



2014 TOWN REPORT

VERNON TOWN REPORT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 2014

2014 TOWN REPORT



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2014 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT Vernon, Vermont

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

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VERNON TOWN OFFICE HOURS*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday , Thursday

TOWN TREASURER

Monday - Thursday 7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

LIBRARY

Monday & Thursday 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 Tuesday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 Wednesday & Friday 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

*subject to change

POLICE	254-6962
FIRE	254-2425
TOWN OFFICES	257-0292
VERNON ELEMENTARY	254-5373
TOWN GARAGE	254-9428
RECREATION AREA	254-9251
HEALTH OFFICER	254-4485
FIRE WARDEN	254-2279
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	254-6962

REGULAR MEETINGS*

BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

First and Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

VERNON SCHOOL BOARD

Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

SELECTBOARD

First and Third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

VERNON SENIORS

Second Monday of each month at 12:00 P.M.

(Potluck and Business Meeting)

Fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

(Birthday Social and Blood Pressure)

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

WINDHAM SOLID WATE MANAGEMENT (WSWMD)

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIREFIGHTERS - REGULAR MEETING

Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICERS 2014-2015

TOWN MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2015

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2015

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Susan I. Miller 2016

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER

Sally Brasseur 2017

SELECTPERSON (3 YEAR TERM)

Sandra Harris 2015

Patricia O'Donnell 2016

Christiane Howe 2017

SELECTPERSON (2 YEAR TERM)

Janet Rasmussen 2015

Jeffrey Dunklee 2016

LISTERS

William Hammond 2015

Carol Hammond (CH) 2016

Phyllis Newton 2017

AUDITORS

Carol Hammond 2015

Nancy Gassett 2016

Phyllis Newton 2017

1st CONSTABLE

Peter Crossman 2015

2nd CONSTABLE

Scott Lane 2015

TOWN AGENT

Nancy Howe 2015

TOWN JUROR

Nancy Howe 2015

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Marylynn Scherlin 2015

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Michael Hebert(CH) 2015

Regina Dyer(Vice CH) 2015

Walter Breau 2016

Mathew Coombs 2016

Deborah Hebert 2017

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3 YEAR TERM)

Michael Collier 2015

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Janis Pereira Mary Ann Deer

Deborah Berryere Bronna Zlochiver

MARSH FUND COMMITTEE

James Brown Barbara Moseley

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Peter & Angela Miller

(the above are voted at Town Meeting)

WINDHAM-5 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Hebert

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Christiane Howe Susan Arsenault

Sandra Harris Patricia O'Donnell

Timothy Arsenault Peter Crossman

Michael Hebert Lynda Starorypinski

Susan Miller Deborah Hebert

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Timothy Arsenault (CH) Susan Miller

Annette Roydon Lynda Starorypinski

Janet Rasmussen Patricia O'Donnell

Christiane Howe Michael Hebert

Susan Arsenault Jeffrey Dunklee

Peter Crossman Sandra Harris

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER APPTS

Aina Linquist, Assistant Town Clerk

Cindy Turnley, Assistant Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTBOARD

ANIMAL CONTROL

Windham County Sheriff's Department

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Marylynn Scherline (CH) Sandra Harris

Janet Rasmussen

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION

Stephen Skibnoiwsy

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marylynn Scherlin

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM

Contact: Roland D. Walker, Jr.

E-911 CONTACTS

Susan Miller Roland D. Walker, Jr.

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Marylynn Scherlin(CH)

Phyllis Newton
Sharon Richardson
Linda Shippee

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Christiane Howe – Interim Director
Madeline Arms – Pager
Sandra Harris – Radiological Officer

FARMLAND PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Arthur Miller(CH)
Skip Baldwin
Jeff Harding

FENCE VIEWERS

Annette Roydon
Mike Ball

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marylynn Scherlin(CH) Martin Langeveld
Janet Rasmussen Mathew Coombs

GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR

Emily Vergobbe

HEALTH OFFICER

Mark Snow

Annette Roydon, Deputy

INSPECTOR OF WOOD, SHINGLES & LUMBER

Annette Roydon

PLANNING COMMISSION

Stephen Skibniewsky(CH) Robert Spencer
Janet Rasmussen Patricia O'Donnell
Martin Langeveld

POUND KEEPER

Windham County Humane Society

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Seth Deyo
Ian Deyo, Assistant Director

RECREATION BOARD

Josh Unruh Emily Vergobbe

Steven Bird Melissa Ferriss

Martha Missale

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Michael Courtemanche (CH)

Robert Spencer

Peggy Frost

Heather Frost Cheryl Franklin

RESCUE INC REP - Richard McNeary

ROADCOMMISSIONER - Roland D. Walker, Jr.

SELECTBOARD SECRETARY- Catrina Lawley

TOWN ATTORNEY- Salmon & Norstrand

TOWN FOREST-SUPERVISOR-Seth Deyo

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER-Marylynn Scherlin

TREE WARDEN-Roland D. Walker, Jr.

VAN DRIVER-Reita Lashway, Interim

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marylynn Scherlin

WEIGHER OF COAL-Annette Roydon

WCSWD-TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Courtemanche

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Robert Spencer

VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Capen, Fire Chief

Michael Pratt, Assistant Chief

Lt. Tiffany Capen Lt. John Wheeldon, Jr.

Chaplin Bruce Burks EMS Lt. Chris Hilton

Safety Officers: Les Berg & Jesse Jobin

FIRE WARDEN

Raymond Capen

JJ Wheeldon, Deputy

SENIORS

Carol Shippee -Acting President

Nancy Durborow - Treasurer

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

VERNON CAPITAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 1,151,405.16**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 734.47
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	8,858.41
March 2013 Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>175,031.82</u>

184,624.70

DEDUCT:

Tyler Cemetery Fence	\$ (25,100.00)
2014 Ford Interceptor Cruiser	<u>(27,136.05)</u>

(52,236.05)

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 1,283,793.81**

At Town Meeting on March 6, 1990, Article 35 voted to establish a Vernon Capital Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the items authorized in the Vernon Capital Plan.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

EMERGENCY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 2,295,019.25**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 82.28
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>22,786.74</u>

22,869.02

DEDUCT:

Retirement Fund Appropriation	<u>(459,054.00)</u>
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BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 1,858,834.27**

At Town Meeting on March 6, 2000, Article 31 voted to establish an Emergency Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of providing perpetual funds for unanticipated and emergency Capital replacements or repairs and to help defray the cost of the annual appropriation of the Capital Plan.

The Selectboard shall be authorized to make expenditures from this fund by majority vote for items of \$10,000.00 or more in value.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

POLICY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VERNON CAPITAL PLAN

1. Definitions:

Capital Plan

The list of all capital additions or replacements of a value greater than or equal to \$10,000 **required** for the continued maintenance of town services. It is essential that the Capital Plan include only 'need' items not 'want or nice to have' items. All items in the plan shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Selectboard and approved by the Town at the annual Town Meeting. No capital purchase of \$10,000 or more (unless an unforeseeable emergency) will be made, unless it is processed through the Capital Plan. It is essential that aggressive and thorough planning and review by the sponsoring department be made on the recommendation for items to be included in the plan. The Capital Plan cannot be allowed to become a wish list for last minute major purchases. It is expected that at a minimum, the year prior to a planned purchase, a detailed bid specification will be developed by the requesting department, considering the best long term interest of the town. The plan is reviewed and updated every year and shall look at a minimum of five (5) years into the future. Only items included in the approved plan can be funded by the Capital Fund. Items in the Plan will have a planned need date and an expected cost in the need year. The addition of items to the Capital Plan shall be accomplished through the guidelines.

Capital Fund

A pooled fund established to provide the necessary resources to pay for items authorized in the Capital Plan. Annual appropriations will be made to the fund based on the previously issued and approved Capital Plan guidelines. The money appropriated for any particular item shall be retained in the fund until that item is either cancelled or purchased. All unused money for any particular item shall be retained in the pooled fund and classified as excess funds for use on other items or to reduce the amount of money needed to be raised for future appropriations. Any money raised from the resale of Capital Plan items shall be returned to the Capital Fund as excess funds. Once an item has satisfied a bid specification and has been paid for from the Capital Fund, no further expenditures can be made from this fund for accessories or enhancements to the purchased item. Last minute additions are indicative of poor planning and anticipation and should be funded by the sponsor agency's operating budget, when funds are available for such discretionary expenses.

Excess Funds

Resources available in the Capital Fund after all planned purchases for that year have been completed. In order to provide protection for some unanticipated increases in the cost of a Plan item, funding for items will try to be as conservative as possible. Because of this it is anticipated that actual purchase cost of items will be lower than the projected cost appropriated for in the fund. These unused funds along with interest and dividends earned, returns from resale of capital items, and cancellation of items from the Capital Plan partially funded in prior years, will constitute excess funds in the Capital Fund. For management purposes a small amount of excess funds will intentionally be left in the Capital Fund every year to allow for unexpected cost overruns of authorized items. All other excess funds will be applied to help defray the amount of money needed to be raised every year to fund the necessary annual appropriation.

2. Establishing the Plan:

Every year, the Finance Committee will review with the various town departments their expected needs for the foreseeable future. Any previously existing item in the plan will also be reviewed to assure that the need still exists, and that the details of the item description are still what the department needs. The Finance Committee will then make an assessment on the appropriateness of the need request and vote to either include, delete or modify the item requested to be added to the Capital Plan. For all items identified to be included in the plan, the committee will establish the required funding, including annual appropriations necessary to assure that the resources are available in the Capital Fund when the item is required to be purchased. The completed Capital Plan will be presented to the Selectboard at one of their regularly scheduled meetings for review and acceptance. Prior to the annual Town Meeting a public hearing will be warned and held to present and explain the Capital Plan to the interested townspeople. Formal approval of the plan will be made by a warned article to the annual Town Meeting.

Prior to January 15 of every year, the Finance Committee shall provide the following reports for inclusion in the Town Report:

The Capital Plan Summary, which is a brief summary of all items proposed for inclusion in the Capital Plan with the need year and projected total cost identified.

The Capital Plan Funding Projections, which is a minimum five (5) year projection of the annual allocations necessary to fund the items approved in the

Capital Plan. These projections will utilize the planning guidelines as the basis for balancing locations and cost distribution.

The Capital Fund Status, which is a detailed year end accounting of all Capital Fund appropriations and expenditures, with Finance Committee assessments of which funds are in excess, and a recommendation for the use of these excess funds to help defray expenses for the following year's appropriation.

3. Making Purchases from the Plan

For all plan items, the requesting department will prepare a detailed bid specification for presentation to the Selectboard. At the Selectboard's discretion, a member of the Finance Committee may be requested to be present at the board meeting where reviews of Capital Plan purchase specifications are conducted. This Finance Committee member will provide confirmation to the Board that the item requested is consistent with the item described in the approved Capital Plan. Once all bids are received for the item to be purchased, the Selectboard will make the choice that best fits the town's needs. If, as it should have been, the targeted cost for each Capital Plan item was established conservatively high, adequate funds should be available to cover the cost of the item. If the best price received still exceeds the targeted cost included in the Capital Fund for the item, and the item is as described in the Capital Plan, then the use of excess funds may be applied to the purchase of the item. Mid-year determination of the availability of excess funds can be made by consultation with the Town Treasurer and members of the Finance Committee. If sufficient excess funds are not currently available, the purchase will have to be delayed until later in the year when additional excess funds are made available, or deferred to the following year. Deferral of purchases to the following year will allow for additional appropriations to be made for the item. If the item's purchase cannot be deferred to later in the year or the following year, then the Selectboard may allow the purchase to be made creating a shortfall in the Capital Fund. This shortfall will then be restored by increasing the money to be raised for the following year.

4. Capital Planning Guidelines

a. All capital expenditures must be submitted for inclusion in the Capital Plan in advance of the need based on the projected future cost and the following minimum schedule:

Projected Cost	Years in Advance of Need
\$10,000-\$20,000	2
\$20,001-\$30,000	3

\$30,001-\$40,000	4
\$40,001-\$55,000	5
\$55,001-\$75,000	6
\$75,001-\$95,000	7
\$95,001-\$115,000	8
\$115,001-\$150,000	10
\$150,001-	15

Exceptions to this schedule will be considered for unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

- b. All equipment replacement need dates will be based on projected end of useful life. The requesting department will be responsible to establish quantifiable measures to determine when end of useful life is achieved (i.e., annual repair cost, out of service time, mileage, operating hours etc.). The Finance Committee and the Department will mutually agree on the acceptability of the proposed end of useful projected life indicators. Irrespective of when an item on the Capital Plan is projected to be purchased (need date), it will not be authorized for purchase until the actual end of useful life.
- c. Funding for all approved Capital items will be pro-rated from the need date based on a minimum schedule consistent with that identified in paragraph 4a above.

Sale of Items Being Replaced

As stated in paragraph 4a, items being replaced under the Capital Plan have been determined to be at the end of useful life and thus serve no purpose or benefit for the Town and should be sold as soon as possible. It is preferable to trade these in toward the purchase of the new item. If the Selectboard and the Finance Committee determine that it will benefit the town to sell outright rather than trade, then it should be done as follows: The Department Head will put such items out to bid with Selectboard approval within 30 days. The sale will be completed within 60 days and funds received through this sale will be put in the Capital Plan as excess funds as stated in Paragraph 1 under Excess Funds.

FY 2013-2014 Capital Fund Status								
Item	Need Year	Previous Balance 6/30/2013	FY13/14 Appropriation	Total Available	FY 14 Expenditures less Income	Fund Balance	Used to Offset FY15 Approp	*Excess Funds
Town Office Tractor (lawn and snow)	2012/2013	16,900.00		16,900.00		16,900.00		
Police Cruiser (2005 Ford) Repl	2012/2013	35,000.00		35,000.00	(27,136.05)	7,863.95		7,863.95
Police Cruiser (2007 Dodge) Repl	2015/2016	9,625.00	9,625.00	19,250.00		19,250.00		
Police Cruiser (2009 Tahoe) Repl	2018/2019							
Engine #1 (1985 Ford Replace)	2015/2016	190,516.00	9,828.00	200,344.00		200,344.00		
Brush #1	2017/2018	14,613.00	10,077.00	24,690.00		24,690.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	2016/2017	128,404.00	14,649.00	143,053.00		143,053.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	2021/2022	104,959.00	16,115.00	121,074.00		121,074.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	2024/2025	55,998.00	18,666.00	74,664.00		74,664.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2016)	2028/2029		21,733.00	21,733.00		21,733.00		
Front End Loader (1997 Replace)	2017/2018	125,589.00	16,642.00	142,231.00		142,231.00		
3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck (1998)	2012/2013	35,000.00		35,000.00		35,000.00		
Two Ton Dump Truck (2003)	2015/2016	56,570.00	7,810.00	64,380.00		64,380.00		
Tractor & Rotary Mower	2017/2018	21,428.00	10,714.00	32,142.00		32,142.00		
Town Garage Roof	2021/2022							
Town Clerk Copier	2010/2011	985.00		985.00			985.00	
Records Restoration	2011/2012	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00		
Swimming Pool Refurbish	2009/2010	13,258.55		13,258.55			13,258.55	
Tyler Cemetery Picket Fence	2011/2012	34,300.00		34,300.00	(25,100.00)	9,200.00		9,200.00
Bathhouse & Shelter Roofs	2012/2013	16,000.00		16,000.00		16,000.00		
Town Clerk Vault Expansion	2012/2013	35,000.00		35,000.00		35,000.00		
Library Server Equipment Repl	2014/2015		7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00		
School Generator	2012/2013	3,247.20		3,247.20		3,247.20		
Tanker #1 Replace	2024/2025	90,000.00	30,000.00	120,000.00		120,000.00		
Engine #3 Replace (2000 KME)	2031/2032							
Rescue #1 Replace (85 Intl)	2025/2026							
Fire Station Furnace***	2012/2013	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00		
Fire Station Roof	2021/2022							
Replace SCBA Bottles	2017/2018	16,500.00	5,500.00	22,000.00		22,000.00		
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	33,750.00	11,250.00	45,000.00		45,000.00		
*Used to offset FY14 Appropriation Interest		690.92		690.92			624.57	734.47
Subtotals		\$ 1,060,333.67	\$ 189,609.00	1,249,942.67	\$ (52,236.05)	\$ 1,182,772.15	\$ 76,115.32	\$ 17,798.42

2015-2016 Capital Plan Funding Projections

	<u>Need Year</u>	<u>Bal 6/30/14</u>	<u>FY 13/14</u>	<u>FY14/15</u>	<u>FY15/16</u>	<u>FY16/17</u>	<u>FY 17/18</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>
Town Van (2008)	2023/2024				\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 100,000.00
Pick Up Truck 3/4 Ton (1998)		35,000.00						35,000.00
Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	2016/2017	128,404.00	14,649.00	14,649.00	14,649.00	14,649.00		187,000.00
Dump Truck 2 Ton (2003)	2015/2016	56,570.00	7,810.00	7,810.00	12,810.00			80,000.00
Front End Loader (1997)	2017/2018	125,589.00	16,642.00	16,642.00	16,642.00	16,642.00	16,643.00	208,800.00
Tractor and Rotary Mower	2017/2018	21,428.00	10,714.00	10,714.00	67,858.00	10,714.00	10,714.00	75,000.00
Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	2021/2022	104,959.00	16,115.00	16,115.00	16,115.00	16,115.00	16,117.00	228,000.00
Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	2024/2025	55,998.00	18,666.00	18,666.00	18,666.00	18,666.00	18,666.00	255,000.00
Dump Truck Diesel (2016)	2028/2029		21,733.00	21,733.00	21,733.00	21,733.00	21,733.00	298,000.00
Town Garage Roof	2021/2022							60,000.00
Brush I (1974 Ford)	2017/2018	14,613.00	10,077.00	10,077.00	10,077.00	10,077.00	10,079.00	65,000.00
Engine I Replace (1985 Ford)	2014/2015	190,516.00	9,828.00					298,000.00
Tanker I Replace (1994 Freight)	2024/2025	90,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	450,000.00
Engine 3 Replace (2000 KME)	2031/2032							300,000.00
Rescue I Replace (95 Intl)	2014/2015	9,625.00	9,625.00	24,325.00				59,000.00
Furnace	2011/2012	12,000.00						12,000.00
Fire Station Roof	2021/2022							38,000.00
Replace Bay Doors & Openers								
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	33,750.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	90,000.00
Replace SCBA Bottles	2017/2018	16,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	44,000.00
Cruiser (2005 Ford)		35,000.00						35,000.00
Cruiser (2007 Dodge)	2015/2016							38,500.00
Cruiser (2010 Tahoe)	2018/2019							44,000.00
T.O. Tractor (Lawn & Snow)	2012/2013	16,900.00						16,900.00
Records Restoration	2011/2012	10,000.00						10,000.00
*Library Server	2014/2015		7,000.00					
Swimming Pool Refurbish	2009/2010	13,258.55						30,000.00
Bathhouse & Shelter Roof	2012/2013	16,000.00						45,000.00
*Town Clerk Vault Expansion								
Tyler Cemetery Fence	2011/2012	34,300.00						34,300.00
		\$ 1,020,410.55	\$ 189,609.00	\$ 187,481.00	\$ 237,800.00	\$ 167,846.00	\$ 153,202.00	\$ 3,136,500.00
			2005 Crown Vic Repl.		(7,863.95)			
			Tyler Cemetery Fence		(9,200.00)			
			Interest		(734.47)			
Total Amount to Raise					\$ 220,001.58			

Total Amount to Raise

\$ 187,481.00

VERNON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 243,770.36**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 8.85	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>2,714.99</u>	2,723.84

DEDUCT:

Windham Solid Waste Mgmt District Assessment	\$ (26,156.05)	
Prepaid Expense to Lotus Graphics (Logo, Flyer)	(1,750.85)	
Prepaid Expense to WasteZero (Bags and Bins)	(22,494.80)	
Prepaid Expense to J. Rasmussen: Flyers Postage Reimb	(169.05)	
		<u>(50,570.75)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 195,923.45**

This Fund was established in March 1987, for the purpose of funding a future study, operation, purchase or development of a landfill dump or other means of solid waste disposal.

