90,937.89</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 55,502.22

TOWN NOTES

General Fund

Borrowed:

TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit
Dated 01/17/2014 - People's United Bank \$1,120,000.00 Due 10/20/2014

Paid:

TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 01/17/2014 - People's United Bank \$1,069,000.00 Paid 09/22/2014



**1925 Rolls Royce from Australia - New England Tour of
Rolls Royces - 44th Tour
(Local lady visiting with wife of owner)**

MUNICIPAL GRANTS MANAGED DURING 2014

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Received</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
1. VLCT	Gas meter; Fire Dept. Helmet	\$ 5,000.00	2014	Completed and closed out
2. Municipal Planning	Town Plan Review and Rewrite	9,313.00	2014	Work will begin in Spring 2015
3. Comm. Dev. Block	Cavendish Road Culvert	104,000.00	2014	Work will begin in Spring 2015
4. Homeland Security	Amb. radios, repeater, antennae	29,044.00	2014	Radios & antennae completed repeater on order
5. Homeland Security	Mobile Data Units-P. D. Cruisers	9,090.00	2014	Mobile Data Units on order
6. USDA	Library Restoration	41,900.00	2014	Entering Bidding Phase
7. Emergency Highway	Storm Damage from July	561,990.00	2014	Entering Bidding Phase
8. Vtrans	Sidewalk Upgrades	274,760.00	2012	Rights-of-Way being obtained. Construction in 2015
9. VT Emerg. Mgmt.	Popple Dungeon Rd. Relocation	167,317.50	2012	Permitting underway; construction in 2015
10.VT Emerg. Mgmt.	Property Buyout with FEMA	458,748.16	2012	One property completed. Appraisal review on 2 nd property
11.Rec. Fac. Dept.	Playground at Pinnacle	17,500.00	2013	Completed and closed out
12.Historic Preservation	Academy Building Roof	15,950.00	2013	Completed and closed out
	TOTAL	\$1,694,612.66		

**HURRICANE IRENE FLOOD DAMAGE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2014**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2014	\$ 283,741.77
Incurred Expenditures 2014	<u>399,557.96</u>
	(\$ 115,816.19)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 39.12
Due from General Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 39.12</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 36.12**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Due to General Fund	<u>\$ 581.50</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 581.50</u>
Retained Earnings	\$ 115,273.81
Net Income	(<u>115,816.19</u>)
Total Equity	<u>(\$ 542.38)</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 39.12**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 115,273.81
Cash Receipts-FEMA Reimbursement	283,741.77
Due to General Fund (2014)	581.50
Expenses - Annual Payment #1 of 3	8,083.26
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.-Cavendish Rd. Clvrt.	5,435.25
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.-Missing Link Bridge	<u>386,039.45</u>
Hurricane Irene Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 39.12</u>

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2014**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2014	\$181,031.10
Incurred Expenses 2014	141,231.03
Net Income before CEDC Loan Payment	39,800.07
CEDC Loan Payments - Principal	<u>17,517.79</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 22,282.28</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Water Fund	\$ 27,903.68
Water Reserve	<u>31,282.17</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 59,185.85</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 59,185.85</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 59,185.85**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Liabilities

Chester Development Fund	
Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 27,548.67
Less 2014 Principal Payments & Adjustment	<u>(18,646.57)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,902.10</u>

Equity

Retained Earnings	10,483.68
Net Income	<u>39,800.07</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 50,283.75</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 59,185.85**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 25,718.87
Cash Receipts	181,031.10
Expenses	(141,231.03)
Fund Transfer from Water Fund to Reserve	0.00
Fund Transfer from Reserve to Water Fund	0.00
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal 2013	(18,968.69)
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal 2014	<u>(18,646.57)</u>
Water Fund Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 27,903.68
 Water Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 11,268.04
Hydrant Fees/Transfer In	20,000.00
Interest	<u>14.13</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 31,282.17

**2015 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
REVENUES					
03-311-01	Water Usage	\$117,877.53	\$150,000.00	\$125,746.67	\$150,000.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	24,593.46	22,500.00	27,089.96	22,500.00
03-311-03	Penalty & Interest	2,893.65	3,000.00	2,807.06	3,000.00
03-311-05	Water Connect.	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
03-311-07	Interest	120.24	100.00	128.91	100.00
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	1,800.00	0.00	21,800.00	0.00
03-311-08	Cap.Plan Trnsfr In	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
03-311-09	Other Income	35.00	100.00	958.50	100.00
03-311-13	Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-311-98	FEMA Reimburse.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$167,319.88</u>	<u>\$195,700.00</u>	<u>\$181,031.10</u>	<u>\$195,700.00</u>
		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
EXPENDITURES					
03-411-10	Labor FT=1.5	\$ 61,721.20	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 63,575.69	\$ 66,950.00
03-411-15	Benefits	11,592.61	12,000.00	13,074.46	12,500.00
03-411-23	Tools	1,059.32	1,500.00	1,133.68	1,500.00
03-411-24	Meters	1,772.47	2,500.00	1,290.00	2,500.00
03-411-25	Collection System	1,387.20	3,000.00	7,312.65	3,000.00
03-411-28	Paving	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	11,720.90	13,000.00	11,000.20	14,000.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
03-411-36	Training	600.00	750.00	164.71	750.00
03-411-37	Contracted Services	13,913.80	7,500.00	9,218.10	7,500.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	7,955.53	3,000.00	1,490.92	3,000.00
03-411-39	Testing	1,968.00	2,500.00	964.09	2,500.00
03-411-50	PACIF Insurance	2,913.00	3,060.00	2,913.00	3,060.00
03-411-56	Legal Services	1,080.89	500.00	684.08	500.00
03-411-58	Computer	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
03-411-59	Audit	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	1,020.00	1,100.00	935.00	1,100.00
03-411-61	State Fees	2,305.21	2,100.00	2,172.00	2,100.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	607.70	1,000.00	143.50	1,000.00
03-411-69	Gasoline	2,457.75	2,500.00	2,164.80	2,500.00
03-411-70	Water Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-76	Utilities	22,418.93	17,000.00	19,909.69	22,500.00
03-411-77	Telephone	180.00	250.00	108.00	250.00
03-411-78	Gas	477.80	1,000.00	512.81	1,000.00
03-411-80	CEDC Loan	0.00	19,181.44	1,663.65	106.28
03-411-92	Hydrant Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-93	Tank Inspect/Maint.	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-97	Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-94	System Maintenance	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$148,952.31</u>	<u>\$178,741.44</u>	<u>\$141,231.03</u>	<u>\$168,616.28</u>
	Net	\$ 18,367.57	\$ 16,958.56	\$ 39,800.07	\$ 27,083.72

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2014**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2014	\$375,323.12
Incurring Expenses 2014	413,575.38
Net Income before CEDC Loan Payment	(38,252.26)
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal	<u>(10,569.40)</u>
Net Income after CEDC Loan Payment	(\$ 48,821.66)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Sewer Fund	\$ 25,929.90
Sewer Reserve	10,020.45
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 35,950.35</u>
Other Current Assets	
Returned Checks	\$ 935.36
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 36,885.71</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 36,885.71**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Liability	
Due to Development Fund - CEDC Loan	\$ 0.00
Due to General Fund	128,430.60
Retained Earnings	(53,292.63)
Net Income	<u>(38,252.26)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 36,885.71</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 36,885.71**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 48,691.93
Cash Receipts	375,323.12
Due to General Fund	47,000.00
Expenses	(413,575.38)
Due to CEDC	(20,940.37)
Due to General Fund	<u>(10,569.40)</u>
Sewer Fund Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 25,929.90

Sewer Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 10,015.44
Interest	5.01
Fund Transfer from Sewer Fund to Reserve	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 10,020.45

**2015 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
REVENUES					
04-311-01	Sewer Fees	\$285,253.33	\$355,000.00	\$298,124.53	\$425,000.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Fees	60,167.26	55,000.00	61,642.61	57,500.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	6,922.28	7,500.00	6,523.56	7,500.00
04-311-05	Sewer Connection	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-311-07	Interest	404.34	100.00	51.72	100.00
04-311-08	Fine Income	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
04-311-09	Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
04-311-10	Excess BOD Chrg	8,145.36	2,500.00	8,930.70	2,500.00
04-311-25	VLCT Ins. Pymnt.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-344-10	FEMA Rembrsmt.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$364,392.57</u>	<u>\$420,100.00</u>	<u>\$375,323.12</u>	<u>\$504,600.00</u>

		2013	2014	2014	2015
		Cash	Budget	Cash	Budget
EXPENDITURES					
04-411-10	Payroll FT=1.5	\$ 98,281.85	\$100,000.00	\$ 99,526.78	\$103,000.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	45,320.82	45,000.00	51,209.40	45,000.00
04-411-20	Sewer Line Repair	0.00	0.00	25.92	0.00
04-411-22A	Generator	0.00	0.00	348.00	0.00
04-411-22B	Pumps	0.00	0.00	3,286.84	0.00
04-411-23	Tools	287.38	1,250.00	914.34	1,250.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	238.93	1,000.00	421.79	1,000.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	17,785.67	6,000.00	4,823.25	6,000.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	1,095.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	15,839.82	18,000.00	25,345.35	25,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	4,647.60	5,000.00	9,954.90	9,000.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	15,245.69	15,000.00	1,427.16	15,000.00
04-411-35	Training	878.00	750.00	169.00	750.00
04-411-36	Collection System	9,614.02	12,500.00	2,616.63	12,500.00
04-411-37	Contracted Services	6,087.27	6,000.00	5,477.74	6,000.00
04-411-38	Engineering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-39	Testing	2,222.00	3,500.00	2,216.00	3,500.00
04-411-40	Uniforms	0.00	1,000.00	1,511.85	1,000.00
04-411-50	PACIF Insurance	6,129.00	6,500.00	6,129.00	6,500.00
04-411-56	Legal	2,366.61	1,000.00	2,225.59	1,000.00
04-411-58	Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	1,069.00	1,000.00	1,033.28	1,000.00
04-411-61	State Fees	0.00	1,000.00	332.50	1,000.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	244.30	1,000.00	785.63	2,000.00
04-411-69	Gasoline	2,310.42	3,000.00	1,892.27	3,000.00
04-411-76	Utilities	41,739.85	45,000.00	49,183.80	45,000.00
04-411-77	Audit	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
04-411-78	General Fund Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-79	GF Loan Interest	0.00	0.00	2,293.49	7,401.02
04-411-95	Resers. (Wtr.Usage)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-97	Bond Loan Repaymt	135,991.10	136,000.00	135,991.10	136,000.00
04-411-98	Storm Damage 2014	0.00	0.00	2,833.77	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$408,995.07</u>	<u>\$416,100.00</u>	<u>\$413,575.38</u>	<u>\$433,501.02</u>
	Net	(\$ 44,602.50)	\$ 4,000.00	(\$ 38,252.26)	\$ 71,098.98

SEWER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Borrowed:

Five-Year Expense Note - Community Development Loan

Dated 12/28/2007	\$100,000.00	Payment Schedule
		\$20,000.00 2009 Paid 09/03/2009
		20,000.00 2010 Paid 10/26/2010
		20,000.00 2011 Paid 11/16/2011
		20,000.00 2012 Paid 12/19/2012
		20,000.00 2013 Payment not made
		20,000.00 2014 Paid 12/31/2014

This note is paid in full as of 12/31/2014.

SEWER BONDS (WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)

In December 2011, the two 20-year bonds held by the USDA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant were combined and transferred to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank at the lower rate of interest of 3.93%, to be retired in 2026. The new payment schedule for this refinanced bond is listed below:

\$1,481,290.67 (3.93%) Payment Schedule

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal Remaining</u>
3	5-15-14	\$ 25,990.69	\$ 0.00	\$25,990.69	\$1,241,848.34
4	11-15-14	\$110,000.41	\$ 84,009.72	\$25,990.69	\$1,157,838.62
5	5-15-15	\$ 24,339.90	\$ 0.00	\$24,339.90	\$1,157,838.62
6	11-15-15	\$111,651.21	\$ 87,311.31	\$24,339.90	\$1,070,527.31

EXPENSE NOTE GENERAL FUND LOAN

2013 Sewer Fund borrowed \$92,000.00 from the General Fund; 2014 Sewer Fund borrowed from General Fund \$47,000.00 to finance bond payment. The Sewer Department will pay the General Fund over 8 quarterly payments at 1.65% to be completed at the end of 2016. The payment schedule for this loan is listed below:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
1	12-31-14	\$ 12,862.89	\$ 10,569.40	\$ 2,293.49	\$ 128,430.60
2	03-15-15	\$ 16,061.22	\$ 15,687.92	\$ 373.30	\$ 112,742.68
3	06-15-15	\$ 16,061.22	\$ 15,596.16	\$ 465.06	\$ 97,146.52
4	09-15-15	\$ 16,061.22	\$ 15,660.49	\$ 400.73	\$ 81,486.03
5	12-15-15	\$ 16,061.22	\$ 15,725.09	\$ 336.13	\$ 65,760.94

WATER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Five-Year Expense Note - Chester Economic Development Loan

