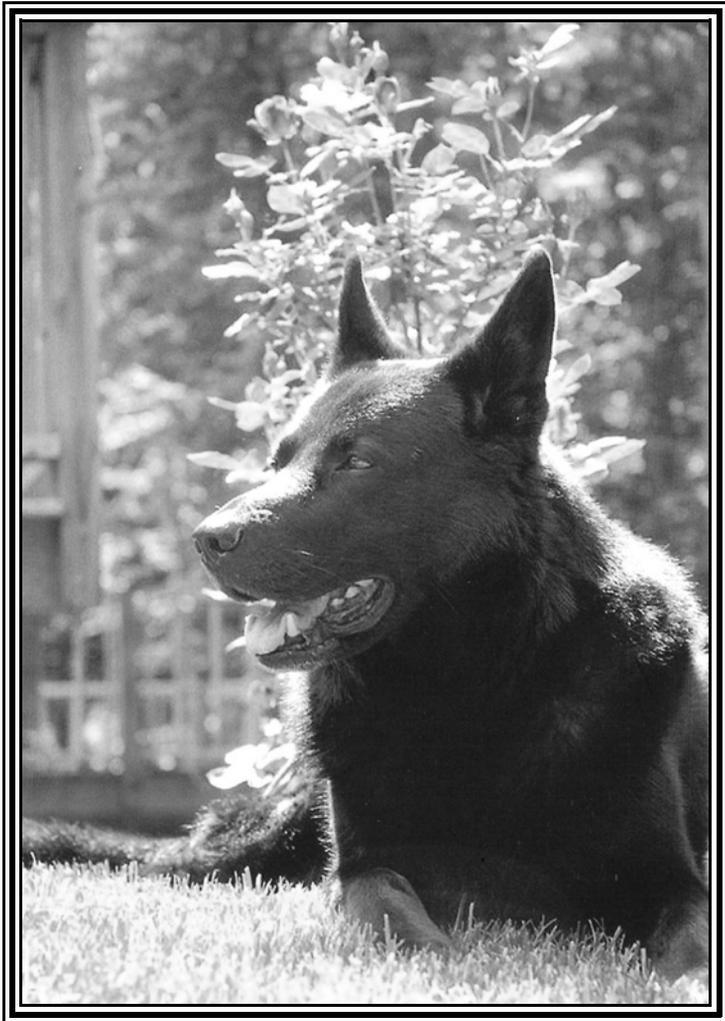


Annual Report



Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2013



Tribute to Police Canine Officer Riggs

This Annual Report is dedicated to Police Canine Officer Riggs. Riggs was a purebred black German Shepherd born in the Czech Republic. He joined the Chester Police Department in August 2002, and was the first K9 to work for the Town of Chester. Riggs and his handler, Mark Phelps, initially trained together for about 1,000 hours at the Vermont Police Academy. Riggs was cross trained in tracking, patrol, and narcotics detection. Riggs most enjoyed and excelled in narcotics detection. His largest find was for the Vermont State Police, finding over \$55,000 in cash and a large amount of drugs from the vehicle that he alerted on.

Riggs was a very social, dedicated dog, and loved visiting the local schools and students. When Riggs was not working, he enjoyed being outdoors with his family, snowshoeing, hiking, camping, and playing ball.

Riggs retired from Chester in January 2013. He passed away peacefully on July 22, 2013.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST

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, 2013

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Education Listed Value	\$419,192,318.00
Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$417,295,078.00
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	4,172,950.78
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	225,662,598.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	2,256,625.98
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	193,529,720.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	1,935,297.20

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

2005	1,967,053	1.2%
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

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2013	2012	2011	2010
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1,2365	\$1.2001	\$1.2062	\$1.2152
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.3530	1.3078	1.3471	1.3584
Municipal Tax Rate	0.5976	0.5828	0.5684	0.6079

*There are 45 non-taxed parcels in the Town of Chester
 There are 17 veterans receiving the veterans exemption
 There are 174 properties enrolled in the land use program

**ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS
March 5, 2013**

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2014	John H. (Jack) Cable	2014
		E. W. Spaulding	2015
TOWN CLERK:		Phyllis Jewett	2016
Deborah J. Aldrich	2014		
		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
LISTERS:		TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
Deborah Trent	2014	Gertrude J. Bennett	2014
Catherine Hasbrouck (Apptd.)	2014	Wanda Purdy	2015
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2015	Alison DesLauriers	2016
SELECTMEN:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Thomas Bock	2014	UNION NO. 29:	
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	2014	Tonia Fleming	2014
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	2014	Marilyn Mahusky	2015
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	2015	Jacob Arace	2016
William L. Lindsay	2016	Jeffrey M. Hance	2016
TAX COLLECTOR:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Town Manager		UNION NO. 35:	
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		"Arne" Jonynas	2014
		Michael Leonard (Apptd.)	2014
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		Geralyn Donohue (Resigned)	2015
Sandra K. Walker	2014	Alison DesLauriers	2016
Shirley A. Barrett	2015	Kelly Kehoe	2016
Erron J. Carey	2016		
		BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
TOWN GRAND JUROR:		Julie Parah	2014
John DeBenedetti	2014	Heidi Buxton Ladd	2015
		Amy Howlett	2015
TOWN TREASURER:		Susan Kibbe	2015
Deborah J. Aldrich	2014	Mariette Bock	2016
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2012	
Jo-Anne DeBenedetti	2014	Justices of the Peace:	
		Kenneth D. Barrett	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		Lynne Beehler	
Mary Lou Farr	2014	Patricia G. Benelli	
Kathy Pellett	2014	Patricia Budnick	
Alice H. Forlie	2015	Robert Crawford	
Bruce Parks, Chairman	2015	Ruth Douglas	
Lynda Tallarico	2015	Tom Elgan	
Mariette Bock	2016	Molly Ferris	
David A. Lord	2016	Jeffrey Kibbe	
		Cheryl LeClair	
		Bruce Parks	
		Colleen Truax	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:		PLANNING COMMISSION:	
Chief of Police		Tom Hildreth	03-2014
Richard H. Cloud	03-2014	Randall Wiggan (Apptd.)	03-2014
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:		Thomas Bock, Chairman	03-2015
Ken Barrett, Alternate	06-30-2014	Naomi Johnson	03-2015
Donald Robinson	06-30-2014	Harry S. Goodell	03-2016
Amy O'Neil, Vice Chair	06-06-2015		
Carla Westine, Chair	06-06-2015	POUND KEEPER:	
Heidi Buxton Ladd	06-30-2016	Chief of Police	
Mark Curran, Alternate	06-30-2016	Richard H. Cloud	03-2014
Harry Goodell	06-30-2016		
		REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES:	
CEMETERY SEXTON:		Thomas Bock	03-2014
Jeffrey Sheldon	03-2014	Derek Suursoo - Alternate	03-2014
		ROAD COMMISSIONER:	
CLERK TO SELECTMEN:		Town Manager	
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	03-2014	SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN:	
		Georgia A. Ethier	03-2014
CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY		BOARD OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL:	
Bruce Parks	03-2014	Board of Selectmen	
		SOLID WASTE DIST. REPRESENTATIVE:	
COUNCIL ON AGING:		Derek Suursoo	03-2014
Linda Stowell	03-2014	TOWN MANAGER:	
		David Pisha	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN:		TOWN SERVICE OFFICER:	
Town Manager David Pisha	03-2014	David Pisha	03-2014
		TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	
FENCE VIEWERS:		Vacant	
Frank E. Balch	03-2014	TREE WARDEN:	
J. Leon Spaulding	03-2014	Joseph Epler	03-2014
Tony Weinberger	03-2014	WATER COMMISSIONERS:	
		Board of Selectmen	
FIRE WARDEN:		WEIGHER OF COAL:	
Jeffery C. Holden	06-30-2014	Tony Weinberger	03-2014
		ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	
FIRST CONSTABLE:		Michael Normyle	03-02-2014
Jeffery C. Holden	03-2014		
GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRMAN:			
Frank Kelley	05-2014		
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD:			
Tony Weinberger	03-2014		

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: 03-14)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent of Schools - A. Bruce Williams

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2012	2013
TOWN MANAGER		
David Pisha	\$68,474.99	\$71,350.03
TOWN CLERK		
Deborah J. Aldrich	44,885.21	45,571.39
TOWN TREASURER		
Deborah J. Aldrich	2,848.98	2,715.85
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		
Carol L. Balch	1,744.92	0.00
Wanda C. Purdy	12,624.09	11,176.97
Deborah Trent	3,368.23	3,459.89
Catherine Hasbrouck	0.00	833.63
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable	1,336.19	1,367.49
Phyllis A. Jewett	1,314.34	1,307.05
E. W. Spaulding	1,265.15	1,260.19
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	800.00

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

The past year proved to be an active and productive year for the Select Board. Over the past several months, we have diligently approached the issue of a Solar Farm on the Town property along Route 103, opposite Trebo Road (the site of the Town well). Several proposals were reviewed, and a contract has been negotiated with Green Lantern Capital, the operator of the proposed farm. Pending reviews and approvals by the appropriate State agencies, this 500-Kilowatt Solar Farm has the potential to generate revenue to the Town in the forms of rent, taxes, and credits toward current Town electrical usage through "net metering." This Solar Farm would put Chester on the map as one of the Towns using "green renewable energy" as a source of electric power for Town facilities.

Earlier in the year, the Planning Board presented a rewritten draft version of "The Unified Development By-Laws," the regulations that essentially control development within the Town. The Select Board held the first of two public hearings, and subsequently reviewed each section of the document, encouraging public comment throughout the entire process. A list of concerns, including suggested changes, was developed, and the Planning Board is currently reviewing those issues. Once the Planning Board has had a chance to address all the issues, the process requires there be a second public hearing, and the eventual adoption of these new regulations.

With respect to economic development, one accomplishment during this past year was attaining the "Village Center Designation" for a relatively large portion of the Town. This designation allows both individuals and businesses within the designated limits to receive both state and federal tax credits associated with specific types of improvements to their property. The limits of the Village Center Designation essentially run along Main Street (Route 11) from the NewsBank facility down to the corner of Route 103, and from that corner, continuing along Route 103 down to the Town Hall. A map of the designated area is available at Town Hall, as well as all the tax information for those interested. The Board most certainly encourages those eligible to participate in this program.

The Board continues to work on reviews and updates to Town regulatory documents. Updates to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations were recently modified and adopted. We are currently waiting to adopt a new "Forest Management Plan" and updated "Road and Bridge Specifications" pending final reviews.

In closing, the Board once again would like to thank the volunteer efforts of the Planning Board and the Development Review Board for the hard work they have provided through the year. In addition, thank you to the efforts of all the elected and appointed officials, and to our dedicated police, fire and ambulance workers who serve the Town. And finally, thank you to 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

The past year saw many things happen in Chester.

Over 2.6 miles of Flamstead Road was paved. The Town received grant funds from the State for much of the work. The total cost was over a quarter of a million dollars.

A new playground set consisting of a slide, swings and other activities designed for children was installed at the Pinnacle Recreation area. Again, much of that cost was borne by a grant.

A grant also provided funding to air conditioning on the second floor of Town Hall. New heating equipment was also added. This made the space much more usable throughout the year.

The Economic Development Fund provided the funds necessary to begin building a new Town website. Work on it should be finished in the near future.

A new fire truck was leased to replace one that was 23 years old. It is a great addition to the Fire Department's fleet and has many improvements over the model that was traded. Leasing made sense since interest rates are so low. The Board also decided to move ahead with the new model since prices were going to be going up on next year's truck.

A new ambulance was also put into service in 2012. Since that time it has been very active. Calls for service were up 30% in 2013 over the prior years.

Construction of Missing Link Bridge commenced in late 2013. Work was halted due to the weather but the project should be completed this year. Here again; outside money, this time from FEMA, will pay for most of the work.

While the Town Auditors have dedicated this report to Officer Riggs who served Chester for many years, I would also like to offer my thoughts regarding him. When my office was next to the Police Department, he would drop in on me while he was on duty. I also looked forward to our visits even though he would only stay for a minute or so each time. He was a very nice dog.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pisha, Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Select Board, while Discussion of the proposed 2014 Budget started late November with members of the Budget Committee attending the Select Board meetings through January 2.

What started out with a proposed 7.9% increase over the 2013 budget, by the end of deliberations, was reduced to a 4.5% increase. Please refer to the Budget Summary page for specific figures by department. The Library Trustees proposed a lower Town contribution toward their 2014 operating budget. Town office staff deferred planned digitization of Town records, reducing equipment and personnel costs. Finally, a decision was made to reduce the Town's paving budget anticipating planned State projects in 2015.

The Town Manager and Departments have done an excellent job providing existing Town services in an efficient manner. The Grand List is currently growing very slowly. As a result, maintaining current services will become increasingly difficult with stagnant revenues. The Budget Committee recommends that the Select Board begin discussing the 2015 budget earlier in 2014. Taxpayers should work closely with the Select Board to identify acceptable ways to both increase revenues and decrease expenditures. All categories of revenue and expenditures should be open to discussion.

The Budget Committee voted to recommend the 2014 Town Budget as proposed by the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Bock
Amy Howlett
Susan Kibbe
Heidi Ladd
Julie Parah

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2013, 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 18, 2013, from the Town Treasurer one (1) Warrant for 2013 totaling two hundred seventy-six thousand, three hundred sixty-nine dollars and forty cents (\$276,369.40) in real and personal property taxes, including penalties and interest, for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2013, was three hundred eighty-nine thousand, five hundred sixty-nine dollars and one cent (\$389,569.01) including penalties of twenty-six thousand eight hundred forty-five dollars and eight cents (\$26,845.08) and interest of twenty-seven thousand five hundred forty-five dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$27,545.87). There was one abatement this year due to property losses associated with Tropical Storm Irene.

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, 2012, and will be performing the 2013 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 Mathevs for their 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

In 2013 we had a change to the front office staff. Christine Balch resigned as part-time Bookkeeper/Assistant Town Clerk. We hired Priscilla Mathews as a part-time Bookkeeper/Assistant Town Clerk. Priscilla (Cil) is a great addition to our office. I would like to thank Christine Balch for her dedicated hard work and service to the Town of Chester.

The project of putting our land records into our computerized land records system is still ongoing and going well.

This year with our restoration money we had several books restored: General Records Volume C, Road Book 3/1937-1971, and Cemetery Records Volume 2. We also had some things that were in a box in the vault put into books: Highway Rate Bills/Road Surveys, Town Deeds/Leases, and Civil War Lists.

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 that you receive from the State and 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 these hours if prior arrangements are made.

Property taxes will be due September 15, 2014, 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, Fire and Ambulance Services, and the citizens of Chester for your dedication and hard work for Town of Chester.