At Town Meeting on March 7, 1989, Article 36 voted that expenditures of less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by the Board of Selectmen; greater expenditures will require town meeting approval.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN ROAD UPGRADING FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 256,021.33**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 267.03	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	1,225.63	
State Aid to Highways	58,571.74	
March 2013 Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>100,000.00</u>	160,064.40

DEDUCT:

Yearly Road Management		<u>(130,224.75)</u>
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BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 285,860.98**

At Town Meeting on March 7, 1989, Article 38 voted that all restrictions be removed and replaced with the following restrictions: This Fund will be used solely for the necessary surveys, land acquisitions and construction costs required for widening or upgrading existing town roads. Disbursement from this fund shall only be authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN COPIERS FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 \$ **2,003.02**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 2.72	
FY14 Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		<u>1,002.72</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 \$ **3,005.74**

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank

TOWN PARKING LOTS MAINTENANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 \$ **73,652.25**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 54.09	
Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	98.38	
FY14 Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>50,000.00</u>	
		50,152.47

DEDUCT:

Parking Lot Resurfacing: Town Highway Garage	<u>(61,256.55)</u>
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BALANCE June 30, 2014 \$ **62,548.17**

At Town Meeting in March, 2011, Article 26 voted to establish a Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund for maintenance of Town owned parking lots.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

REAPPRAISAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 \$ **151,037.29**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 208.96	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	250.67	
State of Vermont: Lister's Training	392.12	
State of Vermont: EEGL Assistance	8,645.00	
March 2011 Town Meeting Appropriation	10,000.00	
Trans fm Professional Svcs Fund	<u>195.00</u>	
		19,691.75

DEDUCT:

Lister's Travel	\$ (471.57)	
Prepaid Expense	<u>(270.00)</u>	
		<u>(741.57)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 \$ **169,987.47**

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013		\$ 68,440.59
ADD:		
Interest	\$ 52.53	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>182.09</u>	
		234.62
DEDUCT:		
Unemployment Payments	\$ (5,941.07)	
		<u>(5,941.07)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$ 62,734.14

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

J. MAYNARD MILLER FOREST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013		\$ 175,913.76
ADD:		
Interest	\$ 35.34	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>1,665.61</u>	
		1,700.95
DEDUCT:		
Forest Management: Beaver Trapping		<u>(350.00)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$ 177,264.71

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013		\$ 382,743.01
ADD:		
Interest	\$ 53.03	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>3,912.36</u>	
		<u>3,965.39</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$ 386,708.40 *

*Of this amount, \$2,720.57 is left to be used for expenses of the Farmland Protection Advisory Committee, as voted at Town Meeting on March 6, 1984.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

DOG FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 18,085.86**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 9.63	
Licenses	<u>3,870.00</u>	
		3,879.63

DEDUCT:

Tags and Supplies	\$ (173.92)	
Humane Society Contract	(290.00)	
State of Vermont: License Fees	(1,649.00)	
Owed to Dog Fund fm Town Clerk Remittance	<u>(12.00)</u>	
		<u>(2,124.92)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 19,840.57**

DOG Licenses: All dogs six months old or older should be licensed annually by the Town Clerk on or before April 1st.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN CLERK RESTORATION RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 9,274.51**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 5.74	
Town Clerk Remittance	<u>5,859.00</u>	
		5,864.74

DEDUCT:

Records Restoration	(1,805.10)	
Records Restoration: A/P	<u>(100.00)</u>	
		<u>(1,905.10)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 13,234.15**

This reserve fund is to be used only for the purpose of record preservation.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 77,160.36**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 29.77	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>871.08</u>	
		900.85

DEDUCT:

George Sansoucy: Transcanada, Velco, Entergy VY		
N.E. Power Co, Transco	\$ (7,086.50)	
George Sansoucy: Transcanada & Velco A/P	(195.00)	
Salmon & Nostrand: Prof Svcs re: Utility Grievances above	(21,119.29)	
Salmon & Nostrand: AP	<u>(802.50)</u>	
		<u>(29,203.29)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 48,857.92**

At Town Meeting of March 1, 1999, this fund was established by Article 11 with the remaining monies from the Act 60 Legal Services appropriation that had been raised under Article 2 in May, 1997.

The purpose of the Professional Services Fund is to represent the Town of Vernon's position on issues relating to utilities.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 118,629.81**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 0.52	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>1,392.96</u>	
		1,393.48

DEDUCT:

Rescue Subscriptions		<u>(850.00)</u>
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BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 119,173.29**

At Town Meeting, March 2004, Article 20 voted to change the policy for Rescue Inc. reimbursements so that the Town not pay for the first service but rather encourage households to purchase subscriptions every year and for the Town to pay for subscriptions out of this Fund for households that cannot afford the cost of the subscription.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

VERNON ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013		\$	21,903.28
ADD:			
Interest	\$	13.00	
March 2013 Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>15,000.00</u>	
			15,013.00
DEDUCT:			
Assistance to Residents	\$	(16,712.05)	
Brattleboro Senior Meals Donation		<u>(500.00)</u>	
			<u>(17,212.05)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$	19,704.23

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN OF VERNON JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013		\$	78,064.32
ADD:			
Interest	\$	24.03	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)		780.33	
March 2013 Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>40,000.00</u>	
			40,804.36
DEDUCT:			
2013/2014 Scholarships			<u>(41,250.00)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$	77,618.68

At Town Meeting on February 28, 2011, it was voted by Article 20 that the following restriction be placed on this Fund:

No more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after five (5) years the Board of Selectmen shall review the disbursement guidelines, as well as the appropriation disbursement levels.

Applications and guidelines are available at the Town Clerk's office.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL FUND SURPLUS RESERVE FUND

TRANSFER FM FUND BALANCE TO ESTABLISH FUND:		\$	50,000.00
ADD:			
Interest			<u>50.02</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014		\$	50,050.02

At Town Meeting, March 5, 2013, Article 36 voted to establish a general fund surplus reserve fund for the purposed of operating the Town.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

**JAMES CUSIK SCHOLARSHIP FUND
TOWN OF VERNON REQUIREMENTS**

1. An application shall be submitted to the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. or the *close of normal business hours* on July 1st of each year.
2. Any Vernon resident as determined by V.S.A. 16: 1075 may apply for a scholarship for assistance for up to a total of four years, each year the resident may reapply. The purpose of the scholarship fund is for the resident to further their education or training upon receipt of a high school diploma or an equivalent as determined by the Vernon Department of Education. The resident shall become eligible for the scholarship upon receipt of the application by the Selectboard Chairperson *or the Town Clerk* within six years of the date of graduation. A resident becomes ineligible at the end of the sixth year from when his/her high school diploma or equivalent certificate was awarded.
3. Applicant must have been eligible to attend the Vernon School system for a minimum of five academic years as a resident immediately prior to receipt of the high school diploma or the equivalent.
4. Each full time resident recipient shall receive \$1,000,000 (or the amount voted) for two semesters at an institution of higher learning, a certified training center, or a vocational school. If the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient, it shall be divided equally among the students selected.
5. For less than a full time post secondary status, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship will be made, but in no case will a less than 50% status for an academic year, as determined by the school, be eligible for the scholarship.
6. The student is responsible to provide verification to the Town Clerk by February 15 that they have completed the first semester and are enrolled for the second semester. Acceptable forms of verification are:
 - Verification form provided by the Town Clerk
 - Student grade report
 - Tuition bill
 - Letter of enrollment
 - Any other official document form from the school that satisfies the enrollment verification.
7. Checks will be issued each year during the last two

weeks of February, payable to the Vernon resident and mailed to the student's home address unless otherwise stipulated.

8. Any scholarship recipient, whose status changes during or before the academic year, is fully responsible for notifying the Town Clerk of the change. Any scholarship recipient who receives an award for which they are ineligible due to *said status change*, residency, or other requirements outlined above, will be responsible for reimbursing the town within ninety days.
9. The Selection Committee is the Chairperson of the Vernon School Board, Chairperson of the Vernon Selectboard, and the Principal of the Vernon Elementary School. All decisions of the Committee shall be by majority vote. The Selection Committee will review applications no later than July 15th. Students will be notified within five days of the Committee's decision.

Any request for reconsideration must be made in writing within ten calendar days following the initial decision. The request must be made by the resident and must cite the specific details needing to be reconsidered. Any reconsideration of the Committee's decision must be made by a majority vote of the Committee and the decision of the Committee is final.

Application forms are available at the Vernon Town Clerk's Office.

At Town Meeting, February 28, 2011, it was voted by Article 20 that the following restriction be placed upon this Fund:

No more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after five (5) years the

Selectboard shall review the disbursement guidelines, as well as the appropriation disbursement levels.

Applications and guidelines are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

TOWN EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 768,064.18**

ADD:

Investment Income	\$ 21,223.61	
March 2011 Town Meeting Appropriation	459,054.00	
Net Investment Gains (realized and unrealized)	<u>75,456.28</u>	555,733.89

DEDUCT:

Payments to Participants	\$ (53,194.29)	
Fees & Expenses	<u>(11,794.08)</u>	
		<u>\$ (64,988.37)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 1,258,809.70**

This Fund is invested with Chittenden Bank.

TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 28,210.48**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 0.03	
Net Investment Gains (Realized and Unrealized)	<u>330.13</u>	330.16

DEDUCT:

Scholarship		<u>(500.00)</u>
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BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 28,040.64**

Guidelines and applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

This Fund is invested with Chittenden Bank.

ALICE J. BROOKS FUND

Mrs. Alice J. Brooks left \$5,000 in 1941 for the relief of poor children and aged persons in the Town of Vernon. The Selectmen were instructed to invest this, and interest or income alone, could be used per the will.

Total Shares 1957-2014	
Mass. Investors Trust	917.565
George Putnam Fund	896.858

People's United Bank

BALANCE July 1, 2013 **\$ 17,128.21**

ADD:

Interest	\$ 5.67	
Dividends	600.18	
Investment Gain	<u>71.38</u>	677.23

BALANCE June 30, 2014 **\$ 17,805.44**

Trustee - Selectmen

MARSH FUND

This fund was a result of a \$2,000.00 legacy to the Town of Vernon in the will of Anna Marsh in 1835. The interest is to be appropriated annually for the "Preaching of the Gospel in said Town." Each year a committee is chosen at the Annual Meeting for disbursement of the fund.

Total Shares 1957-2014

220 & 18.096 held on deposit in American Mutual Fund

People's United Bank

BALANCE July 1, 2013	\$	462.24
ADD:		
Interest	\$	0.25
Dividends		<u>334.30</u>
		334.55
DEDUCT:		
Advent Christian Church	\$	(52.66)
Seventh Day Adventist Church		(52.66)
Vernon Union Church		<u>(52.66)</u>
		<u>(157.98)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014	\$	638.81

Trustee - Selectmen

SCOTT & NOYES MEMORIAL FUND

The executor for the Mary A. Scott estate was directed by Probate Court, October 29, 1927, to pay \$10,513.18 to the Vernon Town Treasurer. This was to be held in trust and invested with income only to be used annually for preaching the Gospel and for the Advent Christian Home at South Vernon.

After a committee representing the beneficiaries met to investigate changes in disbursement, it was recommended in 1976, that the Trustee's judgment be used regarding disbursement in accordance with the will.

Total Shares 1957-2014

Mass Investors Trust	812.818
George Putnam Fund	424.000

People's United Bank
(base sum non-expendable - \$217.18)

BALANCE July 1, 2013	\$	376.51
ADD:		
Interest	\$	0.18
Dividends		<u>90.31</u>
		90.49
DEDUCT:		
Advent Christian Church, Inc.	\$	(21.28)
Advent Christian Homes, Inc.		(21.28)
Seventh Day Adventist Church		(21.28)
Vernon Union Church		<u>(21.28)</u>
		<u>(85.12)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2014	\$	381.88

Trustee - Selectmen

PERMANENT FUNDS

Cemetery Permanent Funds
Trustees - Select Board

TYLER

NORTH

SOUTH

ALEXANDER-PERRY

June 30, 2014 - Shares
(held by Town and on Deposit)

Mass. Investors Trust

3,239.939

George Putnam Fund

275.000

55.000

American Mutual Fund

151.516

Investment Co. of America

298.088

102.084

Balance July 1, 2013

People's United Bank

Original Deposit

\$

2,815.11

\$

1,747.15

\$

222.16

\$

239.78

Accumulated Income

44,840.94

40,609.56

5,091.83

3,286.22

\$

47,656.05

\$

42,356.71

\$

5,313.99

3,526.00

ADD: 2014 Receipts

Dividends & Capital Gains

1,249.35

1,624.97

361.79

11.73

Bank Interest

3.45

1.55

1.68

1.76

Cemetery Lots Sold

54.00

DEDUCT: Cemetery Expenses

Tree Pruning/Maintenance & Repair

\$

(395.00)

Balances June 30, 2014

Original Deposit

\$

2,815.11

\$

1,747.15

\$

222.16

\$

239.78

Accumulated Income

45,698.74

42,236.08

5,509.30

3,299.71

Polly A Lee Cemetery Lot

Whithed Cemetery Fund

People's United Bank

Deposit

Interest

Balance July 1, 2013

\$

125.00

\$

477.43

\$

242.70

2013 Interest & Income

0.30

0.12

2013 Expenses

(0.30)

Balance June 30, 2014

\$

125.00

\$

477.43

\$

242.82

Trustees

Treasurer

Wrong in Town Report Last Year

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

2013-2014 Grand List		
Appraised Value - Town	\$	625,586,956.00
1% of Grand List	\$	6,255,869.56
2013-2014 Municipal Tax Rate		0.4326
2013-2014 Local Agreement Tax Rate		0.0006
Total Municipal Tax Rate		0.4332
2013-2014 School Grand List (as determined by state)		
Homestead Education	\$	1,210,067.03
Non-Residential Education		1,802,959.00
2013-2014 School Tax Rates (as determined by state)		
Homestead Rate: 1.0614		1.4956
Non Residential Rate: 0.9714		1.4046
Taxes to be raised per Town Meeting March 4 & March 5, 2013		
School Budget Expenditures	\$	4,292,784.00
State Spending Grant		(1,630,927.68)
Total School Taxes to be Raised	\$	2,661,856.32
Homestead Education Raised		1,438,933.59
Non-Residential Education Raised		1,801,920.97
Grand Total School Taxes to be Raised	\$	3,240,854.56
Total Town Taxes to be Raised		
Municipal Grand List	\$	2,706,284.43
Local Agreement		3,753.54
Grand Total Town Taxes to be Raised	\$	2,710,037.97
Total Town and School Taxes to be Raised	\$	5,950,892.53
TransCanada Credit Per Court Decision		(53,350.00)
Lister's Error - Houle		(230.18)
Lister's Error - Moore, Donald		(236.04)
Late Filed HS-122's		210.00
Total Taxes Billed	\$	5,897,286.31

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT

PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2013 \$58,610.02

ADD: 2013/2014 Delinquent Taxes \$111,823.15

LESS: Collections \$114,249.18

Total Delinquent June 30, 2014 \$56,183.99

	To Collector	Collections	Balance
2013/2014	111,823.15	77,822.78	34,000.37
2012/2013	35,762.24	21,182.29	14,579.95
2011/2012	12,047.17	6,219.05	5,828.12
2010/2011	6,136.86	4,361.31	1,775.55
2009/2010	4,082.60	4,082.60	0.00
2008/2009	543.61	543.61	0.00
2007/2008	25.48	25.48	0.00
2006/2007	12.06	12.06	0.00
	\$164,296.31	\$114,249.18	\$56,183.99

The following Delinquent Taxes are charged against the names below on the Tax Collector's books **as of June 30, 2014**. Several payments have been made since the fiscal year ending date.

Unless the Delinquent Tax Collector is notified to the contrary, it will be noted that the tax amounts listed are correct. Penalties are assessed by the Tax Collector according to the Vermont Statutes.

1% interest is added on the 1st of each month per March 1996 Town Meeting vote.

ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED **AFTER June 30, 2014** IS NOT REFLECTED IN THIS LISTING

2013/2014

Bailey, Philip & JoAnn	\$ 925.72*
Barrows, Thomas	\$ 65.88*
Brattleboro Area Land Trust	\$ 494.70
Casey, Jean (Est)	\$1,667.26
Chisholm, Todd & Jill	\$ 226.68*
Cliché, Marian & Rose (Est) &	\$ 573.08
Casey, William & Jean (Est)	
Dawson, Roy J., Jr	\$ 757.78*
Dunham, Jeffrey & Raymond, Mark	\$ 204.28

Fairman, Howard	\$4,749.84
Federal Home Loan Corp.	\$ 94.16*
Forcier, Constance (Est)	\$1,446.74
Gilbert, Patricia	\$1,677.08
Jensen, Donald F & Patricia A	\$2,479.54
Judge, John & Boese, Melanie	\$ 3.75*
Lapan, Stephen	\$ 184.78*
Lee, Jackie B & Robert E	\$ 873.66
Lee, Robert E	\$ 219.60
McAllister, Daniel & Kelley	\$ 742.62*
Martin, Donald	\$4,153.40
Mayock, Louisa	\$1,087.16
Mercier, Terry & Mercier, Richard	\$1,033.78
Mitchell, Marion	\$ 990.48
Mockler, Richard & Marilyn	\$1,887.68
Nesbitt, Cameron	\$1,559.39
Paquette, Robert (Est) & Patti	\$ 621.96*
Powers, Lyman & Sheila A	\$1,699.56
Scherlin, Judith A	\$ 766.62
Therrien, Scott	\$ 1.85*
Washburn, Elliott	\$ 217.16
Wilkins, Charles	\$ 73.71*
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	\$1,538.32

2012/2013

Brattleboro Area Land Trust	\$ 477.54
Forcier, Constance (Est)	\$1,485.98
Gilbert, Patricia	\$1,722.58
Jensen, Donald F & Patricia A	\$2,393.44
Lee, Jackie B & Robert E	\$ 860.96
Lee, Robert E	\$ 357.12
Lynch, Jerome & Diane	\$1,111.45*
McAllister, Daniel & Kelley	\$1,678.56
Nesbitt, Cameron	\$3,050.76
Scherlin, Judith A	\$ 742.24

Williams, Arnold & Melanie	\$ 699.32*
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2011/2012

Dawson, Roy J., Jr	\$1,377.34
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Jensen, Donald F & Patricia A	\$ 839.88*
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Lee, Jackie B & Robert E	\$ 377.95*
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Lee, Robert E	\$ 164.66*
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McAllister, Daniel & Kelley	\$1,500.96
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Measeck, Michelle	\$ 49.11*
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Scherlin, Judith A	\$ 111.52*
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Wittmer, William	\$1,406.70*
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2010/2011

Dawson, Roy j., Jr	\$1,470.34
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McAllister, Daniel & Kelley	\$ 305.21*
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Balance Delinquent	\$56,183.99
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*Balance Outstanding

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Town Clerk's Office				
Town Clerk	\$ 47,255.00	\$ 48,057.94	\$ 49,208.00	\$ 47,829.00
Assistant Town Clerk	43,021.00	32,619.57	25,000.00	24,370.00
Ballot Clerks	3,000.00	3,889.90	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerks Office FICA	6,906.00	6,071.32	5,753.00	5,523.00
Health Insurance	29,642.00	17,053.51	11,015.00	12,339.00
Dental Insurance	2,322.00	1,385.40	575.00	613.00
Life Insurance	284.00	233.88		
Disability Insurance	491.00	367.02		
Eye Med Vision Plan	297.00	187.80		
NewRepl Office Equipment	200.00		200.00	200.00
Ballots	100.00	153.31	100.00	100.00
Postage for Ballots	150.00		150.00	150.00
Travel and Conferences	1,000.00	421.70	1,000.00	500.00
Miscellaneous (Elections)	500.00	677.27	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 135,168.00	\$ 111,118.62	\$ 94,501.00	\$ 93,124.00
Income		(15,249.63)		-1.46%
		\$ 95,868.99		
Town Treasurer's Office				
Treasurer/Finance Director	\$ 57,730.00	\$ 57,729.46	\$ 59,111.00	\$ 57,454.00
Assistant to Treasurer/Finance Director	50,158.00	39,388.28	39,269.00	38,162.00
Treasurer's Office FICA	7,653.00	6,980.85	7,526.00	6,804.00
Health Insurance	35,276.00	32,163.49	26,490.00	28,499.00
Dental Insurance	3,238.00	3,053.28	1,603.00	1,226.00
Life Insurance	275.00	284.47		
Disability Insurance	522.00	530.82		
Eye Med Vision Plan	367.00	366.36		
Treasurer's Supplies	2,750.00	2,269.66	2,750.00	2,750.00
New/Repl Office Equipment	200.00		200.00	200.00
Travel & Conference	500.00	119.65	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 158,669.00	\$ 142,886.32	\$ 137,449.00	\$ 135,595.00
Income		(1,671.41)		-1.35%
		\$ 141,214.91		
Auditors				
Auditors	\$ 35,417.00	\$ 35,462.32	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Auditors' FICA	2,709.00	2,580.93	207.00	207.00
Health Insurance	14,821.00	13,473.50		