Dated 10/20/2010 18-Quarterly Payments, Loan Amount: \$80,000.00

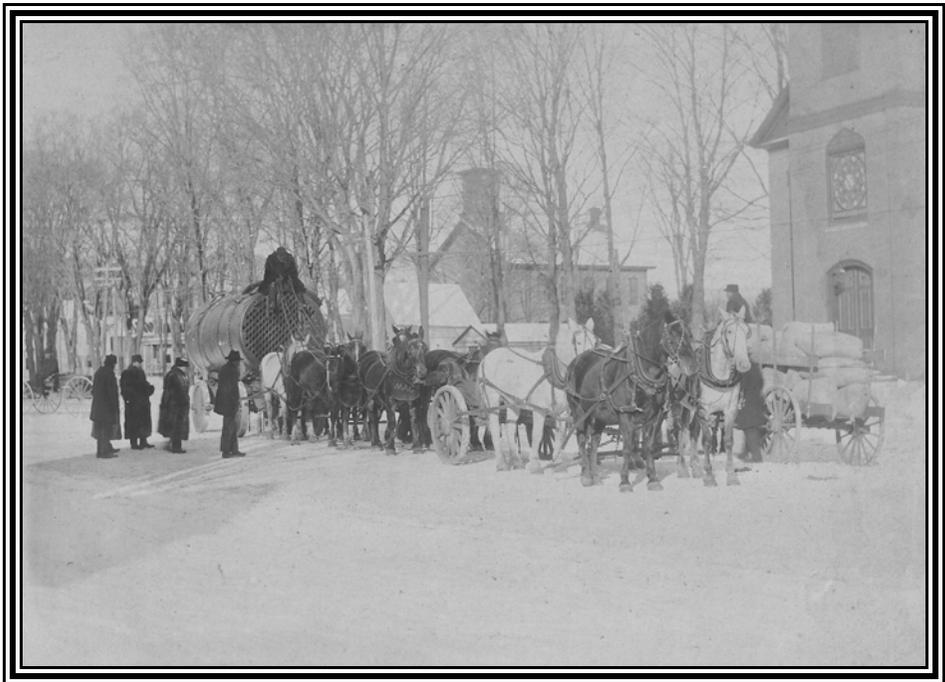
<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
13	3-31-14	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,605.21	\$190.15	\$22,943.45
14	6-30-14	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,642.63	\$152.73	\$18,300.82
15	9-30-14	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,680.35	\$115.01	\$13,620.47
16	12-31-14	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,718.37	\$ 76.99	\$ 8,902.10

As of 12/31/14 - two payments remain

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Over 120</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer	\$11,404.70	\$ 124.97	\$ 609.47	\$ 3,734.19	\$ 7,357.29	\$23,230.62
Water	<u>5,202.48</u>	<u>64.78</u>	<u>320.59</u>	<u>2,095.57</u>	<u>3,901.40</u>	<u>11,584.82</u>
Total	\$16,607.18	\$ 189.75	\$ 930.06	\$ 5,829.76	\$11,258.69	\$34,815.44

The Town has adopted a stricter delinquent water and sewer collection procedure. Once a billing is sent out, it is due in 30 days and becomes delinquent in 31 days. The account will be allowed to be delinquent for 30 days before the shutoff process begins. At that time, the user has the opportunity to make a payment arrangement with the requirement that all future current billings remain current. Should this not occur, shutoff will occur with further charges being assessed. We are hopeful this stricter collection policy will help reduce the delinquencies in these funds, thereby reducing the need for rate increases.



On Main Street, in front of Baptist Church

ACADEMY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 3,851.28
Interest	3.47
Income	0.00
Expenditure	<u>(349.00)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 3,505.75

CAPITAL BUDGET RESERVE

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 97,646.69
Interest	60.56
General Fund Transfer	325,000.00
Trsts. of Pb. Fnds. Dntn.	0.00
Expenditure	<u>(313,825.18)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$108,882.07

**CHESTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Balance Jan.1, 2014	\$256,401.16
Interest	3,245.06
Loan Payments	55,550.65
Expenditures	<u>(13,496.00)</u>
Bad Debt Expenditure	0.00
New Loans	0.00
Due from Sewer	0.00
Due from Water	<u>8,902.10</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$310,602.97

EMS BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 31,192.17
Interest	<u>31.20</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 31,223.37

FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 13,814.60
Interest	0.00
Income	800.00
Supplies (2014)	(50.00)
Expenditure	<u>(1,800.00)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 12,764.60

HEARSE HOUSE DONATIONS

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 0.00
Donations	3,000.00
Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 3,000.00

LISTER TRAINING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 1,882.91
State Payment	401.74
Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 2,284.65

POLICE COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 1,181.39
Interest	0.61
Donations	100.00
Fund Transfer	0.00
Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 1,282.00

POPPLE DUNGEON ROAD FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 0.00
Interest	0.00
Town Funds Transfer	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 0.00
Account closed January 2014	

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 11,591.54
Donations	0.00
Interest	<u>17.41</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 11,608.95
Money Mkt. Bal 12/31/14	\$ 5,508.21

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$169,487.25
Interest	241.01
2014 State Payment	<u>17,774.50</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$187,535.76

RECREATION DONATION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 2,552.02
Interest	0.00
Donations	1,463.60
Fund Transfer	0.00
Expenditure	<u>(1,497.20)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 2,518.42

SAM ADAMS POOR FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2014	\$ 1,609.10
Interest	1.31
Income	0.00
Fund Transfer	0.00
Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$ 1,610.41

TOWN OF CHESTER LAND AND BUILDING ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	VALUATION
Adams Family Aquifer	30.53	\$ 90,800
Bouchard Land (Smokeshire Road)	.12	19,200
Cemeteries:		
Adams Road	1.00	6,500
Brookside	3.80	44,900
North Street	5.74	46,500
Pleasant View	8.90	93,400
Poplar Grove (Popple Dungeon Road)	.42	2,700
Smokeshire	.49	1,200
Spoonerville (Trebo Road)	.28	1,800
Colbeth Land (Grafton Road)	.12	16,200
Dodge Land (Reservoir Road)	9.08	57,200
Emergency Services Land	4.04	95,400
Flamstead Acres (Lot 45)	.11	13,600
Green, The	1.50	57,500
Hadley Land (Main Street)	14.10	66,300
Hammond Park (Depot Street)	.55	41,000
Historical Society Building	3.86	481,800
Jeffrey Well Site (Rt. 103 North)	17.00	834,900
Land (Dean Brook Road)	3.20	26,400
Library Building	.43	623,300
North Street Bridge Field	.50	32,000
Peck Land (Reservoir Road)	4.00	42,000
Perry/Pierce Land (Reservoir Road)	501.35	855,900
Quimby Land (School Street)	1.10	25,800
Recreation Area (The Pinnacle)	37.28	709,200
Salt Shed, Henry Land	.63	28,300
Town Garage	6.12	717,000
Town Hall	.41	580,900
Wastewater Treatment Plant	13.45	2,752,900
Water Tank Site (GMUHS)	1.00	20,000
Weatherby Farm Land (Reservoir Road)	40.00	105,000
Well Site on Canal Street	3.00	125,800
Wiley Land (Cobleigh Street)	<u>3.00</u>	<u>73,600</u>
TOTAL	715.01	\$8,692,600

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,387 calls for service in 2014. The Department issued 254 verbal/written warnings and 229 traffic citations. Of these ticket totals, the C.O.R.E. Program issued 7 verbal/written warnings and 10 traffic citations. Lack of full staff was a direct result of this decrease from 2013.

Chester Police had 40 arrests, processing a total of 71 offenses. These arrests involved 46 law incidents, clearing multiple cases by six arrestees.

Changes within the Police Department include the hiring of Officer Caleb Currie to fill the open part-time position. Officer Andrew Brothers left to take a full-time position in Windham County Sheriff's Department. Part-time Officer Adam Woodell has completed training at the Vermont Police Academy and is certified as a full-time officer working for Chester Police Department.

Grant money of \$10,000 was received to update the Mobil Data Computers in the cruisers. These will be installed in calendar year 2015. One cruiser was ordered and built within 2014, but was not received to be placed in roadside service until 2015.

I would like to remind the residents of Chester to annually update their residential alarm information with the Chester Police. You may obtain the current registration form by contacting the office. Additionally, I highly encourage all residents to clearly mark your residence with your 911 address. This will aid any Emergency Service personnel in identifying your location should you require their quick response.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Richard H. Cloud

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service responded to 312 calls out of 372 that were dispatched during 2014 resulting in 333 patients being seen within the Towns of Chester (300), Andover (14), Ludlow (7), Springfield (4), Cavendish (2), Grafton (2), and Townshend (4). With 78 of those patients refusing transport, 18 were public assists and 26 calls with no patient contact (10 stand-by and 16 cancellations), our transports for the year totaled 211 including 131 medical emergencies, 31 from MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes including motorcycle, ATV, and snowmobile) and 49 with traumatic injury by other cause.

We currently have on staff 4 Advanced EMT's, 9 EMT's, 4 Drivers and 3 Trainees for a total of 20 members. With one of our aforementioned EMT's on medical leave and two others with limitations on how much time they can commit, our medical licenses actually reflect 10 that can be truly active on a regular basis compared to 17 licensed during the early months of 2014.

It has been no secret that we endured further difficulty during 2014 in respect to availability for call coverage. As retirement of medically licensed members has outweighed gain, crews of two licensed people for legal transport are now reduced with remaining personnel obligated to cover dispatched call volumes that continue to grow (238 during 2011, 262 during 2012, 335 during 2013, and the previously mentioned 372 during 2014). I have reflected on this many times within past reports as an inevitable problem we would face, but it has now become reality. Please bear in mind this is not a problem isolated to only us; it is a nationwide problem that has been cumulating due to many constraints now placed on volunteers in general and is not isolated to just Emergency Services. I have had many discussions with our Town Manager and other Service Directors this past year pertaining to possible resolution, but at this point there is no hasty solution. Community assistance in respect to generating additional members is needed, especially those willing to be trained toward Emergency Medical Licensure.

It has also been no secret that I, too, submitted my own resignation during June of 2014. With increased obligations pertaining to EMS administration, I had become overwhelmed trying to fulfill those duties on a part-time basis while holding another full-time position as well. To make a long story short, ensuing negotiations due to lack of an available replacement has produced adjustments to the position which have initiated my decision to rescind resignation and continue as Coordinator.

I am hopeful that active pursuit of volunteers throughout the coming year will be productive and eventually ease some of the issues, but at this time there is no guarantee. If previously mentioned trends continue without at least some improvement, it will prompt the revisit of other options for Town EMS coverage that could result in an undesirable alternative with added expense and loss of revenue becoming the solution within our future.

Although we were awarded around \$24,000.00 in 2014 grants for communications equipment, which allowed purchase of new portable radios, a new base repeater, and base antenna, another \$24,000.00 is now being requested within the 2015 budget for additional equipment required to allow dispatch of both Fire and Ambulance Departments to be transferred to a different center for those services. This decision has been brought about as proposed resolution to additional issues that have now plagued both organizations for a long time without improvement.

We would like to thank all town departments of Chester and Andover including all officials and Select Boards; the members of the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Chester Fire Department and Yosemite Engine Company, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield Dispatch, the emergency room staff at Springfield Hospital and all surrounding mutual aid organizations. It is with continued support from all, including the taxpayers of Chester and Andover that enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

A sincere thank you to prior members retired from service during 2014 to include: Mark Phelps (13 years), Matthew Wilson (9 years), Emily Reeves (2 years), and Keith Hermiz (1 year). We wish all of you our best.

I would also like to extend my personal heartfelt appreciation to all current members of our service as well as thank their respective loved ones for gracious acceptance of any subsequent loss of family time throughout the year. They are an awesome group of individuals with dedication that preserves our ability to continue.

Thank you all: EMT Meghan Austin, EMT Maryann Bonneville, EMT Laurie Cloud, Trainee Julie Comstock, Driver Greg Gomo, EMT Tara Gomo, Driver Paul Gustafson, AEMT Jeff Holden, EMT Jeff Knisely, EMT Ken Markwell, EMT Eric Martens, AEMT Rebekah Martens, EMT Irwin Post, Trainee Hannah Potter, AEMT Eric Richardson, Driver Bruce Savery, Trainee Meghan Thomas, Driver Marie Tyrrell, EMT Amber Wilson and our Billing Secretary, Georgia Ethier.

Again, we continue our pursuit of new recruits, especially those individuals that may be available days. If interested, please contact Dan Cook at 875-3134(H), 802 558-9972© or dcookaemt@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator

CHESTER VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad (CVRS) is made up of people who support Chester Ambulance Service through fund raising and community health promotion. Although the affiliates of Chester Ambulance Service are our only membership at this time, others with an interest are welcome to participate.

CVRS helped support Chester Ambulance Service by contribution of a major portion toward the purchase a new 12-Lead Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator during 2014. This purchase was necessary as the monitor that has been utilized for years is now obsolete due to a recent change in State EMS protocol. The new 12-lead permits more effective cardiac assessment, allowing for more accurate identification of abnormalities resulting in more timely and correct management. This monitor also permits a continuous level of monitoring vitals and other patient parameters allowing for more efficient care in general. It has been very helpful during these first few months, and we look forward to its continued service and its provision for the best patient care possible.

CVRS promotes health and well-being within our community. We are able to do this through events such as the Sale on the Green where we provide health information such as the "File of Life" program, free blood pressure checks and other safety and health information. We also continue involvement with our community preschool with an annual "show and tell."

We have supported several EMS classes promoting the continuing education of providers and in addition, we were able to support Chester Fire Department during 2014 through a donation toward the equipment and training needed for their swift and cold water rescue program.

We want to offer a sincere thanks to the people within our communities of Chester and Andover. Your support makes our continued effort possible! Thank you!!

Respectfully submitted.
Rebekah Martens, Secretary

REPORT OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Administrator's (ZA) position remains a part-time role here in Chester, with office hours on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. I am often available other times of the week by appointment, and the Ladies in the Town Hall know how to contact me as needed.

As a reminder, all public hearings are open to the public. Come on down.....it is a good way to get involved in your community, and better understand the process.

Increasing the awareness and understanding of the Zoning Regulations was one of the goals we had for this year. I am hopeful that the various Q & A's that we drafted were helpful, and we will be expanding those on other topics as well.

As a reminder, generally speaking all new construction needs a permit. The lone exception(s) would be when an existing structure is torn down, and a new one replaced in the same footprint.

New Unified Development Bylaws With these new ByLaws in place, we are in process of updating our online forms and applications. We are encouraged to hear that so many residents have taken the time to review them, ask questions, and offer input.

A few quick notes on the activity in 2014 There were 49 building permits (a 17% increase). This included 7 new homes. In addition there were 3 minor subdivisions, 3 boundary line adjustments, 4 conditional use applications, and one variance.

