

**FRONT COVER**

## STATEMENT OF THE AUDITORS

In accordance with Sections 1681 & 1682 of Title 24 V.S.A., we examined and found correct, the accounts and records of the Town of Pittsfield and the Pittsfield School Directors.

To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports show the financial activity and financial position of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the School District for FY2014-2015.

Jessica Fuster	2016, (resigned)
Martha Beyersdorf	2017
Joanne Mills	2018, (resigned)
Erica Hurd	2016, (appointed)

### ON THE COVER

This year's theme is "Community." Many thanks go out to local artist and business owner Traci Templeton, who created this beautiful pen and ink for our cover.

"I love this Community! Putting a visual piece together to convey this love and the experience of our community, although easy in thought, was tough in pen and ink. I believe WE, the community, are the microcosm of a the greater whole, what we do, how we act, how we commune and what we hold close, in all it's varieties and contradictions, that which happens here in this small quaint New England town creates a ripple effect. We are fortunate and blessed to know that in the face of tough times, be it a death, a flood or just some sand for our icy driveways that we can look to one another for support, care, kind words and dirt. We are resilient. Nobody knows everybody, some of us were born and raised right here, some of us are transplants from other towns, states, and communities. I believe all of us are seeking safety, comfort and a sense of wellbeing for ourselves, our families, our community and in essence the World. In this World where truth, eternal vigilance, equal justice, duty and supper are profoundly corrupt and deprived, it is our job as a community to hold these basic values of independence and freedom to the highest moral regard. We can only try our best right where we stand and we do.

I took inspiration from the Iconic Vermont Maple Syrup Jug, the Liberty Pole that stands tall on the town green, and my own experience. Objectively speaking, there is no World's Best (except for breakfast) but if there was we'd be in the running. Our All Natural Sweetness (PURE VERMONT) are the mountains and rivers that surround us, the trees that run in the Spring, the flowers that bloom and the freshest of water (that tried to crush us). I feel, our sense of pride comes from knowing that in times of trouble and unrest, we do our best to thrive, reconnect and support our neighbors, friends and the Pittsfield Community as a whole. Working together for the greater whole, idealistic as it may seem, has happened right here- I've felt it and seen it with my own eyes. See you at Supper. xo!"

Traci Templeton

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**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD WARNING**  
**Town and School District Meeting**

We hereby notify the legal voters of the Town of Pittsfield to meet at the Pittsfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10 am to transact the following business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** Pittsfield School District Warning will be acted upon at this time.

**Article 3.** To receive the reports of the town officers for the year 2015.

**Article 4.** To elect the following officers for terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant:

	Terms (years)	Vote by Ballot Mandatory VSA T.17§2646
a. Select Person	2	Yes
b. Select Person	3	Yes
c. Lister	1	Yes
d. Lister	2	Yes
e. Lister	3	Yes
f. Auditor	2	Yes
g. Auditor	3	Yes
h. Trustee of Public Funds	3	No
i. Trustee Roger Clark Memorial Library	5	No
j. Second Constable	2	No
k. Grand Juror	1	No
l. Town Agent	1	No
m. Cemetery Commissioner	3	No
n. Cemetery Commissioner	1	No
o. Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1	No
p. Fire Chief	2	No

**Article 5.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?

**Article 6.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, due before 3pm, on or before the third Thursday of August and the third Thursday of November?

**Article 7.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$20,000 to be placed in the reserve fund for Highway Equipment?

**Article 8.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$10,000 to be placed in the Contingency Reserve Fund?

**Article 9.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$30,000 to be placed in a reserve fund for replacement, repair or renovation of the town sand shed?

**Article 10.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize an increase in the veteran's exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000 of appraised value pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3802(11) first effective for the April 1, 2016 tax year?

**Article 11.** Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?

**Article 12.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?

**Article 13.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate?

**Article 14.** To discuss any other non-binding business which may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Pittsfield, Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2016.

Pittsfield Select Board,  
 Matt Corron, Chair  
 David Larkin  
 Wendy Reese

Received for record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2016 at 9 am.

Attest: Patricia S. Haskins, Town Clerk

Any individuals needing special accommodations can contact the Town Clerks's Office at least two weeks prior to the Town Meeting.

## 2015 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Moderator

George Deblon 2016

### Select Board

Jerome Drugonis (resigned) 2016  
 David Larkin 2017  
 Matt Corron (appointed) 2016  
 Wendy Reese (appointed) 2016

### Town Clerk

Patricia Haskins 2017

### Town Treasurer

Patricia Haskins 2017

### Road Commissioner

George Deblon 2016

### Listers

Martha Beyersdorf 2016  
 David Larkin (resigned) 2017  
 Kathianne Mianulli (resigned) 2018  
 Colleen Stevens (appointed) 2016  
 Dennis O'Brien (appointed) 2016

### School Directors

A. J. Ruben 2016  
 Raymond Rice 2017  
 Kristin Sperber 2018

### Auditors

Jessica Fuster (resigned) 2016  
 Martha Beyersdorf 2017  
 Joanne Mills (resigned) 2018  
 Erica Hurd (appointed) 2016

### Fire Chief

David Colton 2016

### Delinquent Tax Collector

Janice Stumpf 2016

### Town Agent

Sarah Gray 2016

### Justices of the Peace

(term commencing 2/01/2015)  
 George Deblon 2017  
 Arline Drugonis 2017  
 Jennifer Wall Howard 2017  
 Pamela Mutrie 2017  
 Michael Wuerthele 2017

### Trustees of Public Funds

Sandy Begin 2016  
 Henry Hotchkiss 2017  
 Peter Borden 2018

### Trustees of the Roger Clark Memorial Library

Jessica Fuster (resigned) 2016  
 Marion Abrams 2017  
 Sharon Mayer 2018  
 Karen Butterhoff-Waterworth 2019  
 Erica Hurd 2020

### Grand Juror

Sandy Begin 2016

### Cemetery Commissioners

Connie Martin 2016  
 George Deblon 2017  
 Melvin Colton (deceased) 2017  
 Chuck Colton 2018  
 Steve Martin 2018

### First Constable

Tim Hunt 2017

### Second Constable

Doug Mianulli 2017

### School District Treasurer

Patricia Haskins 2017



## 2015 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Appointed by Select Board:

**Tree Warden**  
Arthur M. Begin 2016

**Park Commissioner**  
Connie Martin 2016

**Contracting Officer**  
Sarah Gray 2016

**Road Commissioner**  
George Deblon 2016

**Representative of Two Rivers  
Regional Planning Commission**  
Jerry Drugonis (resigned) 2016  
Matt Corron (appointed) 2016

**Civil Defense**  
Greg Martin 2016  
David Colton 2016

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
Robert Charlebois 2016  
David Larkin 2016  
Don Bass 2017  
Pat Fuster 2018  
Jennifer Howard 2018

**Zoning Administrator**  
Sarah Gray 2016

**Service Officer**  
Sandy Begin (resigned) 2016  
Clairetta Corron (appointed) 2016

**Emergency Management Coordinator**  
Peter Borden 2016

**Local Emergency Planning Commission**  
Peter Borden 2016

**E911 Coordinator**  
Martha Beyersdorf 2016

**Planning & Zoning Commission**  
Suana Rubin 2016  
Sarah Gray 2018  
Marsha Hopkins 2018  
Shawn Jarecki (resigned) 2019  
Bruce Shaw (appointed) 2019

**Unemployment Compensation  
Coordinator**  
Patricia Haskins 2016

**Representative to White River  
Valley Ambulance**  
Jonathan Prendergast (appointed) 2016  
Mona Colton (resigned) 2016

**Town Forest Fire Warden**  
Ray Colton 2017

**Green Up Coordinator**  
Eliana Ruben 2016

**TAC Representative**  
George Deblon 2016

**EC-Fiber**  
Marion Abrams 2016  
Peter Borden, Alternate 2016

**Energy Coordinator**  
Eric Lantiegne 2016

### Appointed by State Health Officer:

**Health Officer**  
Sandra Begin (resigned) 2015  
Sue Wuerthele (appointed) September 30, 2018  
Clairetta Corron, deputy October 31, 2018

### Appointed by Town Clerk/Treasurer:

**Asst. Town Clerk**  
Soojeong Seo (resigned) 2017  
Sarah Gallagher (appointed) 2016

**Asst. Town Treasurer**  
Soojeong Seo (resigned) 2017  
Sarah Gallagher (appointed) 2017

**Asst. School District Treasurer**  
Soojeong Seo (resigned) 2017  
Sarah Gallagher (appointed) 2017

**Deputy Registrar**  
Lyndon Mann 2016  
Randy Garner 2016  
Connie Martin 2016

## BOARD OF LISTERS

This year, we welcomed a first time Lister and a returning Lister. Colleen "Buffy" Stevens was appointed after Town Meeting to replace Kathianne Mianulli, who was elected and subsequently resigned. Dennis O'Brien, who has previously served as a Lister, was appointed to replace David Larkin, who resigned to accept a position on the Select Board.

Once we got settled, we met to reorganize and make plans for the coming year. Buffy attended a New Lister Workshop to become familiar with some of the responsibilities and duties of the position. Martha attended a workshop on Residential Data Collection, which she found very informative. Things seem to be always changing in the Property Valuation and Review Department in Montpelier, so it's nice that we can take advantage of courses, seminars, webinars, etc. which bring us up to speed with some of these changes. Plus, we are always able to contact our District Advisors for assistance when necessary. In the coming year, we plan to begin preparation for a reappraisal to bring us into a more fair and equitable plain.