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Dental Insurance	1,161.00	1,095.00		
Life Insurance	114.00	92.10		
Disability Insurance				
Eye Med Vision Plan				
Supplies	149.00	148.56	200.00	200.00
New/Repl Office Equipment	100.00	257.10	100.00	100.00
*Printing of Town Report	1,640.00	1,300.72	700.00	
*Postage for Town Reports	450.00	375.48	300.00	
Travel & Conference	100.00	509.90	300.00	300.00
*Outside Audit			20,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 56,761.00	\$ 55,295.61	\$ 24,507.00	\$ 3,507.00 -85.69%
*Moved to Select Board				
Listers				
Listers				
Listers' FICA	46,352.00	42,162.19	63,975.00	44,289.00
Health Insurance	3,546.00	2,985.12	4,894.00	3,388.00
Dental Insurance	14,821.00	13,473.50	22,029.00	6,086.00
Life Insurance	1,161.00	1,095.00		613.00
Life Insurance	114.00	96.52		
Disability Insurance				
Eye Med Vision Plan	148.00	148.56	200.00	500.00
Supplies			2,000.00	1,500.00
Travel & Conference	2,200.00	1,545.94		
TOTAL	\$ 68,342.00	\$ 61,506.83	\$ 93,098.00	\$ 56,376.00 -39.44%
Selectboard				
Select Board				
**Town Administrator	19,500.00	19,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Select Board's Administrative Assistant				50,000.00
Records Copying/Scanning	13,802.00	10,625.59	14,014.00	14,014.00
FICA (Includes delinquent tax collector)	15,302.00	5,607.57	5,000.00	
**Health Insurance (Administrator)	4,178.00	7,822.76	3,695.00	9,662.00
**Dental Insurance (Administrator)				17,336.00
Secretary Life Insurance				613.00
New/Repl Equipment/Supplies	45.00	44.73	500.00	500.00
*Printing of Town Report (moved from Auditor's Budget)	500.00			1,300.00
*Postage for Town Report (moved from Auditor's Budget)				300.00
Legal Services	20,000.00	16,490.83	20,000.00	20,000.00
Safety Committee Recommendations	1,500.00	247.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	1,495.00	428.58	500.00	500.00

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

*Outside Audit (Moved from Auditor's Budget)

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Miscellaneous	250.00	97.79		20,000.00
Contributions and Gifts	250.00	130.00	250.00	200.00
Green-up	250.00	186.61	250.00	250.00
Appreciation Activities	1,000.00			
Emergency Repair/Replacement	20,000.00	13,957.15	15,000.00	15,000.00
*Welcome Signs: Maintenance/Landscaping			250.00	250.00
*457(b) Contribution			16,221.00	12,355.00
Carryover fm Surplus		15,000.00		
*Moved				
**New line item				

TOTAL	\$ 98,072.00	\$ 90,138.61	\$ 86,180.00	\$ 172,780.00
Carryover per Select Board (from SURPLUS)				100.49%

General Expenses

Secretaries (Floaters)	500.00	252.51	500.00	500.00
*Webmaster	600.00	3,923.52	600.00	600.00
FICA	84.00	17.80	84.00	84.00
General Office Supplies	8,000.00	3,311.56	7,000.00	7,000.00
Advertising	2,600.00	1,189.80	2,600.00	2,600.00
Telephone	12,226.00	11,107.80	12,226.00	13,000.00
**Cell Phone Reimbursements (Sel Secretary, Fire Chief)				960.00
Postage	4,000.00	3,560.23	3,500.00	3,500.00
Landfill (Tipping Fee)	80,000.00	82,221.00		
Refuse Collection	55,000.00	52,214.00		
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	667.35	900.00	900.00
VT. League of Cities & Towns	3,013.00	3,013.00	3,244.00	3,335.00
County Tax	14,000.00	15,120.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Contracts Maint. & Repair	16,000.00	12,063.39	11,000.00	11,000.00
Technology Upgrades	1,500.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	117,000.00	123,636.50	132,000.00	122,000.00

**New Line Item

TOTAL	\$ 315,523.00	\$ 312,698.46	\$ 190,654.00	\$ 182,479.00
				-4.29%

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

Planning

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Planning FICA	\$ 46.00	24.11	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00
Supplies, Postage, Misc.	225.00	84.10	225.00	225.00
Windham Regional Plan. Comm.	4,000.00	3,927.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
Professional Assistance	150.00		150.00	150.00
Clerical Assistance	598.00	315.25	700.00	700.00
*Travel and Conferences				1,000.00

****New Line Item**

TOTAL	\$ 5,019.00	4,350.46	\$ 5,521.00	\$ 6,521.00 18%
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Recreation Department

Director	\$ 45,614.00	45,608.27	\$ 49,486.00	\$ 48,188.00
Assistant Director	39,102.00	39,597.80	36,697.00	35,735.00
Arts & Crafts Coordinator	1,500.00	439.08		
Maintenance Foreman	6,060.00	4,990.03	6,060.00	6,060.00
Water Safety Instructor/Lifeguard	26,895.00	23,490.25	25,995.00	27,667.00
Day Camp Staff	19,388.00	16,627.78	13,400.00	13,564.00
Customer Service	5,895.00	5,573.80	5,895.00	6,273.00
Pre-school Instructor	28,585.00	25,973.34	28,584.00	28,584.00
Pre-school Assistant	23,657.00	24,008.18	23,653.00	25,059.00
Pre-School Substitute	500.00	500.00		
Weekend Supervisor	3,090.00	2,537.05	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recreation FICA	15,500.00	14,166.68	15,000.00	15,000.00
Health Insurance	76,186.00	67,603.83	57,055.00	62,755.00
Dental Insurance	6,475.00	6,969.84	3,206.00	2,452.00
Life Insurance	419.00	463.39		
Disability Insurance	793.00	861.37		
Eye Med Vision Plan	802.00	715.20		
Supplies	24,225.00	26,081.78	22,325.00	21,175.00
Utilities/Fuel Oil	8,700.00	8,391.97	8,700.00	8,700.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,284.09	1,400.00	1,400.00
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	300.00	150.00	150.00
Contracts & Rentals	2,855.00	1,821.09	2,505.00	1,590.00
NewRepl Equipment		1,518.50		1,200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	9,500.00	9,081.15	8,000.00	5,050.00
Programs	12,350.00	10,137.70	6,750.00	8,400.00

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET				
	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
After School Program Expense	21,175.00	16,251.19	21,175.00	16,500.00
Travel & Conference	2,200.00	788.20		
Pre-School Partnership		28,796.98		
TOTAL Income	\$ 383,016.00	\$ 384,578.54 (194,996.16) 189,582.38	\$ 338,536.00	\$ 338,002.00 -0.16%
School Rental				
School Rental	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 154,123.00
TOTAL	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 146,786.00	\$ 154,123.00 5.00%
Building & Grounds				
Maintenance Foreman	\$ 44,599.00	\$ 46,339.64	\$ 46,716.00	\$ 37,886.00
Assistant to the Maintenance Foreman	18,403.00	16,244.49	15,921.00	21,569.00
FICA	4,820.00	4,602.54	4,798.00	4,548.00
Health Insurance	14,821.00	13,473.48	11,015.00	
Dental Insurance	1,161.00	1,095.00	575.00	
Life Insurance	192.00	193.77		
Uniforms	200.00	207.85	200.00	
Disability Insurance	254.00	273.37		
Eye Med Vision Insurance	149.00	148.56		
Supplies	5,600.00	5,168.97	5,200.00	5,000.00
Grounds	2,000.00	1,884.14	1,600.00	1,534.00
Custodial Equipment	1,000.00	711.49	400.00	400.00
Fuel Oil	10,000.00	11,451.07	10,000.00	10,000.00
Electricity: Town Office, North	17,470.00	16,517.79	17,000.00	17,000.00
Tipping Fees/Recycle	500.00	134.20		
Repairs to Equipment	2,000.00	327.99	500.00	500.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	10,350.00	7,226.52	8,000.00	8,000.00
Travel & Conference	400.00	128.26	400.00	
North School Windows	8,000.00	7,999.89		
Gazebo Shingles Replacement	2,000.00	1,895.00		
ADA Building Compliance	5,000.00	4,850.00		
Carryover Request		8,008.86		
TOTAL	\$ 148,919.00	\$ 148,882.88	\$ 122,325.00	\$ 106,437.00 -12.99%

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Cemeteries				
Caretaking	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Supplies	500.00	407.28	500.00	500.00
Repair & Maintenance	6,500.00	6,675.20	4,000.00	4,000.00
*Memorial Day Supplies	750.00		750.00	750.00
Carryover Request		1,284.80		
TOTAL	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 25,367.28	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 22,250.00
This amount not included in budget total	\$ 1,284.80			0.00%
\$ 26,034.80				
Seniors				
Van Drivers	\$ 15,957.00	\$ 10,620.86	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,800.00
Van Drivers' FICA	1,000.00	812.48	765.00	827.00
Gasoline	3,000.00	2,459.28	1,500.00	1,500.00
Activities	3,545.00	3,545.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Carryover Request		6,064.38		
TOTAL	\$ 23,502.00	\$ 23,502.00	\$ 14,265.00	\$ 15,127.00
Carryover per Select Board				6.04%
Historians: South School (Museum)				
Electricity	\$ 500.00	476.16	\$ 500.00	500.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	10,450.00	567.73		975.00
Grounds	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Porta Potty Rental	500.00	270.00		
Historic Records Preservation & Supplies	1,000.00	1,117.10	1,000.00	1,000.00
Carryover Request		9,882.27		
TOTAL	\$ 13,950.00	\$ 13,063.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,975.00
Carryover per Select Board				32.50%
Police Department				
Chief	\$ 50,907.00	\$ 60,863.22		
Sergeant	45,428.00	51,379.32		
Corporal	44,374.00	43,294.12		
Patrolmen	38,282.00	47,070.79		
Office Manager	31,655.00	32,840.35		
Part Time Patrolmen	19,384.00	16,786.33		
Police Department FICA	16,934.00	18,680.60		
Health Insurance	50,098.00	45,170.68		
Dental Insurance	6,176.00	4,704.43		

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Life Insurance	479.00	353.24		
Uniforms	4,000.00	2,476.87		
Inoculations	200.00			
Disability Insurance	1,156.00	1,179.55		
Eye Med Vision Plan	531.00	552.28		
Supplies	1,339.00	1,490.30		
NewRepl Office Equipment	500.00	519.19		
*Contracts & Rentals	2,100.00	6,943.24		
Telephone				
Postage	150.00	200.94		
*VLETS	1,100.00	1,000.00		
Support Services	11,920.00	11,920.00		
Prisoner Lodging	1,100.00			
Gasoline	22,000.00	16,176.94		
Auto Repairs & Maintenance	12,000.00	10,080.29		
Radio Repairs & Maintenance	500.00	1,240.50		
Other Equipment Repairs	530.00	1,153.15		
Training, Travel & Conference	4,000.00	3,419.59		
TOTAL				
Income				
	\$	\$		
		379,495.92		
		(3,067.98)		
		\$		
		376,427.94		
Contracted Public Safety Services				
WCS Contracted Services			\$	233,950.00
TOTAL			\$	233,950.00
				1.00%
Fire Department				
Fire Chief Stipend				
Lost Wages			5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Department FICA			800.00	800.00
Uniforms			444.00	444.00
Inoculations			1,500.00	1,000.00
Physicals			1,500.00	1,500.00
EAP			2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies			425.00	425.00
EMS Vernon Rescue Supplies			2,500.00	2,000.00
New Equipment			4,000.00	4,000.00
Public Education			17,000.00	17,000.00
Fuel Oil			1,000.00	1,000.00
			5,000.00	5,000.00

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Electricity	4,000.00	3,548.67	4,000.00	4,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	700.00	774.40	700.00	700.00
Southwest Mutual Aid	27,785.00	27,346.00	26,477.00	26,477.00
Gasoline	4,702.00	2,071.47	4,500.00	4,500.00
Equip. Repair & Maintenance	7,000.00	6,063.61	7,000.00	7,000.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00	8,117.43	8,000.00	8,000.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	4,702.00		4,000.00	4,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	6,500.00	5,423.31	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training, Travel & Conference: Fire			2,000.00	2,000.00
Training, Travel & Conference: Rescue			2,000.00	2,000.00
Travel Reimbursements	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 107,997.00	\$ 83,303.07	\$ 105,846.00	\$ 104,846.00
Income		(100.00)		-0.94%
83,203.07				
Rescue's Operating Budget				
Monthly Payment	47,981.00	47,981.16	47,981.00	48,466.00
TOTAL	\$ 47,981.00	\$ 47,981.16	\$ 47,981.00	\$ 48,466.00
Other Public Safety				1.01%
Health Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Warden - Permits	500.00	250.00	500.00	500.00
Deputy Health Officer	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Safety FICA	306.00	306.02	306.00	306.00
Travel				
TOTAL	\$ 4,806.00	\$ 4,556.02	\$ 4,806.00	\$ 4,806.00
				0.00%
Highway Maintenance				
Equipment Rental	7,000.00	5,256.85	7,000.00	7,000.00
Guard Rails	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Culverts	7,000.00	5,810.63	7,000.00	7,000.00
Gravel	10,000.00	4,555.93	10,000.00	9,000.00
Chloride	6,500.00	8,450.70	6,500.00	6,500.00
Asphalt	1,500.00	1,922.04	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salt	39,200.00	22,693.46	39,200.00	46,000.00
Sand	7,000.00	10,463.72	7,000.00	7,000.00

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Tree Warden	2,300.00	3,100.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Stormwater Run-off Permits	800.00	320.00	800.00	1,600.00
RSMS/Culvert Inventory	400.00		400.00	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,700.00	\$ 62,573.33	\$ 83,700.00	\$ 90,300.00
Income		(178.50)		7.89%
		\$ 62,394.83		
Town Garage Operation				
24.83 Miles of Road				
Road Commissioner	\$ 60,742.00	\$ 59,634.32	\$ 60,289.00	58,735.00
Equipment Operator	37,411.00	37,307.38	39,987.00	39,056.00
Operator/Mechanic	40,288.00	39,559.10	39,987.00	39,056.00
Part-time Operator	9,000.00	1,700.84	9,000.00	7,000.00
Highway Garage FICA	9,935.00	9,952.04	11,419.00	11,419.00
Health Insurance	50,097.00	45,637.04	37,505.00	42,012.00
Dental Insurance	4,399.00	4,148.28	2,178.00	1,839.00
Life Insurance	374.00	442.27		
Uniforms	3,000.00	2,572.35	3,000.00	3,000.00
Disability Insurance	708.00	661.84		
Drug & Alcohol Testing (DOT Physicals)	600.00		600.00	600.00
Eye Med Vision Plan	515.00	514.92		
Supplies	4,800.00	3,015.36	4,800.00	4,800.00
Fuel Oil	15,000.00	19,160.54	15,000.00	15,000.00
Electricity	4,000.00	3,200.37	4,000.00	4,000.00
*Utilities (Changed from Telephone)	1,020.00	730.98	1,020.00	
Tipping Fee				
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00	459.46	600.00	600.00
Gas & Diesel	16,000.00	19,319.61	16,000.00	16,000.00
Road Tools & Supplies	4,500.00	2,307.90	4,500.00	4,500.00
Safety Equipment	3,000.00	978.97	3,000.00	3,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	8,000.00	4,573.16	8,000.00	7,000.00
Travel & Conference	1,000.00	115.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 274,989.00	\$ 255,991.73	\$ 261,885.00	\$ 258,617.00
				-1.25%

TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET

**Road Equipment
Repair & Maintenance**

	FY 13/14 BUDGET	FY 13/14 ACTUALS	FY 14/15 VOTED BUDGET	FY 15/16 PROPOSED BUDGET
Trucks	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 6,191.25	\$ 13,000.00	13,000.00
Grader	8,500.00	10,292.91	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tractor	1,000.00	1,230.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Van	1,000.00	935.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snow Plows and Sander	4,000.00	773.41	4,000.00	3,000.00
Front End Loader	11,300.00	9,396.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
Small Equipment	2,400.00	1,877.07	2,400.00	2,400.00
Radios	1,000.00	506.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Carryover per Statute, 2014		36,236.13		
TOTAL	\$ 42,200.00	\$ 67,438.57	\$ 27,400.00	26,400.00

-3.65%

Carryover per Statute, 2013 (includes all three highway budgets)
Total (not included in budget figures)

TOTAL VOTED BUDGET

\$ 2,506,993.00	\$ 2,421,514.67	\$ 2,042,324.00	\$ 2,057,681.00
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0.75%

TOTAL Budget Plus Highway & Cemetery Carryovers

\$ 2,557,354.17	\$ 2,469,550.18
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Deduct Estimated Income

(200,000.00)	(225,000.00)
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Subtotal

\$ 1,842,324.00	\$ 1,832,681.01
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Deduct 2012-2013 Surplus

Deduct 2013-2014 Surplus

Grade Adjustment Return 2012-2013

(333,313.00)	(87,803.99)
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(15,262.00)	
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Transfer from Fund Balance (undesignated, unreserved)

(70,000.00)	
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Total Amount to Be Raised

\$ 1,493,749.00	\$ 1,674,877.02
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12.13%

2013/2014 Grant Awards and Expenditures

Revenue and Expenses

	Estimated Revenue/ Beginning Balance	Expenditures in FY14	Received in FY14	Difference Excess Revenue	Unused	Unused and Unreimbursed	Unreimbursed	Notes
Emergency Management								
2012 RERP Award	3,333.60	1,666.40	Rec'd in 2012		1,667.20			
2014 Equipment & Services Award	24,000.00	20,909.79	20,909.79			3,090.21		
Pager Compensation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00					
Radiological Officer Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00					
Police Department								
2013 VT Dept of Public Safety Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant	3,288.51	2,907.39	3,618.88 *			381.12		\$711.49 spent and reported in FY13
2014 VT Dept of Public Safety Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant	5,000.00	1,600.00				2,400.00	1,600.00	
Recreation Department								
Preschool Partnership	63,250.00	28,796.98	63,250.01	34,453.03	34,453.03			Unused goes to General Fund
General								
Entergy VY 2015 Town Picnic Donation	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00			
Description of Grant Purchases:								
2012 RERP: Federal/FICA payments: EMD, Drill Participants								
2014 RERP Equipment Grant: EMD Salary,EOC Wages								
Pager Compensation: Pager Holder								
Radiological Officer Stipend: Radiological Officer								
2013 Governor's Safety Program Grant: Portion of Camera System								
2014 Governor's Safety Program Grant: R&R Communications Radios								
Pre-School Partnership: Preschool salaries, Supplies, Tuition								
Entergy: Donation for 2015 Town Picnic								

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the time of printing, this report was not received.

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

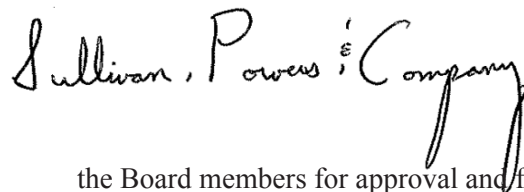
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January 29, 2015

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The audit for June 30, 2014 is in process. The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office when complete.



FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

This has been another quiet year, with few burning permits issued. We would like to thank the residents for continuing their good and safe burning habits.

Our phone numbers are:

Fire Warden, Ray Capen: 254-2279

Deputy Fire Warden, JJ Wheelden: 254-8185

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

The Elderly Assistance Board was founded with the purpose of providing help to Senior residents in need with the goal of helping them stay in their homes. We appreciate neighbors looking out for a neighbor as that is what we are about however, we must have requests for assistance from the resident. This includes family members. Any and all requests received are shared with only

the Board members for approval and funding. Requests are then shared with any necessary agency or volunteer in order to complete the work.