The agendas for upcoming meetings, along with the Development Review Board decisions, are being posted on the new Chester website for your information. You may also review the current zoning and subdivision regulations via the new www.chestervt.gov. In my absence from the office, the various forms may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator
mnormyle@vermontel.net
(802) 875-2173

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2014:

Structure Fires Chester	7	Swift Water/Flooding Rescues	1
Structure Fires Andover	1	Snow/ATV Woods Rescue/Recov.	1
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	3	Landing Zones (DHART)	0
Rekindle Fires	1	Sink Holes	0
Room/Contents Fire	1	Public Services	5
Building Electrical Fires	2	Fireworks Detail	1
Chimney Fires	5	Fire Safety Education	2
Vehicle Fires	1	Storm Crews	1
Appliance Fires	2	Natural Disasters	1
Oven Fires	1	Power Lines Down	19
Oil/Wood/LP Burner Fires	3	Road Hazards	1
Trash/Rubbish fire	0	Assist CPD/VSP Traffic Control	1
Dumpster Fires	1	Medical Assist	10
Gas Grill fire	0	Cover Assignment/Mutual Aid	9
Illegal Fires	2	Smoke Alarms	5
Brush/Grass Fires	8	Fire Alarms	11
Power Transformer Fires	2	Smoke Investigations	5
Water Leak Hazards	1	Sprinkler Activations	2
Motor Vehicle Crash	35	Carbon Monoxide Calls	5
Low/High Angle Rescue	1	Hazmat Incidents	4
		Total	166

This has been one crazy year for us at Chester Fire citing the busiest year in Chester Fire Department history. Call volume continues to rise at a very rapid pace. We had a 43% increase in calls this year from the 116 calls we responded to last year. Brush Fires, Motor Vehicle Crashes, Power Lines Down, and Hazmat Calls had the biggest increase.

Our firefighters continue to impress me with their complete dedication to the service. With our busiest year and biweekly training, firefighters still donated hundreds of hours of extra training to become Swift/Flood/Cold Water Rescue Technicians. With this service now provided by our Department, the public will receive immediate help, if needed, instead of waiting the approximate one hour activation time to have Brattleboro or Hartford Rescue come to complete the rescue.

Chester Fire Department has worked hard this year reaching out to the community and hosted our First Annual Halloween Night at the Fire Department where children could come in their costumes for a safe place to trick or treat. We continued with our Fire Safety Education in the schools which is always fun. We also opened our doors to Chester Fire Department's friend, Lindsey Sturtevant. After finding out Lindsey needed a second Bone Marrow Transplant, we started the "Lindsey Fund" and raised almost \$5,000.00 for the family to help with expenses. It was our privilege to escort this brave little girl on her last day of school and again to escort her back into Town months after being released from the Hospital. Welcome Home, Lindsey!!

I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to former Chester Fire Chief and current Deputy Chief Harry Goodell! Deputy Chief Goodell celebrated 45 years of service on the Chester Fire Department in July. Well done, Sir, and thank you!

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company which is a private organization made up of current and past members of the Fire Department and raised money to buy and then donate equipment to the Fire Department to help keep the cost of business lower for taxpayers. This year, the Engine Company has donated over \$8,000.00 in Water Rescue Equipment.

Most important, I would like to thank all my firefighters and their families. These men, women, and children give up so much to make all homes and lives safer in this Town. You all are truly heroes.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew S. Wilson, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

I am happy to report that 2014 was another good year in the Town of Chester. There was one ticket issued for burning of hazardous materials and two verbal warnings issued for burning without a permit. I issued approximately 118 verbal permits, turning down three permits due to conditions.

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Chester for calling for permits to burn. This is the main reason we have had a good year with only two unnecessary Fire Department responses. These were permitted burns which were unattended; as a reminder, even permitted burns must be attended at all times.

I would also request that people continue to call in the winter to burn legal materials so that I can keep track of where the fires are and continue to avoid unnecessary Fire Department responses. This will continue to be a cost savings to the taxpayers by avoiding unnecessary responses.

I would like to remind everyone that you may call for a permit any day of the week on my cell at 802-384-3001.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden, Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE YOSEMITE ENGINE COMPANY

It has been another good year for the Yosemite Engine Company, which in turn means we have been able to assist both the Chester, Vermont, Fire Department and community. This year, through fund-raising efforts as well as donations, we were able to give the Chester Fire Department \$13,649 which was used to buy swift water and ice rescue gear and equipment. This gear is essential in keeping members of the Fire Department safe and, in turn, allows firefighters, who are trained, to save and protect those in our community and Andover.

Fund raisers this year have included the Sale on the Green, Winter Carnival, Christmas Trees, and cooking at GMUHS Sport events. The Christmas tree lot moved this year to VT RT 103 South, across from Marshall Road. We would like to thank Robert Record for all the years he allowed us to use his property across from the Sunoco as well as Jaques Dodier for allowing us to use his land as our new location. As most of you may know, Chester Fire Chief Wilson and I sent out a donation letter back in December to help better our call capabilities. This is something we will begin to do yearly, and we are incredibly thankful to all those who donated.

This year, the Yosemite Engine Company also created the "Lindsey Fund" for thirteen year old Chester resident, Lindsey Sturtevant. This money was given to Lindsey and her family to try and help offset some of the costs of her second bone marrow transplant in her battle with acute myelodysplastic syndrome, a form of pre-leukemia. To date, we have been able to give her and her family \$4,871. We love you, Lindsey!

The Yosemite Engine Company would like to personally thank all those who have supported us and the Chester Fire Department through the years. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by sending cash or check to The Yosemite Engine Company, P. O. Box 631, Chester VT 05143.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Whalen, President

SNOWFALL

Snowfall is presently measured at Dian Circle, elevation 760 feet above sea level. Some areas of Town exceed 1,800 feet in elevation; therefore, snow totals there may be higher. Steadman Mountain at 2,300 is the highest elevation in Town while the Missing Link Road, between Peck Road and Green Mountain Turnpike, at 530 feet above sea level is the lowest elevation in Town.

Shown in Inches

SEASON	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	TOTAL
1984-85	0	10	16.25	7	11	13	5	62.25
1985-86	0	11.5	14.5	27	18	8.5	8.5	79.5
1886-87	0	18	23	54.5	1	9	4	109
1987-88	4	11	15	19	36	7.5	1	89.5
1988-89	0	0	9.5	7.5	15.5	9	6	47.5
1989-90	0	5	15.5	38	27	6	0	91
1990-91	0	1	13.5	21	10.5	8.5	0	54.5
1991-92	0	2	20.5	5.5	8.5	5	7.5	47
1992-93	0	3	5.5	26.5	40	26	7	108
1993-94	.5	0	13.5	46	13	22	0	94
1994-95	0	5	6	7	15	4	0	37
1995-96	0	8	29.5	32	9.5	22.5	11	112.5
1996-97	.5	4	19.75	30	22.75	22	8	106.5
1997-98	0	19	13	25.5	7	15	0	79.5
1998-99	0	1.5	6	34	9.5	19	0	70
1999-00	0	.5	2.5	20.25	26.5	15	1	65.25
2000-01	.5	1	16	6	27.5	53	0	103
2001-02	0	0	8	30.5	5.5	20.5	2	68.5
2002-03	7	18.75	31.5	27.5	17.5	5	15.5	122.75
2003-04	.5	5	30.75	10	14.5	12.25	0	68.5
2004-05	0	0	11	29.75	16.25	22	0	79
2005-06	1	4.5	17.5	21.5	13.5	0	0	56.5
2006-07	0	0	4	4.25	24.25	25.25	18.75	76.5
2007-08	0	2.5	40	17.5	38	12	1	111
2008-09	0	2	35	35	15.5	6.5	0	94
2009-10	0	0	22	13	31.25	0	0	66.25
2010-11	0	Trace	16	34.5	37.5	10	2.5	100.5
2011-12	8.75	10	2	15.25	3.5	15	0	54.25
2012-13	0	0	22	9.75	25.	15.75	0	73.25
2013-14	0	.75	24.75	12.5	34.	12.5	0	84.5
2014-15	0	9.75	13.					
Average	.74	4.99	16.68	22.26	19.15	14.06	3.30	81.79

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- * Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- * Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- * Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7240 or 1-800-640-4374

2015 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

Athens - Sat., March 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Town Office - \$10

Chester - Sat., March 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$10
Dog Licenses available for Chester residents only

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage
next to Playground - \$10

Westminster - Sat., March 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$10

Reminder to renew dog licenses by April 1

Neutered: \$8; Non-Neutered: \$12

After April 1

Neutered: \$10; Non-Neutered: \$16

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Greetings from the Town Health Officer. Another year has come and gone, and I hope that everyone is well. This year, I received a number of calls for various rental issues, which were solved in a satisfactory manner. I would like to report that on the few occasions I was called for testing rental water, the samples all passed with flying colors!

On a more national front, everyone has heard that the flu shot missed its mark this year. Since the flu virus mutates its cell wall annually, the flu shot cannot always be accurate. People are contagious one day before and three to seven days after they show symptoms. The virus is spread on saliva and droplets when sneezing. Twenty percent of people in flu-prevalent regions will get the flu! We can, however, protect ourselves through a number of ways.

The number one way to prevent the flu is through simple handwashing! People who are infected with the flu might cough or sneeze into their hand and then touch surfaces around them. Or they may cough or sneeze close to another individual. It is advised to sneeze or cough into the crook of your arm, and to throw tissues away as soon as they are used. A person with the flu should wash their hands every time they cough or sneeze. Since a person can be contagious before they know it, everyone must wash their hands before eating or touching their mouth or nose. Think about grocery shopping and all the surfaces you are touching. A lot of stores have disinfectant wipes to use on the cart before shopping. If everyone used the wipes, it would cut down on the transmission of the flu. When you go home from shopping or from being out in any public facility, the first thing you should do is go to the sink and do a thorough hand washing.

Handwashing may seem like a simple task, but you could actually save someone's life. A lot of the elderly do not have good immune systems, and also their lungs are not being expanded to the fullest extent due to inactivity. If an individual like this does get the flu, they can strain their immune system to the point that they get a secondary infection like pneumonia, which is bacterial not viral. The lungs can sometimes take a while to respond to the proper therapy. Therefore, good handwashing practices help to protect friends and neighbors without a lot of effort. Not to mention it will protect you from being sick as well!

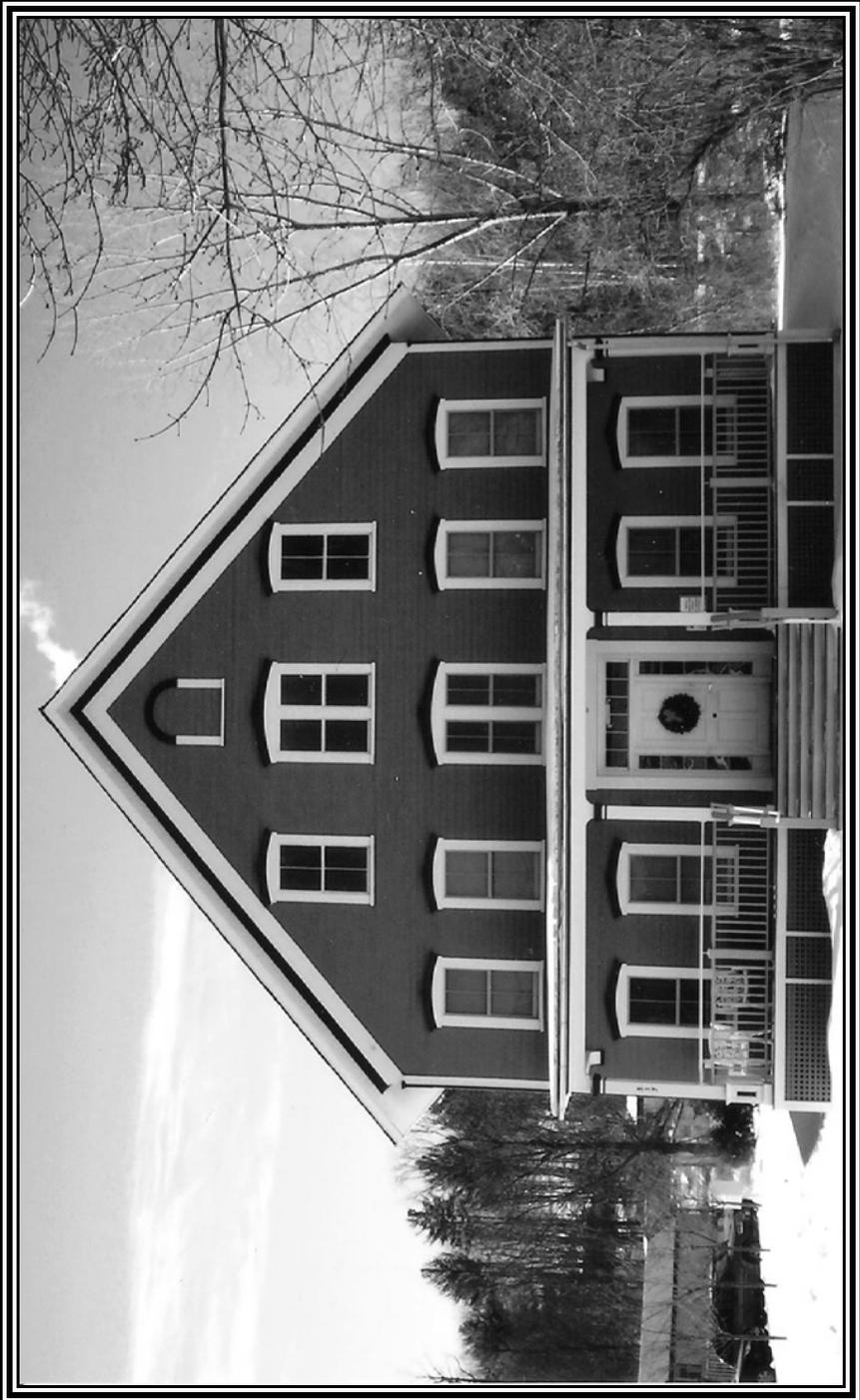
Even if it were not cold and flu season, good handwashing can protect you from other germs that can give you other problems such as gastrointestinal symptoms. So, if everyone just got into the habit of handwashing at work, and at home, we would all be a little bit more healthy, and can enjoy our lives and activities in good health!