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

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

General Fund

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$7,013,302.81
Taxes	197,211.66
Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,565.50
Planning & Zoning	5,542.19
General Government	41,858.21
Police Department	56,669.02
Fire Department	10,285.25
Ambulance Service	88,314.50
Communications	22,200.00
Public Works	540,857.40
Recreation Department	24,994.07
Parks & Cemeteries	10,076.69
Other Income	91,958.46
Prior Year Public Works Surplus	<u>7,654.08</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$8,118,489.84</u>

EXPENDITURES

Selectboard	\$ 83,830.93
Administration	227,838.47
Listers	21,476.41
Taxes	8,642.84
Planning & Zoning	32,159.36
Insurance	516,441.66
Police Department	371,760.27
Fire Department	81,988.63
Ambulance Service	95,968.47
Communications	27,387.49
Public Works	1,310,182.04
Solid Waste	25,479.50
Health & Welfare	800.00
Recreation Department	60,337.43
Parks & Cemeteries	57,326.75
Library	95,763.72
Town Hall	28,526.98
Facilities	27,720.75
Capital	202,838.75
School Assessment	4,715,133.09
County Tax	23,346.64
Grant Expenses	32,450.00
Voted Articles	<u>41,350.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$8,088,750.18</u>

Excess General Fund Revenues	\$ 29,739.66
General Fund Surplus	77,243.31
Public Works Deficit	<u>28,738.65</u>
General Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 135,721.62</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues	
2013	2014
\$242,300.00	\$245,600.00
Expenses	
\$928,868.35	\$968,900.50
Net	
<u>(\$686,568.35)</u>	<u>(\$723,300.50)</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues	
\$182,145.00	\$188,045.00
Expenses	
\$646,240.00	\$651,400.00
Net	
<u>(\$464,095.00)</u>	<u>(\$463,355.00)</u>

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues	
\$545,628.09	\$256,249.00
Expenses	
\$1,304,610.00	\$1,111,175.00
\$1,589,130.00	
Net	
<u>(\$758,981.91)</u>	<u>(\$854,926.00)</u>

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues	
\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	
\$335,000.00	\$325,000.00
Net	
<u>\$335,000.00</u>	<u>(\$325,000.00)</u>

CULTURE & RECREATION

Revenues	
2013	2014
\$38,830.00	\$44,145.00
Expenses	
\$278,285.00	\$292,780.00
Net	
<u>(\$239,455.00)</u>	<u>(\$248,635.00)</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	
\$1,556,680.87	\$1,803,841.00
Expenses	
\$87,183.00	\$1,836,291.00
Net	
<u>(\$32,450.00)</u>	<u>(\$32,450.00)</u>

OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues	
\$107,862.54	\$2,200.00
Expenses	
\$100,862.56	\$34,000.00
Net	
<u>\$6,999.98</u>	<u>\$31,800.00</u>

TOTALS	2013	2014
Revenues	\$2,684,446.50	\$2,540,080.00
Expenditures	\$5,191,496.77	\$5,221,046.50
GF Surplus/Deficit	\$77,243.31	\$135,721.62
Pre Surplus Total	(\$2,507,050.27)	(\$2,680,966.15)
To Be Collected	(\$2,429,806.96)	(\$2,545,346.53)
Difference	\$69,197.12	\$115,437.57

**2014
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENSES

REVENUES		2012	2013	2013	2014
Taxes		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,913.62	\$ 1,900.00
1-318-02	Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	0.00	1.60	0.00
1-318-03	Land Use	130,000.00	125,000.00	128,194.00	128,500.00
1-318-06	Pilot Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,406.52	2,500.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Interest	60,000.00	65,000.00	64,695.92	65,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 194,000.00	\$ 194,000.00	\$ 197,211.66	\$ 197,900.00

Licenses, Permits, & Fees

1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,300.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	250.00	250.00	207.50	250.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,464.00	1,500.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	1,000.00	1,750.00	3,236.00	1,850.00
1-321-06	Rabies	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,280.00	1,300.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	500.00	500.00	363.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,565.50	\$ 6,700.00

Planning & Zoning

1-321-02	Permits	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,542.19	\$ 5,000.00
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General Government

1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,665.47	\$ 30,000.00
1-341-12	Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-17	911 House Nmbrs.	200.00	100.00	41.00	100.00
1-341-19	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	744.13	700.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,800.38	2,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	500.00	800.00	1,207.23	800.00
1-341-53	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 41,858.21	\$ 36,000.00

TOT. GEN.	GOVT. REVENUES	\$ 237,350.00	\$ 242,300.00	\$ 252,177.56	\$ 245,600.00
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EXPENSES

Selectmen FT=1		2012	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
1-411-70	Selectmen Exps.	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,144.10	1,500.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	68,000.00	70,500.00	71,407.70	76,000.00
1-412-16	Mgmt. Cnsitnt.	0.00	4,500.00	4,444.07	1,500.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	335.06	1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,830.93	\$ 86,000.00

**2014
BUDGET**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENSES
EXPENSES**

		2012	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
Administration					
1-413-09	Elections	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,703.12	\$ 4,000.00
1-413-10	Election Payroll	4,000.00	1,000.00	551.70	2,500.00
1-415-10	Payroll	122,500.00	128,750.00	124,640.38	127,500.00
1-415-11	Treasurer	2,800.00	2,900.00	2,715.85	3,000.00
1-415-17	911 House Nbrs.	250.00	100.00	25.54	100.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,564.26	10,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment	24,000.00	18,800.00	19,441.95	19,300.00
1-415-33	Notices	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,671.60	3,000.00
1-415-34	Telephone	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,135.21	5,000.00
1-415-35	Postage	7,000.00	6,000.00	5,452.49	6,000.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,227.00	2,500.00
1-415-40	VLCT	3,838.00	3,992.00	3,992.00	4,230.00
1-415-41	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,149.50	2,500.00
1-415-55	Chamber of Com.	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
1-415-56	Legal	10,000.00	8,000.00	6,520.38	8,000.00
1-415-57	Town Audits	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,934.73	4,000.00
1-415-58	Outside Audit	11,000.00	16,500.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
1-415-59	Computer	4,500.00	3,000.00	4,461.52	6,000.00
1-415-60	Service Charge	2,500.00	2,000.00	1,579.65	2,000.00
1-415-62	Town Report	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,198.80	1,500.00
1-415-63	Record Rstrtn.	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,142.62	7,000.00
1-415-77	Legal Envrntnl.(1)	0.00	5,000.00	3,970.20	0.00
1-415-79	Unclassified	0.00	0.00	19.00	0.00
1-415-80	Current Exp. Int.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,615.97	7,500.00
1-415-91	FEMA Loan Int.	16,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 265,513.00	\$ 252,667.00	\$ 227,838.47	\$ 238,755.00
Listers					
01-416-10	Salary PT=3	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 15,470.49	\$ 24,750.00
01-416-21	General Expenses	5,500.00	6,000.00	4,040.23	6,500.00
01-416-22	Training	1,000.00	800.00	350.00	1,500.00
01-416-23	Equipment	0.00	0.00	103.98	100.00
01-416-74	Travel	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,511.71	2,000.00
01-416-75	State Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 34,250.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 21,476.41	\$ 34,850.00
Taxes					
01-417-20	Tax Billing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
01-417-21	General Expenses	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
01-417-22	Abatement	5,000.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00
01-417-24	State Appeals	0.00	0.00	2,405.59	3,000.00
01-417-30	Tax Sale Service	0.00	500.00	4,071.25	500.00
01-417-33	Advertising	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,156.00	2,500.00
01-417-56	Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,642.84	\$ 6,500.00
Planning & Zoning					
01-418-10	Salary PT=1	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,821.79	\$ 12,000.00
01-418-11	DRB Salaries (2)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
01-418-21	Notices	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,353.00	2,500.00
01-418-22	Grant Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-23	Enforcement	0.00	4,000.00	25.99	4,000.00
01-418-38	Town Plan/Zoning	2,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-418-56	Legal (3)	3,000.00	2,000.00	5,832.21	3,500.00
01-418-62	Printing	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-418-64	Training	500.00	500.00	180.19	500.00
01-418-65	Computer	750.00	500.00	354.68	500.00
01-418-66	Reg Plan. Dues	3,650.00	3,627.10	3,942.50	3,942.50
01-418-95	SRDC	0.00	0.00	8,649.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25,900.00	\$ 25,727.10	\$ 32,159.36	\$ 30,142.50

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENSES

EXPENSES	2012	2013	2013	2014
Insurance & Deductions	Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-419-15 Social Security	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 91,326.77	\$ 103,000.00
1-419-16 Unemployment	1,672.00	2,343.00	2,168.37	2,493.00
1-419-17 Workers Comp.	35,000.00	41,763.24	38,773.34	42,381.00
1-419-18 Medical (4)	138,156.00	167,100.00	162,424.49	193,194.00
1-419-19 Life	3,193.00	3,200.00	2,785.06	3,200.00
1-419-20 Retirement	53,000.00	53,000.00	52,772.12	55,000.00
1-419-50 Prop/Casualty	62,871.00	61,768.01	72,224.50	78,385.00
1-419-52 Coinsurance	90,000.00	95,000.00	93,967.01	95,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 481,892.00</u>	<u>\$ 524,174.25</u>	<u>\$ 516,441.66</u>	<u>\$ 572,653.00</u>
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.EXPENSES	<u>\$ 891,555.00</u>	<u>\$ 928,868.35</u>	<u>\$ 890,389.67</u>	<u>\$ 968,900.50</u>

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
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| 1 | This expense was dropped since the recommendations regarding the Bio-Mass plant by the Hearing Officer to the PSB include many of Chester's traffic concerns. |
| 2 | Members of the DRB will now receive a small stipend. |
| 3 | Legal expenses were increased based on future expectations and actual costs that were generated in 2013. |
| 4 | Premium costs are up; the two reasons are an increase in basic rates and the requirement to cover an additional employee; overall other categories in this area are also showing increases. |

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENSES

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Revenues		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-342-11	Court Fees (1)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 35,709.16	\$ 45,000.00
1-342-12	Ski Payroll Reimb.	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,030.00	21,000.00
1-342-13	Sub-Cntrct. Reimb.	0.00	0.00	1,690.00	0.00
1-342-15	Other Income	3,500.00	4,500.00	1,250.50	1,500.00
1-342-19	START	4,145.00	4,145.00	989.36	4,145.00
	TOTAL	\$ 102,645.00	\$ 88,645.00	\$ 56,669.02	\$ 71,645.00

Expenses		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-421-10	Payroll	\$ 290,460.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 268,333.28	\$ 309,000.00
1-421-11	Overtime	22,500.00	21,000.00	18,430.92	20,000.00
1-421-12	Ski Traffic	18,500.00	19,000.00	14,558.40	19,000.00
1-421-13	Traffic Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	24,000.00	15,000.00	1,356.03	7,500.00
1-421-16	SIU PR	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-421-19	GHSP Payroll	0.00	0.00	689.64	0.00
1-421-20	Supplies	7,500.00	7,500.00	1,935.78	6,500.00
1-421-22	START Payroll	0.00	2,000.00	807.36	2,000.00
1-421-23	Equipment	10,000.00	8,000.00	10,961.43	8,000.00
1-421-24	DARE	750.00	750.00	473.36	750.00
1-421-34	Telephone	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,740.56	4,500.00
1-421-36	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,021.63	5,000.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	350.00	400.00	368.00	450.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,228.12	12,500.00
1-421-69	Gasoline	25,000.00	25,000.00	18,685.87	20,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,300.12	2,500.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	3,000.00	3,500.00	4,395.60	4,000.00
1-421-76	Attorney	1,500.00	1,500.00	498.75	1,500.00
1-421-77	MDC	3,000.00	3,000.00	960.42	3,000.00
1-421-78	Watch Guard	400.00	400.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 422,960.00	\$ 429,550.00	\$ 371,745.27	\$ 427,700.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Revenues		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 985.25	\$ 500.00
1-342-22	Andover	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 10,285.25	\$ 9,800.00

Expenses		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-422-10	Salary	\$ 32,640.00	\$ 32,640.00	\$ 30,147.35	\$ 38,750.00
1-422-22	Physicals	1,400.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
1-422-23	Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	17,410.80	15,000.00
1-422-34	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
1-422-36	Training (2)	1,000.00	3,500.00	1,842.56	4,000.00
1-422-40	Assoc. Dues	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,317.00	1,600.00
1-422-56	Legal	0.00	0.00	487.00	0.00
1-422-67	Garage Doors	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,893.00	0.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	5,000.00	4,000.00	3,228.68	4,000.00
1-422-69	Fuel	2,000.00	2,500.00	1,662.24	2,500.00
1-422-70	Radio Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
1-422-76	Utilities	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
1-422-79	Transfer to Water	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 84,840.00	\$ 86,190.00	\$ 81,988.63	\$ 89,450.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENSES

AMBULANCE		2012	2013	2013	2014
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-31	Ser. Fees/Reimb.	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 82,305.50	\$ 70,000.00
1-342-33	Other Income	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00
1-342-34	Andover	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 88,314.50	\$ 76,000.00

Expenses		2012	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-423-10	Salary	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,445.09	\$ 74,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,779.55	6,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Expenses	500.00	500.00	1,024.51	1,500.00
1-423-23	Equipment	6,000.00	8,000.00	8,362.44	8,000.00
1-423-24	Intercept	3,000.00	3,000.00	950.00	2,000.00
1-423-36	Training (3)	3,000.00	5,000.00	3,080.96	5,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint.	4,000.00	1,000.00	168.89	1,000.00
1-423-69	Fuel	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,157.03	2,500.00
1-423-70	Billing Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 96,500.00	\$ 99,500.00	\$ 95,968.47	\$ 103,500.00

COMMUNICATIONS		2012	2013	2013	2014
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 30,600.00

Expenses		2012	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-426-10	Dispatching	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1-426-34	Telephone	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,306.92	2,750.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,735.46	2,750.00
1-426-36	Cell Phones	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>4,345.11</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 27,387.49	\$ 30,750.00

Tn. Constable		2012	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-427-36	Training	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00

TOT. PUB. SAFETY	Revenues	\$ 192,445.00	\$ 182,145.00	\$ 177,468.77	\$ 188,045.00
	Expenses	\$ 635,300.00	\$ 646,240.00	\$ 577,104.86	\$ 651,400.00

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1	Court fees have been adjusted based on CORE experience in 2013.
2	The training budget has been increased to accommodate additional needs in the Department.
3	New regulations are requiring more training of staff.

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-344-11 Diesel Sales:				
1-344-11 Police	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,831.68	\$ 20,000.00
1-344-11 Water	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,457.75	2,500.00
1-344-11 Sewer	2,600.00	2,750.00	2,129.46	3,000.00
1-344-11 Fire	2,000.00	2,500.00	1,100.74	2,500.00
1-344-11 Ambulance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,002.54	2,500.00
1-344-11 School	60,000.00	60,500.00	57,636.74	60,000.00
1-344-12 Material Sale	0.00	0.00	245.40	0.00
1-344-13 State Aid	140,461.77	188,000.00	194,544.18	194,488.00
1-344-14 Other Income	0.00	0.00	1,899.00	0.00
1-344-25 Prior Year Surplus	51,258.00	7,654.08	7,654.08	(28,739.00)
1-344-26 Popple Dungeon Fd.	0.00	90,400.01	90,465.91	0.00
1-344-27 2 for 1 Road Grant	0.00	164,624.00	162,624.00	0.00
1-344-28 Efficiency Vermont	0.00	0.00	8,920.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 285,519.77	\$ 545,628.09	\$ 548,511.48	\$ 256,249.00
Expenses	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-431-10 Payroll	\$ 401,700.00	\$ 422,500.00	\$ 428,961.56	\$ 435,175.00
1-431-20 Equipment	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,481.79	6,500.00
1-431-21 Supplies	7,500.00	8,500.00	7,745.73	8,500.00
1-431-23 Tools	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,491.09	6,500.00
1-431-24 Salt	26,000.00	55,000.00	55,997.66	55,000.00
1-431-25 Sand	50,800.00	65,000.00	66,052.50	65,000.00
1-431-26 Gravel (1)	154,200.00	65,000.00	108,310.50	80,000.00
1-431-27 Hot Mix	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,957.01	5,000.00
1-431-28 Paving	13,000.00	289,360.00	286,454.92	75,000.00
1-431-29 Cal. Chloride	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,137.00	15,000.00
1-431-30 Culverts	8,000.00	5,000.00	1,770.59	5,000.00
1-431-31 Rip Rap	1,500.00	2,000.00	413.95	2,000.00
1-431-32 Bridge Material	6,000.00	3,000.00	1,878.96	3,000.00
1-431-34 Communications	1,000.00	1,200.00	963.14	1,500.00
1-431-36 Training	500.00	500.00	284.76	500.00
1-431-37 Cont. Serv.	10,000.00	12,000.00	16,676.97	13,000.00
1-431-38 Mowing	13,000.00	12,000.00	9,860.00	13,000.00
1-431-55 Sidewalk Repair	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-431-66 Blades/Chns/Plws	15,000.00	20,000.00	20,367.20	20,000.00
1-431-67 Diesel/Gas (2)	160,000.00	170,000.00	168,529.33	160,000.00
1-431-68 Veh. Maint.	55,000.00	55,000.00	57,079.87	55,000.00
1-431-69a Street Light Survey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-431-69 Street Lights	30,000.00	23,000.00	34,863.00	21,000.00
1-431-75 Uniforms	9,000.00	7,500.00	9,740.60	9,000.00
1-431-76 Garage Utilities	7,500.00	8,000.00	7,259.67	8,500.00
1-431-77 Garage Water	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,210.03	2,500.00
1-431-78 Fuel	1,000.00	1,000.00	292.23	1,250.00
1-431-79 Garage Maint.	15,000.00	15,000.00	2,336.99	15,000.00
1-431-82 Power on the Green	0.00	0.00	64.99	0.00
TOTAL	\$1,020,700.00	\$1,278,560.00	\$1,310,182.04	\$1,084,925.00
Net Expenditures	\$ 735,180.23	\$ 732,931.91	\$ 761,670.56	\$ 828,676.00