Our major yearly expense continues to be snow removal. We appreciated your patience during storms in getting your drives and walk ways cleared. We also ask that if you have asked for snow removal assistance please be aware of the rules that have been set forth. In the past we cleared numerous roofs due to the amount of heavy snow and will continue to do so as the need arises. Please remember this is for homes only not out buildings.

We continue to donate every year to the Brattleboro Senior Meals that are delivered to several of our Vernon residents.

A special thanks to the voters of Vernon who approve the funds so that we can continue to provide assistance.

The Board is always looking for volunteers who could provide rides, help with small household tasks, etc. Stipends are available. Please contact a Board member if you are available to help.

Please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairman

PHYLLIS NEWTON

SHARON RICHARDSON, Secretary

LINDA SHIPPEE

VERNON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Vernon Cemetery Committee was very busy this past year. We meet from March through November and invite anyone who is interested to attend our meetings.

The Committee walks through and monitors each cemetery to access any work that maybe needed. We also rely on our residents to inform us of any discrepancies that they may see. If you own a lot in one of the Town cemeteries, we ask that you check the condition of your shrubs, trees and other plantings and ask that you maintain them as required. The Town is not responsible for maintaining plantings that you do on your family lot. However, if they are not maintained and grow out of control we do have the right to trim accordingly. We have noticed a number of berry bushes growing. These need to be removed!!

David Howe of Howe's Lawn Care in Winchester, NH provided excellent care again to our cemeteries. We would like to thank David and his crew for their outstanding work. We appreciate all the care he has taken in making sure our cemeteries are in good condition and the appearance is something the Town can be proud of. North Cemetery fence was painted this year thanks to the outstanding work of Suzanne Laliberte. A number of trees were pruned and lots were reseeded with more work planned.

We welcome input from the community and invite you to contact a committee member with any suggestions or concerns that you may have. We look forward to serving the Town and keeping our cemeteries in good order in the coming year.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairman

SANDRA HARRIS, Vice Chair

JANET RASMUSSEN, Secretary

STEPHANIE KING, Member

JASON SKIBNIOWSKY, Member

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

The duties of a town health officer, outlined in 18VSA §602a, include:

1. Conducting an investigation upon receipt of information regarding a condition that may be a public health hazard.
2. Enforcing the provisions of Title 18 and the rules and permits issued by the Vermont Department of Health. (This includes notifying the department upon discover of any violation of rule regulated by the Environmental Health Division).
3. Preventing, removing or destroying any public health hazard, or mitigating any significant public health risk in accordance with provisions of Title 18.
4. In consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, taking the steps necessary to enforce all orders issued pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 18.

Town health officers are given authority by the Vermont statutes to investigate and mitigate any potential or existing public health hazard in his/her town. Each town has a local board of health made up of the town's Selectboard and the town health officer. the town health officer investigates all complaints and has extensive authority to take emergency mitigation steps, and may enforce any state health regulations and local health ordinances in his/her town.

Inspections

Town health officers may conduct inspections to detect violations of any state or local health statute, rule, ordinance or permit, or any public hazard or public health risk. Inspections must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner. The health officer may, upon presentation of credentials, seek permission to inspect any premises not open to the public. If permission is reused the town health officer may seek a search warrant.

When notified, we work with state agencies and/or other town departments investigating potential health hazards as outlined in the Environmental Health Handbook for Town Health Officers. This duties included, but are not limited to, investigating failed septic systems, administering and enforcement of the Rental Housing Code, animal bites, environmental hazards, and any other potential health hazards.

The Rental Housing Code is a general rental sanitation code and applies to any rented property or any property occupied by someone other than the owner where the occupant is occupying the premises in exchange for some return.

For additional information on health related questions/concerns, you may visit the State Health Department's

website at <http://healthvermont.gov/>

For local questions or concerns you may have contact either Health Officer, Mark Snow at 254-4485, cell phone (802) 451-6842 or Deputy Health Officer, Annette Roydon at 254-0004.

Mark Snow,
Health Officer

VERNON HISTORIANS, INC.

The Vernon Historians exist for the purpose of preserving historical materials and artifacts. This helps us to picture life and events of the past, which have shaped our community. Preserving and recording are a significant part of our program.

Our annual March Town Meeting day food/bake sale again was a sellout. We want to take this opportunity to thank our members, and non-member supporters, for their delicious contributions to our food/bake sales.

Our Memorial Day Service, at the Pond Road Chapel, was well attended. Traditionally this program remembers those who have served in the various wars. Our thanks to the American Legion Color Guard and others who helped remind us of our patriotic heritage. Barbara Moseley gave a reading based on the passing of our local Vietnam veteran, Bob Howe. There was a "vacant chair" with his hat on the platform and she read a very moving tribute to him and all veterans and their families, who also had "vacant chairs."

The Museum opened in June with a plant sale. In August we held a mum sale, which was very successful and helped draw a number of visitors to the Museum from both near and far.

The Historians latest publication, "Vernon Voices" received an Award of Merit from the Vermont Historical Society. This booklet was the result of many, many hours given by Cookie Allen and Ruth Tripp. It is the written version of most of the interviews of Vernon residents that were done over a period of several years. Some of those who were interviewed are no longer with us which makes them even more precious. Thank you Cookie and Ruth.

Plans are underway for the completion of the restoration work at the Pond Road Chapel, which we own and maintain. Donations are greatly appreciated for this project and a huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed so generously.

The Museum work is underway with some projects completed and others that will be finished in the spring.

Our quarterly meetings programs featured:

Eric Bye who presented the history of the manufacturing

and use of flintlocks, matchlocks and other guns from his collection.

A DVD on King Phillip's War

Dennis Tier's painting of the Vermont Yankee complex viewed from the New Hampshire side of the river. He explained the techniques he used in making and framing the picture.

The Museum is open Sunday afternoons June through September. There are many old Vernon photos, interesting artifacts, and items of historical interest.

Our meetings/programs are free and open to the public. It is a great way to learn about the history of Vermont and our unique town of Vernon, which is the only town in Vermont named by a woman.

Finally, we mourn the unexpected loss of one of our Historians, Cookie Allen. Cookie brought energy and passion to any project she undertook. Vernon Voices was her last project and its popularity is evidenced by the number of booklets sold.

Membership Dues:

Adult	\$ 5.00
Sustaining Adult	10.00
Junior (under 18)	1.00
Institutional	25.00
Life	100.00

Officers:

Dale Gassett, President

Carol Hammond, Recording Secretary

Sallie May, Corresponding Secretary

Phyllis Newton, Treasurer

Trustees: Peg Frost, Pam Cersosimo, Barbara Moseley Sallie May, Carol Hammond, Heather Frost, Nancy Gassett, Sandy Morrison, Jan Peduzzi

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

Last year proved to be an exciting yet hectic time for the Recycling Committee. As you all know, residents voted to implement a Pay As You Throw system for the town's residential trash service. This was done one year prior to the requirements of Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law of 2012, in order to begin the budget trimming process to compensate for the loss of tax revenue due to the closure of Vermont Yankee. A few new faces joined the committee and we began the task of trying to implement this huge undertaking in a very short time frame. Members of the committee spoke with residents, met

with our trash hauler, researched bag options and put bid specifications together which were sent to several vendors. Research was done on recycling options, single stream vs dual stream, calculations were made trying to find a cost per bag that would offset the town's trash expenses of \$140,000 per year. The bright green trash bags feature a logo of George's Mill which was designed by Heather Frost and imprinted on all of the trash bags and recycling bins. Once all of this was completed, the public education phase began. Several mailings were sent to all residents, one of which included a free bag, recycling bins were distributed by Triple T Trucking and a largely attended public forum was held. By July fourth we were ready to go and the results of what happened next were beyond any of our wildest expectations! Prior to Pay As You Throw, Vernon's average weekly trash tonnage was 15.25 tons. For the first six months of the program, Vernon's average trash generation has dropped to 6.4 tons per week which is a 58% decrease! With such a large decrease, Triple T offered to pick up curbside recycling weekly instead of bi-weekly for all residents, at no additional charge to the town. Thank you Triple T! This has averaged 2.3 tons of single stream recyclable goods picked up curbside per week. Despite having curbside recycling, Windham Solid Waste Management's recycling bins at the Town garage are filled each week as well which have been generating an additional 2.3 tons per week. Finally, we added a second bin for our Project COW (composting organic waste) program which has diverted almost another ½ ton per week from our waste stream. This brings the total tons of recycling per week to almost 6 tons, about the same total tons of trash collected each week! This gives Vernon a recycling rate of 44 Percent! The results of this switch have been amazing so far and we would like to thank the residents of Vernon, Triple T and Windham Solid Waste Management District for making this happen. Many municipalities are watching Vernon as we were the first to act on the changes required by Act 148 and we have risen to the challenge! There is still much work to be done but we are well on our way!!

Mike Courtemanche, Chair

Bob Spencer

Peggy Frost

Heather Frost

Cheryl Franklin

RESCUE INC: A YEAR IN REVIEW

It is our pleasure to provide emergency medical services to your community. Last year was busy for the staff at Rescue Inc. We responded to 4,732 calls during our last reporting year ending in October, with 3,551 patients transported. Patients were transported to 32 area hospitals, specialty centers, and nursing homes with treatment requirements ranging from basic first aid to invasive lifesaving interventions. Our service is provided by a staff of fifty-three full time, part time and volunteer staff members operating a fleet of seven ambulances out of two stations.

As a regional non-profit, we rely heavily on the support of the communities we serve. The commitment to our community started in 1966 and continues today as we all try to navigate through changes in our health care system. The nature of health care and emergency medicine has become extremely sophisticated. Access to specialists and the latest technology during emergencies often requires critical care level transports to more distant hospitals. In the last year we have seen this trend, which often takes our ambulances out of the area several times a day. To meet this new demand we have had to increase our daily staffing and have purchased smaller, more fuel efficient, ambulances. This past year has also been a year of upgrading our medical technology. Thanks to your support during our annual "heart of the matter campaign", we have been able to replace half of our cardiac monitors with the newest technology available. We hope to replace the remaining monitors at the conclusion of this year's campaign.

The changes nationally in emergency medical treatment have increased the demand on our training and education programs for professional medical staff as well as the public. We are running monthly CPR and AED programs and have been able to provide equipment and training to many of the West River Valley schools with funding from the Holt Foundation. Training for professional rescuers is now being done at our Flat Street training center. These programs support development of new local responders and provide for the continuing education. This year we anticipate additional changes as a result of healthcare reform and will watch several pieces of federal legislation in hopes that a long term ambulance funding bill will bring some predictability from the federal insurers. Regardless, we will work to ensure that the emergency medical treatment, transportation and rescue services in our region continue to be cutting edge and affordable.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

“To promote recreation services that will foster and encourage the development of a healthy lifestyle for the community”

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going”, “When life gives you lemons make lemonade”. These are of course clichés we all have heard time and time again. They are often used in an effort to cheer up a friend or help someone rally when things just aren’t going their way. More importantly they are a way of reminding us of what we do have and what we can accomplish!

Okay I will be honest. When the announced closing of Vermont Yankee made headlines I don’t actually recall anyone saying, “When life gives you lemons make lemonade”. I do recall a community that struggled to come to terms with how this change would impact each of our lives. I recall a community that was seeking answers to questions that for all intensive purposes had no answers. Slowly some of those answers have started to materialize. Sure uncertainty still exists but I am proud to be a part of a department that by action has said, “You can’t keep a good dog down!”

The process started immediately! How do we continue to offer the high quality programs in a more cost effective manner? Thankfully we have a community that has continually offered tremendous support. This coupled with the dedicated volunteers on the Recreation Board has allowed us to confidently say, “The glass is half full!”

Staple programs continued to thrive in 2014. The Vernon Preschool graduated its largest class. This is a testament to a staff that gives everything they have each and every day. This is recognized by many local families often creating a waiting list.

Our youth basketball program continued to be tremendously successful with one team winning the inaugural end of the season tournament and another winning our very own Vernon Invitational for the first time in its 13 year history. The softball team was not going to be outdone by the success of the basketball program as they were champions in our first year of participation in the newly developed Tri County Softball League. While most would agree, “You play to win the game” that is not the sole purpose. Offering a comfortable atmosphere for youth to be active and socialize is a vital part of our curriculum. During the three athletic “seasons” this atmosphere is enjoyed by many. Our programs generally have participation rates exceeding 60% of the school population. This is something we are very proud of.

While we are proud of these participation rates they only speak to a small segment of our program list. This list continually evolves. When we began to digest how to effectively maintain the success of the department this list is what we looked at. Do we reduce it? It very quickly became clear that this was not the answer. In

fact the answer was just the opposite. We offer more! The Recreation Departments cost to the tax payer is not directly related to outgoing expense. Our actual cost is the difference between expense and revenue generated. Generating revenue is important but it has always been and will continue to be our belief that dramatic wholesale increases in fees are not the answer. We set out to offer more with the idea that tax payers get, “More bang for their buck”, not less. With this in mind plans to add Baton, Gymnastics, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, 5k Glow In The Dark Run, and Zumba to our list where put in place. We are always open to new programs and welcome your ideas!

While a majority of our time is spent developing and implementing programs we are also responsible for maintaining the facilities we are so fortunate to have. While no one can predict the future it was no secret that the possibility did exist that we as a community would be tasked with the closure of the plant. Given this possibility we have been able to see the completion of several long term projects that will lessen the tax impact in future years as well as keep the facilities in safe working order. Recent years have seen the pool refurbished, roofs replaced, the parking lot sealed, back up motors purchased, and playground equipment replaced. While maintenance is always required we have been able to prepare in a manner that will allow future generations to enjoy what many of us already have. This cannot be done without teamwork amongst town departments. I am thankful to know that help is only a phone call away!

In closing we would like to thank everyone who has given their support to the Recreation Department. It is your support that allows children to succeed, that allows everyone to share a laugh during challenging times and more importantly allows a community to “show its true colors”. Thank you for making the Recreation Departments colors something to be proud of.

Submitted by:

Seth Deyo

Recreation Department Director

This year we offered 35 programs with over 2,000 participants:

Adult Basketball	15-25
Adult Swim	4-6
Adult Volleyball	10-15
Aerobics	10-15
After School Program	41
Archery	25
Baton	15
Baseball/Softball	86
Basketball	95
Basketball Tournaments *	
Boys	9 Teams
Girls	8 Teams
Camp In	30
Christmas Crafts	46
Cooking	29
Day Camp	190
Diving Lessons	14

Easter Egg Hunt	175
Family Swim Passes	137
Fitness	10-15
Halloween Party	200
Jiu Jitsu	11
Line Dancing	10-15
Open Gym	10-25
Parent/Toddler Swim	20-25
Pool Party/Campout	29
Pumpkin Carving	31
School Break Open Gym	20-25
Soccer	102
Sports Camp	17
Swim Lessons	274
Teen Swim	20-25
Turkey Shoot	102
Vernon Preschool	28
Water Aerobics	5-10
Zumba	25-40



Vernon Free Library Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013-2014

	Budget FY 2013-2014	Actuals FY 2013-2014	Receipts FY 2013-2014	Budget Balance FY14	Budget FY 2014-2015	Proposed Budget 2015-2016
Gross Wages	\$ 76,785.00	\$ (76,807.79)		\$ (22.79)	\$ 68,899.00	68,827.00
Library Share of FICA	5,874.00	(5,691.78)		182.22	5,270.00	5,265.00
Books	12,000.00	(12,171.78)		(171.78)	10,800.00	12,700.00
Renewals & Periodicals	1,500.00	(1,118.17)		381.83	1,200.00	1,200.00
Audio/Video	1,900.00	(2,117.32)		(217.32)	1,760.00	2,000.00
Supplies (Office & Computer)	1,000.00	(1,443.78)		(443.78)	1,000.00	1,400.00
Technology	1,300.00	(952.44)		347.56	1,300.00	1,300.00
Software	100.00	(243.00)		(143.00)	100.00	100.00
Internet Access	1,200.00	(491.83)		708.17	1,200.00	1,100.00
New Equipment	2,000.00	(4,106.98)		(2,106.98)	600.00	600.00
Leased Equipment	1,600.00	(1,169.96)		430.04	1,100.00	1,100.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,100.00	(1,079.86)		1,020.14	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dues	250.00	(50.00)		200.00	200.00	300.00
Workshops, Conferences, Mileage	1,200.00	(514.80)		685.20	1,000.00	500.00
Postage	600.00	(529.52)		70.48	600.00	800.00
Programs	1,200.00	(593.00)		607.00	900.00	500.00
Programs/Supplies	500.00	(767.00)		(267.00)	500.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous/Contingency	250.00	(66.85)		183.15	150.00	50.00
Employee Insurances	19,000.00	(15,027.85)		3,972.15	19,000.00	16,610.00
Electronic Resources	300.00	(187.00)		113.00	200.00	200.00
Marketing/Fund Raising	100.00			100.00		
Carryover Per Trustees		(3,000.00)		(3,000.00)		
Income						
TOTAL BUDGET & APPROPRIATION	\$ 130,759.00	\$ (128,130.71)	\$ -	\$ 2,628.29	\$ 116,779.00	116,552.00
FY 11/12 Budget Reserve to Offset FY 14	(5,662.70)					
FY 12/13 Budget Reserve to Offset FY 15					\$ (3,922.27)	
FY 13/14 Budget Reserve to Offset FY16						(2,628.29)
TOTAL AMOUNT TO RAISE	\$ 125,096.30				\$ 112,856.73	113,923.71

GRANTS

	Revenue	Expenditures	Received in 2014	Balance	Notes
2012 Federal Resource Sharing Grant	29.48	(29.48)		-	Rec'd in 2012
2013 DOL Performance Grant	100.00	(100.00)		-	Rec'd in 2013
2013 Federal Resource Sharing Grant	50.00	(50.00)		-	Rec'd in 2013
2014 DOL Performance Grant	100.00		100.00	100.00	
2014 Federal Resources Sharing Grant	112.00		112.00	112.00	

VERNON FREE LIBRARY 2014 LIBRARIANS' AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Vernon Free Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 highlights the year's activities and achievements. The Library remains the literary center of Vernon, provides ongoing educational opportunity for all in our community, and continues to serve its function as an invaluable institution, available to all townspeople.

The role of the Board of Trustees is to work with the Library Director in policy development and budget oversight. The Board meets monthly to hear reports from various sources and to take necessary action on Library

- **Fiber Optic** installation was completed in March 2014. This connection is available to anyone, inside or outside the library, with a wireless device.
- **Children's Summer Reading Program:** "FIZZ, BOOM, READ"
- 47 children registered, 30 completed reading contracts
- 200 visits by children and 608 books read
- Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) "Electricity and the Environment"

- MAD SCIENCE Program, Pizza Party and gift certificates to Everyone's Books for children completing their reading contracts
- **Young Adult Summer Reading Program: "SPARK A REACTION"**
- 8 teens registered who read 65 books, 7 completed their reading contracts
- Young Adult Weekly Game Night had 20 visits
- **Vernon Recreation Camp Story Time/Outreach**
- Weekly story time and delivery of books to the children at summer camp
- 138 children seen and 106 books delivered
- **Preschool Story Time:** Open to children ages 3-5 years old
- Held 4 times a month
- Attended by the Vernon Recreation Department Preschool
- Dates and times available on library website
- **Rhyme Time**
- Every Monday at 10:30 am
- Open to children ages birth to 5 years old
- Stories, songs, movement, socializing, and networking
- **Dictionary Project:** Every third grader at Vernon Elementary School given a Student Dictionary
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday from 1-2 pm
- Open to all from beginners to experienced knitters
- **Reading Group:**
- Second Thursday of every month
- Discussion and selection of a book each month
- **Dungeons & Dragons Group:** Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm
- **Personal Instruction** on several different digital devices
- **Netflix – 7,000 DVDs available to borrow**
- **Listen Up! Vermont and One Click Digital (Recorded Books)**
- Library members are able to access downloadable audio books and e-books
- **Universal Class**
- Over 500 online non-credit Continuing Education courses for library members personal enhancement

- **Vermont Online Library (VOL):** A resource for adult and child library members includes:
 - Heritage Quest
 - Health
 - Small Business Owners
 - Chilton's DIY Auto Repair
 - Language Learning
 - Job Seeker
 - Traveler Tools
 - Hobbies
 - Reference Databases and Periodicals
- **Consumer Reports On-Line**
- **Huckle Hill Senior Housing Outreach:** Delivery and pick-up of books for residents

The Library staff and Trustees are committed to continuing to provide quality library services to the community. We believe strong libraries are essential to education and lifelong learning, to economic development, to strong communities, and to a strong democracy.