Here is to good health in 2015. With the revamping of healthcare, as we know it, continues to change, we all can make an effort to be healthier so we don't have to use our healthcare dollars on emergency medical visits and treatments. As handwashing protects you from unwanted diseases, preventative health appointments and testing protects you from some very serious and expensive health issues. Follow the recommendations for your age! Don't wait too long for something to go away on its own!! Let's all be proactive in 2015 so that Vermont can continue to be the healthiest state in the country!!

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie M. Thorsen, RN BBA
Chester Town Health Officer



On Depot Street, across from Lisai's Market...then



On Depot Street, across from Lisai's Market...now

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

The Cemetery Department maintains seven cemeteries (three in the village area, four outside), the Village Green, the Town Garage lawn, Memorial Field, the Library lawn, the Pinnacle Recreation Area, and several small areas for a total of approximately 32 acres to be mowed. Village cemeteries are mowed on a two-week rotation and other areas in the Village are mowed weekly. The four outside cemeteries are mowed monthly. During times of sports activities, Memorial Field on Cobleigh Street is mowed twice a week.

The following activities took place in the Town cemeteries in 2014:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	0	0	3	0
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	0	1	13	0
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	0	0	5	0
Military Markers Placed	0	0	3	0
Burials	1	3	20	0

This year, we were very busy mowing and trimming, but were fortunate enough to add a second mower which proved very effective. We were also able to tackle some more broken stones in various cemeteries and clean up a lot of overgrown shrubberies.

We had a great summer, and I want to thank the Highway Department for their help with Memorial Day and my assistant, Kirby Putnam, for all the hard work!

As a reminder to the owners of lots in Chester cemeteries, please remove summer seasonal arrangements from lots by October 31 and fall /winter arrangements by April 15. Please note that flower pots and plastic arrangements will be disposed of by the Cemetery Department on or about November 1. Also, the planting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in the cemetery lots.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Sheldon, Cemetery Sexton

LISTERS' REPORT

The year 2014 was quiet for the Listers. The market is still sluggish and sales prices are not rebounding as we had hoped. There are some categories of properties that are holding their values such as mobile homes. The Listers keep a sales board in the hall of the Town Office for anyone interested in what is selling and for how much.

The Listers have a special fund just for reappraisal. Presently, we have \$187,511 in that fund toward the next reappraisal. In doing a reappraisal, the cost per parcel is around \$90 and with an estimated 1,830 properties, the cost would be \$165,000. The State of Vermont contributes about \$18,000 a year to this fund. At that rate, with no contribution from the Town, it would take nine years to replenish the fund.

The Listers have many responsibilities. We review and refigure values for the Current Use Program, download and review assessments for Homestead Declarations, refigure assessment values on properties, and update the status of our veterans. We visit all properties with new permits and renovations in progress. These visitations occur in September when it is easier to measure and then again in March for final review before setting values for the Grand List. Change in Appraisal forms are mailed during the first week in May and grievance is held at the end of May or early June.

For 2014, the Town of Chester was assessing at 102.69% of the market as determined by the State of Vermont. After reviewing current sales for this last year and adding them into our sales study, we are currently assessing at 111.05% of market.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman
Debbie Trent



Yosemite Engine Company

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

This past summer, the Chester Recreation Department started its own weekly summer program for children in grades 1 through 6. The program started at 8:00 a.m. and ran until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for four weeks. Breakfast and lunch were also given out as part of the program. There were weekly field trips to the Grafton Ponds, Plymouth State Park, the Springfield Movie Theater, and the Springfield Bowling Alley. We also utilized the Chester Town Pool, Whiting Library, and CAES.

The specific programs were also very successful with approximately 90 participants involved in the seven specific camps that were offered. This included the GM Sports Camp, tennis for two sessions, basketball, Sports 4 Squirts, Dance Camp, and Soccer Camp.

For the fall season we offer soccer, flag football, and Start Smart (for 3-5 year olds). We also offered ballet for the first time. For the Pre-K through 6th grade age group we had over 100 children participating in our fall programs. Flag football was offered for the third year and continued to grow in numbers as well. Once again, the Elks Soccer Shoot was brought to Chester and we had 50 participants ages 4-14. We even had two go onto the Vermont State Shoot in St. Albans and win the States where they then went to the regionals in Maine. The Recreation Department has continued its after-school "open gyms" and has had a great turnout.

In the winter, the programs start to move inside with grades K-6 basketball for the children and Zumba classes for the adults. We have also continued with the ballet program for children that a local GMUHS student runs on Fridays. We also continue to do open gyms after school and during vacation time.

The Recreation Department and the CAES have also collaborated and bought two new glass backboards and new rims for CAES. This is where many of our youth basketball games and practices are held.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers who spend countless hours coaching and assisting with the programs so they can succeed and the both schools for their continued support of facilities for the Chester Recreation Department. I would also like to thank the Chester Town Garage, Brendan McNamara at GMUHS and Jim Spaulding, Cindy Cole, and Kim Leonard at CAES for working with us to use their facilities for camps, games, and practices.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew A. McCarthy, Recreation Director
(802) 875-3603
www.chestervt.gov

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REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

In 2014 the Water Commissioners implemented a change in how users were billed in an effort to make the billing fairer to the overall users and to cover the annual operating expenses. The Water Department has seen the cost of operation increase with the cost of utilities, chemicals for treatment and especially lab fees. Last year, we had our nearby lab in Perkinsville sold to a lab in West Lebanon, NH. With most of the Water Department's samples time sensitive, we have to transport them to the lab. This requires a trip to West Lebanon about twice a month.

As usual, there were general maintenance items such as hydrant repairs and flushing, 12 curb stop repairs, 10 meter repairs, assist to users with freeze-ups, water leak detection and repairs with one major break, and 7 minor service line repairs. While the water tank's interior is still in very good condition, we still need to clean and paint the exterior at a cost of \$45,000. It has been delayed again and is overdue. After being in service for 35 years, it has held up well, but as it is our only storage tank at this time, and the maintenance needs to be done to protect our reserve capacity.

We were hoping that in 2014 we would see a Solar Farm at the Jeffery Well Station; however, due to many delays, that did not happen. This project should show the Town an annual income or energy benefit of roughly \$20,000.00. This will be a benefit to all of the Town's departments. At this time, construction is scheduled to start sometime in March of 2015. This is a good, safe use for the land on the Town's Aquifer, and will not impact the water quality.

The Water and Sewer Departments have been running with minimal budgets for many years. Many necessary projects that needed to be done have been delayed. There are many new mandates which will require new upgrades. Some of the older cast-iron water mains have been cleaned, relined, and are in generally good shape, but they are undersized. Some of our AC water mains are leaking and will need replacing A.S.A.P. Upgrades in the water system are needed to bring it up to today's recommended standards for Fire Flows, to maintain water quality, and to support future growth and businesses.

The Sewer Department was busy with general maintenance issues. The Department is still dealing with issues caused by illegal discharges into the system such as grease and oils. This problem has caused us to increase once again our number of loads of sludge which we have to remove as well as the increase in the amount of chemicals that we use to meet the State's discharge requirements. Remember that rags, disposable mop heads and cleaning rags do not belong in the system. They create undo wear and tear on the pumps and motors and will significantly reduce their length of service. These items are very expensive to replace. These costs can be reduced with the cooperation of all the system's users. *We do acknowledge that some users have made an effort to reduce this problem.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden, Water/Sewer Superintendent

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

For a change of pace, I present to you the Solid Waste District's Annual Report for 2014.

The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves thirteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Chester's representative is Derek Suursoo.

We sold food scrap kitchen pails and backyard compost bins at wholesale prices and will have another sale in Spring 2015.

Forty-three Chester residents attended the household hazardous waste (HHW) collection in September 2013 and twenty-six attended the May 2014 collection. The 2014 events experienced higher than average total participation because of the option to bring latex as well as oil-based paint. Two retailers in Springfield will accept unwanted paint year-round. So, if you don't want to wait until May, you can bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams. LaValley's in Ludlow also accepts unwanted paint. For more information, www.paintcare.org.

The HHW events in 2015 will be held on Saturday, May 9, in Rockingham and Springfield and on Saturday, September 12, in Windsor and Springfield. Vermont households can recycle computers, printers, monitors, televisions, and computer peripherals for free at the Springfield Transfer Station during regular operating hours. In January 2016, Vermonters will be able to recycle alkaline batteries for free at participating locations.

Please continue to "Bag and Bring" your clean and dry textiles to the Springfield Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Suursoo, Chester Representative
Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

CHESTER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The all-volunteer Chester Beautification Committee (CBC), formed in the Spring 2014 under the auspices of the Chester Economic Development Corporation, has one mission: to enhance the appearance and appeal of Chester for residents, businesses, and visitors. During the year, it initiated four new campaigns to benefit Chester: the flower-filled pots that graced key public and private locations primarily from the Village Green to the Yosemite Firehouse all summer long; the fall planting of King Alfred daffodils which will provide beauty opposite the Village Green in Spring 2015; the addition of evergreen wreaths and decorations at Town buildings during the Christmas Holiday season, along with financial support to the Overture to Christmas; and the restoration of the Hearse House, Brookside Cemetery wrought-iron fence, and adjacent Public Tomb.

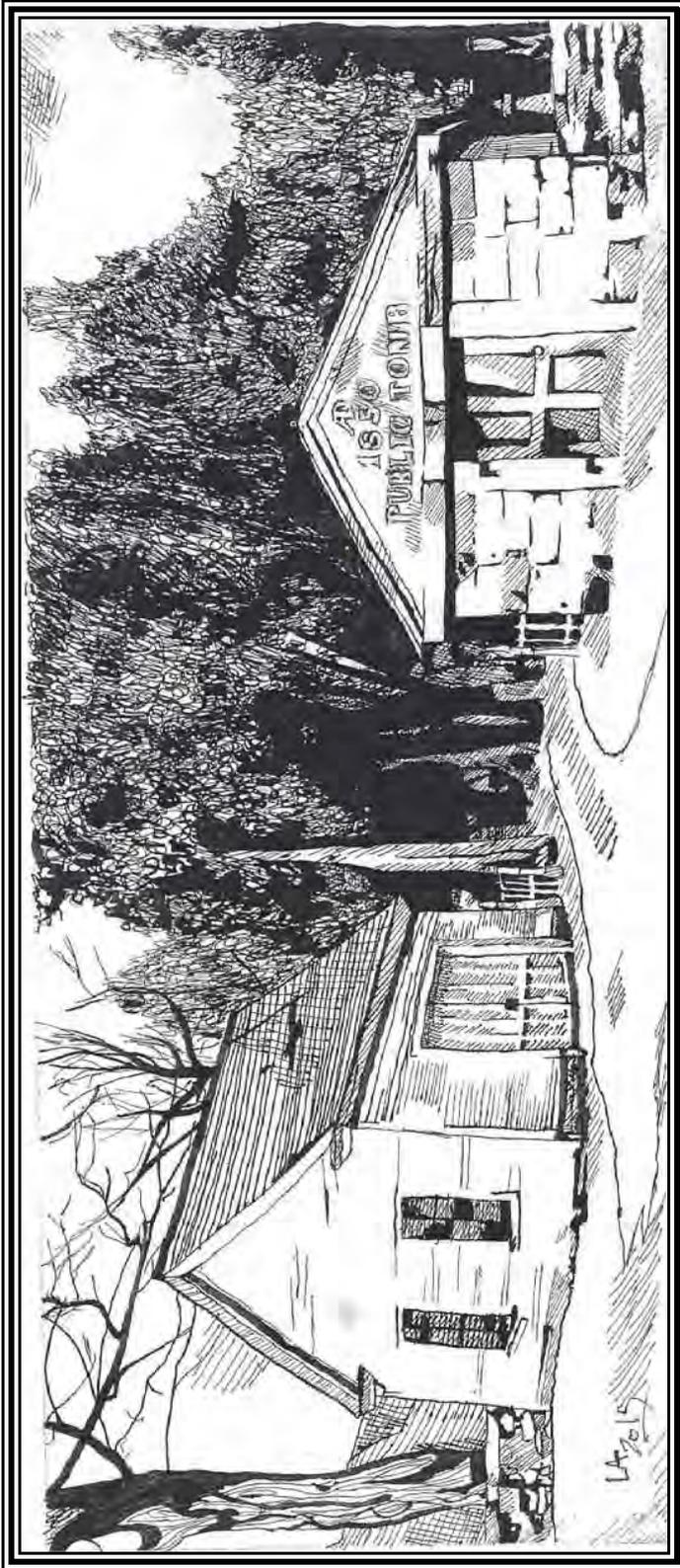
Those visible historic buildings, which need improved maintenance, are obvious to passersby on Main Street and to anyone traveling on Route 11 through the center of town. Their structural needs were assessed by professionals, and bids were secured to address their problems. Preliminary fund-raising efforts just before Christmas raised over \$10,000 and demonstrated community concern for the structures and support from area residents and businesses for helping to fund repairs to the buildings, which are owned by the Town.

Phase I estimate for the upcoming restoration work is \$28,898 and will focus on all three structures. Repairs will be done to the roof, mortar, and door of the Public Tomb, where departed residents rest until the ground can be worked to allow for burial. The iron fence that graces the entrance to the Brookside Cemetery will be restored and repositioned, and plantings added to enhance the area. The Hearse House will see structural repairs to its foundation, walls, roof, and doors. The building will be painted and electricity added.

Phase II interpretive estimates presently total \$15,000, but will depend upon the date of completion of Phase I repairs and upon any additional needs that may surface during restoration. The Hearse House will be fitted with a Plexiglas panel to allow the original, large hearse to be reinstalled within the building and properly protected. The panel will be fitted with educational information and a video screen and recorder to allow visitors to see pictures from the past, the building's renovation, and hearse details; and to hear recordings from Chester residents about their memories of the hearse, its use, and the house and tomb. The Hearse House will be open to the public at times throughout the year, and additional visitation could be granted from the nearby Information Center.