A reminder to Vermont resident homeowners that you must annually file a Declaration of Homestead on your principal dwelling as of April 1, 2016. A form can be filed along with your 2016 Vermont Income Tax as well as completing it online by going to the Vermont Department of Taxes website at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov). You may be eligible for an adjustment if:

- You have filed a valid Vermont Homestead Declaration
- You were a Vermont resident all of calendar 2015
- You are not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer for tax year 2015

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your property, you can reach us through the Town Clerk's Office at 802-746-8170 or [pittsfieldlisters@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pittsfieldlisters@myfairpoint.net).

Pittsfield Board of Listers  
Martha L. Beyersdorf  
Colleen Stevens  
Dennis G. O'Brien

## HEALTH OFFICER

On October 1, 2015, I was appointed as Pittsfield's Town Health Officer. I attended training presented by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to learn about the role and my responsibilities.

I investigated one incident raised by a tenant but determined that no remedial action was needed.

Please make sure that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly in your homes and in rental properties.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Wuerthele  
Town Health Officer

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## Town of Pittsfield

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 (Summarized)  
(Complete Minutes on record at the Town Office)

Moderator George Deblon, called the Pittsfield Annual Town Meeting to order at 10:00 am. Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the Pittsfield Town Hall. George led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The articles warned by the Select Board were acted upon at this time.

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** George Deblon elected moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2. Pittsfield School District warning will be acted upon at this time.** The Town Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and the School District warning was acted upon. (See separate minutes). Representative Sandy Haas spoke to residents at 10:53 a.m. and the Town Meeting reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

**Article 3. To receive the report of the Town Officers for the year 2014.** Motion carried.

**Article 4. To elect the following officers for terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant:**

**Select Person for two years.** David Larkin

**Select Person for three years.** Peter Borden

**Lister for three years.** Kathianne Mianulli

**Auditor for three years.** Joanne Mills

**Trustee of Public funds for three years.** Peter Borden

**Trustee, Roger Clark Memorial Library for five years.** Erica Hurd

**Trustee, Roger Clark Memorial Library for one year.** Jess Fuster

**First Constable for two years.** Tim Hunt

**Second Constable for one year.** Doug Mianulli

**Grand Juror for one year.** Sandy Begin

**Town Agent for one year.** Sarah Gray

**Cemetery Commissioner for three years.** Chuck Colton

**Cemetery Commissioner for three years.** Steve Martin

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes for one year.** Janice Stumpf

**Article 5. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?** Motion carried.

**Article 6. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, due on or before August 15 and November 15, and due before 3 pm or the closing of the Town Office?** Motion carried.

**Article 7. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$15,000.00 to be placed in the reserve fund for Highway Equipment?** Motion carried.

**Article 8. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$15,000.00 to be placed in the Contingency Reserve Fund?** Motion carried.

**Article 9. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$19,000.00 for maintenance of the Pittsfield Town Hall?** Motion carried.

**Article 10. Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the change to make the office of Second Constable a two year term instead of a one year term?** Motion carried.

**Article 11. Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?** Motion was amended to include a raise of \$3.00 per hour for the Road Commissioner. Motion carried as amended.

**Article 12. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?** Motion carried.

**Article 13. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate?** Motion carried.

**Article 14. To discuss any other business which may properly come before the meeting.** Brief discussion about the Universal Recycling Act. George Deblon was thanked for his 24 years of excellent service to the town as Road Commissioner and congratulated for his appointment to Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

With no further business to be discussed, the 2015 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Patricia S. Haskins  
Town Clerk

Approved by:  
Jerry Drugonis  
Pittsfield Select Board

George Deblon  
Moderator

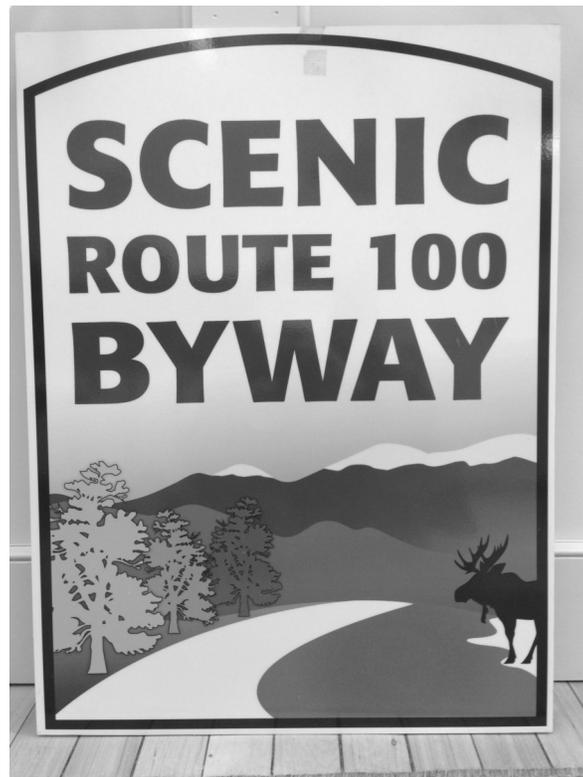
## PLANNING COMMISSION

This past year, the Planning Commission worked on the Town Plan five year update with the assistance of Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. After a public hearing for comments and suggestions, we sent the Town Plan to the Select Board. The Select Board held a public hearing and approved the Plan, sending it to Two Rivers for the Commission's approval. We received notice of their approval and now have a new five year Town Plan in place. This was a much more detailed Town Plan than had previously been in place and left the Planning Commission with an ongoing updating and work schedule to fulfill through a plan implementation matrix. We will work with the Select Board over the next few years in implementing this matrix.

The town park proposal on the three buyout sites at Parmenter Place continues and the Planning Commission and Select Board have been working with Dubois and King and the White River Partnership to come to a conclusion about how to manage this land. There has been public input in this process through several open Select Board meetings and a Special Meeting November 17, 2015 to get valuable input from the Town on future management of this land.

We have a five member Commission and were sorry to lose one of our members this past year when he moved out of the area. A new member has been appointed so we now have a full complement for work on our continuing projects. All of our meetings are public meetings and the times and dates are posted. We meet downstairs at the Town Office Building, generally on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM and we encourage public participation.

Suana Rubin



## ROAD COMMISSIONER

This past spring, we installed approximately 275 feet of guardrail on Lower Michigan Road. This will make this section of road much safer.

The town worked with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission on a culvert survey this past summer. The project was funded through a grant. The town match was comprised by in-house time spent on the project. A complete culvert inventory and inspection was accomplished. There are 37 culverts that need to be replaced throughout the town. A plan and a prioritized list have been developed of which culverts should be done sooner rather than later. The plan is to replace six to eight culverts each year for the next few years. Most of the culverts that need replacing are old metal culverts that are rusted out and some of them are collapsed. There are a couple of plastic culverts that have also collapsed, but for the most part the plastic culverts are holding up well.

The Town of Pittsfield applied for the 2015 VLCT PACIF Equipment Grant for a Liquid Chloride system for dust control and was approved for the grant. It requires a 50% match which was taken out of the Highway Equipment Fund. We now have a 525-gallon mounted sprayer which is installed on a trailer, and a 3,000 gallon storage tank. The total cost of this system was \$7,543.75, the town portion being \$3,771.87.

There are many advantages of liquid chloride over the bagged flake chloride: Liquid chloride works immediately, no waste containers go into the waste stream, liquid chloride is readily available, the liquid system is much more efficient to use, the tank can be filled at the highway garage, leftover liquid chloride can be pumped back into the storage tank and the spreader can be operated from the cab of the truck. The liquid chloride system has easy clean up, is much less labor intensive and greatly reduces the opportunity for injury.

**Please be aware of the following two statutory rules governing our town highways:**

**Warning is hereby given** that no person or persons shall plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow, or cause the same to be done, on any public highway. Plowing across any public highway is also forbidden. Vermont State Statute 23 VSA § 1126.

**Warning is hereby given** that any vehicles left in the public right-of-way that interfere with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning. Vermont State Statute 23 VSA §1102.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Deblon, Road Commissioner



## SELECT BOARD STATEMENT

Brand new Select Board - one elected, two appointed. All committed to serving the Town of Pittsfield. Coming together in June we learned trial by fire:

Inheriting the FEMA buyouts, the proposed park, and old animosities projected into new concerns.

We listened (a lot).

We researched to better understand before making decisions.

We tried to improve communications.

We admired the passion and were perplexed over the apathy within our town.

We made some people happy and others mad,

but we always tried to do the right thing.

Though by the list, it looks like little, rarely did we have a meeting lasting less than two hours.

The brief overview of what we focused on this year:

FEMA buyout and proposed park

Approving and implementing the new Town Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan

Riverside Farm Act 250 amendment

Highway equipment replacement

Town Hall insulation and mold mitigation

Appointing replacements for the Select Board, Health Officer, Deputy Health Officer, Town Service Officer and Planning Commission

Property tax appeal

Approved an Artisan fair

Supported EC Fiber

Created budgets.

Matt Corron

Wendy Reese

David Larkin



## **TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER**

### **FEMA Buy-Outs**

There is one remaining buy-out property in the Town of Pittsfield from damage done by Tropical Storm Irene. Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission is administrating the buy-out. Tentative plans have the buy-out closing taking place in February. When that buy-out is complete the Pittsfield Town Office should be able to say good night to Tropical Storm Irene.