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

SOLID WA	STE	2012	2013	2013	2014
Expenses		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-432-37	Eager Beaver	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 479.50	\$ 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 (3)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 26,050.00	\$ 26,050.00	\$ 25,479.50	\$ 26,250.00
	Grand Total	<u>\$1,046,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,661.54</u>	<u>\$1,111,175.00</u>

Item # Explanation

- 1** **Payments continue for gravel purchased under contract.**
- 2** **Many forecasts predict falling fuel costs in 2014.**
- 3** **The Selectboard agreed to a small expense item to aid Green Up Day.**

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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENSES

REVENUES	Non-Program	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 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	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,383.50	3,500.00
01-346-27	Donations	0.00	100.00	70.00	100.00
01-346-28	Food Com./Sales	4,000.00	2,000.00	1,370.95	2,000.00
01-346-29	Pavilion Rental	0.00	200.00	50.00	225.00
01-346-30	Material Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-33	Babe Ruth Baseball	800.00	500.00	525.00	600.00
01-346-35	Men's Basketball	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 9,199.45	\$ 10,225.00
	Seasonal Sprts&Camps				
01-346-10	Smart Start Camps	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 160.00
01-346-11	Sports for Squirts	0.00	300.00	130.00	200.00
01-346-12	Spring Baseball	2,000.00	1,750.00	2,375.00	2,250.00
01-346-13	Black Fly Baseball Camp	0.00	1,500.00	1,703.62	1,600.00
01-346-15	Softball Camp	0.00	200.00	385.00	200.00
01-346-16	Fall Soccer	2,000.00	2,250.00	2,120.00	2,000.00
01-346-17	Flag Football	0.00	250.00	225.00	240.00
01-346-20	Hip Hop Dance	400.00	275.00	755.00	600.00
01-346-25 Summer	Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
01-346-17	Soccer Camp	3,000.00	2,200.00	1,950.00	2,000.00
01-346-18	GM Sports Camp	2,000.00	1,250.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
01-346-19	Winter Basketball	1,500.00	1,750.00	1,401.00	1,500.00
01-346-20	Dance Camp	400.00	275.00	285.00	270.00
01-346-21	Golf Camp	300.00	700.00	395.00	400.00
01-346-22a	Girls Basketball Camp	0.00	350.00	315.00	350.00
01-346-22b	Boys Basketball Camp	0.00	350.00	595.00	350.00
01-346-24	Baseball Camp	0.00	200.00	100.00	200.00
01-346-26	Skateboard Camp	500.00	175.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-27	Basketball	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-29	Tennis Camp	0.00	200.00	110.00	150.00
01-346-30	OWLS Adventure Camp	0.00	0.00	1,265.00	1,000.00
01-346-32	Theater Camp	120.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-34	Tae Kwon Do Camp	0.00	280.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-50	Wrestling	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
01-346-51	Climbing Camp	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 12,220.00	\$ 15,255.00	\$ 15,794.62	\$ 23,470.00
	Total Revenues	\$ 24,820.00	\$ 27,105.00	\$ 24,994.07	\$ 33,695.00

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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENSES

Expenses	Non-Program	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
01-451-11	Snack Shack Payroll	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 500.00
01-451-12	Babe Ruth Baseball	800.00	500.00	533.00	600.00
01-458-22	Concession Expense	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,070.38	1,500.00
01-451-35	Men's Basketball	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-451-78	Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-451-	Material Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,795.38	\$ 3,600.00
	Seasonal Sprts. & Camps				
01-451-14	Start Smart Camp	\$ 0.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
01-451-15	Sport for Squirts	0.00	240.00	40.12	140.00
01-451-37	Baseball	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,596.24	1,700.00
01-451-36	Black Fly	1,800.00	1,250.00	1,468.26	1,400.00
01-451-38	Softball	0.00	160.00	80.00	0.00
01-451-38A	Spring Softball Camp	0.00	0.00	250.00	160.00
01-451-40	Fall Soccer	2,000.00	1,600.00	1,789.37	1,500.00
01-451-17	Fall Flag Football	0.00	200.00	108.00	180.00
01-451-23	Hip-Hop Dance	0.00	0.00	660.00	500.00
01-451-47	Summer Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
01-451-42	Soccer Camps	2,500.00	1,900.00	1,661.33	1,800.00
01-451-18	GM Sports Camp	0.00	950.00	1,359.25	800.00
01-451-44	Basketball	600.00	1,000.00	839.60	1,000.00
01-451-23	Dance Camp	360.00	220.00	225.00	220.00
01-451-21	Golf	270.00	320.00	320.00	320.00
01-451.43a	Girls Basketball Camp	0.00	300.00	320.00	300.00
01-451-43b	Boys Basketball Camp	0.00	300.00	482.50	300.00
01-451-45	Skateboard Camp	500.00	160.00	0.00	0.00
01-451-30	OWLS Adventure Camp	0.00	0.00	1,040.00	800.00
01-451-50	Wrestling	0.00	0.00	126.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,530.00	\$ 10,260.00	\$ 12,365.67	\$ 18,220.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,830.00	\$ 14,260.00	\$ 14,161.05	\$ 21,820.00
		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
Expenses	Other Rec. Exp.				
01-451-10	Payroll	\$ 43,797.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 43,488.75	\$ 45,320.00
01-451-13	Vehicle Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,533.28	3,500.00
01-451-77	Pool Water & Sewer	400.00	0.00	154.56	400.00
01-458-11	Lifeguards	17,000.00	17,000.00	12,164.81	16,000.00
01-458-20	Pool Improvement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-458-21	Supplies	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,704.55	4,000.00
01-458-41	Skating Rink Maint.	500.00	500.00	301.47	300.00
01-451-46	Tennis Court	2,553.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-458-68	Pool Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	8,028.46	3,000.00
01-458-75	Water & Sewer	750.00	1,000.00	1,090.69	1,000.00
01-458-76	Utilities	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,360.39	4,500.00
01-458-77	Equipment Repair	0.00	200.00	0.00	300.00
01-458-78	Facility Repair (1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,800.00
	TOTAL	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 75,200.00	\$ 73,826.96	\$ 84,120.00
TOTAL	REC. REVENUES	\$ 24,420.00	\$ 26,830.00	\$ 23,513.32	\$ 25,910.00
TOTAL	REC. EXPENSES	\$ 91,830.00	\$ 89,460.00	\$ 79,511.38	\$ 90,995.00

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Explanation

The baseball fields & tennis courts will be refur bished this year.

**2014
BUDGET**

Other Income		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
01-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 500.00
01-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,228.24	1,200.00
01-389-15	VLCT Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-432-15	Other Income	500.00	500.00	3,500.00	500.00
01-350-13	School Refund	89,471.92	105,662.54	86,679.22	0.00
01-350-15	State Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-350-16	Net FEMA Payment	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 141,871.92	\$ 107,862.54	\$ 91,958.46	\$ 2,200.00

Other Expenses		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
01-450-15	School Refund	\$ 85,398.53	\$ 82,439.06	\$ 82,439.06	\$ 0.00
01-475-61	County Tax (1)	10,000.00	23,346.64	23,346.64	34,000.00
01-431-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 95,398.53	\$ 105,785.70	\$ 105,785.70	\$ 34,000.00

HEALTH & Expenses	WELFARE				
01-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
01-441-20	Animal Care	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00

PARKS & Revenues	CEMETERIES				
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	4,500.00	5,500.00	4,116.00	4,500.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	1,500.00	1,750.00	2,323.18	2,400.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	1,500.00	1,750.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
1-347-26	Other Income	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	500.00	500.00	850.00	500.00
1-347-41	Town Hall, Other	0.00	0.00	737.51	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,076.69	\$ 10,450.00

Expenses		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
1-452-10	Payroll	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 45,747.81	\$ 49,440.00
1-452-21	Supplies	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,324.36	4,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment (2)	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,679.58	3,500.00
1-452-38	Contract Labor	500.00	500.00	272.00	1,000.00
1-452-39	Trees (3)	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,937.00	4,000.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	1,375.00	1,375.00	2,500.00	1,400.00
1-452-76	Water	250.00	250.00	160.00	300.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	700.00	700.00	706.00	700.00
1-452-82	Power on the Green	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 63,325.00	\$ 60,825.00	\$ 57,326.75	\$ 64,340.00

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- 1 County Tax includes new Bond payment allocation.
- 2 The current paint machine used to mark pedestrian lanes will be rebuilt.
- 3 Additional tree work is needed in the coming year at the Town's cemeteries.

**2014
BUDGET**

LIBRARY		2012	2013	2013	2014
Expenses		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-455-20	Architectural Service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,000.00
1-455-21	Library Expense	70,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	67,000.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	7,500.00	2,500.00	9,283.99	5,000.00
1-455-76	Utilities	5,500.00	5,000.00	4,297.72	2,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	1,250.00	1,000.00	501.28	1,000.00
1-455-78	Fuel	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>8,400.73</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 90,750.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 95,763.72	\$ 84,500.00

TOWN HALL		2012	2013	2013	2014
Expenses		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-456-10	Payroll	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1-456-11	Cleaning Service	4,000.00	5,500.00	5,805.00	5,500.00
1-456-21	Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00	335.70	1,500.00
1-456-68	Repair/Maint.	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,813.80	6,000.00
1-456-76	Utilities	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,468.58	8,500.00
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	1,000.00	1,000.00	669.99	1,000.00
1-456-78	Fuel	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,363.91	7,500.00
1-456-79	Trash	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,670.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 28,126.98	\$ 33,000.00

ACADEMY		2012	2013	2013	2014
1-457-68	Academy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00

TOT. CULTURE & REC. Revenues	\$ 21,220.00	\$ 39,105.00	\$ 35,070.76	\$ 44,145.00
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Expenses	\$ 278,105.00	\$ 278,285.00	\$ 269,605.46	\$ 292,780.00
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CAPITAL EXPENSES		2012	2013	2013	2014
Fnd Trnsfrs		BUDGET	BUDGET	CASH	BUDGET
1-470-90	Cap. Plan Fund	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 331,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 325,000.00
1-470-91	Grant Fund	<u>33,932.06</u>	<u>28,605.00</u>	<u>32,450.00</u>	<u>32,450.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 363,932.06	\$ 359,605.00	\$ 232,450.00	\$ 357,450.00

Voted Articles		2012	2013	2013	2014
1-480-21	Visiting Nurses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,807.00	\$ 0.00
1-480-22	Health Care & Rehab.	0.00	0.00	3,044.00	0.00
1-480-23	Council on Aging	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	0.00
1-480-25	CT River Transit	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
1-480-26	Meals on Wheels	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00
1-480-27	Family Center	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
1-480-28	RSVP	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
1-480-32	Windsor. Co. Partners	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
1-480-34	SEVCA	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
1-481-87	Com. Cares	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
1-481-89	SRDC	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,649.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,350.00	\$ 0.00

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,429,951.69	\$2,673,446.50	\$8,118,489.84	\$ 2,540,080.35
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,851,658.53	\$5,184,496.77	\$8,088,750.18	\$ 5,221,046.50
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GRANTS 2014

Grant Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award Amount	Town Match Required
<u>Grants that have been awarded:</u>			
FEMA Buyout - Parizeau	\$ 288,175.89	\$ 288,175.89	\$ 0.00
FEMA Buyout - McNally	326,154.98	326,154.98	0.00
Popple Dungeon Road Replacement	223,090.00	167,317.50	55,772.50
Sidewalk Grant	343,450.00	274,760.00	68,690.00
Academy Building Roof	31,900.00	15,950.00	15,950.00
Total Grants Received	<u>\$1,212,770.87</u>	<u>\$1,072,358.37</u>	<u>\$ 140,412.50</u>
<u>Grants applied for - awaiting award:</u>			
Library Grant	\$ 119,820.00	\$ 41,937.00	\$ 77,883.00
CDBG Cavendish Road Culvert	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
CDBG Storm Drain System	385,700.00	385,700.00	0.00
Total Grants Applied For	<u>\$ 575,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 497,637.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,883.00</u>
<u>Seed money for potential grants:</u>			
Police	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Municipal Planning	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00
Recreation	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
PACIF Grant	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Seed Money	<u>\$ 48,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,500.00</u>
Grand Totals	<u>\$1,836,290.87</u>	<u>\$1,594,495.37</u>	<u>\$ 241,795.50</u>
Raise in Taxes			
Surplus Roll Over	\$ 241,795.50	7,000.00	57,883.00
Library Loan Amount	20,000.00	55,772.50	68,690.00
Library Capital Budget	55,772.50	68,690.00	68,690.00
Popple Dungeon In-Kind Match	68,690.00	68,690.00	68,690.00
Sidewalk Capital Budget	68,690.00	68,690.00	68,690.00
Net to raise in Taxes	<u>\$ 32,450.00</u>		

Not a cash match; in-kind services match
Match comes from Capital Budget

\$20,000.00 previously set aside in Capital;
balance of \$57,883.00 to be financed

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PLAN

	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Beginning Bal.	\$267,338.19	\$267,338.19	\$97,646.69	\$47,885.69	\$58,124.69	\$863.69	\$50,363.69
Transfer In	\$335,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$352,500.00	\$355,000.00	\$357,500.00
Trsts. Of Pub.Fnds	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library Trustees	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$285.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$618,838.19	\$474,123.34	\$432,646.69	\$397,885.69	\$410,624.69	\$355,863.69	\$407,863.69
Expenditures							
Highway	\$128,406.00	\$118,893.00	\$125,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$130,000.00
Other Highway	\$250,000.00	\$188,139.77	\$22,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$0.00
Sidewalks	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emerg. Equip.	\$19,100.00	\$17,354.96	\$124,261.00	\$99,761.00	\$99,761.00	\$15,500.00	\$105,500.00
Bridges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Police	\$44,000.00	\$37,314.72	\$39,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00	\$0.00
Rec./Cemetery	\$11,000.00	\$3,516.06	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities	\$27,500.00	\$11,258.14	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total Expenses	\$540,006.00	\$376,476.65	\$384,761.00	\$339,761.00	\$409,761.00	\$85,500.00	\$263,500.00
Carry-Forward	\$78,832.19	\$97,646.69	\$47,885.69	\$58,124.69	\$863.69	\$50,363.69	\$144,363.69

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

Purchases by Year of Acquisition							
	Highway	Other	Emerg. Equip.	Bridges	Police	Recreation	Facilities

	Highway	Other	Emerg. Equip.	Bridges	Police	Recreation	Facilities
2014	Dump Trck	Pick-Up	Fire Truck Lease Air Packs Defibrillator Amb. Radios Hose Tester		Police Cruiser	Lwn Tractor	
2015	Dump Trck	Loader	Fire Truck Lease Air Packs				Library
2016	Dump Trck	Excavator	Fire Truck Lease Air Packs		Police Cruiser		Library
2017	Dump Trck	Pick-Up	Air Packs		Police Cruiser		Library
2018	Dump Trck		Pumper Lease Air Packs				Library