We are excited as we look to the future of our Library's potential as an important resource in Vernon as a community meeting place and to expanding our programs to include local artists, writers, and others who enrich our lives. If you have not been to our Library in a while, we invite you to stop by and spend some time browsing the collections while enjoying a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa.

We are grateful for the support given to our Library by the community.

Librarians:

Kristine Berberian – Library Director

Jean Carr – Children's Librarian

Trustees (Term):

Deb Berryere (chair) (2016) - 257-7854
drberryere@comcast.net

Bronna Zlochiver (secretary) (2015) - 579-1567
bronna.zlochiver@gmail.com

Janis Pereira (2015) - 257-7416
tomjanis@comcast.net

Ellen Merkle (*resigned October 2014*)

Rich Vesper (*resigned April 2014*)

**Find us on Facebook or check out our website at
www.vernonfreelibrary.org**

VERNON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Vernon Planning Commission completed a significant milestone in 2014 and embarked on some new activities as a result of the planned closure of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Early in 2014, a completed revision of the Vernon Town Plan was forwarded to the Vernon Selectboard for their review and adoption. A significant restructuring of the town plan and the incorporation of a post-Vermont Yankee Resiliency Plan as well as an addendum of general information were completed in this most recent revision. Over three years of Planning Commission effort went into this town plan revision.

Additionally, the Vernon Planning Commission was charged with expanded duties and responsibilities by the Vernon Selectboard in the areas of planning and development. Under Vermont Statute Title 24, Chapter 117, Sub-Chapter 002, Sub-Section 4325, (4), town planning commissions may “...undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, urban beautification and design improvements, historic and scenic preservation, the conservation of energy and the development of renewable energy resources and wetland protection.”

To further this objective, the Vernon Planning Commission actively pursued a grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) from the Windham County Economic Development Program (VY settlement fund created from the receipt of two million dollars from Entergy for 2014). Although we were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant from the fund for a Re-Energize Vernon technical startup incubator, we did obtain many good ideas from the community and used the effort as a learning experience for more effort in 2015 to secure some of the available grant funds for the town of Vernon.

In addition to grant writing (a new activity for at least one of your planning commissioners), we also took on the exploration of future electrical energy production in Vernon. We have been in contact with several people who are interested in siting a natural gas-fired electric generating station somewhere in proximity to the new VELCO switchyard. Although nothing has been firmed up in this area, we are hopeful that Vernon can continue to remain a leader in clean, efficient energy production in the state of Vermont.

In 2014, we said goodbye to two dedicated planning commissioners who went on to pursue other interests. Our chair, Dale Gassett, and our clerk, David Webb, decided not to return to the planning commission for the remainder of 2014 and so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their many contributions and wish them well in their future pursuits.

We also had a change in assigned Selectboard members to the Vernon Planning Commission. Jeff Dunklee, who

has a longstanding record of accomplishment with the planning commission, was replaced by Selectboard members Janet Rasmussen and Patty O'Donnell. We thank Jeff for his many years of support of our planning commission efforts and wish him well as he continues as a member of the Vernon Selectboard.

In addition to a warm welcome to new commissioners Patty O'Donnell and Janet Rasmussen, we would also like to introduce a new member of the Vernon Planning Commission in 2014. Martin Langeveld brings a significant knowledge base to the planning commission here in Vernon from his affiliation with local newspapers, Slow Living Summit, Windham Regional Business Planning Competition and the exemplary Strolling of the Heifers organization based in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rasmussen Martin Langeveld

Patty O'Donnell Bob Spencer (Clerk)

Steve Skibniowsky (Chair)

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Windham County Sheriff's Office was not contracted by the Town of Vernon for police services during FY2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). The transition period that happened prior to July 1, 2014 will be reported under the FY2015 report at next year's town meeting. However, a lot has certainly changed during 2014, and we wanted to seize this opportunity to share with you the future, as well as the past.

Weekly Hours	Daily Hours	Annual Cost
168	24	\$233,950
140	20	\$220,000*
120	Varies	\$205,000*
100	Varies	\$192,000*

*Indicates additional hourly cost for callouts, as needed

Regarding FY2016, we've had discussions with the Vernon Select Board about what our services can look like during a time of change for the Town. We are able to provide both one-year rates in addition to a reliable rate for a multi-year contract. Multi-year rates specific to the different levels of coverage are available.

During 2014, the Vermont Legislature supported our pilot Electronic Monitoring Program (or GPS monitoring), which aims to reduce incarceration expenses for low-risk offenders. We've expanded our regional dispatch to support four law enforcement agencies and have added additional staff to ensure the same quality

service for all callers. We've partnered with Stratton and Townshend in addition to Putney, Westminster and Vernon to provide between 40 and 168 hours of service for each town, each week. Our radio systems are beginning to see significant improvement as we transition from analog to digital systems. Through grant funding, we were able to purchase several repeater systems which will significantly improve the operation of our radios throughout the county.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on our contract rates. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. While effective in purpose, this year marked the end of the National Drug Take Back Initiative and the Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Teams. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our Newfane Headquarters, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Vernon and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has been pleased to serve the people of Vernon and look forward to the upcoming year. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WCSOVernon where we post up-to-date information, call statistics and one more method of interacting with our deputies. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-254-6962 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark

Lieutenant Mark R. Anderson

VERNON SENIOR CITIZEN

The Vernon Seniors have enjoyed another year of fellowship, good food and interesting programs, thanks to our Program Chairperson, Edith Clark.

January – Mike Hebert, Vernon's Representative to the State Legislature

February – Betty Chamberlain, African Safari photos

March – Music by Jack Arensmeyer

April – BINGO

May – Mike Courtemache of the Vernon Recycling Committee

June – Janet Rasmussen, Senior liaison to the Select Board

July – Deb Tibbetts, physical therapist from Keene, NH, addressed the Seniors regarding proper exercise and balance

August – Annual picnic – No Meeting – Music by the ROMEOS

September – BINGO

October – Lt. Mark Anderson, of the Windham County Sheriff's Department

Flu Clinic sponsored by the Vermont-New Hampshire Visiting Nurses

November – Thanksgiving - No Meeting

December – Annual Meeting –followed by Christmas Decorations with Steve from Fairview Gardens

The Visiting Nurse has been present on the fourth Monday of each month to take blood pressure.

Our annual picnic at the Recreation Center was pot luck organized by Nancy Durborow and Cookie Allen.

Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Vernon Fire Department was pot luck and was organized by Carol Shippee.

After the business of the Annual Meeting, the members present made Christmas table decorations with Steve, of Fairview Gardens, demonstrating and lending a hand to help each of us create a lovely arrangement to take home.

This year our Christmas Dinner was held at the American Legion in Brattleboro.

Officers elected for 2015:

President: Eleanor (Cookie) Allen

Vice President: Les Berg

Co-Secretaries: Kathleen Harrison and Diane Rice

Co-Treasurer: Nancy Durborow and Carol Moore

We invite all of our members to join us at our regular business and pot luck meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month, and our Birthday celebration and program on the 4th Monday.

Kathleen Harrison, Co-Secretary

VERNON SENIOR ACCOUNT

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2014

\$2,828.13

ADD: Receipts

Dues

2014 \$ 27.00

2015 286.00

Interest 3.74

Town Budget Funds 2,000.00

\$2,316.74

Fundraisers:

In Lieu of Food Donations \$ 67.00

In Memory of Catherine Ferris 225.00

Food Sale 685.15

Raffle 182.00

Apple Days 778.25

\$1,937.40

Receipts Totals 2014

\$4,254.14

BALANCE: December 31, 2014

\$7,082.27

Due to Town Budget constraints the Seniors elected to raise money by fund raising. They embraced this new endeavor and enjoyed every minute of it.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Report not received in time for printing.



REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The responsibility of the Listers is to maintain the Grand List on an annual basis. The Grand List is then used for setting the town and education tax rates.

As everyone knows, Vermont Yankee ceased generating electricity on December 29, 2014. The rods have been moved from the reactor to the "Pool". The Listers and Selectboard met with representatives from Entergy several times throughout the fall of 2014 regarding the time line after the shutdown as well as valuation. Various ideas were discussed with the final decision being another one year extension from April 1, 2015 to April 1, 2016.. At that time a new assessment will be completed or a stabilization agreement will be made to phase down the valuation over a period of years starting from April 1, 2016.

We had seven property owners grieve the assessment of their properties. Five were resolved with the Listers, with only two—TransCanada and Transco going on to the BCA. The Listers' values were upheld at the BCA level; therefore, both companies appealed their assessments to the Vermont Superior Court. Thankfully, TransCanada and the Town of Vernon reached a very favorable agreement that will be in effect through 2019. A court date has not yet been set for the Transco appeal.

The town saw an increase in sales and transfers of property. From April 2013 to April 2014, we processed 55 property transfers. Not all were market sales—some were foreclosures, estate settlements, decrees of divorce, and life estates.

At the time of this writing, the number of houses for sale is not high, but that probably will change within the next month. In some cases sellers have had to reduce their asking price. This, of course, is not a situation unique to just Vernon but within Vermont as well as the Tri-State area. While we have no immediate plans for a town wide reappraisal, we will continue to monitor the market closely for changing trends. For those who ask if we are going to lower assessments because of a soft or declining market, we reiterate—lowering assessments means a lower grand list and a higher tax rate. As long as we treat everyone the same, we will maintain equity throughout the town.

Listers are not responsible for tax increases. The total data we collect on all properties determines the grand list. The grand list is divided by the cost to operate the town—the money raised at town meeting—and that figure is the tax rate which is applied to every property in town.

Our mapping service, Cartographic Technologies Inc. has been updating our tax maps with land splits and other changes that have taken place since 2011.

Last year, as mandated by the State of Vermont, we started the process of valuing tax exempt properties which will now be included in the grand list. These properties will not be taxed, but it provides information to the state as to the amount of lost revenue.

Also, last year, the Selectboard voted to impose a 1% penalty for taxpayers who file their homestead declarations late. Towns have had the option of charging the penalty or not. This is the first year Vernon has done so.

We would also like to remember a dear friend and co-worker, Barry Burrington who passed away in December, 2014. Barry served on the Lister board for 15 years, from 1986 to 2001.

Finally, A REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS....

EVERY TAXPAYER WHO RESIDES IN VERMONT AND CLAIMS A HOMESTEAD WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILE THEIR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION EVERY YEAR (OR UNTIL THEY CHANGE THE RULES) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15TH.

To file 'on line' go to:

www.state.vt.us/tax/ and click on E-Services and you can bring up the two forms

HI 144 Household Income and
HS 122 Homestead Declaration

To print the forms go to:

www.state.vt.us/tax/

Click on Forms

Click on Vt Property tax forms

Click on HI 144 Household Income

Click on HS 122 Homestead Declaration

If anyone needs help with either of these methods, please call us, e-mail, or stop in and we will be happy to assist you.

Tele: 257-0292 ext. 18

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Vernon

Your Health Department district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition was awarded \$65,000 for tobacco control, and to promote increased access to healthy food and bicycle/pedestrian improvements. Five Prevention Coalitions in Windham County together received a second year \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant to reduce underage and binge drinking and to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse through a targeted regional approach.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: The WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program) served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5. WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Vernon 61 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January through October, 2014 we responded to 193 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2013, over \$13 million of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$821,964 of which was in our district.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state. The Windham meeting was held at the Marlboro College campus with 55 participants. An active committee is meeting to support existing and new efforts. Please contact Prudence MacKinney, District Director, for more information.

Started an Oral Health Program: In November, we hired an experienced public health dental hygienist as part of an effort to address serious oral health problems through prevention, education and links to treatment.

Distributed 16,858 doses of Potassium Iodide: Each person who lives or works in the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Marlboro and Vernon may receive one free dose. Potassium iodide is a drug that, taken in an appropriate and timely dosage, can block exposure to radioactive iodine.

Participated in Emergency Preparedness: VDH district office staff participated in an FEMA graded exercise to demonstrate the capabilities of responders to open and operate a reception center at the Bellows Falls Union High School.



VERNON TOWN SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Vernon Elementary School provides well-rounded, research-based, engaging and relevant instruction to our 162 students in grades Kindergarten through Six. Our 40 Staff members, some part time, and some WSESU employees provide educational programming consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Common Core. Vernon Town School District employs 15.8 instructional classroom teachers who serve 162 students in grades K-6, which reflects a ratio of 10.25 students per certified teacher. The State of Vermont publishes the 'comparative data for cost effectiveness,' which indicates that Vernon has a similar student:teacher ratio for grades preK-6 among similar sized schools.

Our school has shown a longstanding commitment to the arts, music, and co-curricular activities, employing a full time teacher to provide instrumental and vocal instruction, and part time Physical Education and Art teachers. Our Librarian and Technology teachers both take active roles in our classrooms, providing direct literacy instruction to small groups of students based upon the needs identified in ongoing AimsWeb and other assessment activities; they spend 40% and 50% of their time respectively in literacy roles, and the balance in Library and Technology.

Vernon Elementary school has a uniquely tight community, which strongly benefits it's students, teachers, and families. Fourteen of our staff members are Vernon residents. Thirteen out of twenty-one certified staff members have been at Vernon School for over ten years, and six have been here for twenty. **Seven** of our 40 staff members are alumnae of VES and several are former or current parents of students. In short, VES is fully invested in the community of Vernon!

Some Facts About This Year's Proposed Budget:

- The proposed FY16 Budget expenditures are up 63,554, or 1.46%; however, the school property tax rate is projected to increase by 8.1% (\$1.210, up 9.1cents). The primary increase in spending is attributed to \$98,450 proposed to be added to the Capital fund. The tax rate percent increase is much more than the spending increase due to the state funding formula calculations. The tax rate is based on spending less revenue divided by students. VTSD tax rate is primarily affected by the net cost per student to operate the school. The school district has fewer FY16 revenues to offset taxes (\$-137K) and fewer students (224 vs. 232 equalized students). Therefore the spending per student has increased (to 16,832 from 15,432). The combination of lower revenues and fewer students have a combined negative affect on the tax rate (up8.1% vs. spending up 1.46%)

- The broadest view of comparative spending is measured by the equalized school property tax rate. The FY15 state average equalized school homestead tax rate is \$1.477, the VTSD PreK-12 rate \$1.254. However if VTSD tax rate was adjusted to 100% of the State Wide

Property tax rate (instead of 75%) it would be \$1.67 which is 13% higher

- The common level of appraisal statistic, computed by the VT Division of Property Valuation and Review, has been relatively stable over the past four years. (see "Three Prior Years Comparisons" report, line 32). The change from FY15 budget to FY16 budget is slightly unfavorable (112.12% vs. 111.07%). If there had been no change in the CLA, then the equalized tax rate would have been \$1.198 vs. the projected \$1.210.

- The Tax commissioner and the Governor has recommended a state wide school homestead property tax rate of \$1.00, which is an increase of 2 cents vs. the prior year (2%). However, the increase in the Base Education Spending Index largely offsets this increase (\$9,459 vs. \$9,285) so the net effect on the tax is negligible (.16%) – approximately \$2 annually on a \$100,000 tax assessed home.

SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

This year was once again one of many changes for our town. We'd like to thank all who participated in our lengthy series of Town Meetings last year for your support and willingness to play an active role in the process of coping with the financial issues that we had to deal with in the face of Vermont Yankee's impending closure. While the process was painful for all of us, it was nonetheless gratifying to hear, debate and ultimately arrive at decisions made by the majority of so many of our fellow townspeople.

The months following those meetings have been challenging as we worked hard to carry out the mandates we were given last March. While those of us on the Board may have disagreed at times, we were never disagreeable, and tried to the best of our ability, to implement the changes we were asked to make.

Our first achievement was to launch a Pay as You Throw trash collection and curbside recycling program a full year earlier than the state mandated, which, thanks to the huge efforts of our Recycling Committee, was a big success, and has become the template for the whole state as other towns in Vermont formulate their plans to comply with the new state laws. Town residents enthusiastically embraced the new procedures and carried out the town's plan so efficiently that our trash hauler, Triple T, was able to give us weekly curbside recycling service at no extra cost, essentially doubling the contracted biweekly pickup. Hats off to all for that!

We also completed the transfer of police duties from a town police department to the Windham County Sheriff's Department. We'd like to thank Matt Stains

and Aubrey Crowley, two outgoing Vernon Police officers, who were largely responsible for what was a very smooth transition. The Sheriff's department is fully moved into the Police Department offices at Town Hall, providing the town with 24/7 coverage.

Also, as directed by two town votes, we transitioned the vast majority of our auditing responsibilities from full time internal auditors to a professional outside audit firm. Sullivan & Sullivan was contracted to perform the auditing services, and our Treasurer's office reports that they are working well with the accountants assigned to Vernon. We hope, in the months ahead, to work with the Treasurer to implement most of their suggested changes that will make our financial systems more secure and efficient.

We are very pleased to be able to report to you that successful negotiations were completed, and a five year agreement signed, with TransCanada on the value for the Vernon dam. The agreement set the assessed value of the hydro dam at \$30.5 million for the next five years, and freed the town from any liability for any excess taxes already paid by TransCanada. The settlement came after three years of negotiations, and would not have been possible without the knowledge and perseverance of Vernon Listers Bill Hammond and Carol Hammond. Their broad and deep experience with these matters literally paid off extremely well for all of the taxpayers in our town.

Negotiations were also, and again very successfully, completed when we recently signed a one year property tax stabilization agreement with Entergy. As this is the first year that the plant will be closed, we believe that the \$250 million contract reflected well on Entergy's willingness to continue to deal fairly and equitably with the town. Although the contract was not the long term one we initially hoped to negotiate, we realized that there were still too many unknowns to complete a longer term agreement at this time, and so we and Entergy decided to settle a one year contract but immediately begin to work on a longer term one. To that end, we appointed a Tax Stabilization committee, which will research and assist the Board to try and reach a longer term agreement.

As we continued to move through the mandates set forth by our townspeople last year, we've been extremely gratified and moved by the way some groups in town rose to meet the challenges faced by budget cutbacks with energy, enthusiasm and innovative ways to keep their programs alive. The Vernon Seniors responded by organizing several successful fundraising events that not only raised money, but raised the spirits of all

who saw them. The Recreation Department and Vernon Historians similarly stepped up their efforts to provide the town with much appreciated fundraisers and events, including the lovely first ever Vernon Christmas tree lighting ceremony organized by Emily Vergobbe, Josh Unruh and sponsored by the Rec. Department. And we'd be remiss if we didn't thank Josh Unruh and Seth Deyo for once again hosting a successful Town Picnic that was enjoyed by so many of us!

In closing, we again thank all of you who participated--in record numbers--in our Town meetings last year, and hope that you all plan to attend again this year. We, as was dramatically underscored by Yankee's final power down last month, have many difficult decisions to make and many financial challenges yet to face, and we very much need you to come and show us the way in which you choose to move to deal with these issues. We've shown, in the past year, that we can deal with these problems with grace and enthusiasm borne out of the wish to keep all that is special about Vernon while acknowledging and dealing with reduced financial circumstances. If we can continue our resolve to persevere to keep our property tax burden in check, we believe that we also can find ways to support many of the exceptional services that our town provides. But we need YOU to tell us how you want to get there--only if we work **together** can we make it happen!