### **Town Office Building Project**

Total project funds in the amount of \$845,000, were approved through a town wide bond vote in April of 2010, for the Town Office Building Project. Since the bond vote, funds have been expended in the amount of \$834,495.21. The total of \$22,831.34 left in the Office Building Fund will be used toward bond payments.

Sequestration continues to effect the interest rebate program for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (2010 Series 2 RZEDBs) that the town secured to finance the Office Building Project. This caused a \$904.51 increase in the 2015 bond payment. The Vermont Bond Bank has assured the town that RZEDBs are still a good deal and are still well above the 30% breakeven threshold.

### **Long Term Debt**

The Town had \$495,000 in bonds outstanding for the renovation of the Town Office Building at December 31, 2015. The debt is scheduled to be fully retired in 2030.

### **Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer**

After serving a year and a half as the Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer in Pittsfield, Soojeong Seo (Soo) left her employment with Pittsfield to accept a full time benefitted position with Killington/Pico Ski Resort Partners. Soo's dedication to the town and her very generous help in transitioning our new Assistant into her position is appreciated. We wish Soo well in her new endeavors.

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Gallagher, appointed Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer in November, to our team of town officials. She is a new resident of the Town of Pittsfield, but she is not new to Pittsfield. Sarah lived just over the town border for many years and worked here in Pittsfield before moving to the Burlington area. We are glad to welcome Sarah back to Pittsfield. Please stop in to meet her.

Patricia S. Haskins  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Once again it is time to remind everyone that ALL DEVELOPMENT within the FEMA designated flood hazard areas must comply with Pittsfield's duly adopted FLOOD HAZARD AREA REGULATIONS. Failure to comply with these regulations can subject you to significant fines (\$100. for every day a violation continues!) and can pose a significant threat to your property and that of your neighbors.

Simply put, our water courses are constantly changing and require "wiggle room" to do so. Respect and protect yourselves and your neighbors by giving our rivers and streams the room they need. Please check in with the Town before you undertake any construction, storage, and/or earth moving (filling or removing of soils) in or adjacent to any water course

Sarah Gray  
Administrative Officer

## EXPLANATION OF THE 2015 GRAND LIST

	Listed Value	Grand List 1% of Total
Real Estate	\$100,743,767.00	\$1,007,437.67
<b>Statement of Current Taxes</b>	<b>Tax Rate X</b>	<b>Grand List =</b>
Yr Ended December 31, 2015	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Raised</b>
Municipal	0.50	1,007,437.67
Homestead School	1.6746	354,668.87
Non-Resident School	1.3142	652,768.80
<b>Total Taxes Billed 7/15/15</b>		<b>1,955,513.48</b>
<b>2015 Taxes Accounted For</b>		
Current Taxes Collected		1,678,529.29
Delinquent November 16, 2015		88,920.60
Homestead State Payments		213,526.97
Municipal Portion State Tax Adjustment		(17,267.71)
State Tax Adjustment Refunded to Owner(s)		(6,113.63)
Late Filed Tax Difference		(2,128.72)
Miscellaneous Adjustment		46.68
<b>Total 2015 Taxes Accounted For</b>		<b>\$1,955,513.48</b>

### DELINQUENT TAX LIST AS OF 12/31/15

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010-2006	TOTAL
BERG, Christopher	1,193.74	230.59					1,424.33
BHH Associates	38.10	38.92	38.36	38.38	38.56	588.48	780.80
BORDEN, Peter & Verna*	714.36						714.36
BOWEN, Jack	1,054.04	1,076.70					2,130.74
CARUSO, Anthony	801.88						801.88
COLTON II, Ron	3.84						3.84
CRAYHON, Joseph	3,766.26						3,766.26
CRAYHON, Joseph	64.40						64.40
FOLEY, Timothy	1,941.18						1,941.18
GAUL, John P	1,641.84						1,641.84
HANS, Alison	1,344.32	1,367.91	24.20				2,736.43
HEGEWALD, Jeffrey*	224.69						224.69
HONE, L Michael	222.92						222.92
MADR, Jason	544.26						544.26
MEARS, William & Tonia	2,337.69						2,337.69
RICE, Raymond	6,228.80						6,228.80
SIMISTER, Christopher	95.25						95.25
SALEM, Dana	5,744.18						5,744.18
SWANSON Building	2,492.70						2,492.70
SWANSON Building	509.78						509.78
TIFFANY, Patricia	1,092.14	1,115.62	1,099.66	1,100.52	1,105.32	2,352.72	7,865.98
VANDERWERF, Kenneth	5,936.06						5,936.06
WATKINS, Harry J	756.52	1,104.50	1,088.70	1,089.54	1,094.32	4,410.47	9,544.05
WIESEN, Sloan	965.14						965.14
ZUBKUS, Migra	4,045.66						4,045.66
<b>\$</b>	<b>43,759.75</b>	<b>\$ 4,934.24</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.92</b>	<b>\$ 2,228.44</b>	<b>\$ 2,238.20</b>	<b>\$ 7,351.67</b>	<b>\$ 62,763.22</b>

\* Indicates paid in full after 12/31/15

### STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Delinquent December 31, 2014	\$78,475.85
Adjust 2014 Delinquent tax	\$3,975.27
Delinquent November 16, 2015	<u>88,920.60</u>
<b>Total Delinquent November 16, 2015</b>	<b>171,371.72</b>
Misc Adjustment	88.60
Total Collected 2015	<u>(108,697.10)</u>
<b>Total Delinquent December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$62,763.22</b>

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2015</b>	
Checking	\$144,541.14
First Class Savings	38,478.86
Mascoma 7-day CD	350,147.70
Petty Cash	<u>55.72</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$533,223.42</b>
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2015</b>	
Revenue for 2015	2,185,638.10
Expenses for 2015	<u>(2,053,303.07)</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$533,223.42</b>
Reserved Tax Sale - Escrow	18,800.05
Reserved CDBG Buy-out Funds	61,250.00
Reserved-2nd install. FY2016 State Education Property Tax Liability	\$0.00
Unreserved	<u>453,173.37</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$533,223.42</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$132,335.03</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2015</b>	
Checking	\$278,244.85
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$278,244.85</b>
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2015</b>	
Revenue for 2015	178,242.77
Expenses for 2015	<u>(164,048.75)</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$278,244.85</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$14,194.02</b>

**CEMETERY FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2015</b>	
	<b>\$13,038.97</b>
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2015</b>	
Revenue for 2015	8,748.15
Expenses for 2015	<u>(5,456.22)</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$13,038.97</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,291.93</b>

## REVENUES AND RECEIPTS

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2106 Estimated
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
Current Taxes	1,621,622.15	1,770,494.26		1,678,529.29	
Current Tax Interest	1,178.07	593.48		971.36	
Delinquent Taxes	110,457.96	121,796.62		108,795.26	
Delinquent Tax Interest	6,511.34	10,952.32		11,891.86	
Dog Licenses	369.00	382.00	350.00	408.00	350.00
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surchg	460.00	476.00		518.00	
Pet Dealer Permits	10.00	25.00		25.00	
Breeding/Special License	30.00	30.00		30.00	
Dog Fines		285.00			
Liquor Licenses	280.00	460.00	460.00	680.00	460.00
Building Rents		100.00			
Lease Lot Rents	7.40	14.90	17.00		
Town Clerk Fees	10,299.70	8,505.00	7,000.00	8,591.75	7,000.00
Interest - General Fund	398.11	612.43	300.00	541.20	300.00
Interest - Restricted Funds	553.48	555.79	550.00	973.97	550.00
Photo Copies	113.90	126.20	50.00	150.30	50.00
Marriage Licenses	315.00	350.00		455.00	
Municipal Planning Grant	2,896.00	1,242.00		9,805.00	
Miscellaneous	67.72	108.99		345.20	
Record Preservation	819.30	670.00		628.00	
Current Use Payment	9,553.00	10,699.00		10,503.00	
Fax	52.00	26.00	20.00	36.00	20.00
Overpayments	4,837.98	2,237.37		6,677.10	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	8,642.90	8,672.00		7,736.51	
Interfund Transfers					
ACH Payment error by VT	18,539.00	41,493.27		46,865.33	
Repayment Irene Loan	125,000.00				
USDA EWP paymnt	16,708.05				
OBF bond repayment	52,577.71				
Reimburse from HW-Parmenter Paving	8,830.00				
Miscellaneous transfer-computer fund		1,436.49			
School District Loan Repayment				200,000.00	
Postage Reimbursement	40.26	50.23		18.98	
Road Fines	385.41	651.00		377.00	
FEMA Buy-out Program	542,203.55	235,101.80		61,250.00	
CDBG Proposed Park Grant				7,081.60	
Park & Ride Grant	52,462.75				
Tax Sale-Adv,filing,legal,sevice, etc				2,953.34	
Tax Sale Escrow				18,800.05	
Zoning Permits		100.00			
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2,596,221.74</b>	<b>\$ 2,218,247.15</b>	<b>\$ 8,747.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,185,638.10</b>	<b>\$ 8,730.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
State Aid	22,474.34	22,473.23	22,000.00	22,472.33	22,000.00
Green Mountain National Forest	18,539.00	19,680.00	18,000.00	19,453.00	17,500.00
Interest	92.26	109.97	50.00	194.87	50.00
General Fund Tax Disbursement	164,053.50	113,598.00		125,652.69	
Miscellaneous	1,191.38	7,746.06		10,469.88	
York Rake Ins pay and deductible \$5,180.00					
Chloride Spreader & Chloride Sale \$1,518.00					
PACIF Grant Liquid Chloride Spreader \$3,771.88					
Culvert Grant	42,977.03				
Interfund Transfer - VT Deposit Errors	495,203.03	388.20			
Interfund Transfer - Buyout reimburseme	2,000.00				
State Extra Match - Irene	23,913.91				
FEMA Payment - Irene 90%	151,029.20				
Vermont Payment -Irene 5%	38,628.16				
Irene USDA EWP Reimbursement	16,708.05				
HW Equip Fund - Chloride Spreader					2,254.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$976,809.86</b>	<b>\$163,995.46</b>	<b>\$40,050.00</b>	<b>\$178,242.77</b>	<b>\$41,804.00</b>