GRANTS FUND - PROFIT AND LOSS - 2013

	2013 Cash	2013 Budget
Income		
Fund Transfer	\$ 32,450.00	\$ 32,450.00
Awarded Grants		
Academy Building Roof - 2013	0.00	15,950.00
FEMA Buyout - 2013	450.00	614,330.87
Flamstead Paving - 2013	0.00	289,360.00
PACIF Grant	2,850.18	
Popple Dungeon - 2013	0.00	223,090.00
Recreation Playground - 2013	20,000.00	17,000.00
Sidewalk Replacement - 2013	<u>15,396.42</u>	<u>343,450.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants	<u>\$ 38,696.60</u>	<u>\$1,503,180.87</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 71,146.60</u>	<u>\$1,535,630.87</u>
Expenses		
Awarded Grants Expenses		
Academy Building Roof - 2013	\$ 198.00	\$ 31,900.00
FEMA Buyout - 2013	1,100.97	614,330.87
Flamstead Paving - 2013	0.00	289,360.00
PACIF Grant	6,615.96	
Popple Dungeon - 2013	0.00	223,090.00
Recreation Playground - 2013	31,460.00	34,000.00
Sidewalk Replacement - 2013	<u>17,900.19</u>	<u>343,450.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants Expenses	<u>\$ 57,275.12</u>	<u>\$1,536,130.87</u>
Potential Grant Expense		
Energy - 2012	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 0.00
HMPD Grant	<u>625.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Potential Grant Expense	<u>\$ 8,192.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Bank Fees	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 65,492.12</u>	<u>\$1,536,130.87</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,654.48</u>	<u>(\$ 500.00)</u>

**GRANT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2013**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2013	\$ 71,146.60
Incurred Expenditures 2013	<u>27,628.93</u>
	\$ 43,517.67

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 34,429.97
Cash-in-Transit for Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 34,429.97</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 34,429.97**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

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

Retained Earnings	\$ 28,775.49
Net Income	<u>5,654.48</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 34,429.97</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 34,429.97**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 21,208.49
Fund Transfer	32,450.00
Cash Receipts from Grants	38,696.60
Grant Expenditures	<u>65,492.12</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	<u>\$ 26,862.97</u>

TOWN NOTES

General Fund

Borrowed:

TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit
Dated 01/18/2013 - People's United Bank \$ 875,000.00 Due 10/18/2013

Paid:

TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 01/18/2013 - People's United Bank \$ 875,000.00 Paid 10/03/2013



1930 Model A Ford

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
1. VLCT	Highway Sign Pckg./Fire Gear	\$ 5,000.00	2012
2. VTrans.	Paving Flamstead Road	162,624.00	2013
3. VTrans.	Sidewalk Upgrades	274,760.00	2012
4. Vt. Emergency Mgmt.	Pop. Dungeon Rd. Relocation	167,317.50	2012
5. Vt. Emergency Mgmt.	Property Buyout with FEMA	458,748.16	2012
6. Recreation Fac. Dept.	Playground at Pinnacle	17,500.00	2012
7. Historic Preservation	Academy Building Roof	<u>15,950.00</u>	2013
	TOTAL	\$1,101,899.66	

**HURRICANE IRENE FLOOD DAMAGE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2013**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2013	\$ 224,356.57
Incurred Expenditures 2013	<u>268,268.91</u>
	(\$ 43,912.34)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 115,273.81
Due from General Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 115,273.81</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 115,273.81**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Line of Credit	\$ 0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Retained Earnings	\$ 159,186.15
Net Income	(43,912.34)
Total Equity	<u>\$ 115,273.81</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 115,273.81**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 140,157.78
Cash Receipts-FEMA Reimbursement	224,356.57
Due from General Fund from 2012	19,028.37
Expenses - Contracted Services	240.00
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.-Cavendish Rd. Clvrt.	4,971.20
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.-Colburn Bridge	24,530.58
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.-Dean Brook Bridge	10,249.26
Expenses - Hghwy. Bridge Rprs.- Missing Link Bridge	<u>228,277.87</u>
Hurricane Irene Fund Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 115,273.81

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2013**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2013	\$167,318.22
Incurred Expenses 2013	149,996.09
Net Income before CEDC Loan Payment	17,322.13
CEDC Loan Payments - Principal	<u>18,052.66</u>
Net Income	(\$ 730.53)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Water Fund	\$ 25,718.87
Water Reserve	<u>11,268.04</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 36,986.91</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 36,986.91</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 36,986.91**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Liabilities

Chester Development Fund	
Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 45,601.33
Less 2013 Principal Payments	<u>(18,052.66)</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 27,548.67
Retained Earnings	(7,883.89)
Net Income	<u>17,322.13</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 9,438.24</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 36,986.91**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 26,460.66
Cash Receipts	167,306.96
Expenses	(168,048.75)
Fund Transfer from Water Fund to Reserve	0.00
Fund Transfer from Reserve to Water Fund	0.00
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal	<u>0.00</u>
Water Fund Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 25,718.87
 Water Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 11,256.78
Interest	<u>11.26</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 11,268.04

**2014 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
REVENUES					
03-311-01	Water Usage	\$134,100.00	\$142,500.00	\$117,877.53	\$150,000.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,593.46	22,500.00
03-311-03	Penalty & Interest	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,893.65	3,000.00
03-311-05	Water Connect.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-311-07	Interest	500.00	500.00	118.58	100.00
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	0.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	0.00
03-311-08	Cap.Plan Trnsfr In	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
03-311-09	Other Income	500.00	500.00	35.00	100.00
03-311-13	Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-311-98	FEMA Reimburse.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$184,100.00	\$193,500.00	\$167,318.22	\$195,700.00

		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
03-411-10	Labor FT=1.5	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 59,600.00	\$ 61,721.20	\$ 65,000.00
03-411-15	Benefits	19,000.00	10,541.50	11,592.61	12,000.00
03-411-23	Tools	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,059.32	1,500.00
03-411-24	Meters	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,772.47	2,500.00
03-411-25	Collection System	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,387.20	3,000.00
03-411-28	Paving	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	11,500.00	12,500.00	11,720.90	13,000.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
03-411-36	Training	300.00	500.00	600.00	750.00
03-411-37	Contracted Services	3,500.00	3,500.00	13,913.80	7,500.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	3,000.00	0.00	7,955.53	3,000.00
03-411-39	Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,968.00	2,500.00
03-411-50	PACIF Insurance	2,560.00	3,060.00	2,913.00	3,060.00
03-411-56	Legal Services	0.00	0.00	1,080.89	500.00
03-411-58	Computer	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
03-411-59	Audit	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	935.00	1,100.00
03-411-61	State Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,305.21	2,100.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	1,000.00	607.70	1,000.00
03-411-69	Gasoline	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,457.75	2,500.00
03-411-70	Water Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-76	Utilities	16,000.00	16,500.00	22,418.93	17,000.00
03-411-77	Telephone	400.00	400.00	180.00	250.00
03-411-78	Gas	1,500.00	1,500.00	477.80	1,000.00
03-411-80	CEDC Loan	21,000.00	0.00	19,181.44	19,181.44
03-411-92	Hydrant Reserve	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-93	Tank Inspect/Maint.	3,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
03-411-97	Capital Plan Transfer	0.00	62,500.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-94	System Maintenance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$185,060.00	\$191,301.50	\$168,048.75	\$178,741.44
	Net	(\$ 960.00)	\$ 2,198.50	(\$ 730.53)	\$ 16,958.56

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2013**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2013	\$364,392.57
Incurred Expenses 2013	408,995.07
Net Income before CEDC Loan Payment	(44,602.50)
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income after CEDC Loan Payment	(\$ 44,602.50)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Sewer Fund	\$ 48,691.93
Sewer Reserve	<u>10,015.44</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 58,707.37</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 58,707.37</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 58,707.37**

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

Liability	
Due to Development Fund - CEDC Loan	\$ 20,000.00
Due to General Fund	(92,000.00)
Retained Earnings	(8,690.13)
Net Income	<u>(44,602.50)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 58,707.37</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 58,707.37**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 1,299.43
Cash Receipts	364,387.57
Due to General Fund	92,000.00
Expenses	(408,995.07)
Due to CEDC	<u>0.00</u>
Sewer Fund Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 48,691.93

Sewer Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 10,010.44
Interest	5.00
Fund Transfer from Sewer Fund to Reserve	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 10,015.44

**2014 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
REVENUES					
04-311-01	Sewer Fees	\$326,500.00	\$338,500.00	\$ 285,253.33	\$355,000.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Fees	55,000.00	55,000.00	60,167.26	55,000.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,922.28	7,500.00
04-311-05	Sewer Connection	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
04-311-07	Interest	500.00	500.00	404.34	100.00
04-311-08	Fine Income	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
04-311-09	Other income	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
04-311-10	Excess BOD Chrg	1,000.00	1,500.00	8,145.36	2,500.00
04-344-10	FEMA Rembrsmt.	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-311-25	VLCT Ins. Pymnt.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$458,500.00</u>	<u>\$408,500.00</u>	<u>\$364,392.57</u>	<u>\$420,100.00</u>

		2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
04-411-10	Payroll FT=1.5	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 97,394.30	\$ 98,281.85	\$ 100,000.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	40,000.00	34,455.00	45,320.82	45,000.00
04-411-20	Sewer Line Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-22A	Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-22B	Pumps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-23	Tools	1,500.00	1,500.00	287.38	1,250.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00	238.93	1,000.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	4,500.00	4,500.00	17,785.67	6,000.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,095.74	0.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	18,000.00	18,000.00	15,839.82	18,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	9,000.00	9,000.00	4,647.60	5,000.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	40,000.00	0.00	15,245.69	15,000.00
04-411-35	Training	500.00	1,000.00	878.00	750.00
04-411-36	Collection System	15,000.00	15,000.00	9,614.02	12,500.00
04-411-37	Contracted Services	8,000.00	5,000.00	6,087.27	6,000.00
04-411-38	Engineering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-39	Testing	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,222.00	3,500.00
04-411-40	Uniforms	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
04-411-50	PACIF Insurance	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,129.00	6,500.00
04-411-56	Legal	0.00	0.00	2,366.61	1,000.00
04-411-58	Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,069.00	1,000.00
04-411-61	State Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	244.30	1,000.00
04-411-69	Gasoline	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,310.42	3,000.00
04-411-76	Utilities	41,000.00	45,000.00	41,739.85	45,000.00
04-411-77	Audit	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
04-411-78	Loan	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-79	Interest	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-90	Bonds	133,727.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-95	Water Usage	20,212.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
04-411-97	Capital Pln.Transfer	0.00	157,500.00	135,991.10	136,000.00
04-411-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$452,989.19</u>	<u>\$408,249.30</u>	<u>\$408,995.07</u>	<u>\$ 416,100.00</u>

Net	\$ 5,510.81	\$ 250.70	(\$ 44,602.50)	\$ 4,000.00
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SEWER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Borrowed:

Five-Year Expense Note - Community Development Loan

Dated 12/28/2007	\$100,000.00	Payment Schedule
		\$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

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>
1	5-15-13	\$ 27,579.06	\$ 0.00	\$27,579.06	\$1,322,681.32
2	11-15-13	\$108,412.04	\$ 80,832.98	\$27,579.06	\$1,241,848.34
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

WATER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Five-Year Expense Note - Chester Economic Development Loan

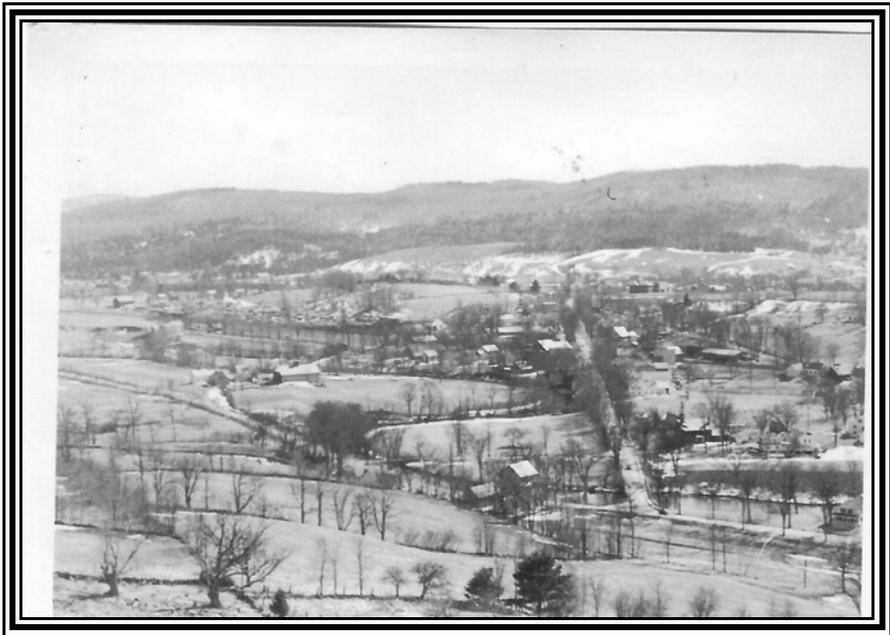
Dated 10/20/2010 18-Quarterly Payments, Loan Amount: \$80,000.00

<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

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Over 120</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer	\$10,958.30	\$ 84.95	\$3,514.40	\$ 60.04	\$ 6,068.40	\$20,686.09
Water	<u>4,769.55</u>	<u>52.71</u>	<u>1,614.08</u>	<u>38.57</u>	<u>3,594.64</u>	<u>10,069.55</u>
Total	\$15,727.85	\$ 137.66	\$5,128.48	\$ 98.61	\$ 9,663.04	\$30,755.64

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.



View of Chester from Mt. Flamstead

ACADEMY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 3,848.04
Interest 3.24
Income 0.00
Expenditure 0.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 3,851.28

CAPITAL BUDGET RESERVE

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$267,338.19
Interest 285.15
General Fund Transfer 200,000.00
Trsts. of Pb. Fnds. Dntn. 6,500.00
Expenditure (376,476.65)
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 97,646.69

**CHESTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Balance Jan.1, 2013 \$213,597.79
Interest 3,868.47
Loan Payments 89,699.21
Expenditures (6,303.21)
Bad Debt Expenditure (50,502.98)
New Loans (12,000.00)
Due from Sewer 0.00
Due from Water 18,041.88
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$256,401.16

EMS BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 31,160.99
Interest 31.18
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 31,192.17

FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 10,881.38
Interest 0.00
Income 12,765.85
Supplies (2012) (250.00)
Expenditure (9,582.63)
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 13,814.60

LISTER TRAINING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 1,882.91
State Payment 0.00
Expenditure 0.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 1,882.91

POLICE COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 1,015.85
Interest 0.54
Donations 200.00
Fund Transfer 0.00
Expenditure (35.00)
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 1,181.39

POPPLE DUNGEON ROAD FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 90,415.12
Interest 44.84
Town Funds Transfer (90,459.96)
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 0.00

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 11,405.56
Donations 164.00
Interest 21.98
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 11,591.54
Money Mkt. Bal 12/31/13 \$ 5,508.21

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$151,471.20
Interest 241.55
2013 State Payment 17,774.50
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$169,487.25

RECREATION DONATION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 3,741.02
Interest 0.00
Donations 3,811.00
Fund Transfer 0.00
Expenditure (5,000.00)
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 2,552.02

SAM ADAMS POOR FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$ 1,607.53
Interest 1.57
Income 0.00
Fund Transfer 0.00
Expenditure 0.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2013 \$ 1,609.10

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
Qimby 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)	3.00	73,600
TOTAL	715.01	\$8,692,600

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,222 calls for service in 2013. The Department issued 257 verbal/written warnings and 365 traffic citations. Of these ticket totals, the C.O.R.E. Program issued 26 verbal/written warnings and 38 traffic citations. Chester Police had 36 arrests, processing a total of 52 offenses.

At the request of Chester Select Board, the Department underwent an evaluation by a representative of Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns (VLCT). The purpose of this evaluation was to determine steps necessary for the Department to work more efficiently and identify items for improvement.