Patricia O'Donnell, Chair
Christiane Howe, Vice Chair
Sandra Harris, Clerk
Janet Rasmussen
Jeffrey Dunklee

2014-2015 ENROLLMENT
VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BAMS AND BUHS

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Kindergarten	10	5	15
Grade 1	12	19	31
Grade 2	11	14	25
Grade 3	13	12	25
Grade 4	13	8	21
Grade 5	15	3	18
Grade 6	10	16	26
Grade 7	12	9	21
Grade 8	9	11	20
Grade 9	5	6	11
Grade 10	9	13	22
Grade 11	10	4	14
Grade 12	7	14	21

Vernon Elementary - 161 Brattleboro Area Middle School - 41
Brattleboro Union High School - 68

2012-2013 Other Tuition - 58

CHILD FIND NOTICE

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, "the District"), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation

and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District's child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

Vernon Town School**District 2014-2015****Faculty and Staff**

Custodian

James Rittenhour

Custodian

Bob Willand

Paraeducator

Kathryn Bloom

Paraeducator
Christiansen

Colleen

Paraeducator

Cheryl Deyo

Paraeducator

Rachel Foster

Paraeducator

Shelli Harvey

Paraeducator

Caitlin Haumann

Paraeducator

Jeff Loomis

Paraeducator

Norma Manning

Paraeducator

Ruth Putnam

Cafeteria

Tim Walsh

Cafeteria

Kelli Harrison

Position**Name**

Principal

Dana Gordon-

Macey

Administrative

Assistant

Chris Nesbitt

Kindergarten

Beth Eriksson

Grade 1

Courtney Millerick

Grade 1

Maresa Neilson

Grade 2

Joan Cook

Grade 2

Kimberly Kunkle

Grade 3

Lisa McKenney

Grade 3

Marcia Woodruff

Grade 4

Mary Kauffman

Grade 5

Deborah Patno

Grade 6

Noreen Cooper

Grade 6

Tai Morse

Resource Room

Latisha Akley

Resource Room

Kelly Pacheck

Literacy/Enrichment

Mickie Herbst

Guidance Counselor (80%)

Carole Rayl

Speech Language (50%)

Fran Swanson

Literacy Assistant (Part Time)

Joan Green

Art (80%)

Deb Mann

Physical Education (80%)

Kelly Derosia

Classroom/Instrumental Music

Joyana Damon

Medial Center/Literacy

Eileen Roach

Technology/Literacy

Dawn Grobe

Nurse

Mary Emery

Head Custodian

Ian Spencer

Custodian

Dennis Atwater

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

School: Vernon Elementary School
S.U.: Windham Southeast S.U.

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

FY2014 School Level Data

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Bethel Elementary School	PK - 6	178	11.10	1.00	16.04	178.00	11.10
	Samuel Morey Elementary School	PK - 6	179	15.61	1.00	11.47	179.00	15.61
	Warren Elementary School	PK - 6	184	15.70	1.00	11.72	184.00	15.70
	Vernon Elementary School	PK - 6	185	16.60	1.00	11.14	185.00	16.60
	Clarendon Elementary School	PK - 6	189	19.90	1.00	9.50	189.00	19.90
< - Larger	Mettawee Community UES #47	PK - 6	190	18.20	2.00	10.44	95.00	9.10
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			147.65	12.63	1.04	11.69	141.77	12.13

School District: Vernon
LEA ID: T214

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

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

FY2013 School District Data

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

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 6 out of 32
Smaller ->	Monkton	K-6	155.99	\$11,812	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Middlesex	PK-6	167.25	\$11,910	
	Underhill Town	K-4	168.19	\$9,481	
< - Larger	Vernon	PK-6	171.28	\$16,391	
	Starksboro	PK-6	178.29	\$11,227	
	Woodstock	K-6	178.70	\$14,548	
	Warren	PK-6	183.31	\$10,216	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			139.81	\$12,630	

FY2015 School District Data

				School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates		
				SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
				Grades offered in School District	Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal
LEA ID	School District					Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
Smaller ->	T049	Clarendon	PK-6	175.96	15,503.52	1.6363	1.5610	113.27%	1.3781
	T242	Whitingham	PK-5	200.97	16,248.90	1.7150	1.7150	110.18%	1.5565
	T077	Fletcher	PK-6	219.40	12,271.46	1.2952	1.2952	94.01%	1.3777
	T214	Vernon	PK-6	231.89	15,431.78	1.2299	1.2543	112.12%	1.1188
	T184	Sharon	PK-6	243.79	14,101.76	1.4884	1.4884	102.75%	1.4486
< - Larger	T245	Wilmington	PK-5	255.02	15,615.37	1.6481	1.6481	106.24%	1.5513
	T250	Wolcott	PK-6	290.90	13,763.10	1.4526	1.4526	101.09%	1.4369

1.67

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

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

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

VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT					
CAPITAL FUND STATUS					
FY4 Capital Fund Status	June 30, 2014				
	Beginning Balance				Ending Fund Balance
	7/1/2013	FY 14	FY 14 Expenditures	FY 14 Interest	6/30/2014
ITEM	APPROP/INTEREST	Accounts Payables			
Boiler	\$ 68,373.54		(10,520.00)		\$ 57,853.54
Heating System	23,076.59				23,076.59
Carpeting/Flooring	1,002.70				1,002.70
Parking Lot	20,000.00		(14,602.65)		5,397.35
Roof	196,548.07	(18,093.96)	(19,512.08)		158,942.03
PA System/Master Clock	16,328.30				16,328.30
Tractor	5,073.00				5,073.00
Sewer	87,425.00		(2,650.00)		84,775.00
Buildings & Exterior	34,160.70		(11,236.97)		22,923.73
Window Coverings	4,065.00				4,065.00
Furniture & Fixtures	8,367.30		(5,900.00)		2,467.30
Technology	3,500.00		(3,500.00)		-
Kitchen	1,651.41		(1,651.41)		-
Water System	23,581.89				23,581.89
Fire Alarm/Handicap Access	3,615.36				3,615.36
Gymnasium Projects	20,500.00				20,500.00
Playground Equip/Repl	2,000.00	(1,106.85)			893.15
*Excess Funds/Interest Prior Years	1,718.21				1,718.21
Excess Funds/Interest FY 14				728.73	728.73
TOTALS	\$ 520,987.07	\$ (19,200.81)	(\$69,573.11)	\$728.73	\$ 432,941.88
Note: Town Meeting on March 5, 2014 it was voted to transfer \$19,000.00 from the Capital Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of teacher computers in 2015.					

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

**Hot Lunch
Program**

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	12,837.60
Revenue			
State Reimbursements	\$	30,550.24	
Other Reimbursements		900.00	
Lunch Sales		36,064.87	
Transfer from School Budget		40,211.00	
			107,726.11
Expenditures			
Fitz, Vogt & Associates	\$	(96,565.13)	
2013 Accounts Payable		(2,368.04)	
			\$ (98,933.17)
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	21,630.54

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

**School Capital
Fund**

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	520,987.07
Revenue			
Interest			728.73
Expenditures:			
Boiler: Control Technologies	\$	(10,520.00)	
Parking Lot: Back Lot Resurfacing		(14,602.65)	
Roof: Repl over Gym		(19,512.08)	
Sewer: Effluent Line Cleaning		(2,650.00)	
Building & Exterior		(11,236.97)	
Furniture & Fixtures:		(5,900.00)	
Technology: School Board Computers		(3,500.00)	
Kitchen: Grease Trap Replacment		(1,651.41)	
			<u>(69,573.11)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	452,142.69

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

Steenbruggen Scholarship
Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	212,940.79
Revenue			
Income	\$	9,789.34	
Unrealized Gain		<u>20,903.56</u>	
			30,692.90
Expenditures			
Expenses	\$	(2,838.11)	
Scholarships		<u>(3,089.09)</u>	
			<u>(5,927.20)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	237,706.49

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

Cheer Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	355.44
Revenue			
Staff Donations			864.00
Expenditures			<u>(956.24)</u>
Misc.Expenses			
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	263.20

This fund was established in March, 2001, through contributions by staff and is used as determined by the Cheer Committee.

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

Tornado Account

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	5,042.83
Revenue			
Income and Donations			3,864.80
Expenditures			
Field Trip Expenses	\$	(1,331.31)	
Supplies		(1,007.63)	
Miscellaneous Expenses		(859.08)	
FY13 Accounts Payable		(840.05)	
			<u>(4,038.07)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	4,869.56

This fund was established in May of 2000 with existing funds from the Tornado jump roping team for the purpose of funding expenses associated with the team. Money is raised through donations, fund raising and clothing and team equipment reimbursements.

Website for Tornadoes:

www.vernon.k12.us/tornadoes/index.html

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

**Puffer Improvement
Award**

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013		\$	1,563.43
Revenue			9.97
Expenditures			
Awards 13/14 (Accounts Payable)			<u>(50.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014		\$	1,523.40

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

Unemployment Compensation
Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013	\$	18,751.24
Revenue		
Interest		18.75
Expenditures		
Unemployment Payments		<u>(19.24)</u>
Balance June 30, 2012	\$	18,750.75

District: Vernon Town SD
Year End Fund Summary
For Fund:

Reserve
Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2014

Beginning Balance July 1, 2013	\$	151,451.01
Revenue		
Interest		199.69
Expenditures		
Transfer to General Fund		<u>(24,634.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2014	\$	127,016.70

At March, 2011 Town Meeting, this fund was established pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 2804 from the year end June 30, 2010 unreserved and undesignated fund balance for the purpose of operating the school.

Windham Southeast SU Annual Report Financial Statement Summary

Operating Budget, Special Education and Grant Funded Programs

	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED	\$Diff
Revenues				
Administration and Support of Instruction Assessments:				
Brattleboro Town School District	1,026,090	704,409	712,241	7,832
Dummerston	173,618	138,259	149,241	10,982
Guilford	163,974	126,878	142,685	15,807
Putney	225,061	136,507	152,326	15,819
Vernon	190,664	139,125	149,550	10,425
BUHS District #6	962,125	866,295	953,939	87,644
General Local Revenues	76,874	-	-	-
Special Education Service Revenues:				
Brattleboro Town School District	-	2,901,766	2,494,515	(407,251)
Dummerston	-	395,051	428,868	33,817
Guilford	-	244,772	278,205	33,433
Putney	-	461,323	396,119	(65,204)
Vernon	-	413,759	425,956	12,197
BUHS District #6	-	3,324,617	3,408,227	83,610
General Special Ed Revenues & Grants	2,002,638	947,315	824,473	(122,842)
Pre School Sp. Educ. Service Revenues	562,437	566,818	686,777	119,959
AOE Instruction and Pupil Support Grants	2,219,401	1,957,153	1,878,039	(79,114)
Asian Studies Grants & Revenues	261,395	225,484	232,664	7,180
WSESU Transportation Services to LEAs	-	791,682	807,525	15,843
Food Service Grants & Revenues	838,749	1,326,917	1,326,916	(1)
Total WSESU Revenues and Grants	8,703,024	15,668,130	15,448,267	(219,863)
Expenditures				
General Support Services	272,286	403,333	394,930	(8,404)
Operations & Maintenance	24,229	29,350	29,350	-
Board of Education	0	550	550	-
Superintendent of Schools	146,308	149,812	153,134	3,322
Curriculum Dev./School Improvement	157,326	252,296	200,990	(51,306)
Superintendent Support Staff	236,963	246,805	247,600	795
Fiscal Services-Business Administrator	153,325	142,971	151,210	8,239
Fiscal Serv.-Business Office Sup.	493,423	532,824	563,773	30,949
Technology Services	120,863	140,116	144,080	3,964
Support English Language Learners	295,979	344,376	354,366	9,990
School Improvement Services	16,119	115,820	20,000	(95,820)
Education Support Grant Programs	2,217,029	1,751,334	1,878,038	126,704
Asian Studies Instruction	261,395	225,484	232,664	7,180
Transportation Services	0	791,682	807,525	15,843
Food Services Expenses	838,751	1,326,917	1,326,917	-
Sub Total Instruction & Operations	5,233,995	6,453,670	6,505,127	51,457
Special Education Services:				
Local School Age Shared Services	1,139,836	3,486,197	2,894,848	(591,349)
Local School Age Direct Billed Services	802,040	4,403,780	4,537,042	133,262
Regional Special Ed Support Svcs	93,647	90,704	92,972	2,268
Essential Early Ed Program	543,022	684,828	670,377	(14,451)
IDEAB & BEST Grant Expenditures	733,404	548,951	747,900	198,949
Sub Total Sp.Ed. Expenses	3,311,949	9,214,460	8,943,139	(271,321)
Total Expenditures	8,545,945	15,668,130	15,448,266	(219,863)
Surplus/(Deficit)	157,080	0	0	(0)

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Operating Budget, Special Education and Grant Funded Programs

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Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

Fiscal Year 2014 Sub-Grants to Member Districts **

District	IDEA Special Ed	Student Assistance	Title I			IEP Medicaid Reinvestment	21st Century	Title IIA	
			Compensator y	Medicaid	Extraordinary Aid			Teacher Quality	Total
Brattleboro	142,240		558,097			116,000		7,517	823,854
BUHS	140,416	39,907	173,473	10,811			60,000	10,250	434,857
Dummerston	25,863		54	30,000		24,000		86,642	166,559
Guilford	30,332		2,331	22,000				64,655	119,318
Putney	38,578		81,861			26,000		81	146,520
Vernon	37,130		54			33,000		1,803	71,987
Totals	414,559	39,907	815,870	62,811		199,000	60,000	170,948	1,763,095

** Excludes pass through Nutrition Funds.

Special Education Aid Distributed From Agency of Education to School Districts, Fiscal Year 2014:

District	IDEA Federal (4226)	Block Grant (3201)	Intensive Aid (3202)	Extraordinary Aid (3203)	State Placed (3205)	E.E.E. State (3204)	Total Aid
Brattleboro	142,240	256,534	1,446,596	289,489	9,311	103,476	2,247,646
Dummerston	25,863	63,209	135,312	0	0	18,962	243,346
Guilford	30,332	47,966	210,005	0	0	16,999	305,302
Putney	38,578	59,213	248,547	0	0	18,696	365,034
Vernon	37,130	79,207	316,468	0	0	21,956	454,761
B.U.H.S. #6	140,416	379,681	1,833,776	53,809	18,454	0	2,426,136
Total	414,559	885,810	4,190,704	343,298	27,765	180,089	6,042,225

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET - Expenditure Detail

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
EXPENDITURES-Detail						
INSTRUCTIONAL						
Teachers Salaries	844,799	906,927	890,681	927,673	36,992	4%
403 B Benefit	8,702	7,281	8,000	8,000	-	0%
Extracurricular Salary	5,000	4,700	5,000	5,000	-	0%
Paraprofessional Salaries	127,947	129,364	131,775	136,147	4,372	3%
Substitute Salaries	28,000	25,857	28,500	28,500	-	0%
Additional Staff Requested **	73,996		-	-	-	
Teacher Health/Dental Ins.	215,291	196,372	235,971	249,590	13,619	6%
Para. Health/Dental/Life Ins.	101,892	99,456	110,366	115,332	4,966	4%
Teacher FICA	67,936	68,648	73,460	73,460	-	0%
Extracurricular FICA	383	360	383	383	-	0%
Paraprofessional FICA	10,651	9,663	10,484	10,415	(69)	-1%
Teacher Life Ins.	1,669	1,518	1,672	1,672	-	0%
Other- 403 (b) Admin & Disability	5,750	6,106	4,280	4,280	-	0%
Paraprofessional Retirement	4,087	2,510	3,771	3,771	-	0%
Travel & Conference	1,500	753	1,200	1,200	-	0%
Course Reimbursement	11,100	12,609	8,100	8,100	-	0%
Environmental Studies	1,500	1,195	1,500	1,500	-	0%
Field Trips	3,000	4,192	3,000	3,000	-	0%
Fiber Connect Internet Fees	8,400	1,273	3,168	3,363	195	6%
General Supplies	19,889	18,652	19,889	19,889	-	0%
Technology Update Hardware	6,000	1,259	6,000	10,000	4,000	67%
Technology Supplies	2,000	1,292	2,000	2,000	-	0%
Computer Software	1,800	1,394	1,800	1,800	-	0%
Textbooks	6,000	6,465	5,500	5,500	-	0%
Reading Development Program	10,000	3,134	5,000	5,000	-	0%
New Instructional Equipment	1,500	1,384	1,500	1,500	-	0%
Replace Instructional Equip.	2,500	1,219	2,500	2,500	-	0%
Non-Instructional Equipment	850	650	850	850	-	0%
Instructional Technology	-		19,000	-	(19,000)	-100%
Asian Studies	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0%
Equip. & Copier Maint.	12,500	11,463	12,500	12,500	-	0%
Teacher Retirement On-Behalf	-	-	-	-	-	
Misc. Supplies	500	-	500	500	-	0%
TOTAL	1,588,142	1,528,696	1,601,350	1,646,425	45,075	3%
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL						
Assembly Programs	3,000	2,280	3,000	3,000	-	0%
Test/Evaluation Supplies	500	100	500	500	-	0%
AIMSWeb	960	-	960	960	-	0%
SWIS	500	-	500	500	-	0%
Music Equipment Repair	400	270	400	400	-	0%
TOTAL	5,360	2,650	5,360	5,360	-	0%
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES						
Contracted Prof. Services	100	-	100	100	-	0%
TOTAL	100	-	100	100	-	0%
GUIDANCE SERVICES						

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET - Expenditure Detail

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
Salary	48,540	48,540	50,466	51,663	1,197	2%
403 B Benefit	485	485	505	505	-	0%
Health/Dental Ins./Disability	11,632	11,041	11,688	12,214	526	4%
FICA	3,750	3,330	3,899	3,952	53	1%
Life Ins.	96	84	92	92	-	0%
Travel & Course Reimb.	1,050	470	1,050	1,050	-	0%
Supplies & Texts	200	-	200	200	-	0%
TOTAL	65,753	63,950	67,900	69,676	1,776	3%

HEALTH SERVICES

Doctor Salary	200	-	200	200	-	0%
Nurse Salary	69,877	77,377	60,275	43,834	(16,441)	-27%
Nurse Health/Dental Ins./Disability	7,533	7,001	7,563	7,563	-	0%
Nurse FICA	5,399	5,793	5,507	3,353	(2,154)	-39%
Nurse Life Ins.	134	118	126	126	-	0%
Nurse Course Reimbursement	900	-	900	900	-	0%
403 (b) Benefit	699	699	713	713	-	0%
Nurse Travel	50	-	50	50	-	0%
Nurse Supplies	500	742	500	500	-	0%
TOTAL	85,292	91,730	75,834	57,239	(18,595)	-25%

IN-SERVICE

One Percent Fund	7,000	2,657	6,000	4,000	(2,000)	-33%
In-Service Training	2,000	247	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33%
TOTAL	9,000	2,904	7,500	5,000	(2,500)	-33%

MEDIA/LIBRARY

Media Specialist Salary	55,902	55,902	57,020	58,446	1,425	2%
403 B Benefit	559	559	570	570	-	0%
Health/Dental Ins./Disability	11,661	11,041	11,602	12,124	522	4%
FICA	4,319	3,997	4,406	4,471	65	1%
Life Ins.	115	94	101	101	-	0%
Course Reimbursement	800	-	720	720	-	0%
Supplies	500	320	500	500	-	0%
Subscriptions	400	434	400	400	-	0%
Library Books	5,000	3,984	4,000	4,000	-	0%
Audio Visual	1,500	808	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33%
TOTAL	80,756	77,139	80,819	82,332	1,513	2%

SCHOOL BOARD

Salaries	20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000	-	0%
FICA	1,530	1,532	1,148	1,148	-	0%
Legal Services	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	0%
Audit	8,500	8,500	-	-	-	-
School Board Expenses	3,200	1,809	3,200	2,200	(1,000)	-31%
Advertisements	1,000	1,344	1,000	1,000	-	0%
Dues & Fees	1,550	1,681	2,000	2,000	-	0%
TOTAL	36,780	34,866	23,348	22,348	(1,000)	-4%

ADMINISTRATION

Principal Salary	87,872	85,000	87,125	87,500	375	0%
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VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET - Expenditure Detail

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
Secretary Salary	37,117	37,111	38,225	38,993	768	2%
Principal Health/Dental Ins./Disability	19,755	18,745	19,852	20,745	893	5%
Secretary Health/Dental/Life Ins.	16,189	16,106	16,297	17,030	733	4%
Principal FICA	6,558	6,275	6,730	6,694	(36)	-1%
Secretary FICA	2,953	2,695	3,041	2,983	(58)	-2%
Principal Life Ins.	367	326	336	336	-	0%
Secretary Retirement	1,485	1,484	1,529	1,529	-	0%
Principal Annuity	2,379	1,850	2,371	1,500	(871)	-37%
Prof. Development & Travel	1,500	314	1,500	1,500	-	0%
Student Data Support	1,600	300	1,600	1,000	(600)	-38%
Student Alert System	416	-	416	416	-	0%
Principal Supplies	1,200	664	1,000	1,000	-	0%
TOTAL	179,391	170,870	180,022	181,226	1,204	1%

FISCAL SERVICES

Treasurer's Salary	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	-	0%
Treasurer's FICA	122	122	122	122	-	0%
Bookkeeper's Salary	15,897	16,127	16,700	17,201	501	3%
Bookkeeper's Ins.	1,800	523	1,800	1,800	-	0%
Bookkeeper's FICA	1,216	1,234	1,278	1,316	38	3%
Bookkeeper's Supplies	1,700	527	1,700	1,700	-	0%
TOTAL	22,336	20,133	23,200	23,739	539	2%

PLANT OP./MAINT.