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Estimated
<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>					
General Fund Tax Disbursement	6,696.00	9,023.00		7,925.00	
Interest	9.04	5.23	10.00	5.23	10.00
Dividends	325.44	357.98	250.00	292.92	250.00
Sale of Lots				525.00	
Interfund Transfer	<u>4,000.00</u>				
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUND</b>	<b>\$11,030.48</b>	<b>\$9,386.21</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>	<b>8,748.15</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>

## 2016 BUDGET

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>Taxes</b>					
FICA Social Security	4,258.07	4,175.71	4,539.00	4,215.87	4,690.81
FICA Medicare	995.71	976.68	1,062.00	985.94	1,097.04
Rutland County Tax	<u>5,973.39</u>	<u>6,154.67</u>	<u>5,836.00</u>	<u>6,076.45</u>	<u>7,056.00</u>
Subtotal	11,227.17	11,307.06	11,437.00	11,278.26	12,843.85
<b>Insurance and Bonds</b>					
VLCT Unemployment Trust	613.00	599.00	639.00	291.00	474.00
VLCT Insurance Package	<u>20,973.00</u>	<u>24,784.00</u>	<u>26,461.00</u>	<u>26,555.00</u>	<u>28,257.00</u>
Subtotal	21,586.00	25,383.00	27,100.00	26,846.00	28,731.00
<b>Dues and Contributions</b>					
VLCT	1,257.00	1,383.00	1,559.00	1,559.00	1,551.00
Two Rivers Regional Planning	683.00	704.00	726.00	726.00	748.00
Vt Clerk's & Treasurer's Assoc.	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Quin Town Seniors	2,000.00	2,200.00	3,043.00	3,043.00	3,195.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance VT/NH	940.00	940.00	940.00	940.00	1,000.00
Park House/Community Care	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Central VT Council on Aging	500.00	500.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Rutland County Women's Shelter	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
VT Center For Independent Living	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Rutland County Mental Health	588.00	588.00	588.00	588.00	588.00
NeighborWorks	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
American Red Cross			150.00	150.00	250.00
Stagecoach	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Front Porch Forum					50.00
Child First Advocacy Center					200.00
VT Rural Fire Protectn Tsk Force			<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Subtotal	7,478.00	7,825.00	9,216.00	9,216.00	9,692.00
<b>Refuse</b>					
Solid Waste Charges	41,952.85	39,325.45	19,110.00	21,864.55	
SW Management/Program Fee	5,460.00	5,727.54	6,015.00	6,016.92	6,050.00
Refuse Removal - Jon Benson	50,700.00	50,700.00	21,125.00	25,350.00	
Recycling Removal - Jon Benson	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>4,050.00</u>	<u>3,960.00</u>	
Subtotal	106,032.85	103,672.99	50,300.00	57,191.47	6,050.00
<b>Other Services</b>					
Legal		6,972.50	8,000.00	5,780.69	8,000.00
Ambulance	31,656.48	32,747.40	32,749.00	35,478.17	32,749.00
Printing	1,603.00	1,479.00	1,700.00	1,163.00	1,700.00
Advertising		334.13	400.00	2,707.47	1,000.00
Rutland County Sheriff	1,377.00	3,870.00	5,000.00	5,131.50	5,000.00
Audit	4,923.00	4,800.00			
Website Creation		<u>1,035.60</u>			
Subtotal	39,559.48	51,238.63	47,849.00	50,260.83	48,449.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Maintenance and Repairs</b>					
Town Office Building	2,139.96	2,150.50	2,100.00	2,221.75	4,000.00
Town Hall	8,859.33	1,078.12	6,600.00	674.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Insulation Project		10,100.00	19,000.00	16,041.98	
Band Stand			100.00		100.00
Sandshed			300.00	84.59	300.00
Garage		358.98	400.00	56.69	400.00
Fire Alarm Yearly Inspection	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Subtotal	11,349.29	14,037.60	28,850.00	19,429.01	15,150.00
<b>Utilities - Town Hall</b>					
Electricity	807.83	833.54	850.00	980.53	1,020.00
Fuel	<u>2,173.95</u>	<u>2,455.02</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>	<u>1,429.58</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Subtotal	2,981.78	3,288.56	3,650.00	2,410.11	3,020.00
<b>Utilities - Town Office Building</b>					
Electricity	2,060.09	2,082.92	2,200.00	1,856.46	2,000.00
Fuel	3,081.51	4,696.25	4,500.00	2,723.71	4,000.00
Phone	<u>1,393.57</u>	<u>1,481.23</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>1,484.67</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
Subtotal	6,535.17	8,260.40	8,300.00	6,064.84	7,600.00
<b>Utilities - Highway Garage</b>					
Electricity	716.64	792.97	800.00	715.49	800.00
Phone	587.90	605.48	650.00	661.56	670.00
LP Gas	<u>721.18</u>	<u>1,275.58</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>709.25</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
Subtotal	2,025.72	2,674.03	2,750.00	2,086.30	2,570.00
<b>Utilities - Street Lights</b>					
Electricity	3,400.13	<u>2,092.78</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>1,910.43</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
Subtotal	3,400.13	2,093.78	2,500.00	1,910.43	2,200.00
<b>Parks and Grounds</b>					
Labor	3,214.40	1,986.73	3,000.00	2,200.01	3,000.00
Fuel	282.31	274.01	280.00	208.04	280.00
Portable Toilet	495.00	495.00	500.00	550.00	660.00
Equipment Maintenance	316.32	545.00	200.00	0.97	200.00
Trees and Bedding Plants			200.00		200.00
Supplies	201.16		200.00	9.34	200.00
Hired Equipment			300.00		300.00
New Equipment			<u>250.00</u>		<u>250.00</u>
Subtotal	4,509.19	3,300.74	4,930.00	2,968.36	5,090.00
<b>Office Expense</b>					
Office Equipment	1,983.65	3,619.22	3,400.00	2,950.29	
Copier Lease					1,500.00
NEMRC Support					300.00
Tech Support					800.00
Software					800.00
Website Maintenance		146.34	200.00	33.34	200.00
Office Supplies	2,122.78	2,162.40	2,300.00	2,497.03	2,500.00
Postage	<u>1,304.81</u>	<u>1,373.45</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>912.27</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
Subtotal	5,411.24	7,301.41	7,300.00	6,392.93	7,500.00
<b>Planning Commission</b>					
Printing, Copies, Typing, Adv.		53.93	200.00		200.00
Municipal Planning Grant Match			904.00	902.00	
Misc./Assistance from Two Rivers		<u>4.20</u>	<u>100.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>
Subtotal	0.00	58.13	1,204.00	902.00	500.00
<b>Board of Listers</b>					
Postage	5.10	122.61	300.00	46.71	300.00
Supplies	119.15	203.72	300.00	54.99	500.00
Computer		636.49	600.00		600.00
Miscellaneous		50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
NEMRC Support	265.23	554.56	300.00	289.82	600.00
License Fees	<u>215.00</u>	<u>712.62</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>473.81</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Subtotal	604.48	2,280.00	2,300.00	915.33	2,850.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Salaries</b>					
Auditors	316.05	547.50	557.00	1,262.70	1,500.00
Election Officials	34.12	210.24	407.00	75.48	700.00
Custodial - shovel/clean				120.00	1,500.00
Fire Chief	900.00	900.00	915.00	915.00	1,000.00
Listers	2,894.39	5,189.08	7,000.00	4,622.68	7,000.00
Select Board	3,600.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Health Officer	36.75	42.00	509.00	273.71	510.00
Selectboard Secretary	2,421.65	2,084.61	2,607.00	2,122.47	2,700.00
Town Clerk	14,775.00	14,997.00	16,080.00	16,080.00	19,136.00
Town Treasurer	14,774.99	14,997.00	16,080.00	16,080.00	19,136.00
Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	<u>12,522.36</u>	<u>12,814.76</u>	<u>13,058.00</u>	<u>11,703.45</u>	<u>14,976.00</u>
Subtotal	52,275.31	56,282.19	61,713.00	57,755.49	72,658.00
<b>Other</b>					
Town Officer Education	200.00	600.00	500.00	805.00	900.00
Town Officer Mileage	430.74	1,135.57	1,000.00	864.28	1,000.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund	1,496.12	1,576.34	1,729.00	1,749.23	2,105.00
Medical Insurance					7,880.00
Health Reimbursement Account					1,250.00
Tax Sale Repay		11,000.00			
Miscellaneous	<u>8,978.00</u>	<u>148.93</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>191.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Subtotal	11,104.86	14,460.84	3,529.00	3,609.51	13,435.00
<b>Budget Disbursements</b>					
Fire Department	18,850.00	18,850.00	18,850.00	18,850.00	18,850.00
Library	940.00	940.00	940.00	940.00	940.00
*Highway Fund	164,053.50	113,598.00		125,652.69	
*School Fund	1,134,746.00	1,310,212.00		1,265,810.10	
*Cemetery Fund	6,696.00	9,023.00		7,925.00	
Highway Equipment Fund	10,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	on warning
Parks & Grounds Equipment Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sandshed Fund					on warning
Bond Debt Service Payment	52,577.71	52,052.89	51,312.00	51,279.83	45,561.00
Contingency Fund		10,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	on warning
Recreation Fund					1,000.00
Computer Equipment Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal	1,389,163.21	1,530,975.89	102,402.00	1,501,757.62	67,651.00
<b>*Funds Disbursed</b>					
Marriage Licenses	315.00	350.00		420.00	
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surchrng	460.00	476.00		518.00	
Record Preservation	819.30	667.00		627.00	
Refund of Overpayments	6,830.76	2,235.21		6,675.84	
Property Tax Adjustment Refund	10,385.19	2,656.76		6,113.63	
Voided Checks Prior Year				(35.22)	
Current Use Change Refund				106.72	
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>					
Irene Loan to HW					
USDA EWP paymnt to HW	16,708.05				
Bond paymnt to OBF					
PILT paymnt to HW	18,539.00				
Correct VT deposit errors		41,493.27		46,865.33	
School District Loan				200,000.00	
FEMA Buyout	544,322.37	26,476.00			
CDBG Buyout	4,978.75	230,451.80		2,933.68	
Municipal Planning Grant	4,138.00			9,806.00	
CDBG Public Facility Design Grant				10,224.00	
Park & Ride Grant Disbursement	50,646.50				
Delinquent Tax Penalty	<u>8,496.51</u>	<u>8,672.00</u>		<u>7,728.66</u>	
Subtotal	666,639.43	313,478.04	0.00	291,983.64	0.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>*State Education Fund</b>					
Statewide Prop. Tax Liability	<u>88,223.51</u>	<u>33,600.41</u>		<u>324.94</u>	
Subtotal	88,223.51	33,600.41	0.00	324.94	0.00
<b>Miscellaneous Expense</b>					
Service Charge	75.57	52.66			
Journal Entry Buyout-tax write off	859.53				
Office Equipment - computer		<u>1,434.51</u>			
Subtotal	935.10	1,487.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$2,431,041.92</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,193,005.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$375,330.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,053,303.07</u></b>	<b><u>\$305,989.85</u></b>
<b>**TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$370,683.48</u></b>	<b><u>\$413,094.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$375,330.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$361,606.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$305,989.85</u></b>