Changes within the Police Department include the hiring of Officer Andrew Brothers to fill the open part-time position. C.O.R.E. Officer, Will Frank, left to take a full-time position in Bellows Falls Police Department. Part-time Officer Ian Kibbe has completed training at the Vermont Police Academy, and is certified as a full-time Officer through Windsor Police Department. It is with our deepest sympathies to inform residents of the passing of retired K-9 Riggs. Detective Wilson has recovered from his work related injury and is back to his regular duties.

Chester, VT Police Department established a Facebook page to interact with the public. "LIKE" us through your Facebook account to get posted notifications and updates.

The Department acquired a battering ram and shield from monies received from Drug Forfeiture, as a result of Chester Police Department's involvement with the 2012 drug cases.

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



Sketch by Jack Cable of Canine Officer Riggs

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

During 2013, the Ambulance Service responded 315 times out of 335 dispatch requests resulting in 330 patients being seen within the Towns of Chester (263), Andover (35), Ludlow (24), Springfield (5), Cavendish (1), Proctorsville (1), and Londonderry (1) as an outcome of the following instances:

20 No CAS response due to crew availability	218 Medical Emergencies
17 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes includes motorcycle, ATV & snowmobile)	44 Trauma Emergencies
	20 Public Assists
	5 Stand-Bys (Fire Scenes, etc.
	11 Cancellations

We currently have on staff a total of 22 active members including 5 Advanced EMT's, 9 EMT's, 1 EMR, 4 Drivers, and 3 Trainees. I look forward to March as this is the time when the State licensure exam takes place, and I am confident that all of our trainees plus our 1 EMR will become licensed at the EMT level.

The year 2013 proved to be a busy year. As with all services within our EMS District, our call volume increased significantly. In addition, mandated training requirements have increased due to rule change in an attempt to bring Vermont on par with National Registry standards. These changes include many things, but the most important to mention is the increased hours of training now needed for individual re-licensure. Hours of continuing education have now doubled for a two-year period plus we have been frantically working on extra training needed for the State's new protocol rollout that begins January 1, 2014.

We began utilizing the mandated online reporting system on January 1, 2013. It has also proved to be an experience with many system problems needing a bit of tweaking plus the added time a report does take to complete. As we progress, though, it does become easier and as with anything else, we will over time become accustomed to its use as second nature.

We accepted delivery of our new ambulance on December 12, of 2012. It has now been in service for a little over one year, and I am happy to announce that so far it has been a great asset.

Within the capital equipment budget for 2014 you will find that we are looking for approval of \$22,000.00 to be released to ambulance for equipment upgrades including portable radios and a 12 lead monitor/ defibrillator. These upgrades are needed to continue our ability to offer service at the best possible level of care authorized at our licensure level.

I am now beginning to realize one of my worst fears. For years I have been in a comfort zone having a core group of people with many years of experience behind them. Recently, though, we are beginning to see resignations due to time constraints affecting volunteerism resulting from personal schedules and the added mandates placed upon them. I have had a hard time dealing with this as I know more are to follow soon, but I have now come to the conclusion that I need to let go and turn my concentration toward assisting our newer members. Although I am confident that we do have that group of new members with potential to eventually become that replacement core group, it will take time to achieve and I ask that you bear with us during this period of transition.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to recently retired members after many years of dedicated service including: Mary Putnam (12 years), Debra Phelps (15 years), Steve Mancuso (20 years), and Linda Carroll (23 years). We wish all of you our best.

We continue the problem of staffing weekday calls due to work and other scheduling complications. As a result, 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 dcookemti@comcast.net.

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, 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, which enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

I would personally like to extend my sincere appreciation to each member of our service for their continued devotion as well as thank their respective loved ones for their gracious acceptance of any subsequent loss of family time throughout the year: Deb Aldrich, Meghan Austin, Maryann Bonneville, Laurie Cloud, Greg Gomo, Tara Gomo, Keith Hermiz, Jeff Holden, Jeff Knisely, Jerry Lindsley, Ken Markwell, Eric Martens, Rebekah Martens, Mark Phelps, Irwin Post, Emily Reeves, Eric Richardson, Bruce Savery, Marie Tyrrell, Amber Wilson, Matt Wilson, and Georgia Ethier (Billing Secretary).

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator

CHESTER VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

The Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad is made up of volunteers who give their time and energy to promote public health, education, and awareness of emergency medical services that are offered in our community. As members, we meet about once a month.

We also participated in a number of fund raisers not only for our Squad, but also for our community. This year, to name a few, we took part in Music in the Meadow, a fund raiser for Breast Cancer, and sold T-shirts with proceeds going to the "Cure." We raised money and walked with other Vermonters to help prevent child abuse, which is something, as a squad, we deeply care about.

For education this year, we taught CPR and first aid to community members and did free blood pressure checks. We were very excited to let the children of our community along with their families, tour and ask questions about our new ambulance to help them feel more comfortable with both the ambulance and Chester Ambulance Service staff. We also had the pleasure of helping teach, promote, and make the "File of Life" more accessible to our community members. The File of Life helps provide important medical information to emergency personnel when responding to a call, especially if that person cannot communicate at that time. This becomes very important in life-threatening situations where every second counts. To find out more about the File of Life, please contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173 or email at tgemeillia@gmail.com.

As always, our Volunteer Rescue Squad welcomes new members at any time who would like to join us in helping educate the public about Emergency Medical Services. We also humbly accept donations, with great sincerity, which may be mailed to the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, PO Box 913, Chester, VT 05143.

Our Squad members would like to give a big thank you to our community members for all your support throughout the years. It gives us great pride to be able to be a part of the Chester community.

Respectfully submitted.
Tara Gomo, President

REPORT OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Administrator's position remains a part-time role here in Chester, with office hours on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 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, the public hearings are now at 6:00 p.m., with the change designed in hopes that it will be easier for citizens to attend these hearings. Come on down.....it is a good way to get involved in your community.

Increasing the awareness and understanding of the Zoning Regulations was one of the goals we had for this year. One example was a one-page reference Questions & Answers on the *Sign Ordinance*, which was placed on the website this past summer. You will also soon see another reference piece; *Planning Tips for Meeting with the Development Review Board*. Please do give me a call with any questions that you may have.

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

Proposed new Combined Zoning Regulations As this process continues, and is hopeful to be completed in the spring, we continue to encourage your attendance at the public meetings scheduled by the Planning Commission, to be followed by a final meeting with the Select Board.

A few quick notes on the activity in 2013. There were 41 building permits (a 40% decrease). This included four new homes, six minor subdivisions, three minor lot line adjustments, and five conditional use applications.

The agendas for upcoming meetings, along with the Development Review Board decisions are being posted on the Chester web site for your information. You may also review the current Zoning and Subdivision Regulations via www.chester.govoffice.com. In my absence from the office, the various forms may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator
mnormyle@vermontel.net

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2013:

Building fire	14	Sink Hble	1
Room/Contents fire	1	Cover Assignment/Mutual Ad	5
Chimney fire	3	Power line Down	11
Vehicle fire	3	Smoke Alarm	7
Appliance fire	2	Fire Alarm	10
Front End Loader fire	1	Sprinkler Activation	4
Gas Grill fire	1	Smoke Investigation	3
Trash/Rubbish fire	1	Landing Zones (DHART)	1
Oil Burner fire	1	Hazmat Call	2
Brush/Grass fire	2	Carbon Monoxide Call	8
Motor Vehicle Crash	26	Propane Leak (LP)	2
Low/High Angle Rescue	1	Gas/Diesel Leak	1
Missing/Lost Person	1	Medical Assist	2
Road Hazard	1	Water Leak Hazard	1
Total			116

I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Matthew Wilson, and I am your new Fire Chief for the Town of Chester. I took over as Fire Chief on January 1, 2013. Many of you may know me as a Detective for the Police Department. I started in Firefighting for the Town in January of 1996. Through this time I have made my way through the ranks and served as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, and now Fire Chief. Firefighting has always been a great passion of mine. I would like to thank the Town Manager David Pisha for giving me this opportunity. I would especially like to thank the Firefighters who made this happen for me after they requested that I become their next Fire Chief when Chief Harry Goodell stepped down. Harry has been a great mentor and has spent the last three years training me for this position.

The Fire Department has been very busy this year with a 27% increase in calls from 2012 (91 in 2012; 116 in 2013). There was again a large increase in Motor Vehicle Crashes, and I urge all of you to make sure you drive safely and wear your seatbelts. Carbon Monoxide is also becoming more of a problem, and if your detector is going off, it is for a reason whether it be due to a malfunction or an actual CO Problem. This is a deadly mistake, so please don't hesitate to call us so we can ensure your safety.

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company, a private organization made up of current and past members of the Fire Department. The Engine Company raises money to buy and then donate equipment to the Fire Department to help keep the cost of doing business lower for taxpayers. The Town has provided you folks with a snowmobile rescue for years now but with the increase in outdoor activities like hiking and all the new trails in Town, the Fire Department needed to expand its rescue capabilities. This year the Engine Company donated over \$20,000.00 in a new ATV and Rescue Trailer. This equipment has already been used multiple times and most recently in a multi-department rescue of a missing/lost hunter.

Most importantly, 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 are all truly heroes.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew S. Wilson, Fire Chief



Want to be part of an elite team
Join a brother and sisterhood like no other
Give something back to your community
Apply for the Chester Fire Department

Chester Fire Department is made up of men and women wanting to serve their community part time. We are call firefighters which means you are paid by the calls you attend and training you do which gives the opportunity to be part of something great while working around your current full-time job.

You ask yourself, do I really want to go inside a burning building, is this really for me? Well, here's your answer...you don't have to go inside the building if you don't want to...there are tons of jobs from running hose line to driving truck, being a pump operator, and many more.

Firefighting is not for everyone and a thorough background is done to make sure you're fit for the job you want to do and most importantly fitting in and being part of our tight family.

Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to fill out an application at the Chester Town Hall and contact Chief Matthew Wilson at (802)-875-2175.

We are waiting for YOUR application!!!

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

I am happy to report we had another good year with only one approximately two-acre brush fire caused by sparks from a sugarhouse in the Town of Chester for the year of 2013.

There was one ticket issued for burning of hazardous materials and two warnings issued for burning without a permit. I issued approximately 110 verbal permits, turning down seven 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 no unnecessary Fire Department responses.

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 a good year for the Yosemite Engine Company. Not only were we successful in multiple fundraisers, but also were able to purchase and donate valuable equipment to the Town. This year the Yosemite Engine Company donated around \$25,000 in equipment to the Town for the Fire Department. This equipment includes a new ATV, trailer, and a smaller utility trailer to be towed behind the ATV as well as lockers for the station. These lockers can be moved into a new building if and when one is built.

Our biggest fund raisers this year were the Sale on the Green and also selling Christmas trees. Both have proven to be profitable for us. Please know that we do have an honor system with the Christmas trees, and when members aren't there to sell them, we ask that you do pay the full amount of each tree you take. Each year it seems more and more trees are stolen, which really has a negative effect not just on the Yosemite Engine Company, but in the long run, the Town as well. We keep the prices low, so please be respectful and pay for what you take. Also know that next year we may have to change the location of our Christmas tree lot but we certainly will be selling trees and will advertise the new location when the time comes.

I want to give a special thanks to Lisai's Market, and Benny's Power for helping us in our ventures, as well as all those who have supported us by making purchases and donations. Also thanks to all the active members of the Yosemite Engine Company who have donated their time to support us and the Town.

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					
Average	.76	4.80	16.80	22.60	18.64	14.12	3.41	80.25

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

2014 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

Athens - Sat., March 8, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Town Office - \$10

Chester - Sat., March 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$10
Dog Licenses available for Chester residents only

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 15, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage
next to Playground - \$10

Westminster - Sat., March 29, 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



Photo taken in 1915 of house on Green Mountain Turnpike.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Greetings to all Chester residents! Hope everyone had a safe Holiday Season and had some family time together to ring in 2014! As the Chester Health Officer, I spend some of my time negotiating between landlord and tenant situations that can revolve around unsafe living conditions. This year, I have not had many of these calls so it seems as though both landlords and tenants are abiding by the rental housing codes as set forth by the State of Vermont. Good job all! As residents of a small town I think it is very important to the quality of life if we all can live side by side in a peaceful and respectful manner.

This year as a tribute to a fallen colleague of mine, I would like to talk about heart disease. Six hundred thousand Americans die each year from heart attacks, and women are actually now a larger percentage of cardiovascular death than men! Every year seven hundred and fifteen thousand Americans have a heart attack. Of these, five hundred and twenty-five thousand are experiencing their first one.

I know a lot of people who think it won't happen to them. If you have not experienced chest pain, yet your father and grandfather died of heart disease, you have a family history. If your sister or brother has had a heart attack, you have a family history. If you have high blood pressure or high LDL cholesterol, you now have one of the three risk factors for heart disease. If you smoke, you have added the third risk factor for a heart attack waiting to happen.

Often times people live in denial. If you are overweight with high cholesterol and you smoke, then you are playing Russian roulette with your health. You can walk around like that for many years, and then one day you have chest pain which you blame on indigestion, so you lie down. Denial is a very, very strong human defense mechanism which in the case of heart health is not compatible with living a long and healthy life. Any form of chest pain is an emergency room visit! (Not a nap).

There are many preventive measures which can be taken to insure you will not be a heart attack statistic. Number one, if you smoke QUIT! Smoking is the hardest addiction to quit, and most smokers do not want to quit, or they say they are going to quit. Get some nicotine patches or Nicorette gum and improve your energy, your heart, and lung health. You also will have more money in your bank account. Cigarettes are not getting any cheaper! If you don't do any other thing, QUIT SMOKING!

Number two, if you have high blood pressure, take your medicine and check your blood pressure daily at home. If you do not have a blood pressure cuff at home get one at the drugstore. If you have high blood pressure, you should have a blood pressure cuff! You cannot blame white coat syndrome on your blood pressure reading if you take it at home. If your blood pressure is high while on medication tell your doctor. You are spending money and taking a medication that is not working! Other ways to reduce your blood pressure is to reduce your waist line! If you are not overweight, your high blood pressure is a little more genetically predisposed so you need to work very carefully with your doctor to find a blood pressure medicine and diet that will bring your blood pressure down.

Number three, if you have high HDL cholesterol, diet and medication will improve that. Some people genetically have high HDL, and it may be harder to get that lowered if you are eating right and you are not overweight. Medications have proven very effective in reducing HDL. High HDL creates plaque in your blood vessels which can then break off and cause a blood clot in one of your coronary arteries which then causes a heart attack.

The American Heart Association recommends three brisk 10 minute walks a day five days a week. If you are able to walk, PLEASE DO! If you are unable to walk, you will

have to pay close attention to a restricted diet, and an exercise program you are able to do with your limitations. Be creative!

Signs and symptoms of a heart attack include but are not limited to: chest pain or upper body discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw, or upper stomach, shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness and/or a cold sweat. You may not experience all of these symptoms. If you or any of your loved ones experience these symptoms or anything like this call an ambulance, and if not contraindicated take a baby aspirin. Women can have a little more atypical symptomology, so if you think you are having any type of chest discomfort or unusual pressure, and you have any one of the preexisting conditions (high blood pressure, high HDL, family history, and you smoke), call the ambulance! If you are in the early stages of a heart attack and you seek immediate treatment you can prevent damage to the heart muscle. Once the heart muscle is damaged, your quality of life is not going to be as good, and the likelihood of further complications will be much higher.

The first thing I learned in nursing school was "Prevention is the best medicine." This adage is true in so many instances, but in terms of heart health it is the number one rule. Please do not take your health for granted. You can change the course of your disease! Please do not put off your health for tomorrow, when you can start today.

My colleague died unexpectedly in his sleep. He left behind a loving family, and many loving coworkers. His absence and professionalism are a void. His smile and energy cannot be replaced. He was not overweight, and he ate healthily. I do not know if he had high blood pressure or high cholesterol but he did have a family history. I do know he had no warning signs. Please pay attention to your body and your health; you only have one heart and one life. No one can make you take care of your health but you. Remember, today is the first day of the rest of your life, honor this gift and your loved ones by taking an active role in your health! Good luck and good health in 2014!