Bolstered by the 2014 contributions and the \$5,000 grant from the Trustees of Public Funds in January 2015, as well as the \$5,000 line item in the Town's 2015 budget, CBC members will continue to solicit public and private funds for these restoration projects which will build community pride, attract visitors, and be an asset to local inns and businesses, while enhancing property values.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Beautification Committee
Mariette Bock, Nancy Chute, Jane Davis, Suzy Forlie, Carol Gilbert,
Cheryl LeClair, John McAweeney, Chris Meyer, Nancy Rugg,
Lynn Russell, Tory Spater, Rosann Sexton, Barb Westine, Lillian Willis



Line drawing of Hearse House and Public Tomb by Lily Nader, junior at Green Mountain Union High School

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Net Income 2014	\$ 4,338.02*
Principal Money Market Fund	34,556.74
Mutual Funds: Fixed Income	236,383.50
Equity	<u>382,473.78</u>
 Total Investments	 \$ 657,752.04

*\$4,338.02 to be disbursed January 2015.

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PAYABLES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Due Town of Chester	\$ 3,648.15
Due Chester Town School District:	
Abbie Ingalls School Fund	8.85
Due Chester Schools:	
Williams School Fund	<u>681.02</u>
 Total	 \$ 4,338.02

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

In January of 2015, we held our annual meeting with the Wealth Management trust officers of The Peoples United Bank. We discussed the allocation of funds, the economic conditions of the year regarding investment of funds and periodic reports relative to the assets held in the mutual and equity funds.

At this meeting, the Town Selectmen asked the Trustees for \$4,000.00 from the Cemetery Fund for tree removal at the Brookside Cemetery. After a discussion, a motion was made and granted to release \$4,000.00 for this project.

A special meeting was called in December to hear a presentation from the Chester Beautification Committee. They are looking for funds to restore the Hearse House, fence, and public tomb at Brookside Cemetery. There was discussion on this well-presented campaign to restore these buildings. The Trustees of Public Funds will address this request at the January 2015 meeting.

We would like to remind voters that you may donate funds for a specific projects for the Town of Chester. You may send a letter with your donation specifying how the funds should be distributed and the Trustees of Public Funds will follow your instructions.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley A. Barrett
Erron J. Carey
Sandra K. Walker

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
2014**

Funds	Receipts		Income Disbursements			Invested Principal
	Income	Principal	To Town	To Schools	To Cemetery	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,401.90	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,401.90	\$		\$ 1,250.00
Campbell for Poor	115.81		115.81			
Samuel Adams Cemetery	0.35		0.35			
Howe-Peabody	670.01		670.01			
Fullerton Cemetery	5.77		5.77			
Samuel Adams Poor	361.57		361.57			
Salter Poor Fund	8.85		8.85			
Cyprus Minerals	1,083.88		1,083.88			
Abbie Ingalls School	8.85			8.85		
Williams School Fund	681.02			681.02		
Capital Gains Distributions		21,872.61				21,872.61
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,338.02</u>	<u>\$23,122.61</u>	<u>\$ 3,648.15</u>	<u>\$ 689.87</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$23,122.61</u>

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

In the year 2014, the Boards of Civil Authority and Tax Abatement had little business before them. Only one appeal for lower property assessment was carried through the process of review. That one case resulted in a small lowering of the appellant's assessment. There were only two requests for abatement of taxes in 2014. A request for abatement of taxes on a building removed by the owner during the tax year was granted for a partial amount. A second request for abatement was denied because the appeal failed to meet the criteria for abatement. The small number of tax abatement requests reflects an awareness of how few grounds for abatement are permissible under Vermont law.

The Board of Civil Authority thanks the Listers for their hard work and expertise in setting assessments and handling grievances. Their dedication makes our work much easier as taxpayers feel the prevailing assessments are fair in comparison of one property to another.

There were three elections in 2014: the Town meeting election in March, the Vermont State Primary election in August, and the State General election in November. Also in November a special vote was held concerning a change in the Zoning Regulations. The Town Office staff does such a good job in the conduct of elections that there is little for the Board of Civil Authority to do except hand count certain ballots not run through the electronic scanner/tabulator and to review changes to the checklist. At present, the only voting in 2015 will be the Town Meeting election. Please attend Town Meeting on Monday evening, March 2, and please vote on Tuesday, March 3. Your vote is important!

We thank the Town Hall staff and the Listers for doing the preparations and work that makes our job so much easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Barrett, Chairman
Board of Civil Authority
and Board of Tax Abatement

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2004	\$ 280.00	\$ 457.80	\$ 22.40	\$ 760.20
2006	263.15	339.36	21.06	623.57
2007	506.13	561.66	40.49	1,108.28
2008	272.48	257.65	21.80	551.93
2009	1,675.34	1,317.33	134.07	3,126.74
2010	1,766.21	1,059.44	141.31	2,966.96
2011	3,935.82	1,712.20	314.89	5,962.91
2012	11,912.86	3,633.24	953.05	16,499.15
2013	72,290.97	11,948.62	5,866.23	90,105.82
2014	<u>309,346.54</u>	<u>10,787.14</u>	<u>24,895.20</u>	<u>345,028.88</u>
	<u>\$402,249.50</u>	<u>\$ 32,074.44</u>	<u>\$ 32,410.50</u>	<u>\$466,734.44</u>

PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALE

The Tax Sale process will begin on a property at the moment that a property becomes two-years delinquent. Tax Sales for the Town of Chester are conducted twice per year - December and May. The December tax sale is for those properties who have accumulated two years of delinquent taxes. The May Tax Sale is for those properties who have not maintained their accepted payment agreement established with the Town of Chester.

A Tax Sale is a remedy available to a municipality to ensure collection of its local property tax. The right to sell real estate to satisfy taxes is a wholly statutory right. The first step is to have the Tax Collector "extend" his Warrant on the property in question.

The next step is to advertise such property for sale at public auction, both publicly on the Notice Board and in a local newspaper, as well as Notices of Tax Sale sent directly to the property owner by registered mail. All mortgage and lien holders are sent the same notice.

After three successive weeks of advertising, and at least ten days from the last advertisement, the property is sold at public auction if the taxes remain unpaid. The owner of a property may redeem the property within one year by paying to the Tax Collector the tax due, together with 1% interest per month plus all associated charges. The Tax Collector then returns the funds to the purchaser and releases the property from the Tax Sale Lien.

When the time for redemption (i.e.: one year) has passed, and the property has not been redeemed, the Tax Collector will execute and deliver to the purchaser a Quit Claim Deed.

The Town of Chester may become the purchaser at a Tax Sale, if a bid equal to the tax and costs is not made at such Sale. Property so acquired may be held, leased, sold and conveyed like other real estate belonging to the Town of Chester. The redemption period of one year also applies to the Town.

**2015 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

After this date, all Delinquent Taxes have an 8% penalty plus interest of 1% per month for the first 3 months and 1 1/2% per month thereafter.

Your property will be subject to Tax Sale after this date, in accordance with Article 5, Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The year 2014 was another good year for the Chester Historical Society. Thanks to the Town, one half of the old slate roof was removed and replaced with new slate. Another year, the other half of the roof will be replaced. The Academy Building is one of the prettiest and most historically significant buildings in Chester.

Our annual yard sales of donated items raised over \$4,000. These sales raise the majority of the money to fund our operations for the year. In mid-December 2014, we had a large donation of personal property from the Al and Marjorie Cross home. These items will form the nucleus of our July 2015 sale.

On August 15, 2015 will be the dedication of the Merritt Edson Monument. The day's festivities will include a parade, the monument dedication with USMC speakers, and a baseball game at Cobleigh Field.

We continue raising funds for the \$19,000 monument and are getting close. Mail your donation to Chester Historical Society, P. O. Box 118, Chester, VT 05143. Let's get this done.

The photo below is from August 1946 when Merritt returned to Chester. It was taken on the Green and it is where the monument will be erected.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Patch, President



Photo from August 1946 taken on the Green when Chester native and WW2 Marine Corps General Merritt Edson returned

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2014, the Two Rivers Supervisory Union consisted of the following 10 school boards:

SCHOOL BOARDS	DIRECTORS	VOTES
Andover Town	3	1
Baltimore Town	3	1
Chester Town	3	1
Plymouth Town	3	1
Black River High School	6	3
Cavendish Town Elementary School	5	3
Chester-Andover Elementary School	5	3
Green Mountain Union High School	7	3
Ludlow Elementary School	5	3
Mount Holly Elementary School	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTALS	45	22

The Chester Board of School Directors has representation on the Supervisory Union Board in accordance with Vermont Statutes.

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

Please see the Chester-Andover and Green Mountain Annual Reports.

ENROLLMENT

The following is the grade enrollment for your Town School District of students attending Chester-Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School as of October 9, 2014:

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>EE</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	29	15	32	32	23	24	26	26	28	41	29	37	30	22	365

Chester pupils transported: 370

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Agendas and minutes of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union School District Board meetings are posted at the respective Town Offices. They can also be viewed on the school website.

The Approved Budget FY 2015-2016 and the Audit Report FY 2013-2014 can also be viewed on the school website, www.su.trsu.org. The public is invited and encouraged to attend meetings. Two Rivers Supervisory Union School Boards meet regularly each month. Please call Two Rivers Supervisory Union to confirm (802-875-3365).

Respectfully submitted,
A. Bruce Williams, Superintendent

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

EXPENDITURES

	Budget 2013-2014	Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016
Pre-school Collaborative	\$119,569.00	\$126,966.00	\$126,245.00	\$121,114.00
Special Education				
EEE	64,061.00	60,397.00	60,794.00	62,784.00
Related Services	4,000.00	2,229.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Supervisory Union Assessment	16,933.00	16,933.00	14,140.00	14,664.00
Bank Charges	35.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Bank Interest	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
School Directors	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Clerk Treasurer	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Audit Fee	3,000.00	3,750.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$208,273.00	\$210,850.00	\$205,389.00	\$202,772.00

REVENUES

Prior Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 8,357.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,791.00
Abbie Ingalls Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williams Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	250.00	97.00	250.00	125.00
EEE State Grant	28,277.00	28,277.00	22,568.00	26,550.00
Merger Tax Incentive (one time)	1,480.00	1,480.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Assessment				
Refund-WSWSU	0.00	4,873.00	0.00	0.00
Education Spending Revenue	167,766.00	167,766.00	172,071.00	171,306.00
TOTAL	\$208,273.00	\$210,850.00	\$205,389.00	\$202,722.00

District: **Chester**
County: **Windsor**

T047
Windsor Southwest

Statutory calculation: See note at bottom of page.
Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner: See note at bottom of page.

9,382 **1.01**

Expenditures

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$186,330	\$227,657	\$208,273	\$205,389
2. plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3. minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$186,330	\$227,657	\$208,273	\$205,389
5. plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6. plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$186,330	\$227,657	\$208,273	\$205,389
8. S U assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9. Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-

Revenues

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
10. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$44,418	\$77,671	\$40,507	\$33,318
11. plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12. plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
13. minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14. Total local revenues	\$44,418	\$77,671	\$40,507	\$33,318

Education Spending

15. Education Spending	\$141,912	\$149,986	\$167,766	\$172,071
16. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.85

This town belongs to two unions and the Local Education spending is attributed to these equalized pupils per Business Manager

	\$10,373.68	\$8,634.77	\$9,586.63	\$10,856
17. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil				
18. minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
19. minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20. 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	-	-	-	-
21. minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22. minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-
23. minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	-	-
24. minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
25. plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any);	-	-	-	-
26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,374	\$8,635	\$9,587	\$10,856
27. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,856 / \$9,382)	121.415%	98.989%	104.760%	115.713%

Prorating the local tax rate

28. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (115.713% x \$1.010)	\$1.0563	\$0.8810	\$0.9547	\$1.1687
29. Percent of Chester equalized pupils behind local SD costs	2.910%	3.830%	4.000%	3.75%
30. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (3.750% x \$1.17)	\$0.0307	\$0.0337	\$0.0394	\$0.0438
31. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.96%	105.52%	106.43%	102.69%
32. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.044 / 102.69%)	\$0.0304	\$0.0319	\$0.0370	\$0.0427
33. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (115.713% x 1.84%)	2.19%	1.78%	1.89%	2.13%
34. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (3.750% x 2.13%)	0.06%	0.07%	0.08%	0.08%
35. Percent of equalized pupils at Chester-Andover UESD	47.86%	47.63%	47.60%	45.76%
36. Percent of equalized pupils at Green Mountain UHSD	49.23%	48.54%	-	50.49%

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.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.84%.

District: **Chester**
County: **Two Rivers**

LEA: **T047**
S.U.: **Windsor**

1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		202,772	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures		-	2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any		-	3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)		-	4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition		-	5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	Green (1-5) + (1-6) 000 7	202,772	6.
7.	Offsetting revenues (do NOT include Article 3114, the on-behalf payment)		31,446	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	000 2 / 000 3	-	8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	000 7 - (000 8 + 9)	31,446	9.
10.	Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues		-	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	000 10 / 000 11	171,326	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	000 11 / 000 12 page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	000 11 / 000 12	171,326	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		16,22	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	000 12 / 000 14	10,562.64	15.

Excess Spending Calculation				
16.	NET Eligible FY2016 construction costs, including P&I		-	16.
17.	Borrowing in anticipation of delayed state construction aid due district		-	17.
18.	P&I for approved construction or payment into reserve fund (24 V.S.A. § 2604)		-	18.
19.	Cost of planning the merger of a small school (average grade size < 300 students)		-	19.
20.	Sp/Ed costs, two years prior in excess of \$50,000 per pupil		-	20.
21.	If ballooning all students; a deficit due SOLELY to the cost of new students moving in after the budget vote		-	21.
22.	If ballooning all students and new students move in after census period, student number greater than ADM times average tuition rate		-	22.
23.	Total tuition/H ballooning all K - 12 students unless electorate has authorized payments greater than average announced tuition		-	23.
24.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015		-	24.
25.	If a district has 3.20 or up and tuitions grades K - 12, any excess spending due SOLELY to new special education spending (2007, No. 66, § 12)		-	25.
26.	Total eligible exclusions	Sum of lines 16 - 25	-	26.
27.	Eligible FY2016 exclusions per pupil, including P&I	000 26 / 000 14	-	27.
28.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	000 10 / 000 27	10,562.64	28.
29.	Excess spending threshold		17,103	29.
30.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	000 28 / 000 29	NA	30.