\*\* This is the "Total General Fund" less the \*Highway, \*School and \*Cemetery Fund "Budget Disbursements", the \*Funds Disbursed category, and the \*State Education Fund-Statewide Property Tax Liability. This line allows for a more accurate comparison of the 2015 Budget, 2015 Actual and the 2016 Proposed.

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
<b>Wages</b>					
Road Commissioner	41,935.38	41,399.97	50,550.00	47,835.74	53,125.00
Temporary Help	<u>1,559.85</u>	<u>1,094.50</u>	<u>1,526.00</u>	<u>203.60</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Subtotal	43,495.23	42,494.47	52,076.00	48,039.34	55,125.00
<b>Taxes</b>					
Federal Excise Tax				2.08	3.00
FICA Social Security	2,696.56	2,634.78	2,793.00	2,978.38	3,418.00
FICA Medicare	<u>630.65</u>	<u>616.05</u>	<u>653.00</u>	<u>696.62</u>	<u>799.00</u>
Subtotal	3,327.21	3,250.83	3,446.00	3,677.08	4,220.00
<b>Fuel</b>					
Gasoline	26.71	99.88	100.00	101.95	100.00
Diesel	9,631.53	8,708.92	10,000.00	7,220.62	10,000.00
Lubricants	<u>169.21</u>	<u>194.47</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>197.56</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Subtotal	9,827.45	9,003.27	10,400.00	7,520.13	10,400.00
<b>Hired Equipment</b>					
Rochester Road Maintenance	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Backhoe	3,251.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Roadside Mowing	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,500.00	2,582.50	2,500.00
Trucks	987.50	1,941.00	2,500.00	1,360.00	2,500.00
All Other	<u>850.00</u>	<u>987.50</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,407.50</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Subtotal	9,488.50	10,928.50	11,700.00	11,050.00	12,700.00
<b>Materials</b>					
Gravel	17,270.25	19,965.85	20,000.00	24,908.62	20,000.00
Sand	16,714.50	19,020.82	20,000.00	17,119.50	20,000.00
Salt			1,000.00		1,000.00
Chloride	4,501.50	4,765.10	5,600.00	5,283.18	5,600.00
Culverts	27.60	5,958.60	6,000.00	6,031.45	8,000.00
Guardrail/Signs			<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>3,597.75</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal	38,513.85	49,710.37	56,300.00	56,940.50	55,600.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>					
Medical Insurance	8,423.52	7,154.04	7,491.00	7,522.61	7,880.00
Health Reimbursement Account		1,250.00	1,250.00	229.65	1,250.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund	2,122.21	2,176.01	2,340.00	2,600.02	2,922.00
Uniform Allowance	<u>182.98</u>	<u>268.93</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>233.97</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal	10,728.71	10,848.98	11,331.00	10,586.25	12,552.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>Highway Fund continued</b>					
Other					
Garage Supplies	2.00	421.80	500.00	508.98	500.00
*Interfund Transfer	125,000.00				
*Interfund Transfer	15,000.00				
*Interfund Transfer	8,900.00				
*Interfund Transfer	495,203.03	388.20			
*Culvert Grant	47,752.25				
Mileage		77.00			
Employee Ed-MSHA annual refresher		99.00		75.00	
Bridge #11 - deck resurface					9,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,157.50</u>	<u>6,955.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal	693,014.78	7,941.00	1,500.00	683.98	10,500.00
Repairs					
International 4900	979.54	6,394.20	4,500.00	4,541.62	4,500.00
Ford F-550	2,696.74	5,217.87	2,500.00	1,470.76	2,500.00
Loader	1,017.16	117.37	4,500.00	1,446.04	4,500.00
Grader	2,193.70	1,408.62	4,000.00	2,531.48	4,500.00
Rake			100.00	121.89	100.00
Chainsaw			75.00	11.09	100.00
Chloride Spreader			75.00	698.75	400.00
Sander - International		1,260.83	750.00	51.22	750.00
Sander - Ford			750.00		750.00
Plow - International		726.00	450.00	171.48	450.00
Plow - Ford	919.41	211.80	450.00	248.42	450.00
Trimmer			100.00		100.00
Pressure Washer		11.49	200.00	251.65	200.00
Plow Wing - Ford	931.20	485.56	450.00	833.37	450.00
Culvert Thawer			<u>50.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	8,737.75	15,833.74	18,950.00	12,377.77	19,750.00
*Tropical Storm Irene					
Parmenter Place	8,830.00				
Subtotal	8,830.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
*Tropical Storm Irene					
USDA EWP Projects	18,221.55				
FEMA Buy Out Program	<u>2,000.00</u>				
Subtotal	20,221.55		0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Purchase					
York Rake				5,180.00	
Liquid Chloride Spreader				7,543.75	
Blower				<u>449.95</u>	
Subtotal				13,173.70	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$846,185.03</b>	<b>\$150,011.16</b>	<b>\$165,703.00</b>	<b>\$164,048.75</b>	<b>\$180,847.00</b>
<b>**TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$173,030.45</b>	<b>\$149,622.96</b>	<b>\$165,703.00</b>	<b>\$164,048.75</b>	<b>\$180,847.00</b>
	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>					
FICA Social Security	328.22	273.60	310.00	282.03	391.00
FICA Medicare	76.76	63.98	75.00	65.99	91.00
Fuel	410.40	265.65	400.00	151.45	400.00
Equipment Maintenance	162.68	159.67	500.00	407.10	500.00
Flags	39.99	539.76	300.00		300.00
Hired Equipment	1,522.00		300.00		300.00
Wages	5,293.85	4,412.85	5,000.00	4,549.65	6,300.00
Stone Cleaning	2,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Tree Removal		650.00			
Gravel			<u>300.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>
<b>CEMETERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,833.90</b>	<b>\$7,565.51</b>	<b>\$8,185.00</b>	<b>\$5,456.22</b>	<b>\$9,582.00</b>