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

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 2013:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	0	0	4	0
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	2	1	12	1
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	0	0	4	0
Military Markers Placed	0	1	0	0
Burials	4	1	15	1

This year, we were very busy mowing and trimming, but were able to tackle some of the older broken down stones in Brookside, cementing them back together! We also continued to work in Pleasant View with some gravel to make the travel more convenient, for smaller cars, down around the lower loop.

We, unfortunately, discovered with the strong September winds that the cedar trees in Brookside Cemetery are starting to become weak with a couple major limbs coming down and breaking a couple stones. We hope to address this problem over the next few years by removing the trees.

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 2013 has been quiet for the Listers. Sales were on the increase at the beginning of the year, but have fallen off. The economy has certainly played a part even though the news tells us that things are on the rebound. There has not been much in the way of new building either. We have looked at a few new houses along with a few decks, porches, and outbuildings. The number of new construction items is below what has been done in the past which leads to a lower amount added to the Grand List. This reduction will, ultimately, lead to an increase in taxes because as we spend more there is not an increase in the Grand List to help support those increases.

The Listers do property visitations in September and March to get ready with the new assessments for the new Grand List. All property is assessed as of April 1 of each year. Notices of new values are sent out at the beginning of May and grievance is held at the end of May or early June. Grievance is only held on one day which has been traditionally a Friday, and property owners should have something in writing about their concerns. Grievances can be submitted in writing or can be heard by making an appointment.

The Select Board has appointed Cathy Hasbrouck as an Interim Lister until the next Town election in March of 2014. There will be a two-year and a three-year position open at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman
Debbie Trent
Catherine Hasbrouck

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

I would like to start off by saying thank you to the Chester taxpayers, area businesses, and all those involved in the building of the new playground at the Pinnacle. Even though it was not finished until August, it was very popular among parents and daycare providers. It will, in the future, be a great asset to the Town.

Recreation Department programs vary from season to season. In the spring, we focus on baseball and softball for grades pre-k through 6th grade. Adult offerings include Zumba which is a Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance. This program has grown so much that the instructor now offers two Saturday classes and also a "Zumba Toning" class.

Once summer time comes around, our Town Pool opens, summer baseball starts, and our summer programs begin. The summer programs were very successful with approximately 160 participants involved in the ten specific camps that were offered. A new program offered this summer called "OWLS," Outdoor Wilderness Learning and Survival, seemed to be a very popular camp as well. They learned about different edible and non-edible plants, building shelters, and respecting nature. It became so popular that another session was offered in the fall.

For the fall season, we offer soccer, flag football, Start Smart (for 3-5 year olds) as well as the OWLS program. For the pre-k through 6th grade age group we had over 90 children participating in our soccer program. Flag football was offered for the second year and continued to grow in numbers as well. Once again, the Elks Soccer Shoot was brought to Chester, and we had over 50 participants ages 4-14. We even had two go onto the Vermont State Shoot in St. Albans. 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. As stated above, Zumba continues to grow with three classes now being offered.

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 schools for their continued support of facilities for the Chester Recreation Department. I would also like to thank the Chester Town Garage and crew who helped with the excavating and the placement of the safety wood chips for the new playground.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew A. McCarthy, Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

In 2013 the Water Department saw the cost of operation increase with the cost of utilities, **electric**, gas, chemicals for treatment, and lab fees. This year our nearby lab in Perkinsville was sold to a lab in West Lebanon, NH, which necessitated transporting our samples, mostly time sensitive, to the new lab about once a week. As usual there were general maintenance items such as hydrant repairs and flushing, curb stop repairs, meter repairs, water leak detection and repairs with one major break and several minor service line repairs.

The well was taken out of service for five days this summer for regular maintenance, cleaning, and inspection, and is in good shape for the next five years. We also did a mandatory inspection of the water tank interior, and it was found in excellent condition. We still need to clean and paint the exterior, at a cost of \$45,000, which has been delayed again. It is overdue after being in service for 34 years but has held up well. As it is our only storage tank, the project needs to be done to protect our reserve capacity.

Hopefully in 2014 we will see a Solar Farm at the Jeffery Well Station. While this may not be the most esthetically pleasing project, it is a good, **safe** use of the land on the Town's Aquifer and will not impact the water quality. This will help reduce the Town's energy cost and will assist in keeping the Water and Wastewater fees as low as possible. However, these Departments have been running on bare bones budgets for a long time. As many projects that have been delayed, there are many new mandates coming that will require new upgrades. Some of the existing water mains were installed over 100 years ago. While they have been cleaned, relined, and are in generally good shape they are undersized. Some of our newer AC water mains are leaking and will need upgrading sooner. Upgrades in the water system are needed to bring it up to today's recommended standards and to support future growth and businesses. Everyone wants new business to support the tax base. However, the utilities are now at or exceeding their limits.

The Sewer Department was busy with general maintenance issues as well as unexpected rebuilding and replacement of two Jet-motive pumps at the plant at a cost of over \$30,000. The Department is still dealing with issues caused by illegal discharges into the system, such as grease and oil. This causes additional cost to treat through chemicals, extended aeration, extra wasting of sludge, labor, and electrical usage to run the treatment equipment. We are still having issues with things like items of clothing, so-called disposable mopheads, and cleaning rags. They cause plugs and undue wear to the waste pumps, ultimately **increasing the cost for all users**, and **significantly reducing the life of the pumps**. This increases the frequency of repairs and replacement of these pumps at a cost many thousands of dollars. Some of these costs can be reduced with the cooperation of the users. *We do acknowledge that some users have made an effort to reduce this problem, and we thank you.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden, Water/Sewer Superintendent

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

The District's operations have continued to be unexciting for 2013. Virtually nothing has changed from previous years.

Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, continues to be implemented. Lots of information is available on the Vermont Agency of Natural Resource's website.

Act 148 required the legislature to commission a study of the impacts of Act 148. The final report of that study, which is titled "Systems Analysis of the Impact of Act 148 on Solid Waste Management in Vermont" dated October 21, 2013, is available on the ANR website. The report makes for interesting reading, especially the projected financial impact.

"Product stewardship" has become an increasingly prevalent catchword/phrase. Product stewardship is the concept of making manufacturers responsible for the entire life of their products including reuse, recycling, or disposal. This has been done for automotive lead-acid batteries for many years and has recently been applied to some electronic devices. Latex-based paints now have a program; inquire for details when you purchase the paint. The PaintCare Program is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2014. Our District Recycling Coordinator is trying to get PaintCare to set up collection boxes at the Household Hazardous Waste collection events we conduct. In the past we have been unable to accept latex paint at the HHW events, hopefully that will change. Stay tuned.

Chester's participation in the HHW events has quadrupled in the past few years. It is great that hazardous waste is being removed from the trash. The "stuff" that comes to us from basements and under the stairs continues to amaze. Take a good look around your house and you might be surprised at what you find.

Just remember, if you don't acquire it you don't have to get rid of it.

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

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Net Income 2013	\$ 3,593.39*
Principal Money Market Fund	19,451.59
Mutual Funds: Fixed Income	239,367.58
Equity	<u>371,483.61</u>
 Total Investments	 \$ 633,896.17

*\$3,593.39 to be disbursed January 2014.

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PAYABLES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Due Town of Chester	\$ 3,020.81
Due Chester Town School District:	
Abbie Ingalls School Fund	7.34
Due Chester Schools:	
Williams School Fund	<u>565.24</u>
 Total	 \$ 3,593.39

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Our annual meeting with Peoples United Bank Trust Officers was held in January 2014. The Officers reviewed current trust investments, custodial services, and periodic reports relative to the assets held in mutual and equity funds. The Trustees of Public Funds are regulated by Vermont State Statutes guidelines and are available for public view at the Chester Town Office.

The disbursement of cemetery funds was discussed for the future survey of Brookside Cemetery. The Trustees have granted this request in the amount of \$6,500.00 and will disburse funds when the survey takes place.

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

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

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
2013**

Funds	Receipts		Income Disbursements			Invested Principal
	Income	Principal	To Town	To Schools	To Cemetery	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,156.44	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,156.44	\$		\$ 2,500.00
Campbell for Poor	96.12		96.12			
Samuel Adams Cemetery	0.29		0.29			
Howe-Peabody	556.11		556.11			
Fullerton Cemetery	4.79		4.79			
Samuel Adams Poor	300.10		300.10			
Salter Poor Fund	7.34		7.34			
Cyprus Minerals	899.61		899.61			
Abbie Ingalls School	7.34			7.34		
Williams School Fund	565.24			565.24		
Capital Gains Distributions		15,603.55				15,603.55
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,593.39</u>	<u>\$ 18,103.55</u>	<u>\$ 3,020.81</u>	<u>\$ 572.58</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,103.55</u>

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

In the year 2013, 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 the approval of the assessment as negotiated between the Listers and appellant. There were few appeals for abatement of taxes in 2013. A request for abatement of taxes from a mobile home deemed as uncollectible was granted. Two other cases to come before the Board were denied, one because more information was needed and the other because the Board felt it did not have jurisdiction over the issue presented.

The low volume of business in 2013 for the Boards is probably a sign most taxpayers feel the prevailing assessments are fair in comparison from one property to another. The Board of Civil Authority thanks the Listers for their hard work in expertise in setting assessments and handling grievances. Their dedication makes our work much easier. Also, 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 conducted the biennial review of the voter checklist as required by law. This meant going through the entire list, page by page, name by name, identifying names of those we knew were no longer here either by moving away or are deceased, and having the Town Clerk send inquires whenever anyone on the Board of Civil Authority had reason to ask whether the name was still properly on the list.

The only election in 2013 was the Town Meeting election. The purchase of an electronic scanner/tabulator sometime ago eliminates most of the need for hand counting of ballots. However, Union District budget ballots still must be counted by hand as ballots from individual towns must be co-mingled before counting can begin. There will be three elections in 2014. There will be the Town Meeting election, the State Primary Election, and the General Election. PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!

We thank the Town Hall staff and Listers for doing all the preparation 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, 2013**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2004	\$ 280.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 22.40	\$ 722.40
2006	263.15	303.81	21.06	588.02
2007	506.13	493.35	40.49	1,039.97
2008	272.48	220.84	21.80	515.12
2009	4,446.03	2,875.96	355.73	7,677.72
2010	3,225.68	1,499.80	258.06	4,983.54
2011	9,135.71	2,740.33	730.90	12,606.94
2012	68,148.36	11,518.65	5,398.89	85,065.90
2013	<u>248,900.52</u>	<u>7,473.13</u>	<u>19,995.75</u>	<u>276,369.40</u>
	\$335,178.06	\$ 27,545.87	\$ 26,845.08	\$389,569.01

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.

**2014 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

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 Chester Historical Society continues to archive and document our extensive collections. The year 2013 was busy and productive for us. Our annual Tag Sale brought in \$4,100, twice last year's amount. More and more Chester people are donating items.

Speaking of donations, Chester artifact donations continue to increase. The year 2013 saw several important donations of Chester artifacts.

August 15, 2015, is when we erect a seven-foot tall granite monument to Chester native and WW2 Marine Corps General Merritt Edson. The estimated cost is \$20,000. At this point, we have raised two thirds of that amount. Your donation would be appreciated. Below is a Rock of Ages rendition of the monument to be placed on the Town Green.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Patch, President



Rock of Ages rendition of the monument to be placed on the Town Green in honor of Chester native and WW2 Marine Corps General Merritt Edson.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2013, 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 12, 2013:

<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>
	36	24	33	22	23	28	26	30	39	35	39	30	27	33	425

Chester pupils transported: 389

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Agendas and minutes of the School Board meetings are posted at the Chester Town Office and the office of Two Rivers Supervisory Union. They can also be viewed on the School websites. The Chester-Andover Elementary School Board meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Green Mountain Union High School Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend all meetings. Each month, school activities are publicized in the school newsletters.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Chester for their continued support and understanding of education.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Bruce Williams, Superintendent

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

EXPENDITURES

	Budget 2012-2013	Actual 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
Pre-school Collaborative	\$142,793.00	\$104,676.00	\$119,569.00	\$126,245.00
Special Education				
EEE	62,620.00	66,127.00	64,061.00	60,794.00
Related Services	10,500.00	710.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
Supervisory Union Assessment	11,034.00	11,034.00	16,933.00	14,140.00
Bank Charges	35.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Bank Interest	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
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	0.00
Audit Fee	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$227,657.00	\$183,122.00	\$208,273.00	\$205,389.00

REVENUES

Prior Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 48,401.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Abbie Ingalls Fund	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Williams Fund	0.00	772.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	250.00	83.00	250.00	250.00
EEE	29,020.00	35,261.00	28,277.00	22,568.00
Merger Tax Incentive (one time)	0.00	0.00	1,480.00	0.00
Education Spending Revenue	<u>149,986.00</u>	<u>149,714.00</u>	<u>167,766.00</u>	<u>172,071.00</u>
TOTAL	\$227,657.00	\$185,840.00	\$208,273.00	\$205,389.00

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

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Windsor Southwest

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

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

Revenues

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

Education Spending

15. Education Spending	\$141,912	\$149,986	\$167,766	\$172,071	15.
16. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.25	16.

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

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

	\$10,373.68	\$8,634.77	\$9,586.63	\$10,856	
17. <i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18. <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	18.
19. <i>minus</i> 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	-	-	-	-	19.
20. <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21. <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22. <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	-	-	22.
23. <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24. <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	24.

Threshold = \$14,733 Threshold = \$14,241 the goal = \$15,456 the goal = \$16,160

25. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any);	-	-	-	-	25.
26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,374	\$8,635	\$9,587	\$10,856	26.

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)
(\$10,856 / \$9,382)

121.415%	98.989%	104.760%	115.713%	27.
based on \$5,544	based on \$5,723	based on \$5,151	based on \$5,332	

Prorating the local tax rate

28. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (115.713% x \$1,010)	\$1,0563	\$0,8810	\$0,9847	\$1,1687	28.
29. Percent of Chester equalized pupils behind local SD costs	2.910%	3.830%	4.000%	3.75%	29.
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	30.
31. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.96%	105.52%	106.43%	102.89%	31.
32. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.044 / 102.69%)	\$0,0304	\$0,0319	\$0,0370	\$0,0427	32.

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.

33. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (115.713% x 1.84%)	2.19%	1.78%	1.89%	2.13%	33.
34. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (3.750% x 2.13%)	0.06%	0.07%	0.08%	0.08%	34.
35. Percent of equalized pupils at Chester-Andover UESD	47.86%	47.63%	47.60%	45.76%	35.
36. Percent of equalized pupils at Green Mountain UHSD	49.23%	48.54%	-	50.49%	36.

- 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%.

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, 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, creed, 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.

REPORT OF THE WHITING LIBRARY

With Brian Mosher's painting of the Omega/Fireplace room, the Library has a gallery space reflecting a town proud of its artistic culture. Art shows began in March and continued through the year with paintings of Suzanne Nielsen, Denis Chasse, L. Paul Bremer, Amy Mosher, and Scott J. Morgan; the photographs of Katheryn Chasse, Katy Noelle Charlton, Lew Watters, and the pottery of Ed Pell.

The Town of Chester has a partner in tax support as the Town of Andover Select Board unanimously agreed to support the Whiting Library. In addition, funds were raised through nonresident fees, fund-raising appeals, donations, fines, book sales, and a Chester Quilters' creation raffle. We also received a donation from the St. Luke's Lego Contest, a grant from the Ashgate Foundation, and a generous gift in honor of Helen Pratt Ladd. Thanks to these grants the Library was able to purchase iPads for staff, volunteer and patron education, spruce up with interior paint, provide books and materials for children and adults, and to install a hearing loop in the community room. NewsBank has provided generous annual gifts, Helene Linn generously donated a new refrigerator in addition to her financial support, and Jack Carlock continues to provide the children's room with great books.