Custodial Salaries	140,911	140,917	129,807	132,850	3,043	2%
Health/Dental/Life Ins.	51,274	59,205	64,674	67,584	2,910	5%
FICA	11,211	10,511	10,327	10,163	(164)	-2%
Retirement	5,636	2,887	5,192	5,192	-	0%
Building Repairs	6,929	10,733	6,929	6,929	-	0%
Insurance/Bonds	24,000	29,398	31,000	31,000	-	0%
Telephone	5,700	5,060	5,500	5,500	-	0%
Contracted Services	9,500	15,846	10,500	10,500	-	0%
Custodial Supplies	18,750	13,695	16,000	16,000	-	0%
Grounds Supplies	7,000	6,895	6,000	6,000	-	0%
All Other Repairs	13,500	13,054	11,500	11,500	-	0%
Electricity	40,000	36,685	40,000	40,000	-	0%
Heat	50,000	59,679	50,000	50,000	-	0%
Lighting Project (GMP)	10,900	73,252	10,001	10,001	-	0%
Plant Operation Equipment	9,500	6,564	8,500	8,500	-	0%
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	1,000	1,021	750	750	-	0%
TOTAL	405,811	485,402	406,680	412,470	5,790	1%

ELEMENTARY TOTALS

2,478,721	2,478,340	2,472,113	2,505,916	33,803	1.37%
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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Contract	193,000	172,050	175,031	178,532	3,501	2%
Fuel	15,500	224	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	208,500	172,274	175,031	178,532	3,501	2%

FOOD SERVICE

Hot Lunch Supplement	40,211	40,211	40,211	40,211	-	0%
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**VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET - Expenditure Detail**

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
TOTAL	40,211	40,211	40,211	40,211	-	0%
W.S.E.S.U. Admin & Support of Instruction Assessment						
W.S.E.S.U. Assessment	190,664	190,664	173,272	149,550	(23,722)	-14%
TOTAL	190,664	190,664	173,272	149,550	(23,722)	-14%
SECONDARY TUITION/ VOC. ED.						
Secondary Tuitions	765,000	704,358	802,500	750,000	(52,500)	-7%
504 Tuition	15,000	19,808	17,000	-	(17,000)	-100%
TOTAL	780,000	724,166	819,500	750,000	(69,500)	-8%
SPECIAL EDUCATION						
Special Education Paras	-	60,525	131,437	89,584	(41,853)	-32%
WSESU SE Assessment	446,043	395,487	379,612	425,957	46,345	12%
TOTAL	446,043	456,012	511,049	515,541	4,492	1%
EARLY EDUCATION						
E.E.E. Program	64,473	64,105	64,978	81,509	16,531	25%
Pre-School Cont. Serv. /Coordination	78,790	77,000	91,000	91,000	-	0%
SCAMP Program	5,383	177	3,383	3,383	-	0%
TOTAL	148,646	141,282	159,361	175,892	16,531	10%
OTHER						
Reserve Fund Appropriation	-	-	-	98,450		
Special Article	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL	-	-	-	98,450		
OTHER TOTALS	1,814,064	1,724,609	1,878,424	1,908,176	29,752	2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,292,785	4,202,949	4,350,537	4,414,091	63,555	1.46%

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET - REVENUE DETAIL & EXPENSE SUMMARY

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
<u>LOCAL</u>						
Interest	2,000	1,056	2,000	2,000	-	0%
Miscellaneous	-	9,832	-	-	-	
Lighting Project-Evergreen		50,000				
Transportation-BUHS	66,442	66,442	66,442	66,442	-	0%
Rent-Town of Vernon Rec.Dept	146,784	146,786	146,784	154,123	7,339	5%
<u>WSESU SUB-GRANTS</u>						
EPSDT Nurse Grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	0%
IDEA Special Ed Grant	37,000	27,070	37,030	-	(37,030)	-100%
Medicaid Literacy Grant	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	0%
Medicaid General Support Grant	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	0%
<u>STATE & FEDERAL</u>						
GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT GRAN	3,458,420	3,467,237	3,578,475	3,779,281	200,806	6%
Special Ed Block Grant	79,207	79,207	80,437	80,437	-	0%
Special Ed Intensive Aid	187,499	182,392	208,163	208,163	-	0%
Transportation Aid	58,048	83,961	60,129	60,129	-	0%
Essential Early Ed Block Grant	21,956	21,956	20,516	20,516	-	0%
<u>OTHER LOCAL</u>						
Fund Balance & Educ. Reserves	192,429	24,634	88,561	-	(88,561)	-100%
Transfer from Capital Fund	-	-	19,000	-	(19,000)	-100%
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS	4,292,785	4,193,573	4,350,537	4,414,091	63,554	1.46%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,292,785	4,202,949	4,350,537	4,414,091		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	(9,376)	0	-		

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE - ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Vernon**
County: **Windham**

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Windham Southeast

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

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,094,775	\$4,292,785	\$4,350,537	\$4,414,091
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$4,094,775	\$4,292,785	\$4,350,537	\$4,414,091
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$4,094,775	\$4,292,785	\$4,350,537	\$4,414,091

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$828,507	\$834,365	\$772,062	\$634,810
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$828,507	\$834,365	\$772,062	\$634,810
14.	Education Spending	\$3,266,268	\$3,458,420	\$3,578,475	\$3,779,281
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	236.88	232.32	231.89	224.52

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,788.70 <i>threshold = \$14,841</i>	\$14,886.45 <i>threshold = \$15,456</i>	\$15,431.78 <i>threshold = \$16,166</i>	\$16,832.72 <i>threshold = \$17,103</i>
25.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,789	\$14,886	\$15,432	\$16,833
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$16,833 / \$9,459)	158.073% <i>based on \$8,723</i>	162.676% <i>based on \$9,151</i>	166.201% <i>based on \$9,285</i>	177.954% <i>based on \$9,459</i>

Prorating the local tax rate [PreK-8]

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (177.954% x \$1.000) x .75	\$1.0591 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$1.1550 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$1.2299 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$1.3347 <i>based on \$1.00</i>
29.	Percent of Vernon equalized pupils not in a union school district	62.55%	63.57%	65.85%	66.07%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (66.07% x \$1.33)	\$0.6625	\$0.7342	\$0.8099	\$0.8818
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	110.85%	111.18%	112.12%	111.1%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.8818 / 111.07%)	\$0.5977 <i>based on \$0.89</i>	\$0.6604 <i>based on \$0.94</i>	\$0.7224 <i>based on \$0.98</i>	\$0.7939 <i>based on \$1.00</i>

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 (177.954% x 1.94%)	2.85% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.93% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	3.22% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	3.45% <i>based on 1.94%</i>
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (66.07% x 3.45%)	1.78% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	1.86% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.12% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	2.28% <i>based on 1.94%</i>

Estimated Weighted Average [Grades 9-12]

35.	Vernon Percent of equalized pupils at Brattleboro UHSD	37.45%	36.43%	34.15%	33.93%
36.	Vernon Equalized Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Brattleboro UHSD	\$ 0.442	\$ 0.446	\$ 0.444	\$ 0.462
37.	Vernon CLA Adjusted Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Brattleboro UHSD	\$ 0.399	\$ 0.401	\$ 0.396	\$ 0.416
38.	Vernon Total Equalized Pk-12 homestead estimated school tax rate	\$1.105	\$1.180	\$1.254	\$1.344
39.	\$ change		\$0.075	\$0.074	\$0.089
40.	% change		6.8%	6.3%	7.1%
41.	Vernon Total CLA Adjusted Actual Pk-12 homestead estimated school tax rate	\$0.997	\$1.061	\$1.119	\$1.210
42.	\$ change		\$0.065	\$0.057	\$0.091
43.	% change		6.5%	5.4%	8.1%

44. - Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

****TOWN MEETING MINUTES AS PROVIDED BY TOWN CLERK****

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF
VERNON MARCH 4th, 5th AND 6th, 2014**

Moderator Timothy Arsenault called the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. and went over the procedural rules for the meeting.

Sergeants-at-Arms: Officer Matt Stains and Sergeant Bruce Gauld; Town Attorney Richard Coutant was present; Microphone handlers: Seth and Ian Deyo

Voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 1, 2, and 3 will be at the Town Office Building, downstairs on March 5, 2014. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

School Board Chair Mary Ann Gardner introduced School Board members present as well as Elementary School Principal Mark Speno, WSESU Superintendent Ron Stahley, WSESU Financial Officer Jim Kane, and Treasurer and Bookkeeper, Sally Brasseur. Chair Gardner said the school budget being presented is a level serviced budget. Her comments included but were not limited to: the school population is not declining; the energy project with Green Mountain Power has resulted in a reduction in kilowatt hours used; the transportation contract was down; special education costs is up; the Capital Plan was not funded last year. There was an overall reduction of one tenth of one percent.

After the presentation several questions were raised particularly in the area of the 250% increase in supervisory union fees. Mr. Kane explained that special education costs would now be in the WSESU budget rather in town budgets. Much more discussion followed.

ARTICLE 4: Michael Hebert made the motion that the voters of the Vernon Town School District discontinue use of the Australian Ballot system for voting its budget and return to voting its budget at the annual Town School District Meeting (commencing with the March 2015 meeting). The motion was seconded and Mr. Hebert spoke to his motion saying that there is a lack of communication when the vote is taken by Australian Ballot and lack of open discussion. After much discussion the vote was called and Mr. Howard Fairman asked for a paper ballot vote. With 6 other voters supporting the request, the article was voted by paper ballot. The results of the ballot: 86—Yes and 174—No. The article was defeated.

Moderator Arsenault introduced Windham County Senator Peter Galbraith. Senator Galbraith spoke briefly on the problem of the State's heavy reliance on the property tax. He also has been working with Rep. Hebert on a bill to allow Vernon to keep the 25% reduction of the state wide education tax.

ARTICLE 5: Regina Dyer made the motion that the Town School District vote to transfer \$75,000.00 from the Education Reserve Fund Balance to defray FY 2015 expenses. The motion was seconded. After brief discussion the motion passed.

ARTICLE 6: Walter Breau made the motion to see if the Town School District will appropriate out of the Unassigned Fund Balance of June 30, 2013, the sum of \$13,561.00 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate and defraying FY 2015 expenses. The motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 7: Deborah Hebert made the motion to see if the Town School District will authorize the Town School Board to borrow money to pay its current expenses in anticipation of taxes. The motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Ron Stahley recognized Mary Ann Gardner for her years of service on the school board. Ron Stahley and Mary Ann Gardner then recognized and thanked Jim Kane for his years of service. Mr. Kane will be retiring after 35 years. Mr. Fairman spoke regarding the audit done by Pieciak & Co. and their recommendation on better internal controls. There followed much discussion on the purchase of new laptops for each school board member.

Mr. Fairman offered an advisory motion: Do the voters of the Vernon School District direct the Vernon School Board to return by the end of the current school year the apple mac book air lap top computers purchased with public funds for use for the Vernon Elementary School by use of students and staff and reimbursed at the end of the ensuing school year to the Vernon School District the full cost of the apple mac book air lap top computers that any member of the Vernon School Board School Board prefers to keep.

The Moderator asked for those in favor of the advisory motion to stand and be counted by the Town Clerk. When those opposed to the motion were asked to stand, it was obvious to the moderator that a count didn't need to be taken. The advisory motion was defeated.

A short recess was declared to allow for the Selectboard to prepare for the second part of the meeting.

The meeting reconvened and Chair Patty O'Donnell introduced the other members of the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 9: Sandra Harris made the motion to see if the voters authorize the use of the "Solid Waste Fund" for the purpose of funding the "Pay As You Throw" program with any revenues generated from "Pay As You Throw" to be placed in the "Solid Waste Fund". The motion was seconded. Much discussion followed regarding the associated costs of recycling, extra help for administration, use of stickers or a price per bag. There was concern that there was not enough information given to taxpayers and that since it is not mandated to go into effect until July 1, 2015, we should take

more time to make our decisions. A motion made to cease debate was seconded and passed. The vote was taken on the article and the article passed.

The meeting was recessed until 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 P.M. with Mike Hebert acting as Moderator until Tim Arsenault arrived.

ARTICLE 10: Patty O'Donnell made the motion to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 as the line item budget for the elected Town Auditors for the year of 2014-2015. This budget amount of \$35,000.00 will replace the line item sum of \$2,700.00 presented in the 2014-2015 Selectboard budget for elected Town Auditors. It will also eliminate the line item amount of \$20,000.00 presented in that same budget for an outside audit. (By Petition) Patty O'Donnell then moved to pass over this article as it will be within the Selectboard budget and taken up in Article 11.

A point of order was raised by Howard Fairman but Attorney Coutant ruled that it was proper to pass over. Phyllis Newton asked if she could speak to the article but was denied.

Howard Fairman asked for voting by paper ballot. The article was defeated on a vote of 134 to 82.

ARTICLE 11: Christiane Howe made the motion to see if the voters authorize a total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$2,112,785.00 of which \$1,564,210.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$215,262.00 by non-tax revenues and \$333,313.00 by prior year surplus. The motion was discussion and approximately 2 hours of discussion followed.

Phyllis Newton offered several corrections and clarifications to the Selectboard Budget as it was presented.

Phyllis Newton made a motion to amend the Auditors line item from \$2,700.00 to \$35,417.00 which is the level funded amount. If the town wants the outside audit, that is their choice. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Munson Hicks asked if Mrs. Newton would consider a friendly amendment to her amendment to level fund both the Auditors and Listers budgets to the 2013/2014 levels, and with savings in insurance and removing the outside audit, there would be a savings of \$3,900. He also commented that by hiring an outside auditor, the town gives up the right of having people they elect to audit the town's books and have an outside auditor chosen by only five people.

The amendment: to restore Auditors salaries line item to \$35,417.00; FICA to \$2,709.00; insurance to \$11,019.00; and restore Listers salaries line item to \$46,352.00; FICA to \$3,546.00; and insurance to \$11,014; and eliminate the \$20,000.00 for the outside audit.

The motion to amend was seconded and much discussion followed. The motion was made to cease debate. The motion was seconded and a paper ballot was requested.

Results of the vote: 147 to 82 to keep the amounts as presented in the Selectboard budget. The moderator declared the amendment defeated.

Perley Sparrow made a motion to reduce the Police Department funding for the ensuing year to \$262,095 leaving \$40,000.00 in the line item to be used by the Selectboard in hiring the Windham County Sheriff's Department or the Vermont State Police as needed, and requested that the voting be done by paper ballot. The motion was seconded and much discussion followed which included the pros and cons of having a police department vs. hiring the Sheriff's Dept or the Vt State Police.

There was a proposal to cease debate which was seconded and voting was done by paper ballot.

Results of the voting: 118 voting yes to the amendment and 112 voting no. The moderator declared the amendment passed.

Further discussion on the article as amended:

The Recreation Dept was queried as to several items.

Munson Hicks made a motion to restore the Selectboard salaries to \$19,500. Phyllis Newton stated that the Auditors set the Selectboard salaries and the cut was made to encourage the Selectboard to consider hiring a Town Administrator.

Jeff Dunklee stated that while he appreciated the gesture, the Selectboard did not take this job for the money and that the reduction was a shared sacrifice.

The motion was made to cease debate. The motion was seconded. The motion to restore the Selectboard's salaries to \$19,500 was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

Deborah Berryere made a motion to reduce the Recreation Dept's budget of \$338,536.00 to \$160,056 which would reflect the anticipated revenue of \$178,480.00. The motion was seconded and much discussion followed.

The motion was made to cease debate. The motion was seconded.

The motion to amend the Recreation Dept's budget was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

Patty O'Donnell made a motion to increase the line item for the police department from \$40,000.00 to 53,000.00. A point of order was called and the town attorney was queried. Atty. Coutant stated that once an amount has been voted on, it cannot be brought up again. The Moderator declared the motion out of order.

A motion was made to cease debate on Article 11. The motion was seconded and Article 11 as amended was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative. Treasurer Sally Brasseur read the article with the amended figures: To see if the voters authorize a total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,850,690.00 of which \$1,564,210.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$215,262.00 by non-tax revenues and \$333,313.00 by prior year surplus.

Moderator Arsenault read the results of the voting by Australian Ballot;
The results of the voting on articles 1, 2 and 3 were as follows:

ARTICLES 1 & 2

MODERATOR	
Timothy Arsenault	514
TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER	
Sally Brassor	492
SELECTBOARD – 3 Year Position	
Christiane Howe	197
SELECTBOARD – 2 Year Position	
Jeffrey Dunklee	404
AUDITOR	
Phyllis Newton	434
LISTER	
Phyllis Newton	428
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
Marylynn Scherlin	306
FIRST CONSTABLE	
Peter Crossmon	507
SECOND CONSTABLE	
Scott D Lane	474
TOWN AGENT	
Nancy Howe	459
GRAND JUROR	
Nancy Howe	452
SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR	
Timothy Arsenault	508
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 3 Year Position	
Deborah Hebert	465
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 2 Year Position	
Mathew Coombs	479

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Vernon Town School District adopt a budget of \$ 4,401,269.00 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the 2014-2015 school year? (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

YES	257
NO	265
BLANK	7
TOTAL	529

ARTICLE 12: Janet Rasmussen made the motion that Barbara Mosely and James Brown be appointed as a committee to dispense the Marsh Fund. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13: Janis Pereira made the motion that Ellen Merkle be nominated as library trustee for the term of three years. The motion was seconded. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

Deb Berryere made the motion that the body approve the library trustees' report as printed in the annual report. The motion was seconded.

Brief discussion followed, in which it was pointed out by Patty O'Donnell that the report did not need to be approved by the body. Deb Berryere still wished the body to approve of the report by a vote. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 14: Janis Pereira made the motion that voters authorize the total fund expenditure of \$116,779.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library, of which \$112,857.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$3,922.00 by prior year surplus. The Motion was seconded.

Deb Berryere spoke to the motion, saying that the librarians have not had a raise in years and are trying to provide the same level of service to the town on a reduced budget.

Brief discussion followed in which the library trustees were queried as to what has been done to reduce the budget. Deb Berryere responded that two assistant positions have been combined and hours reduced. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15: Janet Rasmussen made the motion that voters authorize the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the "Emergency Capital Reserve Fund" to fund the unfunded liability portion of the retirement fund. The motion was seconded.

Janet Rasmussen spoke to her motion amending Article 15 to read that the voters authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the "Emergency Capital Reserve Fund" to fund the unfunded liability portion of the retirement fund. The amendment was seconded.

Janet Rasmussen spoke to her amendment saying that they have decided to terminate the pension fund and have all of the money moved into individual 457B plans for all eligible employees.

Discussion followed in which Gordon Christiansen questioned why the pension lost money in the last fiscal year. Janet Rasmussen responded that the markets have not been good. Mr. Christiansen disagreed.

Susan Cobb opposed the motion and spoke at length on how the pension fund should not be terminated because those receiving the money after the fund's termination will not use the money responsibly. Janet Rasmussen responded that there will be financial advisors available to those who wish to reinvest the money.

Mr. Hicks spoke to the motion saying that the termination of pensions is politically motivated by the Selectboard. He also stated that we made a promise to town employees to provide their pensions and that we should stand by that.

More discussion followed in which opinions were given on either side of the issue. Some members of the body felt that people should be able to decide what to do with their own

money. Mr. Hicks responded that they already had made that decision years ago by contributing to their pension fund.

A motion was made to cease debate on the amendment. The motion was seconded. The motion to cease debate passed.

Susan Cobb requested a ballot vote. The Chair pointed out that according to meeting rules seven people must sustain the request. The Chair asked the body if seven people supported the request. There were not seven people found, therefore the request was not sustained.