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>				
General Fund	385,550.00	414,663.00	375,330.00	305,989.85
Highway Fund	290,448.00	151,648.00	165,703.00	180,847.00
Cemetery Fund	6,956.00	9,283.00	8,185.00	9,582.00
School Fund	<u>1,256,858.00</u>	<u>1,422,309.00</u>	<u>1,390,659.00</u>	<u>1,456,309.00</u>
<b>(Anticipated Expenses) Total</b>	<b>1,939,812.00</b>	<b>1,997,903.00</b>	<b>1,939,877.00</b>	<b>1,952,727.85</b>
<b>Anticipated Revenue</b>				
General Fund	185,024.00	18,627.00	8,747.00	8,730.00
Highway Fund	(37,659.00)	38,050.00	40,050.00	41,804.00
Cemetery Fund	260.00	260.00	260.00	260.00
School Fund	<u>1,256,858.00</u>	<u>1,422,309.00</u>	<u>1,390,659.00</u>	<u>1,456,309.00</u>
<b>(Anticipated Revenue) Total</b>	<b>1,404,483.00</b>	<b>1,479,246.00</b>	<b>1,439,716.00</b>	<b>1,507,103.00</b>
<b>Municipal Total To Be Raised By Taxes to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$ 535,329.00</b>	<b>\$ 518,657.00</b>	<b>\$ 500,161.00</b>	<b>\$ 445,624.85</b>

## ANTICIPATED EXPENSE

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Estimated
<b>Grand List</b>	\$1,009,337.70	\$1,003,836.67	\$1,007,437.67	\$1,011,032.67
<b>Municipal</b>	0.53	0.52	0.50	0.44
* With Warned item 7 - \$20,000				0.46
* With Warned item 8 - \$10,000				0.47
* With Warned item 9 - \$30,000				0.50
<b>School</b>				
Homestead Education	1.5221	1.7737	1.6746	
Non Residential Education	1.2967	1.3332	1.3142	
<b>Resultant Tax Rate</b>				
Homestead	2.0521	2.2937	2.1746	
Non Residential	1.8267	1.8532	1.8142	

## Statement of Town Indebtedness As of December 31, 2015

The Town of Pittsfield received a \$670,000.00 twenty year General Obligation Bond dated July 1, 2010 through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank with an interest rate of 2.973561%. Payments are due twice a year. An interest payment of \$7,687.66 and a Federal Sequestration payment of \$468.29 was made as of May 15, 2015. An interest payment of \$7,687.66, a Federal Sequestration payment of \$436.22 and a principal payment of \$35,000.00 was made as of November 1, 2015. A total of \$51,279.83 was paid in 2015.

### ADDITIONAL ASSETS

	<b>Bridge MMA</b>	<b>Civic Sign and Bench MMA</b>	<b>Computer Fund CD 428</b>	<b>Contingency CD 611</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$1,099.11	\$2,210.78	\$1,568.70	\$25,054.86
Deposits			1,000.00	15,000.00
Interest	0.12	0.24	3.82	91.40
Withdrawals				(146.26)
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$1,099.23</u>	<u>\$2,211.02</u>	<u>\$2,572.52</u>	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

	<b>Emergency MMA</b>	<b>Federal Tax Deposit Fund</b>	<b>Health Reimburse- ment Fund</b>	<b>Highway Equipment CD 102</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$9,001.66	\$7,453.62	\$1,020.35	\$39,746.87
Deposits		27,354.81	229.65	15,000.00
Interest	0.91			131.91
Withdrawals		(32,308.43)	(204.48)	
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$9,002.57</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,045.52</u>	<u>\$54,878.78</u>

	<b>Land Trust CD 419</b>	<b>Lister Education MMA</b>	<b>Office Building Checking</b>	<b>Office Building CD 293</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$109,140.76	\$1,455.14	\$3,089.80	\$20,566.80
Deposits		463.22		
Interest	827.71	0.12		41.06
Withdrawals	(827.71)	(863.22)	(866.32)	
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$109,140.76</u>	<u>\$1,055.26</u>	<u>\$2,223.48</u>	<u>\$20,607.86</u>

	<b>Parks &amp; Grounds Equipment</b>	<b>Reappraisal MMA</b>	<b>Record Preservation MMA</b>	<b>Recreation MMA</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$2,147.47	\$32,143.16	\$12,277.26	\$5,077.19
Deposits	300.00	4,940.00	627.00	2,129.32
Interest	7.87	3.50	1.19	0.54
Withdrawals			(3,955.00)	(650.66)
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$2,455.34</u>	<u>\$37,086.66</u>	<u>\$8,950.45</u>	<u>\$6,556.39</u>

	<b>Robert S. Dumas MMA</b>	<b>Wray Park Beautificatn MMA</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$669.18	\$1,105.88
Deposits		
Interest	0.12	0.12
Withdrawals		
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$669.30</u>	<u>\$1,106.00</u>

### PETTY CASH REPORT Year Ended December 31, 2015

Cash on Hand January 1, 2015	\$108.10
Deposits	48.95
Disbursements	(101.33)
Cash on Hand December 31, 2015	<u>\$55.72</u>

## LICENSE REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2015

### Dog Licenses

Females (Spayed)	39 @ \$8.00	312.00
Females (Spayed)	2 @ \$9.00	18.00
Males (Neutered)	39 @ \$8.00	312.00
Males (Neutered)	0 @ \$9.00	-
Females	4 @ \$12.00	48.00
Males	3 @ \$12.00	36.00
Late Females (Spayed)	19 @ \$10.00	190.00
Late Males (Neutered)	15 @ \$10.00	150.00
Late Females	4 @ \$16.00	64.00
Late Males	3 @ \$16.00	48.00
Replacement Tags	0 @ \$1.00	-
Pet Dealer Permit/Special License	1 @ \$61.00	61.00

Total Collected \$ 1,239.00

Credited to Clerk Fee Account - 129 @ \$2.00	(258.00)
Credited to State Spay/Neuter/Rabies Program - 127 @ \$4.00	(508.00)
Credited to State Spay/Neuter Rabies Program - 2 @ \$5.00	(10.00)
Credited to Special License Account - 1 @ \$30.00	(30.00)
Credited to Pet Dealer Permit - 1 @ \$25.00	(25.00)

Total Credited \$ (831.00)

Balance \$ 408.00

### A Note About Dog Licenses

Any dog that is more than six months old must be registered and licensed annually, on or before April 1st, by the Clerk of the Municipality in which the dog is kept. (20 VSA § 3581(a))

To obtain a license the dog's owner must pay a fee, present the Clerk with a current vaccination certificate, and in the case of a spayed female or neutered male dog, provide a certificate of sterilization from a licensed veterinarian. (20 VSA § 3581(b), (d))

### Liquor Licenses

First Class	5 @ \$115.00	575.00
Second Class	2 @ \$70.00	140.00
	Total Collected	715.00
	Credited to Clerk Fee Account	(35.00)
	Balance	\$ 680.00

### Marriage Licenses

13 issued @ \$45.00 (State Treasurer's Fee, Victim's Compensation Fund, Clerk Fee)	585.00
Credited to Clerk Fee Account - 13 @ \$10.00	(130.00)
1 license unused, State portion refunded - 1 @ \$35.00	(35.00)
Balance	\$ 420.00

## TOWN PROPERTY

### Pittsfield Fire and First Response

1990 International Pumper/Tanker  
 Pager and Toners  
 Medical Equipment  
 Firehouse  
 1995 International/E One Pumper with a  
     1,000 gal. Tank & 1,000 gpm pump  
 1990 Ford F800 truck with 2,200 gal.  
     Stainless steel tank with 6" quick pump  
 2008 Ford F-350 w/Service Body  
 Motorola mobile radios (5)  
 Motorola portable radios (10)  
 Base radio and 24 pagers  
 Miscellaneous – other fire fighting equipment  
 CET 710 gpm portable pump  
 6 Scott air packs & 12 carbon fiber bottles  
 Scott Thermal Image Camera  
 Orion Mfg. 4-Season Rescue Sled

### Roger Clark Memorial Library

Metal/Wood shelves (18)  
 Metal desk with swivel arm chair  
 Oval conference table with 9 chairs  
 Children's tables (2) with 10 chairs  
 Computers (2)  
 Inkjet printer  
 Couch (1)  
 Metal card catalogue with stand  
 Stepstool, box fan, trash cans (2) drapes (3 pair)  
 Flags on standards, Seth Thomas Clock  
 VT Castings park bench  
 8'x10' area rug  
 Keurig machine  
 Computer desk  
 Typewriter work desk  
 Rolling carts (2)  
 Wooden Circulation Desk

### Pittsfield Historical Society

Stanley Tool Display Boards  
 File Cabinets (3)  
 Storage Cabinet  
 Television and Cart  
 VCR  
 Display Case  
 Display Shelves (3)  
 Camcorder & Tripod  
 Chair Caddy  
 PA System

### Cemetery

2004 Toro Push Mower (2)  
 Lawn Boy Mower (1)  
 Shenandoah Trimmer (1)  
 2 gal. Gas Cans (4)  
 Equipment Shed  
 Husquvarna trimmer  
 Pull-behind Garden wagon  
 Shovels (3)  
 Rakes (2)  
 Hand Pruner (1)  
 Limb saw (1)  
 Stihl Backpack Leaf blower  
 Stihl trimmer (1)

### Highway Department

1981 John Deere 444C Bucket loader  
 1995 Caterpillar 120H Grader with snow wing  
 1997 International 4900 Dump Truck  
 2011 Ford F-550 Dump Truck  
 2015 York FM Road Rake  
 2010 Swenson Stainless Steel Tailgate Sander (International)  
 2011 Swenson Stainless Steel Tailgate Sander (Ford)  
 2005 Everest OWS Snow Plow (International)  
 2010 Everest VTL Snow Plow (Ford)  
 2011 HPF Snow Wing (Ford)  
 2005 Hot Water Pressure Washer  
 1996 Sears Air Compressor  
 2007 Husquvarna Pole Saw with broom &  
     trimmer attachments  
 2015 Liquid Chloride System - 525-gal mounted  
     tank and pump, 3000-gal storage tank  
 2012 Husquvarna 555 Chainsaw  
 Expendable items – Chains, power tools, hand tools,  
 shovels, rakes parts and supplies