After-school movies were shown in spring and fall while July offered "Dig Into Reading" summer reading program activities for kids of all ages. Joan Houghton created a quilt which was raffled as the grand prize. Jeanne Waldren stepped in as Theone Wallace spent time away with her new son. Oreo, the therapy dog, listened to children read each month. Bonnie's Bundles offered a story-time event, and children attending the Fall Foliage Festival helped build the Library's annual entry to the Grafton Nature Museum Fairy House event. The Library celebrated Drop Everything and Read Day, National Library Week, Library Card Sign-Up Week, and Banned Books Week with displays and giveaways. We wrapped up the Strategic Plan with a thank you gathering. Following the suggestions of the planners, the Library will be open on Wednesday evenings until 8:00 p.m. beginning in 2014.

Monthly book gatherings discussed *The Excellent Women*, *Wild*, *The Greenlanders*, *O'Pioneers*, *Watership Down*, *Absalom, Absalom!*, *An Irish Country Christmas*. The Library also joined Misty Valley Books and The Grafton Nature Museum in book discussion and lecture of *Finding Higher Ground*. SoVerA taught us about the night sky. The Library hosted Vtel digital literacy programs for seniors. Displays of minerals grew with donations from Jay Blodgett including a new display case.

In partnership with Chester-Andover Family Center, the Library offered amnesty for overdue fines with the donation of a nonperishable item for the Center resulting in over 40 donated goods. We shared the Chester-Andover Elementary School DCF (Dorothy Canfield Fischer awards) and Red Clover collection over the summer increasing the number of wonderful reads for kids. Cynthia Parsons Foundation conducted free summer tutoring for local children. Misty Valley is offering a discount for customers showing their Whiting Library card.

Water damage on the ground floor led to mold remediation and wallboard repairs by Ethan Allen Associates throughout the older section of the building. The Library awaits news of a USDA facilities grant for further much-needed improvements.

The staff and trustees of the Whiting Library express their thanks for all our volunteers, donor and mentors including the townspeople and officials of the Town of Chester.

Volunteers

David Soria
Daina Ricketts
Josh Bodin
Doris Hastings
MaryLou Farr
Jonne Adler
Cindy Collins
Elizabeth Moulton
Hans and Jill Bruning
Carol Hoyt
Joan Houghton
Evan Parks
Daryl Gustafson
Chris Blodgett
Brian Mosher
Nicole Tucker
Mark Tanzer
Rachel Guerra
Arlene Mutchler
Bonnie Watters
Carrie King
David Waldren
Eclectic Technologies

Staff

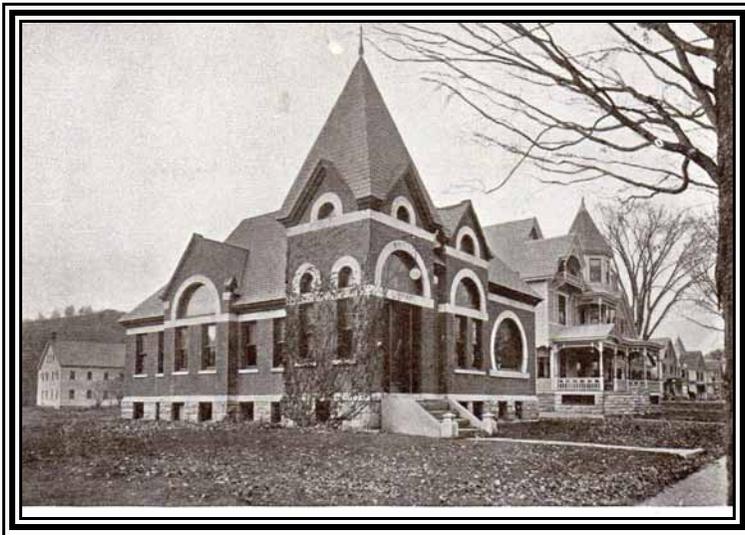
Sharon Tanzer-Director
Theone Wallace-Youth Librarian
Will Wilcox-Assistant
Richard Hoffmann-Assistant
Jeanne Waldren-Storytime Librarian

Consultant

Amy Howlett

Trustees

Bruce Parks-Chair
Mariette Bock-Treasurer
MaryLou Farr-Secretary
Suzy Forlie
Lynda Tallarico
Kathleen Pellett
David Lord



Whiting Library

**WHITING LIBRARY FUND
2014 BUDGET**

		2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
Revenues				
05-311-01	Dividends	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,363.74	\$ 2,000.00
05-311-02	Interest	700.00	760.87	800.00
05-311-03	Town of Chester	72,000.00	72,000.00	67,000.00
05-311-04	Programs	200.00	156.00	200.00
05-311-04A	Proteus Grant	0.00	6,000.00	410.00
05-311-05	Fund Raising	15,000.00	16,220.50	15,000.00
05-311-06	Town of Andover	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
05-311-10	Donations	2,200.00	2,322.68	2,200.00
05-311-11	Book Sales	2,200.00	2,485.50	2,500.00
05-311-12	Lost Items/Refunds	300.00	223.97	200.00
05-311-13	Mtg. Rm. Donations	200.00	65.00	100.00
05-311-14	Copier	600.00	918.69	800.00
05-311-15	Fines	800.00	2,027.99	1,500.00
05-311-17	Nonresident Fees	0.00	271.65	375.00
05-311-25	Applied Surplus (1)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,660.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 96,000.00	\$108,016.59	\$104,945.00

		2013 Budget	2013 Cash	2014 Budget
Expenditures				
05-415-10	Payroll	\$ 66,009.00	\$ 64,387.70	\$ 72,251.00
05-415-11	Payroll Benefits	5,545.00	5,518.03	6,184.00
05-415-20	Administration	600.00	1,072.18	800.00
05-415-21	Fund Raising	1,500.00	2,798.06	2,000.00
05-415-22	Prof. Development	300.00	35.00	300.00
05-415-23	Travel	346.00	43.09	300.00
05-415-25	Books & Materials	10,500.00	11,247.44	10,500.00
05-415-34	Programs	1,200.00	915.88	1,200.00
05-415-35	Postage	1,300.00	1,202.14	1,300.00
05-415-41	Supplies	2,500.00	3,285.01	3,500.00
05-415-56	Telephone	800.00	883.85	800.00
05-415-60	Copier	900.00	1,172.43	900.00
05-415-70	Equipment & Tech.	3,000.00	1,109.56	2,000.00
05-415-79	Repairs & Maint.	1,500.00	569.21	2,500.00
05-415-84	Proteus Grant	0.00	5,590.11	410.00
	TOTAL	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 99,829.69	\$104,945.00

<u>Item</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
1	This amount includes the 2013 and additional monies from the Library Trustees' account.

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

TD Bank Money Market	\$ 29,263.33
TD Bank Savings	847.49
People's United Bank Checking	89,846.52
Petty Cash	<u>400.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$120,357.34

Total Current Assets \$120,357.34

Other Assets

Investment Fund Eaton Fund	\$ 4,456.35
Investment Fund JP Morgan	83,473.29
Investment Vermont Community Loan Fund	<u>20,313.97</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$108,243.61</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$228,600.95

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings - Investments	\$117,599.00
Retained Earnings - Operating Budget	82,059.62
Net Income - Investments	20,755.43
Net Income - Operating Budget	<u>8,186.90</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$228,600.95</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$228,600.95

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Reconciliation - People's United Bank Checking Account

Begin Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 81,659.62
Receipts	102,925.48
Expenses	<u>110,781.18</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 73,803.92

Petty Cash

Begin Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 200.00

Petty Cash Postage - Interlibrary Loan Postage

Begin Balance January 1, 2013	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 200.00

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

Somehow another year has slipped away, and I have to come up with something to write about that will get past the editors again. First, there were the departures. Seeley Morton retired last spring after many years of community service. His reliability, wit, and wisdom will be missed. More sadly a long-term volunteer, Bertha Lapine, passed away last summer. Much could be said about her contributions to the recycling center. The place is not as warm, as cheerful, nor as clean without her here. The team is saddened and diminished, but all we can do is to keep moving forward.

Global warming has been in the news again; it seems the climate is changing for whatever reason, and I fear we've gone past the tipping point. Now the smart money is on *adaptation* rather than on mitigation. There is not space enough to explain all that. If you want an uplifting read on a disheartening subject, get a hold of a copy of "Finding Higher Ground" by Amy Seidl. Well, the war on climate change might be lost, but the battle should go on. We will continue our mission here. The goal is to reduce the amount of useable, and oftentimes valuable, material in the waste stream.

This goal can be approached from several directions. Take a try at Reduction. Imagine the benefits of not going into debt buying stuff you don't really need just to impress a bunch of people you don't really like. Think about it; the down side to this approach is that the world economy, and ultimately my job, is hinged on you buying the stuff in the first place, so don't think about it too long!

Another approach is Reuse. This is a concept known to all thrifty Vermonters and Swamp Yankees from anywhere. Everything from patchwork quilts to repurposed barns speak of the artistry and ingenuity that can be found in everyday objects. By way of loose association, this year's Reuse/Recycle Award goes to the guys who made a beer cooler out of a broken washing machine and a discarded refrigerator with one of those ice makers in the door. (Don't try this at home; these guys were professionals.)

Recycling, in and of itself, may not have the mystique, charm, or raw genius of Reuse, but it does hold the most promise for a meaningful reduction in the volume of material in the waste stream. I think it was Buckminster Fuller who said "Pollution is nothing but the resources we are not harvesting."

Last year the State passed a law that will go into effect over the next few years. This law, (Act 148) will affect everybody reading this report (all three of you). Maybe you use the transfer station and recycle already. Good for you; you'll be ahead of the game. This law will ban recyclable material from landfills in the state. What this means seems clear enough; by July 1, 2015, recycling of cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper will be mandated for everybody. How it's going to happen and what the unintended consequences will be remains to be seen.

There is much that is not yet known; will the trash police be checking your bags? Probably; there's always someone who ruins it for everybody. For those who don't want to be made to do what might be a good thing, Casella has an option called Zero Sort; for a fee someone else will carry off and sort your stuff. For more info on that call 1-800-Casella or visit <http://www.casella.com/what-we-do/recycling/zerosort-recycling>.

For anyone willing to save some money and wanting to try our Recycle Center, Welcome! All we ask is that you read the signs and/or ask questions. Because, you know, we don't come to your place and toss stuff where it doesn't belong. Seriously, with the kind of increase that is coming our way, we will need everybody's help and cooperation to stay on top of it. We could very well be looking at doubling the current

amount of material coming through. To maintain our current "source separated" ¹ system, an investment in new more efficient equipment will be needed. Another option, simpler but perhaps more costly in the long run, would be to consider "single stream" ² or "dual stream" ³ systems. All three programs have good and bad points; much thought will have to be given on how we move forward. Springfield's decisions could impact surrounding towns in the Solid Waste District who currently use our facility. Times are changing and our facility will do its best to keep up. Enough for now, keep bringing your stuff.

- 1) Source Separated is when material is checked for quality and sorted by type and consolidated for shipment.
- 2) Single Stream is where all the recyclables go in one bin and someone else sorts them out.
- 3) Dual Stream puts containers such as tin and aluminum cans, plastic or glass bottles and jars into one bin. And all kinds of paper and cardboard go into another.

Thank you.

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 2013, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$932,490.00. Town dues assessment of \$3,627.00 was determined on a \$1.15 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 provided educational material and coordinated with local officials on Act 250 and Section 248 projects.

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; assisted the town with its application for Village Center Designation. Additionally, SWCRPC provided technical assistance in land use, energy, and transportation planning, zoning issues, Act 250 reviews, as well as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping.

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 2013, Tom Bock represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission. The Town currently does not have a representative on the Transportation Advisory Committee. If interested, please contact the Selectboard.

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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.

We have been active with existing companies and those looking to start a business as well as on a variety of development projects.

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 two Community Development Block Grants. The first grant was completed this past summer and Chester companies received a total of \$53,000 in subgrants to help with their "unmet need." SRDC has provided direct assistance in helping businesses prepare their applications and, then, accessing the available funding. We received a second Block Grant and are assisting several potential applicants from Chester at this time.

We continue to work closely with several companies in the community. We assisted a local business in preparing a successful application for funding through the Town's Economic Development Fund and, working with our Small Business Development Center, have been directly involved in facilitating financing for several projects. In addition to the SBDC, SRDC houses the Procurement Technical Assistance Center as well as an office of the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center. We have directly served 16 Chester-based clients in the past year.

In the region, SRDC has been closely involved with the redevelopment of the former Ben & Jerry's/Ellsworth property in North Springfield, which had been vacant for many years (and had partially collapsed). Black River Produce purchased the site and has opened Black River Meats. We have assisted the company, and their partners, on the upcoming expansion of meat processing and slaughtering at that building, which has included facilitating a Vermont Employment Growth Incentive for the project. We also helped the company obtain workforce development funds to assist with training of new staff.

We continue to move forward with the assessment and remediation of the former J & L Plant 1 and Bryant Grinder properties in Springfield. Cleanup work at the J & L site began last summer through a \$400,000 EPA-ARRA subgrant. We also helped Artisan Surfaces with their acquisition of the former NBC Solid Surfaces business and, working with Malone Properties, secured their facility on Clinton Street.

SRDC has been actively working with Winstanley Enterprises and Weston Solutions on the proposed North Springfield Sustainable Energy Project, which will have a major economic impact on the region. The Project is currently in the Act 248 permit process.

Of course, there are the activities we do every day, assisting our existing companies, as well as those looking to start businesses. This includes facilitating available resources, from workforce training funds to specific financing programs to other incentives in order to help preserve employment and the health of these businesses during a difficult period.

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 both Vermont Training Program and Workforce Employment Training Funds 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

The Chester-Andover Family Center (CAFC) is a 100% volunteer organization with a 28-year history of providing relief from hunger and financial stress to the most vulnerable residents of Chester and Andover. Our amazing volunteers provided over 9,000 hours of service this year, and are the lifeblood of the organization. We always welcome new volunteers.

Our mission continues to be "Providing a Helping Hand to Persons and Families in Need." With tax support from the Town of Chester, as well as donations from individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations, CAF C is able to provide assistance to many people in our community who struggle to make ends meet in this difficult economy. Assistance includes nutritious food from the Food Shelf; low priced, quality items from the Thrift Shop; financial assistance with utilities, rent, and gas cards; and Christmas gifts for many children.

This year has been an exciting year of growth for the Family Center. We have completed our first year at 908 Route 103 South. Our partnership with the Vermont Food Bank has enabled us to provide recipients a variety of nutritious foods. Many individuals, organizations, and businesses donated dry goods and fresh produce! From January through November 2013, there were 806 visits to the Food Shelf. Over 58,000 pounds of food were distributed. Our big, beautiful Thrift Shop offers a large selection of quality clothing and household goods at low prices. Proceeds support our Food Shelf and Emergency Financial Assistance Programs. Our Center is handicapped accessible and has ample, safe parking.

The service directors for the current year are: Jonne Adler, Food Shelf; Sherry Willumitis, Thrift Shop; and Edie Brown, Social Services. 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. 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](http://www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org)

Respectfully submitted,
Gail S. Gibbons
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), Disaster Recovery, Thrift Stores, and Textile Recycling.