31.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Spending Adjustment	000 28 / 000 28	10,562.64	31.
32.	District spending adjustment	000 of (000) or (000) 31 (3,99)	111,669%	32.
33.	Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	000 32 + 01.00	1.1167	33.
34.	Percent of Chester equalized pupils not in a union school district		3.84%	34.
35.	Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town	000 33 + 000 34	0.0444	35.
36.	Comm on level of appraisal		111.85%	36.
37.	Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed	000 35 / 000 36	0.0400	37.
38.	Equalized homestead rate from Green Mountain UHSD #35	MANUAL	1.4691	38.
39.	Percent of Chester equalized pupils at Green Mountain UHSD #35		92.10%	39.
40.	Prorated equalized rate from Green Mountain UHSD #35		0.7657	40.
41.	Estimated actual rate from Green Mountain UHSD #35 to be assessed	000 37 / 000 38	0.6895	41.
42.	Equalized prorated rate from Chester - Andover UESD #29	MANUAL	1.5341	42.
43.			43.90%	43.
44.			0.6735	44.
45.	Estimated actual prorated rate from Chester - Andover UESD #29	000 39 / 000 40	0.5065	45.
46.	Total equalized homestead rate for Chester	000 37 + 000 41	1.4836	46.
47.	Total estimated actual homestead rate for Chester	000 39 + 000 44	1.3360	47.
48.	Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.535	48.
49.	Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	000 43 / 000 36	1.3823	49.

50.	Education spending	000 13	171,326	50.
51.	Tech FTE's		-	51.
52.	Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district (This is not a local revenue; it reduces the education spending a district receives)	000 30 + 0.450 + 0.19	-	52.
53.	Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	000 50 - 02	171,326	53.
54.	Amount to raise locally for Act 144	000 0	-	54.

55.	Prorated income cap percentage for Chester education property tax if eligible	1.94% + 0.00% + 0.00% (000 52 & 53)	0.09%	55.
56.	Spending adjustment from Green Mountain UHSD #35	0.14% (0.000000) / 000 38	140.81%	56.
57.	Prorated income cap percentage from Green Mountain UHSD #35	1.84% + 0.12% + 140.81%	1.49%	57.
58.	Spending adjustment from Chester - Andover UESD #29	0.14% (0.000000) / 000 20	152.41%	58.
59.	Prorated income cap percentage from Chester - Andover UESD #29	1.94% + 0.43% + 152.41%	1.31%	59.
60.	Estimated income cap percentage for Chester education property tax		2.89%	60.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILD FIND NOTICE TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

Two Rivers Supervisory Union is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to locate, evaluate, and identify all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth through 21 who may be in need of special education related services or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education and to provide such needed services for those ages 3 through 21. Services for children birth to 3 years are provided in conjunction with Part H Services of the Family, Infant and Toddler Project of Vermont. If you know of a person residing in the Towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, or Plymouth whom you believe has such needs but is not currently receiving services, please contact the Director of Special Services at (802) 875-6428.

NON-DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER

The School Board recognizes its obligation to respect the legal rights of all students, parents, employees, and applicants for admission or employment, and those conducting business with the District. The Board will comply with all applicable Federal and State non-discrimination laws including *Title VI*, *Title IX*, *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, and the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, and will not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, handicapping condition and/or disability, or sexual orientation. A process of referral, evaluation, and placement of handicapped students exists in accordance with Section 504. The Superintendent shall notify appropriate persons of this policy and of the grievance procedure whereby claims of discrimination may be processed including the right to contact the Human Rights Commission in Montpelier and the Regional Office of Civil Rights in Boston. Information on these and other sources of assistance is contained in the grievance procedure.

WINDSOR COUNTY NEWS

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

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

Courthouse Renovation

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

Construction Bond Repayment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and David Singer

REPORT OF THE WHITING LIBRARY



*From left, Jenny Nelson, from U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders' office; Diane Derby, from Sen. Patrick Leahy's office; Whiting Library Board of Trustees chair Kathy Pellett; Ted Brady of the USDA and Lt. Gov. Phil Scott.
Photo courtesy The Chester Telegraph.*

BUILDING This past summer, Chester's Whiting Library was awarded a \$99,800 grant/loan from the U.S. Department of Agricultural Rural Development; \$41,900 is in the form of a grant and \$57,900 is a loan. The Board of Trustees thanks all those who helped secure this funding, especially Julie Hance, Executive Assistant to David Pisha, Town Manager, for her hard work in not only bringing the grant to the Library's attention but for doing most of the leg work to complete the application process. Suzy Forlie, Library Trustee and one of the early supporters of the USDA Grant said, "This grant will allow us to finally start the much-needed restoration of this historically significant building." Work is expected to start in early 2015. The Chester community is proud to have this landmark, the only

library designed by noted Vermont architect George H. Guernsey. The Library also became part of Vermont Connection, a Vermont digital economy project providing an additional WIFI hot spot on Main Street.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS Our lively book group discussed: *Following Atticus*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Silent Spring*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *Wonder*, *Unbroken*, *Seabiscuit*, *Beekeeper's Apprentice*, *Monsters of Templeton*, *Ladies No 1 Detective Agency*, *Call of the Wild*, and *Billy Budd*. With the library open until 8pm on Wednesday we were able to offer author Donna Dearborn's presentation of *Every Sunday : A Father And Daughter's Enduring Connection*. We also learned about Ebay using iPads, Six Loose Ladies taught us to knit, Senior Solutions held a workshop on caring for an elder, and we learned about the night sky with SoVerA. The Library has fulfilled the goals of our 2012 strategic plan for Early Literacy, and is closing in on Lifelong-Learning and Information Fluency.

The Library helped promote Hunger Free Vermont summer meals, the annual Grafton Nature Museum Fairy House event, and hosted our first Story Walk® during Fall Foliage Festival. Whiting Library featured art exhibits by Lew Watters, Wendy and Michael Schwarz, Chester-Andover Elementary students, Scott Morgan, Ed Pell, Charle Baker, Elizabeth Beliveau, Ronald Chute, Wendy Hayward, Sharon Lefebvre, Christine Mix, Frieda Post, Bonnie Watters, and Stephanie Whitney-Payne.

GRANTS/HELP A beautiful "Falling Leaves" quilt was donated by the Log Cabin Quilters of Chester, and "Bonnie Books" Doll created and crafted by Bonnie Watters was also raffled. Thanks to the annual Lego contest at St. Luke's, and to all our generous donors who help keep the Library open. We are ever grateful to Jack Carlock for all the children's books.

The Kyrias Foundation Grant supported a highly successful Summer Reading Program “Fizz!, Boom!, Read!” a lively celebration of science. Eighty-six Chester area children read 275 books in 6 weeks. Kids from Chester Recreation Summer Program joined the fun with engineering, finding Fibonacci patterns in music and nature, and experiments. The Library continued to offer Saturday story-time, and Tales to Tails with Oreo, the beloved therapy dog.

PEOPLE Our community volunteers made a huge impact. Horticulture Program tree trimmers from River Valley Technical Center in Springfield tackled the crab apple trees. Shoveling of Library stairs and walkways was provided by John Donarum and the School to Work Program at Green Mountain Union High School, also helping with heavy lifting at the fall book sale. Our fearless volunteers in daily and monthly attendance: Cindy Collins, Doris Hastings, Elizabeth Moulton, Daryl Gustufson, Jonne Adler, Carol Hoyt, Chris Blodgett, Nicole Tucker, Daina Ricketts, Arlene Mutscher, Joan Houghton, Kami Ravlin, Eclectic Technologies, and Mark Tanzer.

STATISTIC Open 200 days, 15,800 checkouts, 16,800 visitors, 1146 downloaded ebooks and audio books, 1100 internet sessions, 60 children’s programs, 24 adult programs, over 700 program attendees, and 900 items added in 2014.

Trustees : Kathy Pellett, Chair, Mariette Bock, Treasurer, Mary Lou Farr, Secretary, David Lord, Suzy Forlie, Bruce Parks, Lynda Tallarico

Staff : Sharon Tanzer, Director, Theone Wallace, Youth Services, Will Wilcox, Richard Hoffmann, Assistants, Jeanne Waldren, Story-time

**WHITING LIBRARY FUND
2015 BUDGET**

		2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
Revenues				
05-311-01	Dividends	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,446.25	\$ 0.00
05-311-02	Interest	800.00	609.42	800.00
05-311-03	Town of Chester	67,000.00	67,000.00	72,000.00
05-311-04	Grants/Programs	200.00	63.00	200.00
05-311-04A	Proteus Grant	410.00	0.00	0.00
05-311-05	Fund Raising	15,000.00	17,344.00	15,000.00
05-311-06	Town of Andover	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
05-311-07	Raffles	0.00	120.00	150.00
05-311-10	Donations	2,200.00	2,888.05	2,200.00
05-311-11	Book Sales	2,500.00	2,200.68	2,200.00
05-311-12	Lost Items/Refunds	200.00	373.88	200.00
05-311-13	Mtg. Rm. Donations	100.00	0.00	0.00
05-311-14	Copier	800.00	791.17	800.00
05-311-15	Fines	1,500.00	1,859.49	1,500.00
05-311-17	Nonresident Fees	375.00	330.00	195.00
05-311-25	Applied Surplus	9,660.00	0.00	0.00
	Checkg.Acct. Transfer	0.00	0.00	10,930.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 104,945.00</u>	<u>\$ 98,225.94</u>	<u>\$ 108,375.00</u>
		2014 Budget	2014 Cash	2015 Budget
Expenditures				
05-415-10	Payroll	\$ 72,251.00	\$ 69,052.14	\$ 75,460.00
05-415-11	Payroll Benefits	6,184.00	5,931.58	6,415.00
05-415-20	Administration	800.00	428.40	800.00
05-415-21	Fund Raising	2,000.00	2,458.14	2,000.00
05-415-22	Prof. Development	300.00	50.00	100.00
05-415-23	Travel	300.00	165.14	150.00
05-415-25	Books & Materials	10,500.00	10,519.58	10,000.00
05-415-34	Programs	1,200.00	1,606.33	1,500.00
05-415-35	Postage	1,300.00	970.83	950.00
05-415-41	Supplies	3,500.00	3,945.45	3,500.00
05-415-56	Telephone	800.00	883.07	800.00
05-415-60	Copier	900.00	1,225.40	1,000.00
05-415-70	Equipment & Tech.	2,000.00	840.28	1,200.00
05-415-79	Repairs & Maint.	2,500.00	1,599.93	4,500.00
05-415-84	Proteus Grant	410.00	409.89	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 104,945.00</u>	<u>\$ 100,086.16</u>	<u>\$ 108,375.00</u>
	NET INCOME	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,860.22)</u>	<u>\$ (10,930.00)</u>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank Money Market	\$ 29,307.25
TD Bank Savings	847.79
People's Operating Account	87,986.30
Petty Cash	<u>400.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$118,541.34
 Total Current Assets	 \$118,541.34
 Other Assets	
Investment Vermont Community Loan	\$ 20,313.97
Investment Charles Schwab Account	<u>87,277.27</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$107,591.24</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$226,132.58**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$227,992.80
Net Income	<u>(1,860.22)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$226,132.58</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$226,132.58**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Reconciliation	
Begin Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 89,846.52
Receipts	98,225.94
Expenses	<u>(100,086.16)</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 87,986.30

Petty Cash	
Begin Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 200.00

Petty Cash Postage	
Begin Balance January 1, 2014	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 200.00

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

For the past couple reports I have written about the new recycling law, Act 148, which will impact our little transfer station in a big way. One aspect of this legislation will go into effect next summer. On July 1, 2015, recyclable materials, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles will be banned from disposal at landfills in Vermont. This means they will no longer be welcomed in the bags of household trash taken at our facility. Now I suspect there are any number of people out there who will not be told they have to recycle anything. I also suspect each and every one of them would have kittens if a new landfill were to be sited within five miles of their homes. I don't know what form enforcement will take. Our current crew will have its hands full dealing with the anticipated increase in volume of materials coming our way. We have been thinking about options and doing what we can to prepare for this increase. Last July we installed a new baler for the tin cans. It may not be enough, but it has already proven helpful. Now we don't have to wait for an empty plastic baler and double handle everything.

What would help the most would be cooperation and support from our customers. Please! Please! Please! Read the signs! And please ask questions if something like "Aluminum Drink Cans Only" is in some way unclear. The signs may go unread or be misunderstood for another reason. Vocabulary; Take Recycling versus Redemption for example. Often people will bring in a load of Vermont deposit bottles and cans and want me to give up a nickel each for them. I eye them suspiciously, and tell them they're beyond redemption. Given an opportunity, I will send them back down the road to Springfield Redemption. A big thanks to Arthur at Redemption for transporting and redeeming all the VT deposit cans and bottles we get. Each year a number of citizens inquire as to where the funds from these donations and revenue from the Second Chance store go. I've told some that I'm saving up for early retirement. This seems to be what they suspected all along. I've told others, (and in actuality), they stay at our facility, and are managed by the Springfield Recycling Committee, chaired by our former coordinator Hallie Whitcomb. This year most of the money went toward running power to our new tin can baler and finishing up on the latest storage building. Many thanks Hallie, and we would welcome interest and input from anyone wishing to help with our mission. I digress. We will need everyone's help if this is going to work. Admittedly our system of 'source separation' is labor intensive. However, it seems to me the best way to proceed when compared with other options.

Some towns are exploring a system known as 'single stream' or 'Zero Sort'. This is where the five basic recyclable materials, cardboard, paper, tin/aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles and jars all go into one bin. It's easy, but the down side is the high cost of having it all transported and sorted out into marketable materials. Another problem with this approach is that the material often loses value due to contamination, (broken glass can get in with the other stuff for example). A second option would be a 'dual stream' system. Here the fibers, paper and cardboard, go in one bin, and the containers, cans, bottles and jars go into another. Contracts are negotiable, but often the revenue from materials is not enough to offset transportation cost, and depending on markets may even cost to get rid of. Contamination is also a problem here. With 'Source Separation' quality of material can, with effort, be maintained. And by baling

the commodities, load weights can be obtained that, in good times, turn a profit after expenses. We won't know if we'll be able to manage what's headed our way. It may take more people or more hours, we won't really know until it gets here. It's going to be interesting. Again, we will need everybody's help.