### Park

2007 John Deere 740 Lawn Tractor

### Other Town Property— 2016 Insured Values

Band Stand	\$ 30,141.00
Town Hall Building	\$ 897,678.00
Town Hall Contents	\$ 5,300.00
Town Office & Library Building	\$ 693,451.00
Town Office & Library Contents	\$ 40,000.00
Town Garage Building	\$ 247,845.00
Town Garage Contents	\$ 3,300.00
Sand Shed	\$ 53,445.00
Highway Storage Shed	\$ 26,472.00
Fire House	\$ 306,106.00
Fire House Contents	\$ 40,000.00
Veteran's Memorial on Village Green	\$ 10,709.00

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

Alanna Rose Pike  
Wylder Chaz Smith  
Tessa Kathryn Hawley

### Marriages

Amy Lynn Carboneau  
Katherine Lara Haines-Stiles  
Caitlin Elizabeth Reid  
Brigitt Andrews Hauck  
Emily Manion Heffernan  
Vesta Caldwell Miniauskaite  
Laura Jean Watson  
Christina Elizabeth Bonenberger  
Alyssa Lynn Piper  
Michelle Ann Dewar  
Kristen Marie Foskitt  
Carol Park

Matthew Robert Tempesta  
Kevin Michael Lasko  
Whalen Dean Layne  
Stephen Carroll Earley  
Jordan Helter  
William Lemite  
Paul Anthony DiBona  
Ryan Christopher Frank  
Zachary Allen Watson  
Karl Cobie Mischenko  
Alexander Elijah Hirbour  
Ryota Kashiwazaki

### Deaths

Barbara Colton  
Robert Baker  
Peter A. Hike  
Melvin C. Colton  
Robert C. Williams

### Burial Permits

Barbara Colton  
Arthur Sulham  
Peter A. Hike  
Florence Loeta McDonnell



## E-911

In driving around Pittsfield, I notice that most properties have a 911 number identifiable, however, some don't. Please take the time to place one where it can be seen by emergency personnel should the need arise. Be sure to place it high enough so that it won't be covered by snow or plowed into.

Here are some helpful guidelines:

- Numbers must be a minimum of 3" high x 2.5" wide and reflective
- Mailboxes shall be marked with the house number.
- If the structure is not visible and there is no mailbox, a sign or number post shall be erected to display the number.
- Shared driveways shall be marked both at the beginning of the driveway and where the driveway splits.
- In Vermont, it is very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during an average winter.

The Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board is one of the first to implement a next generation statewide 9-1-1 system that delivers 9-1-1 calls from the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) over its Emergency Services Network (ESINet). Currently the State of Vermont 9-1-1 System consists of six diverse locations collectively serving as one statewide 9-1-1 system. 9-1-1 calls are initially routed to one of these answering points based on the originating caller's location.

I hope you will look over this information and if you have any questions, you can contact me through the Town Clerk's Office at 746-8170. Information is also available on the Vermont E911 website at <http://e911.vermont.gov/>.

**9-1-1 to save a life, stop a crime, or report a fire! Call if you can, text if you can't.**

Martha L. Beyersdorf  
E911 Coordinator

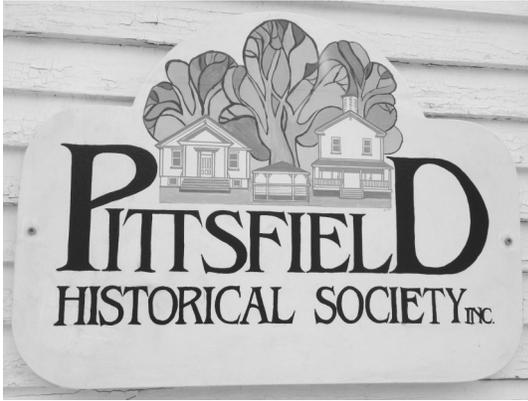


ECFiber is a consortium of 24 towns in East-Central Vermont building a fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to homes, business, and civic institutions. Their priority is reaching unserved and underserved locations.

Last spring ECFiber received a grant to run fiber optic cable from the Stockbridge town line down route 100 to Tweed River Drive and into Parmenter Place. ECFiber has already applied for the necessary permits and is waiting on a Vermont Telecommunications Authority project that is bringing fiber as far as the town line. ECFiber expects to begin running fiber optic cable in Pittsfield after mud season spring of 2016.

What that means for the homes and businesses on that route is that they will have the option to subscribe to ECFiber for reliable fast internet and phone service. What it will mean for the rest of Pittsfield is that residents will have access to the high speed fiber network at the library, and we will be that much closer to service in our neighborhoods. ECFiber just implemented a change in business structure in order to facilitate larger investments. This is expected to result in a more rapid completion of the ECFiber network.

Marion Abrams - Pittsfield Representative to EC Fiber  
Peter Borden - Pittsfield Alternate Representative to EC Fiber



We were happy to see so many youngsters join the Memorial Day Parade. It sheds a bright light on an otherwise somber occasion. Thanks to the Band and Legion Color Guard as well as those who helped with putting the poppies/princess pine together and attaching them to the flags on the Veterans' graves.

You may have noticed the painting of the historical markers. Twenty seven of the forty-one signs have been completed. This is due to the work of Carl "Otel" Oertel, Pat Fuster, and Margaret Conboy. Dot Williamson and Otel have been clearing brush around the site markers. In addition, the historical sign on the Town Hall was touched up by Larry Mills this year.

We sponsored Jason Smiley's presentation of the Eddy Family of Chittenden "*Spirit Mediums of the late 1800's.*" Several descendants of the Eddy family were there. The event was well attended.

We also sponsored Christina Cady and Woodchuck's Revenge and Friends for the music at Pittsfield's Picnic.

## 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### RANDOLPH NATIONAL BANK—CHECKING: #309

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015</b>	\$ 5,390.23
Receipts:	
Poppys & Food	\$ 116.70
Town of Pittsfield (Band)	\$ 50.00
History Books	<u>\$ 52.50</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 219.20
Expenses:	
Postage	\$ 7.00
WHS & Rochester Bands (Memorial Day)	\$ 100.00
N.E. Mfg. Co. (medal flag standards)	\$ 156.00
Martin-Fales Post #43 (Poppys)	\$ 100.00
Kristina Cady (Community Picnic)	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Material	\$ 186.34
Jason Smiley (guest speaker)	\$ 100.00
Clear River Tavern (gift certificate)	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 849.34
<b>Ending Balance, December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 4,760.09</b>

### RANDOLPH NATIONAL BANK—CD #29702

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015</b>	\$ 5,768.96
Interest	<u>21.11</u>
<b>Ending Balance, December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 5,790.07</b>

### RANDOLPH NATIONAL BANK—SAVINGS #515809

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015</b>	\$ 84.83
No Activity	<u>.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance, December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 84.83</b>



2015 was a fairly quiet year for the Fire Department. We had numerous calls for medical emergencies and car accidents, but the most memorable was a call that we received in the late fall for a forest fire!

Forest fires at that time of the year are uncommon. However, extremely windy conditions for twenty-four hours prior had dried out the fallen leaves and underbrush. A tree that had been blown down onto a power line created sparks and ignited the surrounding woods. By the time the Fire Department arrived, the wind-driven fire was approaching an area of about an acre in size! We immediately called the Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department for mutual aid. With their added assistance, the fire and all hot spots were extinguished in about three hours.

Last winter we purchased a used rescue sled. The sled is pulled by a snowmobile in the winter and by an ATV in the summer months (when the wheel kit is installed). With the multitude of snowmobile trails in our area and all the backcountry extreme sporting activities, this sled will be a valuable tool to assist in transport of victims out of remote areas. We paid \$1200 for the sled, and a new sled (identical to the one we purchased) is approximately \$7000! We are pleased with the sled and feel that it was a wise purchase.

We lost a friend of the Department in 2015, as well. As most of you are aware, my father, Mel Colton, passed away in November. Mel was the last founding member of the Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department, and he was still a huge supporter with donations of equipment and materials for our various projects. He will be deeply missed.

Have a safe and happy 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
David H. Colton  
Fire Chief

## 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

<b>FIREHOUSE:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Heating	\$ 2,200.00
Electricity	\$ 400.00
Telephone	\$ 1,400.00
Maintenance	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 6,000.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
RCMA Dues	\$ 1,400.00
Communications	\$ ,800.00
Equipment	\$ 4,000.00
Training/Certifications	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total:	\$ 7,950.00
<b>FIRST RESPONSE:</b>	
Equipment/Supplies	\$ 400.00
Training/Certifications	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,900.00
<b>VEHICLES:</b>	Total: \$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016:</b>	<b>\$ 18,850.00</b>

## PVF&R 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK—CHECKING

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015</b>		\$ 21,460.03
Receipts:		
Donations	\$ 5,090.00	
General Fund	\$ 4,000.00	
Fundraisers	<u>\$ 18,850.00</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 33,547.00	
Expenses:		
Heating Fuel	\$ 1,642.71	
Auto Fuel	\$ 249.38	
Gear	\$ 3,311.02	
Dues RCMA	\$ 1,100.00	
Electric	\$ 1,027.02	
Telephone	\$ 748.23	
Refreshments	\$ 1,295.06	
Supplies/Equipment/Truck Maintenance	\$ 9,378.09	
Contributions (Fishing Derby)	\$ 75.87	
Building Maintenance/Material	\$ 1,483.03	
Fundraiser	\$ 263.74	
Training (Free from WRVA)	\$ 0.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$ 21,274.15	
<b>Ending Balance, December 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 33,732.88</b>

### LAKE SUNAPEE BANK—MONEY MARKET

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2015</b>		\$ 30,437.27
Receipts:		
Interest	\$ 31.06	
Fundraisers	\$ 690.61	
Donations	<u>\$ 820.50</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,542.17	
Total Expenses:	0.00	
<b>Ending Balance, December 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 31,979.44</b>

## PITTSFIELD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

This year no one applied for our scholarship. We try to award a \$500.00 scholarship every year. Our award is not based on the students' academic achievements, but on community service. Students please remember to apply in the spring.