In the community of Chester we have provided the following services during FY2013:

- Weatherization:** 16 homes (38 people) weatherized at a cost of \$168,499
- Emergency Heating Replacements:** 4 homes (6 people) received repairs or replacements at a cost of \$8,169
- Head Start:** 18 families (73 people) received comprehensive child development and family support services valued at \$146,337
- Micro-Business Development:** 1 household (4 people) received counseling, technical assistance, and support to start, sustain, or expand a small business, valued at \$2,503
- Tax Preparation:** 9 households (21 people) received refunds and tax credits totaling \$7,162
- Thrift Store Volunteers:** 6 households (11 people) received goods and services valued at \$385
- Family Services:** 76 households (165 people) received 593 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services) valued at \$5,005
- Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 122 households (176 people) received services valued at \$50,631
- Housing & Other Assistance:** 6 households (17 people) received services valued at \$4,724
- Emergency Home Repair:** 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$3,501
- Resource Coordination:** 2 employees (7 in families) in local businesses received services to help with employee retention, advancement, and financial stability, valued at \$874
- Disaster Recovery:** 4 households (10 people) received disaster recovery assistance and case management, valued at \$39,871

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

Consistent interaction with caring adult role models has been proven to have a positive impact on the outcome of children's lives. Windsor County Partners (WCP) is the only county-wide, community-based mentoring program (PALS) in our region. Adult volunteers commit to about two hours a week with their mentees (ages 8-17) for one year, with 81% continuing beyond the first year. All of our services are free to children, families, and volunteers.

Our main goal is to sustain our work with youth to empower them to make healthier life choices. Our program objectives are threefold: 1) to recruit more mentors; 2) to provide those mentors with high quality training opportunities so that they are better equipped to sustain their partnerships; and 3) to provide our young partners with opportunities that help them to realize their potential. Our partners spent about 2770 hours together, up 680 hours from the previous year. Life skills, community service and cultural and athletic activities were just some of what they experienced. WCP All Partner Events provided fun learning opportunities.

Let's Do Lunch, our school-based program, serves youth ages 5-14 in Springfield. Mentors meet with students for an hour a week during or after the school day while on school premises to play games, sports and do crafts. The year ended with 28 matches and partners spent about 800 hours together over the course of the year.

The first year of a quality, community-based match costs us approximately \$2,000 to create and support. In addition, time is spent supporting existing matches, processing inquiries, and applications (for every three applicants, only one or two follows through). The approximate cost to make and support a school-based match is \$500 each year. As funding becomes even more challenging, now more than ever, we depend on town support for our day-to-day operations. We remain extremely grateful to our community and thank you for your steadfast support.

In this last year WCP served three people from Chester and supported 31 total partnerships from among 16 towns in Windsor County. There is always a waiting list of children in need. Schools have no shortage of children to refer. Our biggest challenge is finding mentors so please call us to learn more about supporting mentoring in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kinter, Director
(802-674-5101; Kathy@wcpartners.org)

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. 349 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. 119 residents requested assistance this year.*

Senior Nutrition- *8160 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 51 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. Two Chester residents received assistance through this grant.*

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 (VNAVNH) is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNAVNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNAVNH 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 VNAVNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, VNAVNH made 4,355 homecare visits to 150 Chester residents. This included approximately \$121,121 in unreimbursed care to Chester residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 3,439 home visits to 120 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 556 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:** 243 home visits to 10 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 117 home visits to six residents for well baby, preventive, and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNAVNH 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 VNAVNH 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 (1-888-300-8853)

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

Last year, all over the country over 350,000 Senior Corps volunteers aged 55 and over served more than 80 million hours through 65,000 organizations, improving the lives of millions of 1.5 of our most vulnerable citizens. Senior Corps is impacting our nation in substantive ways and making life better for those in need. Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center is a part of Senior Corps, and we want to share our good news with everyone!

In Chester, RSVP volunteers worked at the Chester-Andover Family Services, Community Cares Network, and the Whiting Library. Chester volunteers also worked at American Red Cross Blood Drives, Meals on Wheels, Springfield Hospital, and the Springfield Santa Claus Club. A total of 2,966 hours was donated by Chester volunteers to help those in need.

The work of these volunteers can be multiplied throughout the state of Vermont, to our neighboring states, and all across the country. When you think of the impact that volunteers over the age of 55 are making everywhere, it is astonishing. If you wish to be a part of this powerful effort, please call Linda Husband at (802) 885-2083.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Palencsar, Executive Director
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK OF CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

CCN, Inc., has been serving the senior citizens in Chester and Andover since 1996. We are a nonprofit organization which helps to keep senior citizens safely in their homes longer. This is done by helping them find the resources they need and helping to connect them.

We have served during 2013 over 250 people with over 525 services. Some of the services that we have provided are supporting the seniors in times of grief, loss of their loved ones, making the connection for them for better nutrition, and also helping them get to medical appointments. We also help them to shop for the different needs that they have. We visit with them in person and by phone to make sure they are doing all right.

CCN, Inc. is planning an educational symposium in the spring on the End of Life. We will deal with various aspects including family communication, medical and legal issues, financial questions, and burial and funerals.

Respectfully submitted,
CCN, Inc., Board
Deborah Armstrong
Erron Carey
Jacquelyn Griswold
Kathy Jo Martens
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 **Homeland 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 and 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 homeowner 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 Chester, Andover, Springfield, Baltimore, and South Weathersfield. A nutritious meal is provided five days a week with weekend frozen meals and breakfast available to those who qualify.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013, volunteers from Meals & Wheels delivered to approximately 30 private homes in the Chester area a total of 8,016 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, Lincoln Street, HCRS 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.

Another important role of the program goes beyond meeting nutritional needs. For many, seeing a friendly volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day. The volunteer will notify the Program Manager if they notice anything unusual. Meals on Wheels provides a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT, INC.

CRT is a private, nonprofit (501 c 3) 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, and non-emergency medical transportation services. Funding sources are F.T.A (Federal Transit Association), Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), area towns and villages, businesses, donations, and fares. The mission of CRT is to provide cost-effective transportation services for people in our area with connections to the greater world. Currently, CRT provides over 270,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network.

FY13 saw a continued increase in Vermonters using Public Transit. The reasons most commonly given were:

Gas savings, no access to a private vehicle, and the desire to reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality.

Ridership in FY13 CRT service to your town:

! Seasonal Bus service to Okemo: 2,391

! In-Town and Shopper Bus services: 1,732

! Dial-A-Ride service to Chester Residents: 3,908 - Includes medical rides for Chester's elderly, disabled and/or children, and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership in FY13 services to the region:

! Commuter bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 95,060. Increase of 19% in FY13

! Non-Commuter bus service to the General Public: 115,956. Increase of 32% in FY13

! Human Services transportation, including the Volunteer and Taxi network: 110, 223. Increase of 9.25% FY13

FY13 was a year in which CRT provided more service to both the general public and to those needing Human Services transportation.

The Grant awards to CRT provide for public transit and bus purchases, and require at least 20% local support in the form of matching funds. Our goal is a broad base of support so no one funding partner bears too much of the cost. The riders who use the service and the businesses whose employees and clients ride public transit on CRT routes contributed 68% of donations in FY13. The local contributions (comprised of the three categories below) in FY 13 was over \$356,000: Individuals riding CRT services: 49% for \$173, 818; Businesses served by CRT commuter, general public and human services transit: 23% for \$81,000; and Towns in CRT service areas: 28% for \$101,550

CRT requests funding from the 30 towns we serve. The amount requested is determined by a *fair share allocation* based on bus routes that have stops in your town, the number of Dial-A-Ride buses in your town, and the number of trips CRT provides to residents in your town on all scheduled services. While CRT has seen an increase in demand for all its services, the amount of appropriation requested from your town remains the same, as it has done for the past 6 years. The total of town donations this year is \$101,550, approximately 2.6% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percentage. These donations provide the matching funds that allow CRT to access the State and Federal grants, private foundations and the human services transportation contracts that contributed *3.5 million dollars to the local economy in FY13.*

Connecticut River Transit, Inc. could not provide the services or purchase the buses without every contribution made by you, the local community. We are very grateful to you for providing the opportunity to serve your needs. We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to serve the Chester community.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sinclair

2013 VITAL STATISTICS

Traditionally, Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, and Civil Marriages) were printed in the Town Report. New federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) are expected to be issued and one of the areas that will be particularly affected is accessibility to vital records. These regulations will result in a centralized vital records' system, more stringent protocols for obtaining certified copies, and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States will also be required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

The Vermont Department of Health will be phasing in new regulations for acquisition of birth and death certificates. However, with fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, we have changed our traditional Report. We have printed statistical information only.

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 2013:

Civil Marriages - 58
Births - 13
Deaths - 24
Burials - 21

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2013**

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 4, 2013, 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 5, 2013, 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. Wanda Purdy made a motion to raise \$208,273.00, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 16, 2013. Seconded by Julie Hance. This figure can be found on page 67 of the Annual Report. Alison DesLauriers explained that there are 32 children in the early education program and 3 children in the EEE program at five different locations in the area. 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. Julie Hance moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by Charlie Baker. 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. Richard Jewett moved Article 6 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. 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, 2012. Amy Howlett moved Article 7 as printed. Seconded by Richard Jewett. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met. William Lindsay made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sandra Walker. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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 6:16 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. Jack Cable thanked Georgia Ethier for all of her hard work on putting the annual report together. Mr. Cable also acknowledged that the annual report is dedicated to the Chester Ambulance Service this year and that the pictures in the middle of the report were taken by Lynn Way and Marsha Pease-Grant.

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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: Sherryl L. Shield \$250.00; Jon Clark, \$250.00; John F. Capen \$250.00; Gerald and Georgia Ethier, \$250.00; Norman K. Wright, \$250.00; Carol L. Rogenski, \$250.00; Roland and Irene Saulnier, \$250.00; Nell Boni Hughes, \$250.00; William and Janice Whitney, \$250.00; Helga Allen, \$250.00. Jack Cable moved Article 2 as printed. Seconded by Bruce Parks. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

Representative Leigh Dakin explained some of the things going on in Montpelier. Mrs. Dakin talked about Health Care, Tropical Storm Irene, Education, Transportation and Economic Development.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$540,006.00 to be allocated as follows: \$128,406.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck; \$250,000.00 for the purchase of a new grader; \$60,000.00 for sidewalk replacement; \$19,100.00 to be spent on a fire truck pump rebuild; \$44,000.00 for a new police cruiser; \$6,500.00 for a cemetery survey; \$4,500.00 for a pool lift; \$20,000.00 for upgrades to the Whiting Library; \$7,500.00 for upgrades to Town Hall; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that maybe received. William Lindsay moved Article 3 as printed. Seconded by Jack Cable. Town Manager David Pisha explained that there

would be \$335,000.00 going into the Capital Budget Fund this year. The Trustees of Public Funds gave the Town \$6,500.00 for the cemetery survey. The Whiting Library Trustees are giving the Town \$10,000.00 toward the Library repairs. Gary Band asked where the sidewalks were going to be repaired. Mr. Pisha explained from Grafton Street to the Catholic Church, up Main Street past the Green. Susie Forlie asked what year the present grader was purchased. Mr. Pisha answered 2002. Susie Forlie asked how many hours were on the present grader. Mr. Pisha replied he did not have that answer. Susie Forlie asked what the trade in value would be. Mr. Pisha explained that he was not sure that we would be trading. It cost \$6,000.00 a month to rent a grader when it is needed. Susie Forlie asked if the dump truck and cruiser would be traded. Mr. Pisha replied yes. Wanda Purdy asked if the town had considered going back to a car instead of an SUV for a police cruiser. Chief Rick Cloud answered that there was not much difference in price and they feel that a four wheel drive is necessary to get around the back roads during winter and mud season. Claudio Veliz asked if the town had a current stated procedure for purchase of equipment. Mr. Pisha advised that we trade after five years. Warranties are done, reliability goes down and it minimizes down time. Beverly Cable asked the dump truck size. Graham Kennedy replied it will be a nine yard single axle truck. Heather Chase asked why \$44,000.00 was allotted for the cruiser and the Chief said \$28,500.00? Chief Cloud explained that they have to equip the cruiser also. Mr. Pisha explained that any money left over would stay in the fund. Moderator Dakin re-read the Article. Article 3 voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Dakin explained that Mr. Pisha had an informational point. Mr. Pisha explained that in the Capital Budget for 2014 there is \$250,000.00 allocated for a new fire truck. The Fire Chief has been told that by next year it will be \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 more, because of new requirements. The Select Board has recently learned that the Town could lease the truck for the next three years, at \$87,000.00 a year. The lease would be signed this year and the first payment would be due in 2014. The Select Board is interested in knowing what people think. The \$87,000.00 would be in the Capital Budget. Robert Parker advised that he thought this was a smart decision. Mr. Parker stated that if something were to happen we don't have to take the truck or could give it back, correct? Mr. Pisha explained that there is a non-appropriation clause in the lease and the Town could give it back. Patricia Benelli asked what the process is. Mr. Pisha explained that the Select Board would consider it. Charlie Baker asked if there were any hidden fees. Mr. Pisha explained that he has not seen any and the Town Attorney had looked at the lease. The interest rate would be 2.59% and the trade in on the old truck would be \$8,000.00. Derek Suursoo explained that the lease is before the Select Board to consider and there would be a Special Town Meeting. John DeBenedetti explained that he was not completely sure that there would need to be a Special Town Meeting.

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 \$2,433,806.96, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 16, 2013. Seconded by Ruth Douglas. Moderator Dakin then advised that David Pisha would make a presentation on the budget. (Copy attached) Tony Weinberger asked if there would be more paving done on Flamstead Road or if it would just be what is now paved. Mr. Pisha advised that it would be what is paved now. Lew Waters asked how effective the speed sign, that was purchased last year, had been. Chief Cloud advised that they had seen some effectiveness from the sign. He also advised that the sign had not been out in the last two months because of snow banks. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

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. Sandra Vincent moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Scott Bowman. Steve Mancuso spoke against Article 5. Paul Kowalski, Project Manager for SRDC explained some of the grants, workshops and help that SRDC offers. Sandra Vincent spoke in favor of SRDC and explained some of the help and support that the Chester Andover Family Center has received from SRDC. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

Article 6: 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. Doug Somerville moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Tony Weinberger. Tony Weinberger explained that the Visiting Nurses report could be found on page 82 of the Annual Report. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: 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 7 as written. Seconded by Patricia Benelli. James Bartley, a worker from HCERS, explained that HCERS served 149 residents and had 19,000 service hours last year in Chester. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: 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. Gladys Collins moved Article 8 as written. Seconded by Jack Cable. Gladys Collins explained that SEVCA's report could be found on page 79. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

Article 9: 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 9 as written. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Nora-Ellen Spaulding explained that the report for Senior Solutions is on page 81 of the Annual Report. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

Article 10: 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 10 as written. Seconded by Patricia Benelli. John DeBenedetti explained that he has received emails and phone calls for a representative from Chester for the Connecticut River Transit Board. Bruce Parks advised that he would be interested. Karen Sinclair, representative from Connecticut River Transit, thanked everyone for their support. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

Article 11: 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 11 as written. Seconded by Seeley Morton. Maria Contro thanked everyone for their support and explained that the report could be found on page 88 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. Lew Watters moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Kari Storm. 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 Nancy Lindsay. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

Article 14: 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 14 as written. Seconded by Sandra Vincent. David Armstrong explained that the report for Community Cares Network could be found on page 84 of the Annual Report. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

Article 15: 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. Victoria Spater moved Article 15 as written. Seconded by Sandra Walker. Edie Brown, President of the Chester-Andover Family Center, explained that they are all volunteers that work at the family center and thanked the Town for all of their support and help. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.

Article 16: 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. Jack Cable moved Article 16 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.

Article 17: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2012. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 17 as written. Seconded by Jack Cable. Tony Weinberger asked what the Management Consultant on page 14 was for. David Pisha explained that the town was working with Doug Hoyt, a consultant for the Police Department, to see if things are being done efficiently. The Town expects to get his report in April. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.

Article 18: 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. Ruth Douglas thanked all of the Town employees for all of their services. Sean Whalen also thanked all the Town employees, as he will be moving his family to Weathersfield.

Doug Somerville made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 3, 2014, at 6:00p.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.
- 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, 2013.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 10th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Alison DesLauriers, Chairman
s/ Gertrude Bennett
/s/ Wanda Purdy

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Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 24th day of January, 2014.

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman
 /s/ Tom Bock
 /s/ Derek Suursoo
 /s/ William Lindsay
 /s/ Arne Jonymas

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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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.

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