Well, I suspect I've used up my allotment of page space, so will close with a word of thanks to our cast and crew, Andrea and her volunteers, and especially to our customers who continue to put up with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Farrar, Recycling Coordinator

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region. Member towns are comprised of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. SWCRPC's mission includes two major activities: assisting member towns with their planning and other community-related activities, as well as promoting cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY 2014, member towns contributed 4% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$801,110.00. Town dues assessment of \$3,943.00 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 census. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources. Federal funding supported transportation planning activities, the administration of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project. State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) for land use planning and other related activities.

The Southern Windsor County Transportation Advisory Committee (SWCTAC) is an advisory committee of the Regional Planning Commission. SWCTAC's primary responsibilities are to make recommendations on regional transportation policies, review and provide comment on Vermont Agency of Transportation (VAOT) projects, identify and rank town/regional transportation improvements for submission to VAOT, and provide input on regional transportation studies. The SWCRPC updated the Town's bridge and culvert inventory, and road and bridge specifications.

The SWCRPC staff continued to assist the Planning Commission in developing and refining unified bylaws, which included updates to the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations; updated its zoning maps; and assisted the Town during the flood in July with FEMA's Home Buyout and Hazardous Mitigation programs.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chester appoints two individuals, a representative and an alternate, to serve on the SWCRPC. The SWCRPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2014, Tom Bock, represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission with Derek Suursoo as the Alternate. For FY 2015, Derek Suursoo is Transportation Advisory Committee representative.

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
Ascutney Professional Building
P.O. Box 320
Ascutney, VT 05030
website: www.swcrpc.org

REPORT OF THE SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

As always, thank you to the residents of Chester, on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Springfield Regional Development Corporation, for the continued support of SRDC. We continue to work hard to make "Great Things Happen Here" in Chester, and Southern Windsor County.

SRDC has partnered with Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation to provide subgrant funding to businesses in our regions that were impacted by Tropical Storm Irene. The program has been funded through three Community Development Block Grants. Chester has been the largest "recipient" town in our region, with grants for eight companies/organizations totaling \$284,250. SRDC has provided direct assistance in helping businesses prepare their applications and, then, accessing and utilizing the available funding. One of those recipients is the local American Legion Post, where we held the SRDC Annual Meeting in November.

We continue to work closely with several companies in the community. We have worked with 24 Chester clients over the past year, which includes the larger employers in the community as well as small companies, community organizations and individuals looking to start or purchase a business. This includes our Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center staff. Our activities have helped to facilitate over \$310,000 in financing for businesses in the community.

We also have been involved with the auction(s) and eventual sale and redevelopment of the former Army Reserve Center, which will soon be the home of J & L Metrology, a locally owned manufacturer with a historic tie to the major historic economic sector of this region.

In the area, SRDC has been closely involved with the redevelopment of the former Ben & Jerry's/Ellsworth property in North Springfield, which is now the home of Black River Meat & Seafood and the new Vermont Packinghouse. There are now almost 50 people working at this site, which was vacant for many years.

Workforce Development continues as one of the most important issues for businesses in Southern Windsor County. SRDC remains closely involved in the River Valley Technical Center with the Executive Director currently serving as the Board Chair of RVTC and Co-Chair of the Workforce Investment Board. SRDC has been very active with facilitating Vermont Training Program grants for the area.

SRDC is always grateful and appreciative of our relationship with the community. We work very closely with Chester Economic Development Corporation, and Bill Dakin, the CEDC Chair, is a member of the SRDC Board.

As always, we are ready and anxious to talk to any existing company or anyone looking to start a business venture. If you would like to know more about SRDC, please feel free to contact me at our offices at 14 Clinton Street, Springfield, 885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. You can also learn more about SRDC through our web site at www.springfielddevelopment.org or on our Facebook page!

Again, many thanks for your continued support. Working together, we will ensure that "Great Things Happen Here" for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Flint, Executive Director

CHESTER-ANDOVER FAMILY CENTER

As 2014 comes to an end, we would like to share what Chester-Andover Family Center is about, and say “Thank You” to every individual and organization who has contributed in any way—big or small.

- CAFC is a 100% volunteer organization.
- We have a 29-year history of providing relief from hunger and financial stress to the most vulnerable residents of Chester and Andover.
- Our Mission is “Providing a Helping Hand to Persons and Families in Need”.
- Over 100 families access the Food Shelf each month for supplemental, nutritious food.
- Shoppers find quality clothing for all ages, small household goods, books, puzzles, movies, and more at the Thrift Shop.
- Fuel is delivered, electric shut-offs are avoided, and rent is paid so people don't lose their housing.
- Gas cards are given to enable transportation for medical treatment, etc.
- Children receive Christmas gifts their families cannot afford.
- Association with the Vermont Fresh Project, Vermont Foodbank, Healthy Harvest Network, Abundance Acres (shares donated), and Black River Produce has made fresh produce available in ways we never could before.
- Generous gifts of time, materials, food, and money from our loyal supporters enable us to assist our neighbors in need. It is only through these gifts that we are able to help others.

Our amazing volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. If you have time on your hands and would like to give back to your community, please consider joining our dedicated and enthusiastic team. We welcome new volunteers.

The service directors for the current year are Sandy Vincent, Food Shelf, and Sherry Willumitis, Thrift Shop. You can reach each of them by calling the Thrift Shop. Please leave a message if the Shop is not open. The Thrift Shop hours are: Tuesday, 10 to 4, Wednesday, 1 to 7, Friday, 10 to 4, and Saturday, 9 to 2. The Food Shelf is open every Thursday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m and Friday 11:30 to 1:00 for Produce Pickup. Here's how to reach the Center: 908 VT Route 103 South (P. O. Box 302), Chester, VT 05143, (802) 875-3236, email: cafc302@gmail.com, and website <http://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org> Please “like us” on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Delores Robinson
President, Board of Directors

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

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

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

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

Weatherization: 10 homes (16 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$36,558

Emergency Heating Systems: 2 homes (7 people) received repairs or replacements at a cost of \$3,993

Head Start: 18 families (70 people) received comprehensive child development and family support services valued at \$139,834

Micro Business Development: 2 households (8 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$4,405

Tax Preparation: 8 households (20 people) received services and tax credits totaling \$19,467

Thrift Store Vouchers: 3 households (6 people) received goods and services valued at \$149

VT Health Connect: 8 households (9 people) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$432

Family Services: 72 households (144 people) received 452 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services) valued at \$3,715

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 74 households (174 people) received services valued at \$34,828

Housing & Other Assistance: 5 households (16 people) received services valued at \$5,167

Emergency Home Repair: 2 homes (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$5,700

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

We thank the residents of Chester for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Geller, Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

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

Windsor County Partners (WCP) provides mentoring across the county. WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a mentee (ages 8-17). These mentoring partnerships then meet two hours a week at least for a year, with many partnerships continuing on for additional years. Retention rates are one of the measures used to evaluate mentoring programs and WCP is proud of achieving an 87% retention rate for its community program in Fiscal Year 2014.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Grant, Executive Director
(802-674-5101)

SENIOR SOLUTIONS - COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

Senior Solutions fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Chester community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Chester we offer a number of services, including:

Information and Assistance- *Our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll-free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. **557** residents requested assistance this past year.*

*As part of the Medicare Part D prescription program, we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. **127** residents requested assistance this year.*

Senior Nutrition- **8693** *Home-delivered meals are arranged and delivered through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield. We pass through to them the Federal and State funds that we receive. A Registered Dietician is available to offer nutritional counseling when appropriate.*

Transportation- *We support various providers of transportation for both medical appointments and non-medical needs.*

Case Management & Advocacy- *One-on-one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. Senior Solutions served **39** Chester residents this past year.*

Care Giver Respite- *Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.*

Your town contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Chester citizens is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. Lemire, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Services in Chester, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014, VNH made 3,230 homecare visits to 158 Chester residents. This included approximately \$127,580 in unreimbursed care to Chester residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 2,480 home visits to 129 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 445 home visits to 14 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 191 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 114 home visits to eight residents for well baby, preventive, and palliative medical care.

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

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

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

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

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

During fiscal year 2014, HCRS provided 19,070 hours of services to 138 residents of the Town of Chester. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Chester.

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

Respectfully submitted,
George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

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

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

Volunteers in the Chester area have served hours at: Chester-Andover Elementary School, Meals on Wheels, Springfield Hospital, Senior Centers, Food Pantries & Thrift Shop Support, Whiting Library, Bone Builder classes leaders, benefitting many area residents along with numerous other community priorities throughout Windsor County. GMRSVP volunteers from Chester donated well over 2,664 hours of service over the last year. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windsor County in the upcoming year.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Haytko, Director
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK OF CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

CCN, Inc., has served over 275 senior citizens in Chester and Andover with well over 600 services. Some of the services consist of transportation to medical appointments, shopping including for groceries, getting their hair done, going to the Library, post office, and bank as well as friendly telephone check-ins. CCN, INC. makes home visits to make sure the senior citizen is doing OK.

This year, we were able to have the “End of Life Symposium” with four sessions and different speakers. We opened this up to the public to help educate the families and help give the correct tools that are needed to make the choices from financial to burial to health. This was very well attended.

We try to help keep senior citizens safely in their homes longer by giving them the support and tools that are needed. When it is necessary to have someone go into a rehab, CCN, INC. does not forget about them. We will go and visit them. CCN, INC. will try to keep in contact with the family as well.

CCN, INC. will try to make connections for the senior citizen when necessary. We work with other organizations such as Bayada, VNA, Senior Solutions, and the Family Center. CCN, INC. will help make connections with children to learn a new craft from the seniors. This helps to bring the different generations together and helps the senior citizen feel more connected to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
CCN, Inc., Board
Deborah Armstrong
Erron Carey
Jacquelyn Griswold
Karen Neely
Dave Armstrong
John Martens
John Nunnikhoven

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WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST (WWHT)

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a nonprofit organization serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. The organization was founded in 1987. WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life for low and moderate income citizens; to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods; to foster diversity; and to improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

Homeownership Center

The **Revolving Loan Fund** provides low-cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. This includes repairs necessary to bring homes up to code and make them a safe place to live. A staff rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project.

Housing Counseling Services are available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, delinquency counseling, and foreclosure prevention counseling.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions.

H.E.A.T. Squad provides services to any home owner to assist with energy efficiency upgrades.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This might take the form of housing rehabilitation or the construction of new apartments. WWHT can work with towns to plan for meeting affordable housing or community development needs.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT manages many of their rental properties and uses Stewart Property Management Services to manage the remaining properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of its multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for its residents.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Spiro, Director of Development & Community Relations

MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD INC.

Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. has been serving meals to the elderly since 2000. The program serves the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, Springfield, and South Weathersfield. A hot meal is provided Monday through Friday with frozen meals available to those who qualify for weekends and holidays. We also have a cold breakfast option for those who qualify which we deliver along with the noon time meal.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014, volunteers from Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield delivered nutritious hot meals, breakfast, and frozen meals to approximately 30 private homes around the Chester area for a total of 7,775 meals provided to those in need in the community.

All this work was done with the help of two part-time and one full-time employee and many volunteers. Over the past year, Meals & Wheels engaged about 75 volunteers who came to us from community programs such as RSVP, the Springfield Schools, Lincoln Street, Mental Health Services, and other community members who just want to volunteer out of the spirit of goodwill. Volunteers serve on our Board, deliver meals, wait on tables, assist in the kitchen, provide entertainment at the congregate meal site, and help with fund raising. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community.

The most important role of our program goes far beyond meeting the nutritional needs of the seniors in the community. For many, the meal delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day and seeing a friendly face can be the highlight of their day. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT, INC.

The Current, operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc. (CRT) appreciated the support received from the Town of Chester this year, and requests a town contribution of \$2,250 for FY15. CRT is a private, nonprofit (501c3) transit provider providing transportation services to 30 towns in Windham and Southern Windsor counties. The types of services provided by the Current are commuter, in-town, town-to-town, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) and non-emergency medical transportation services. Funding sources are the Federal Transit Association (FTA), Vermont Agency of Transportation (Vtrans), and Vermont Department of Health, towns, businesses, donations, and fares. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

Ridership in FY14 CRT service to your town:

- ! Dial-A-Ride service to Chester Residents: 3,535, 77,758 rides, costing \$107,175, and includes medical rides for elderly, disabled, and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership in FY14 services to the region:

- ! Commuter bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 78,499.
- ! Non-Commuter bus service to the General Public: 83,040.
- ! Human Services transportation, including E & D, Medicaid, and Taxi network: 199,449.

FY14 was a year in which CRT began merger discussion with DVTA that will result in a more efficient system providing additional resources and options for both companies. CRT continues to increase ridership and provide a vital service to our community.

Please contact us by email: rgagnon@crtransit.org, phone (802) 460-7433 x 201 or visit our website at www.crtransit.org and let us know how CRT may improve service in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Gagnon, General Manager

2014 VITAL STATISTICS

Federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) have been issued and one of the areas affected is accessibility to vital records. These regulations have resulted in a more stringent protocol for obtaining certified copies and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States have been required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

With fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, statistical information only will be printed.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to give us a call or stop by the office.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

Statistical information for 2014:

Civil Marriages - 45

Births - 28

Deaths - 25

Burials - 28

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2014**

Moderator William E. Dakin, Jr. called the Chester Town School District Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection to non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Chester Town School Directors: Alison DesLauriers, Gertrude Bennett and Wanda Purdy.

Moderator Dakin then read the Chester Town School District Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby notified and warned to meet at Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

Article 1: To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 2: To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 3: To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 4: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, if so, the amount, to whom paid, and when paid. Gertrude Bennett made a motion to raise \$205,389.00, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2014. Seconded by Sandra Walker. This figure can be found on page 63 of the Annual Report. Alison DesLauriers explained that there are 36 children in the early education program and 8 children in the EEE program. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town School District will authorize the Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by John Cable. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

Article 6: To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68. Alison DesLauriers moved Article 6 as printed. Seconded by Julie Hance. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2013. Amber Wilson moved Article 7 as printed. Seconded by John Cable. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met. Alison DesLauriers thanked Gertrude Bennett for her 50 years of service as a teacher and board member, of many boards. Mrs. Bennett received a standing ovation and thanked everyone for their support.