Voting resumed on Article 15 as amended. Brief discussion followed. The motion was made to cease debate. The motion was seconded. The motion to cease debate on Article 15 as amended passed.

The motion passed as amended in a voice in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16: Sandra Harris made the motion that the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Elderly Assistant Fund." The motion was seconded.

Sandra Harris spoke to her motion stating that we should support the elderly of this town by passing Article 16. Very brief discussion followed. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17: Christiane Howe made the motion that the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,010.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts? (By petition)

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300.00
The Current	600.00
Green Mountain RSVP	510.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action Inc	2,100.00
Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	6,500.00

The motion was seconded. Brief discussion followed in which the merits of the organizations were described. The motion was made to cease debate. The motion to cease debate was seconded. The motion to cease debate passed.

The motion of Article 17 was voted on and passed by paper ballot.

ARTICLE 18: Sandra Harris made the motion that the voters authorize the discontinuance of the "James Cusick Scholarship Fund" and transfer balance to the General Fund. The motion was seconded.

Sandra Harris spoke to the motion stating that she was not in favor of this motion and the importance of the scholarship fund to our community.

Brief discussion followed in which it was clarified that the Selectboard was not in favor of this article.

The motion to cease debate was made. The motion to cease

The motion of Article 18 was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: Sandra Harris made the motion that voters authorize \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "James Cusick Scholarship Fund." The motion was seconded.

Mrs. Harris spoke to her motion stating her support of Article 19.

Mr. Hicks made the motion to amend the amount to \$2,000.00 which would bring the total to \$80,000 in the fund and would provide scholarships for two years. The motion was seconded. Town Clerk Susan Miller requested to add to Mr. Hick's amendment. Patty O'Donnell suggested that the Town Clerk make a separate amendment. The Town Clerk stated that she had written an article concerning the scholarship fund, which was not included by the Selectboard in the town report. Mrs. O'Donnell responded that due to the large number of articles in this year's report that they chose to include only the most important ones. The Town Clerk agreed to make a separate amendment.

The motion was made to cease debate on the Hick's amendment and passed. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote in the negative.

Town Clerk Susan Miller made a motion to amend Article 19 to extend the time to get the applications back to the town office and have a new deadline of February 15th, also to make the checks payable to the colleges and not to the students. The motion was seconded.

Sandra Harris spoke against the amendment stating that similar changes have been made in the past, which resulted in more problems.

Christiane Howe moved to make the Miller amendment two separate amendments to be voted on separately. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

The first Miller amendment was to extend the deadline of the "James Cusick Scholarship Fund to February 15th". The motion was seconded. Discussion followed in which Sandra Harris made the friendly amendment to change the scholarship guidelines to reflect the amendment made by the Town Clerk. The first Miller amendment was then rephrased to: "to change the guidelines of the 'James Cusick Scholarship Fund' to reflect an application deadline of February 15th." The motion was seconded.

The motion to cease debate on the first Miller amendment was made and passed. The first Miller amendment was voted on and passed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

The second Miller amendment was that the "James Cusick Scholarship Fund" guidelines further be refined to say that the checks will go to the colleges and not to the students. The motion was seconded.

Point of Order by Mr. Sparrow correcting the wording of the first Miller amendment from "application" to "verification".

Discussion of the second Miller amendment continues. Deb

discuss the scholarship fund. Select person Howe responded that only the voters can make changes to the fund. The motion to cease debate on the second Miller amendment was made and passed. The second Miller amendment was defeated in a voice vote.

Christiane Howe made an amendment, which will change number seven on the scholarship guidelines to read that the checks will be sent the last two weeks in February. The motion was seconded. The motion to cease debate on the Howe amendment was made and passed. The Howe amendment passed in a voice vote.

The motion was made and passed to cease debate on Article 19. The motion of Article 19 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 20: Janet Rasmussen made the motion that the voters authorize the discontinuance of the "Town Copiers Fund" and transfer its fund balance to the General Fund. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21: Jeff Dunklee made the motion that the voters authorize the expenditure of \$59,000.00 to be raised by taxes to purchase a Rescue Truck. The motion was seconded.

Jeff Dunklee spoke to his motion stating that the current rescue truck is no longer reliable due to electrical issues.

Art Miller questioned the Selectboard as to why we would be raising this all from taxes rather than use the Capital Fund. Sandra Harris and Chief Capen stated the reason is because the rescue truck is needed now. Art Miller made the motion to amend Article 21 to take \$34,625.00 from the Capital Plan (that is money that has been designated for the police cruisers which we will not be needing) and raise the balance of \$24,375.00 through taxes to pay for the rescue truck. The motion was seconded.

Faith Jobin asked if this amendment will mean that the town will have to wait until July to get the truck. Chris Howe answered in the affirmative. Patty O'Donnell stated that the money can be taken from the Emergency Reserve Fund and then reimbursed in July.

Faith Jobin then asked for a paper ballot vote on both the amendment and the article. The request could not be sustained by the needed seven people.

Discussion of the amendment continues in which Mrs. Cross asked for clarification as to where the money will come from. Point of Order from Mr. Hicks stating that if we are going to take the money from Emergency Fund should we not change the wording in the amendment.

Town Treasurer Sally Brassor provided clarification stating that to get the \$59,000.00 they would appropriate \$33,950.00 from the Capital Plan and raise \$25,050.00 in taxes. Sally then stated that considering that decisions made during town meeting are not binding until 30 days, if a petition should go through to reinstate the Police Department there will not be any money for police cruisers.

Mrs. Deer asked for further clarification on where the money will be taken from in the Capital Plan. The Town Treasurer corrected her earlier figures stating that \$43,575.00 is the total when you add up the money that would have been allocated for the Police cruisers. And then the amount to be raised would be \$15,475.00.

The motion was made and passed to cease debate.

The Miller amendment was voted on in a voice vote. The Chair was in question as to the vote and asked those in favor to stand. The results were 105 yes and 52 no. The Miller amendment passed.

The Town Treasurer gave a final clarification of the funds being allocated. \$43,425.00 from the Capital Plan and \$15,425.00 to be raised through taxes.

The motion to cease debate on Article 21 was made and passed. The motion of Article 21 passed as amended in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22: Jeff Dunklee made the motion that the voters authorize a total expenditure of \$298,000.00 for the replacement of engine 1, of which \$97,656.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$200,344.00 shall come from the Capital Fund.

Jeff Dunklee spoke to the motion stating that Engine 1 is 30 years old and replacing the engine now is 30% cheaper than if the town waits for a future year, due to more stringent emission requirements.

Fire Chief Capen stated a 30-40% savings if the truck is replaced this year. He also said that the maximum useful life of a vehicle is 25 years according to the National Fire Agency guidelines.

Steve Zaluzny questioned the condition of the current truck and asked if a used truck could be found. Jesse Jobin responded that the main issue is that there isn't room to put more equipment on the truck.

Steve Zaluzny questioned the type of truck being looked at and repeated his question as to the possibility of a used truck. Chief Capen responded that the fire department has not looked into a used truck because they were advised by the finance committee not to look into a used vehicle.

Mr. Fairman questioned how they came up with \$28,000.00 for the price of replacing Engine 1. The Fire Department responded that this price is for a commercial model truck.

Mr. Fairman asked if there is a type of "off the shelf" truck available. The Fire Department responded in the affirmative and that the truck they are looking at is that type of truck.

The motion was made to cease debate and passed.

Article 22 passed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 23: Christiane Howe made the motion that the voters approve the Vernon Capital Plan as presented in the Annual Report. The Town is free to add, delete, or modify any individual item from the proposed plan by amendment under this article. The motion was seconded.

Point of Information made by Mr. Hicks that an amendment needs to be made in the Capital Plan to reflect the appropriation of cruiser funds. The Chair responded that the amendment should be discussed under Article 24.

Mr. Hicks questioned if the police article is raised by petition and passes, what will happen. The finance committee responded that the Capital Plan would have to be rewritten and a special Town Meeting held.

Mr. Fairman questioned why there is no presentation on the Capital Plan and requested that a member of the finance committee explain the Capital Plan and why they made the decisions they made. The finance committee responded that they met with the Fire Department, the Library, and the Town Clerk and discussed separate issues from each. Mr. Fairman questioned how Vermont Yankee closing affected the plan. The finance committee responded that the town departments still need money to maintain equipment regardless of Vermont Yankee's status. Mr. Fairman then questioned will the Capital Plan change when Yankee closes.

The motion was made and passed to cease debate.

Article 23 passed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24: Christiane Howe made the motion that voters authorize a total expenditure of \$197,481.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan, of which \$121,365.68 shall be raised by taxes, and \$76,115.32 from the Capital Fund. The motion was seconded.

Town Treasurer Sally Brassor made the amendment so that the motion reads: "that voters authorize a total expenditure of \$187,481.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan, of which \$111,365.68 shall be raised by taxes, and \$76,115.32 from the Capital Fund." The amendment was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

No discussion followed.

The motion passed as amended by a voice vote in the affirmative.

A recess was called at 10:02 P.M.

CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 5, 2014

Moderator Tim Arsenault reconvened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 25: Sandra Harris made the motion that the voters authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Road Upgrading Fund." The motion was seconded.

Mike Brooks asked for clarification on what the actual cost of

asked if we used the money raised last year. The Road Commissioner responded that yes the money was used last year on Franklin Road. The money needed this year for all projects is actually \$280,000.00. The \$100,000.00 requested will be added to the current amount they have in their budget. Deb Berryere spoke against the amount of \$100,000.00.

Mr. Fairman questioned how the Town Road Upgrading Fund was handled and how they reached the figures reported, and how the markets affected them. The Town Treasurer deferred to Phyllis Newton to respond because the auditors prepared the report. Auditor Phyllis Newton explained how the market created more loss than gains in most of last year's quarters.

Mr. Fairman questioned the Highway Department as to why it costs so much to maintain the roads. Mr. Walker responded that it is mostly the cost of supplies and equipment.

Phyllis Newton also responded to Mike Brooks' earlier query. She said that the \$100,000.00 voted on last year will not show in this year's town report.

Mr. Walker stated that he is going to apply for a grant from the state to replace the money he is currently requesting from the town.

The motion to cease debate was made and passed.

Voting on the article continued. The Chair was in doubt as to the voice vote and requested those in favor to stand. The results of the voting was 98 yes and 38 no. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 26: Sandra Harris made the motion that the voters authorize the expenditure of \$98,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund." The motion was seconded.

Mr. Walker explained that this is for the town office and fire station.

Sandra Harris added that once paved these parking lots should last for 25 years.

Mike Brooks proposed an amendment to cut the figure to \$49,000.00. The motion was seconded.

The Highway Department was questioned as to how much is currently in the parking lot fund. Mr. Walker deferred to the Town Treasurer whose response was \$62,519.99.

Steve Zaluzny asked Mr. Walker how badly the lots need repaving. Mr. Walker responded that the fire station needs repaving this year; the town office might be able to wait one to two years.

Motion to cease debate on the amendment was made and passed.

Voting on amendment continued. The Chair was in doubt as to the voice vote and requested those in favor of the amendment to stand. The results were 47 yes and 83 no. The amendment was defeated.

The motion was made to cease debate on Article 26 and passed. The motion of Article 26 passed as written in a voice vote.

ARTICLE 27: Patty O'Donnell made the motion that the voters authorize the expenditure of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Professional Services Fund."

Patty spoke to the motion explaining that this is for the lawsuit with TransCanada and negotiations with Entergy.

No discussion followed. The motion to cease debate was made and passed. The Motion passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 28: Patty O'Donnell made the motion that the voters authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Reappraisal Fund."

Mike Ball asked why neighboring towns' homes are appraised at 80-90% and Vernon is at 113%, pointing out that we will get fined if this continues. Patty deferred to Phyllis Newton as a Lister. Phyllis stated that we are above 100% and that the last town wide reappraisal was in 2008. So long as we stay equitable we will be fine and if we go too low our tax rate will be higher.

Susan King who is a realtor in town stated that homes are selling for significantly less than their current appraisal. The motion to cease debate was made and passed.

Article 28 passed in a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 29: Patty O'Donnell made the motion that the voters appropriate the expenditure of \$6,600.00 to be raised by taxes in support of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS).

Point of Order by Mr. Hicks stating that the article is in violation of the Town's requirements that non-profits must have a petition signed by 5% of the voters. Patty responded that they did look at this article differently because it is concerning economic development because a lot of people will lose their jobs.

The Town Attorney was present and recommended to the Chair to allow the Article. The Chair did choose to allow the article. Mr. Hicks challenged this decision and the challenge was seconded.

Patty O'Donnell stated that there is no official policy requiring signatures.

Mr. Fairman spoke of the benefits of SeVEDS.

Point of Order was made that the discussion is about whether the article will go forward.

Dale Gassett spoke against the fairness of allowing SeVEDS to request money without a petition.

Mr. Langeveld (member of SeVEDS) urged that the article be allowed to go forward.

Motion to cease debate made and passed.

The motion of "shall the Moderator's decision allowing consideration of the SeVEDS' article be sustained."

The Chair was in doubt as to the voice vote. Those in favor were asked to stand. The results were 65 yes and 55 no. Article 29 will be considered as written.

The motion to cease debate on Article 29 was made and passed.

The Chair was in doubt as to the voice vote and those in favor were asked to stand. The results were 40 yes and 77 no. Article 29 was defeated.

ARTICLE 30: Christiane Howe made the motion that the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town treasurer in two installments, with the due dates being September 16, 2014 and February 17, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

ARTICLE 31: Barbara Moseley asked why the town website has not been completed. Janet Rasmussen responded that there are currently two domain names. Sandy Harris owned one of the domains and she has given up that domain. There was a breakdown of information among those working on the website. The issue is now in the hands of the Town Attorney.

Mrs. Arsenault asked why we do not have information in the report about the town picnic. Patty O'Donnell responded that they are currently looking into raising the money and planning the picnic without using tax payer money.

Nancy Gassett disagreed with Janet Rasmussen as to what happened with the Town Website. She did research as an auditor and said that Sandy Harris did not return the domain name to host master. The name was cancelled but the ownership remains with Sandy Harris.

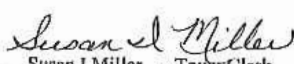
Officer Mark Anderson said that we should put who is at fault concerning the website behind us and move forward so that the information can be made available.

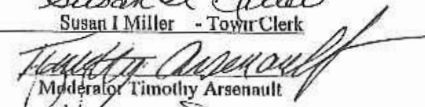
Sally Brasseur said that the estimated tax rate last year was forty three cents and this year after voting is thirty two cents or a savings of eleven cents.

The motion was made for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.

The body thanked Timothy Arsenault for his work as Moderator.

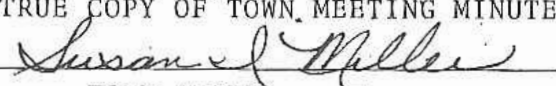
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Susan I Miller - Town Clerk


Moderator Timothy Arsenault


Selectboard Chair Patricia O'Donnell

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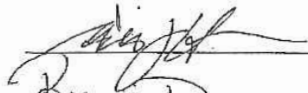

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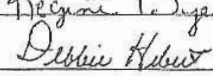
VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

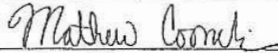
The legal voters of the Vernon Town School District in the County of Windham, in the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Town Office Building (upstairs) in Vernon, Vermont on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 to act upon the following article. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A public informational meeting on the budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Vernon Elementary School, Vernon, Vermont.


ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District appropriate Four Million, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,350,537.00) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014? (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

Dated this 7th day of April, 2014



Reginald Dyer


Debbie Hubert


Matthew Cornish


Walter C. Brown

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING ARTICLES FOR 2015

ARTICLE Shall the Vernon Town School District adopt a budget of \$4,414,091 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year? **(VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)**

ARTICLE To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

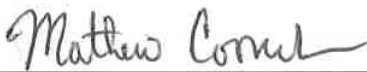
Michael Hebert, Chair




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Walter Breau, Clerk



Mathew Coombs



Deborah Hebert

Approved by the Board on January 26, 2015

WARNING
TOWN OF VERNON, VERMONT
2015 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Vernon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 to act upon any of the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; said meeting to be adjourned and reconvene on March 3, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. if needed;

Voting on by Australian Ballot on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be held at the Town Office Building, downstairs, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot:

OFFICER	TERM OF OFFICE
Town Moderator	1 Year
Selectboard Member	3 Years
Selectboard Member	2 Years
Lister	3 Years
Auditor	3 Years
1 st Constable	1 Year
2 nd Constable	1 Year
Town Agent	1 Year
Grand Juror	1 Year
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Year

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town School District Officers by Australian Ballot:

OFFICER	TERM OF OFFICE
Town School District Moderator	1 Year
School Director	3 Years
School Director	2 Years

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Vernon Town School District adopt a budget of \$4,414,091.00 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the 2015-2016 school year? (Voting by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a certified public accountant, and all other auditor duties performed by others as directed by the Selectboard, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Vernon discontinue the two positions of additional selectmen pursuant to 17 V.S. A. § 2650(c)? (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize a total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$2,057,681.00, less estimated income of \$225,000.00, of which \$1,674,877.02 be raised by taxes, \$70,000.00 by non-tax revenues, and \$87,803.99 by prior year surplus?

ARTICLE 8: To choose a committee to disburse the income of the Marsh Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Vernon establish a reserve fund to be called the Vernon Free Library Gift Fund for the purpose of receiving gifts and bequests to the Vernon Free Library pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a)?

ARTICLE 10: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of two years through March 2017.

ARTICLE 11: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of two years through March 2017

ARTICLE 12: To elect a Library Trustee for the term of three years.

ARTICLE 13: To elect a Library Trustee for the term of three years

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$116,552.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library, of which \$113,924.00 shall be raised by taxes, and \$2,628.00 by prior year surplus?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Elderly Assistance Fund"?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$11,360.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts. (BY PETITION) (To be acted on individually)?

The Current	\$600.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$510.00
Senior Solutions	\$800.00
Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH	\$6,500.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$850.00
South Eastern VT Community Action	\$2,100.00

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "The Town of Vernon, James Cusick Scholarship Fund"?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters approve the Vernon Capital Plan as presented in the Annual Report. The Town is free to add, delete, or modify any individual item from the proposed plan by amendment under this Article.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$237,800.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan, of which \$220,001.58 shall be raised by taxes, and \$17,798.42 from the Capital Fund?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Road Upgrading Fund"?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$50,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Professional Services Fund"?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Reappraisal Fund"?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two installments, with the due dates being September 17, 2015 and February 16, 2016?

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other non-binding business that may lawfully come before said meeting

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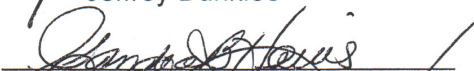
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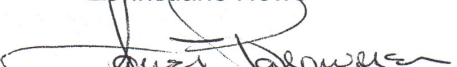
Jeffrey Dunklee



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Christiane Howe



Janet Rasmussen

Vernon Selectboard

This year's Town Report is Dedicated to an Irreplaceable Icon
Eleanor "Cookie" Allen
1945-2014

Eleanor "Cookie" Allen lived a life that fulfilled the lesson learned in her childhood "kindness matters". Born the 6th child (and only girl), she grew up without indoor plumbing, cooking on a wood stove, and really working on the family farm from the age of 6, learning her hard-working ethics at a young age, and still finding time for fun.

She attended elementary school in Vernon, graduated from BUHS, and received her B.A. in Education from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Cookie continued to be a teacher even after she left teaching to raise her daughter alone following a divorce. Whatever position she held, she taught those around her by word and example (as anyone who ever took a trip on the Vernon Town Bus or sat on a committee with her witnessed).

Some of the positions she held during her brief life were: farmer, teacher, day-care operator, postal carrier, historian, senior advocate, Town Bus driver, Farm-Daze organizer, volunteer, committee member, and the list goes on. Yes, some of these were "paid" positions, yet never did she ask to be paid for all the "extras" that she brought to them. As a Bus driver she would put in many non-paid hours to ascertain that the riders on the bus would have a great trip. As a postal carrier she would leave little anonymous gifts for so many people that needed that little something to know they were special. She was the special one!

Super organized to the end of her brief life, a true friend, someone that can never be replaced, but someone we were all better for knowing (some of us all our lives), may her legacy spur us on to do better for having known her.



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