Moderator Dakin explained that there would be a break for the Select Board to take their seats.

Moderator Dakin called the Town Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. He then asked the voters if there was any objection to non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin then introduced the Select Board: John DeBenedetti, Derek Suursoo, William Lindsay, Thomas Bock, Arne Jonynas, Town Manager David Pisha and Town Clerk Deborah Aldrich. He then read the Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

Article 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Jon and Lucille Peters, \$250.00; Anthony Valente, \$250.00; Jeffrey Benway, \$250.00; Leona and Wendell Brown, \$500.00. Julie Hance moved Article 2 as printed. Seconded by John Cable. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$384,761.00 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck; \$22,000.00 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for highway; \$60,000.00 for sidewalk replacement; \$85,111.00 for a new fire truck lease; \$14,650.00 for air packs for the fire department; \$12,000.00 for a Defibulator for the ambulance; \$8,000.00 for Ambulance Radios and \$4,500 for a Hose Tester for the Fire Department; \$39,000.00 for a police cruiser; \$8,000.00 for a tractor for the cemetery and \$6,500.00 for a cemetery survey for the cemetery department; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received. Julie Hance moved Article 3 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Wanda Purdy asked which cemetery the survey was for. David Pisha answered Main Street cemetery. Dan Cook made a motion to amend the amount for the Defibulator to \$14,000.00 and the amount for the Ambulance Radios to \$6,000.00. Seconded by Richard Jewett. David Lord asked if the Town could consider leasing the dump trucks. David Pisha answered yes they would. Moderator Dakin explained the amendment and that there would now be a vote on the amendment. Amendment voted in the affirmative. Moderator Dakin then reread Article 3 as amended. Article 3 voted in the affirmative, as amended.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid. Julie Hance made a motion to raise the sum of \$2,545,346.53, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2014. Seconded by John Cable. Richard Jewett made a motion to amend Article 5 to the sum of \$2,595,346.53. Seconded by William Lindsay. David Pisha explained that the paving budget was reduced, by the Select Board during the budget process, from \$125,000.00 to \$75,000.00. The \$75,000.00 is going to be used to pave part of Church Street. The original plan was to pave Church Street, Meadow Road and Orcutt Drive, which would have cost around \$115,000.00. Melissa Post asked why this is coming up now and was not part of the budget. William Lindsay replied that the Select Board had great discussion during the budget process and the original amount for paving was \$125,000.00. The Board spent money to have a study done on the roads and paving. The recommended amount in that study was \$115,000.00 per year. Julie Parah asked if the amendment could be passed over until after discussion on the overall budget. Moderator Dakin explained that the amendment could not be passed over. There would have to be a vote on the amendment first. Mrs. Parah asked if the amendment was supported could it be changed again. Moderator Dakin explained yes, there could be another amendment. Jake Arace asked if this was enough for the paving that needs to be done. John DeBenedetti replied there were so many roads that were isolated on this study and originally we had planned on spending \$115,000.00 and because of the magnitude of the budget we worked very hard for places to cut and it is not always the right thing to cut the paving. We originally started with \$115,000.00 because that is what it would cost to pave Church Street, Meadow Road and Orcutt Drive. Then after discussion it was decided to pave a portion of Church Street. Church Street was the next road on the study to be done. In answer to the question it is enough to do Church Street, is it enough to do everything obviously not because we have 19.8 miles of paved roads to consider and we are looking at doing one mile. Moderator Dakin explained that we will vote on the amendment to the budget. If we approve the amendment, the budget amount will be \$2,595,346.53. Amendment to Article 4 voted in the affirmative. Moderator Dakin reread Article 4 as amended. Moderator Dakin then advised that David Pisha would make a presentation on the budget. (Copy attached), Richard Jewett asked if Popple Dungeon Road would be done this year. Julie Hance advised that there is a 75% grant with a 25% match by the Town for Popple Dungeon and yes it would be done this year. Gary King asked if the sidewalks would be done this year and which sidewalks would be done. David Pisha answered that the sidewalks that would be done would be from the Catholic Church to the Green, Grafton Street and Maple Street. The survey work is done and the engineering is almost done. Julie Hance explained that it is a Transportation Grant that runs three years and maybe some of it would be done this year. Gary King asked when Depot Street was going to be paved. David Pisha explained that the State is supposed to be paving Routes 11 and 103 in 2015. We have also asked that they include from the Jiffy Mart to Route 103, depending on if the State gets Federal monies. Jake Arace asked if there were any plans to pave the Mountain View area. David Pisha explained that there is a Road Surface Management Plan that was done and it contains a prioritized list of roads to be paved. Mr. Pisha invited Mr. Arace to come to the office to look at the list. Tom Hildreth asked if the Springfield Regional Development money request was in the budget. David Pisha explained that the amount was \$8,645.00. John DeBenedetti advised that the Select Board had decided to take it out of the town budget and pay for it out of the Chester Economic Development Funds since they directly relate to economic development. Tom Hildreth asked what the Chester Economic Development was. John DeBenedetti explained that they were an unofficial group of several community members not controlled by the Select Board. They look at trends; they look

at several different properties for possibilities for bringing businesses to Chester. The funds come from the Chester Development Fund that is controlled by the Select Board. Moderator Dakin read Article 4 as amended. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$119,820.00, less any grant funds received for the purpose of restoring the Whiting Library building.

Any funds borrowed will be financed for a period of not more than 5 years. Bruce Parks moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Carrie King. John DeBenedetti made a motion to amend Article 5 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$119,820.00, less any grant funds received for the purpose of restoring the Whiting Library building. Any funds borrowed will be financed for a period of not more than 5 years. Seconded by Richard Jewett. Claudio Veliz asked what the purpose of this amendment was. John DeBenedetti explained that there are several components to the financing of this project. The Town is contributing \$10,000.00, the Library is contributing \$10,000.00 and there is a USDA Grant that can max out at 35% of the total construction cost and then there is a balance remaining that will be financed over five years. The Town will be responsible for the remaining balance and the Town does not know what the grant amount will be. The Town's share could be higher than \$119,820.00. Rosie Harlow Segal explained that she is not clear why we would want to move the decision from the voters to the Select Board making the decision. David Pisha explained that there is a Town contribution, a Library contribution and the USDA grant makes up to about 45% of the construction cost. USDA could come back and say that they are only giving us \$5,000.00 that means that under the current Article the Town would be obligated to contribute another \$40,000.00. This amendment is for the Select Board to use their best judgment in finding a financing package that best suits the Town and to use the best judgment on spending the money for the Town. It is not a sure thing that USDA will deliver the full 35% or \$45,000.00 that is currently in this package. Patricia Benelli asked if the \$119,000.00 that was being authorized included all of the other contributions. David Pisha explained yes it does. The Town is currently putting in \$10,000.00, the Library is putting in \$10,000.00, and the USDA could be putting in \$45,000.00 that would still leave \$55,000.00 to be financed. If the USDA does not come through with the \$45,000.00 then you have obligated the Town to come up with \$100,000.00. Currently in the Capitol Plan going forward has \$20,000.00 for the next three years to pay for its remaining share. If USDA does not come through that would be another two years of payments that the Town would be obligated to make unless you give the Select Board the flexibility to deal with what USDA may do. Julia Parah asked what the total cost of the renovations are. David Pisha replied \$119,000.00, which is based on an architectural study and that completes all of the renovations that the architect found as necessary. Lynne Stephany voiced concern about the Select Board having control and not the voters. John DeBenedetti explained that there is a contingency figure of 20% in the \$119,820.00 figure. Shawn Cunningham explained that it is actually restoration that will be done not renovations and putting it off any further is not going to help the building. Bruce Parks explained that the contingency fund that the architect put in the estimate is based on things that may be uncovered as the renovation/restoration goes on. Rosie Harlow Segal stated that this was presented by the Board of Trustees of the Library why does the Select Board want to move the authority. Derek Suursoo replied that it was not presented by the Library Trustees. It was presented by the Select Board. The Grant opportunity was found by Julie Hance. Mr. Suursoo clarified that if the Article is voted in the affirmative as presented he is going to understand that the Town of Chester is going to authorize us to spend up to \$119,000.00 whether we get grant funds or not so your maximum liability is \$119,000.00. If you vote the amendment that means to me that if the grant comes in at a sum that is too small to be reasonable that we the Select Board have the option to refuse the grant. The grant

is a loan grant and we may get a sum of money provided we take a loan with the entity, with whatever the interest is. If we stayed on our own we could borrow money from somewhere else at a lower rate. Steven Davis asked if the Trustees were made aware of this amendment in advance. Bruce Parks explained that 2½ years ago the Trustees had an opportunity to apply for a Vermont Historic Preservation Grant to have an architect do a survey on the building. There was a prioritized list of things that needed to be done on the old historic section of the Library. At that point Julie Hance found this grant opportunity. The architect also found some things that needed to be done to the new part of the Library. Richard Jewett explained that he wanted to make everyone aware that the Library building is owned by the Town. Mr. Jewett called the question. Moderator Dakin explained that there would be no further discussion and that there had to be 2/3 majority in favor of calling the question and taking a vote on the amendment.

Voted in the affirmative to call the question. Moderator Dakin reread Article 5 as amended. A voice vote was taken and Moderator Dakin advised that there would be a division of the house on the amendment to Article 5. In favor of amending Article 5 = 52. Not in favor of amending Article 5 = 35. Moderator Dakin reread Article 5 as amended. After more discussion Article 5 was voted in the affirmative as amended.

Representative Leigh Dakin and Senator Richard McCormack explained some of the projects being worked on in Montpelier.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327. This article is by Selectboard request. Sandra Walker moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by John Cable. Heidi Gustafson asked the amount that would be lost in taxes. Wanda Purdy advised that the assessment on the Grange building is \$195,800.00 which amounts to \$1,170.10 in municipal tax and \$2,649.17 in education tax, for a total of \$3,819.27. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester & Andover, Inc., a nonprofit volunteer organization which provides services to Senior Citizens, helping them to stay in their homes safely longer. This article is by petition. David Armstrong moved Article 7 as written. Seconded by Edward Spaulding. David Armstrong explained that the report for Community Cares Network could be found on page 81 of the Annual Report. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the town will support SENIOR SOLUTIONS the Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc. for \$1,200.00 to serve elders. This article is by petition. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 8 as written. Seconded by Melissa Post. Melissa Post explained that the report for Senior Solutions is on page 78 of the Annual Report. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need. This article is by petition. Sandra Vincent moved Article 9 as written. Seconded by Nancy Lindsay. Gail Gibbons explained that they are 100% volunteers that work at the family center and that their report could be found on page 75. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester. This article is by petition. Maria Contro moved Article 10 as written. Seconded by Jean Penney. Maria Contro thanked everyone for their support. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties. This article is by petition. Bruce Parks moved Article 11 as written. Seconded by Julie Hance. Bruce Parks explained that the report could be found on page 84 of the Annual Report. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. This article is by petition. Kari Storm moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Ken Ebell. Laura Page, representative from Windsor County Partners thanked everyone for their support. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

Article 13: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service. This article is by petition. Maria Contro moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH. This article is by petition. Tony Weinberger moved Article 14 as written. Seconded by Tom Hildreth. Tony Weinberger explained that the Visiting Nurses report could be found on page 79 of the Annual Report. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. This article is by petition. James Bartley moved Article 15 as written. Seconded by John Cable. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. This article is by petition. John Cable moved Article 16 as written. Seconded by Mark Verespy. Gladys Collins explained that SEVCA's report could be found on page 76. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.

Article 17: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 17 as written. Seconded by Sandra Walker. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.

Article 18: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2013. Julie Hance moved Article 18 as written. Seconded by Nora- Ellen Spaulding. John Cable advised that this year's Town Report was dedicated to Canine Officer Riggs who passed away in 2013. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.

Article 19: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Nancy Lindsay asked if the Town had considered excepting credit cards for payment of taxes and water/sewer payments. Deborah Aldrich advised that yes the Town is looking into accepting credit cards.

Julie Hance made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Cable. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

/s/ William E. Dakin, Jr., Moderator

/s/ Alison DesLauriers, Chairman, Chester Town School District

WARNING FOR CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby notified and warned to meet at Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, if so, the amount, to whom paid, and when paid.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town School District will authorize the Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 6:** To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68.
- ARTICLE 7:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2014.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 16th day of January, 2015.

/s/ Alison DesLauriers, Chairman
s/ Michael Leonard
/s/ Wanda Purdy

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

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- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Shawn Fletcher, \$250.00; Loren C. Cahill, \$250.00; Christine B. Copping, \$250.00.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$452,827.89 to be allocated as follows: \$130,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for highway; \$58,000.00 for a new Loader lease for highway; \$54,166.89 for sidewalk replacement; \$85,111.00 for the fire truck lease, \$16,650.00 for air packs for the fire department, \$17,500.00 for an Air Compressor Fill Station for the fire department, \$24,900.00 for the communications tower upgrades for ambulance, fire and highway; \$35,000.00 for bridge repairs; \$6,500.00 for the survey of Brookside Cemetery; \$5,000.00 for Hearse House renovations; \$20,000.00 for Whiting Library renovations; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,649.00 to the Springfield Regional Development Corporation. This article is by Selectboard request.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH**. This article is by petition.

- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.** This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)** to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women’s Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred dollars) for the support of Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for southeastern Vermont, to serve elders. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town’s indebtedness.

ARTICLE 18: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2014.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 21st day of January, 2015.

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman

/s/ Tom Bock

/s/ Derek Suursoo

/s/ William Lindsay

/s/ Arne Jonynas

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TOWN MEETING

March 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN BALLOTING

March 3, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Telephone 802-875-2173

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

First and Third Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S MEETING

First and (if needed) Third Monday 7:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD'S MEETING

Second and Fourth Monday 6:00 p.m.

FOR POLICE

Emergency: DIAL 911 or 875-2233
Business: 875-2035

FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

DIAL 911 or 875-3200

FOR FIRE SERVICE

DIAL 911 or 875-3200

FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

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FOR TOWN FIRE WARDEN

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FOR TOWN MANAGER

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