We also decorated the gazebo with the tree, lights and wreaths. We donated money to Quin-Town, and cookie baskets to the seniors were a success. Thank you to all who helped to make or deliver the goodies. If anyone knows of someone that could use a little cheer at Christmas, please let us know so that we can add them to our list.

Our annual bazaar was a huge success this year. The weather was perfect again. Thank you to all our vendors and helpers. We also participated at the church Bazaar, selling homemade soup and chili.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy New Year!  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Picarello



Thank you so much to all who volunteered their time, donated food and auction items and continue to support Pittsfield's Picnic annual end of summer celebration and fundraiser. We had another great day, on the Green, to come together as a community for good food, music and lots of fun.

All proceeds go toward event expenses and improvements to the recreation/playground area. This year we raised just under \$1500. With your support over the last three years, we have raised \$5900, towards the current goal to resurface and improve the basketball court, which will cost approximately \$12,000. Our town is very fortunate to have such a great recreation area which has needed minimal maintenance over the many years since volunteers built it. We hope to continue to see it filled with "kids" of all ages for many years to come.

Congratulations to the 2015 "Pittsfield Proud" horseshoe tournament winning teams:

GOLD SHOES—Steve Martin and Anthony Cotter  
SILVER SHOES — Dot Williamson and John Durney  
BRONZE SHOES—Roy Hoppood and Gary Mayer.

Save the date to participate and watch these competitors defend their titles on August 28, 2016. Please bring a dish to share and a blanket or lawn chair for a day of fun to hang out with your family, friends and neighbors.

Want to get involved? Contact Pittsfield's Picnic Coordinator, Erica Hurd at [Hurdof3@hotmail.com](mailto:Hurdof3@hotmail.com). See you next year.



Volunteer Run Since 1901

Our mission: To be a multigenerational community center fostering traditional, cultural, creative and technical literacy. To this end, with dedicated volunteers and town support, the RCML provides a fine collection of reading, listening and viewing material, media access and educational material in a light and inviting environment.

Thanks to occasional book buying missions and generous donations from the community, we are continuously adding books, audio books and videos to our collection. The computerized catalog of nearly 5,000 items is available online at [www.pittsfieldlibrary.com](http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.com). As a member of the Green Mountain Consortium of Libraries we subscribe to Listen Up Vermont! through which our patrons may download popular books to tablet or smartphone, at no charge with a RCML membership number. We currently have nearly 200 member families and new members are always welcome.

In 2015, we attempted to maintain our normal opening hours of Tuesday 3-5 p.m. and Thursday 5-7 p.m. while also providing periodic programming we hoped would be of interest to the community. Though book circulation and library visits saw a small decline from 2014, our programs were well attended and are noted below.

RCML Open House & Blood Drive with the American Red Cross (Collected 29 pints, Goal was 25)  
Presentation by author and gardening expert Charlie Nardoizzi  
Paint & Sip with Rae Newell and the Art Garage  
Cheese Making with Rebecca of Sweet Georgia P's  
Children's Summer Reading Program and movie finale in June, July & August  
Annual Book Sale at the Pittsfield Bazaar  
Yoga for Healing with local yogi Wendy Reese  
Cider House Rules upcycle craft event with Killington Art Garage  
Halloween Book Giveaway  
Gingerbread House Party

We are in need of fresh faces and new volunteers while remaining ever thankful to those who continuously help us keep this little library alive. If you have time, talent or ideas, please consider sharing via the Roger Clark Memorial Library.

Respectfully,  
Karen B. Waterworth

**ROGER CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK—REGULAR CHECKING**

<b>Beginning Balance—January 1, 2015</b>		\$ 14,327.94
Receipts:		
Donations	\$ 571.89	
Cookbook Sales	\$ 602.00	
Town Funding	\$ 940.00	
Transfer from Special Checking	<u>\$ 845.84</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 2,959.73	
Expenses:		
Supplies	\$ 1,231.69	
GMLC Membership	\$ 200.00	
Events	\$ 1,340.03	
Cookbook	\$ 188.08	
Contract	\$ 75.00	
Telephone	\$ 214.42	
Books	\$ 737.71	
Computer	\$ 13.90	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,014.98</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,015.81	
<b>Ending Balance—December 31, 2015</b>		\$ 12,271.86

**MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK—SPECIAL CHECKING**

<b>Beginning Balance—January 1, 2015</b>		\$ 41.45
Receipts:		
Transferred from Regular Checking	<u>\$ 900.00</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$ 900.00	
Expenses:		
Transferred to Regular Checking	\$ 845.84	
Expenses	<u>\$ 95.61</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$ 941.45	
<b>Ending Balance—December 31, 2015 (account closed)</b>		\$ 0.00

**Mascoma Savings Bank—Ruth P. Jutson C.D. #575534**

<b>Beginning Balance—January 1, 2015</b>		\$ 1,033.05
Interest Earned	\$ 3.65	
<b>Ending Balance—December 31, 2015</b>		\$ 1,036.70

**2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>Expenses</b>	
Postage	\$ 15.00
Supplies	\$400.00
Events	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Proposed Expenses</b>	<b>\$940.00</b>



## TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

**PEOPLES UNITED BANK ACCOUNT # 25-45-06435**

**Beginning Balance – January 1, 2015** \$ 5,075.87

Receipts:

Interest from People’s United Bank \$ 5.46

Dividends from Putnam Fund \$ 304.31

Perpetual Care – Deposits \$ 1,050.00

Total Receipts: \$ 1,359.77

Expenses:

Dividends to Cemetery Fund \$ 298.15

Total Expenses: \$ 298.15

**Ending Balance – December 31, 2015** \$ 6,137.49

**LAKE SUNAPEE BANK ACCOUNT # 927156**

**Beginning Balance – January 1, 2015** \$ 901.37

Receipts:

Dividends – Sofield Scholarship Fund \$ 573.50

Expenses:

2015 Scholarship Award \$ 575.38

**Ending Balance – December 31, 2015** \$ 899.49

**PUTNAM FUND ACCOUNT # 0002-0016488014 (Cemetery Fund)**

**Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2015** \$ 27,468.13

Share Price = \$16.88

Share Balance = 1,627.259

**Fund Share Value as of December 31, 2015** \$ 26,866.05

Share Price = \$16.51

Share Balance = 1,627.259

**PUTNAM FUND ACCOUNT # 0004-0496697228 (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship Fund)**

**Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2015** \$ 40,708.08

Share Price = \$21.65

Share Balance = 1,880.281

**Fund Share Value as of December 31, 2015** \$ 37,041.54

Share Price = \$19.70

Share Balance = 1,880.281

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Hotchkiss





# American Red Cross

The American Red Cross of NH and VT is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the New Hampshire and Vermont communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters. These services help thousands of Vermonters each year, and would not be possible without the help of generous donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year.

In this past year, the American Red Cross provided the following services throughout the two states:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **284** local disasters, helping over **1,200 people**
- We installed over 500 smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign
- 283 Nurse Assistants and 26 Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings
- We held 2900 blood drives and collected 100,000 units of blood
- We connected 379 military members with their loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department
- We currently have over 1,330 volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen
- There were 30,669 enrollees in our Health & Safety courses including CPR, First Aid, Aquatics, and Babysitting

The American Red Cross provides all its services for free with no support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community, like Pittsfield, for funding. As you know, disaster can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in Pittsfield and its surrounding areas to help.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your support for the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do. Feel free to contact me at (802) 660-9130 or email at [Claire.girouxwilliam@redcross.org](mailto:Claire.girouxwilliam@redcross.org).

Sincerely,  
Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Specialist  
[www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)

**New Hampshire Headquarters**  
**2 Maitland Street**  
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**(800) 464-6992**

**Vermont Headquarters**  
**20 Mansfield Avenue**  
**Burlington, VT 05401**  
**(800) 660-9130**



*“I request that during that month (March) our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross.”*

*-Franklin D. Roosevelt, first Presidential Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month, 1943*

## Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

The Towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area Towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other member Towns also utilize the waste management program, these Towns being: Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock, and Granville.

Administration of the program had historically been managed by staff of the Town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. In August 2013, a new Interlocal Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts some of the burden of workload and accountability from the Town of Bethel's shoulders.

In November 2015, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved our program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The SWIP will need to be formally adopted by the Selectboards of all eight member Towns in the next few months. Copies of the State-approved SWIP will be available for review at each Town Office.

Our facility operates under a license (or "Certification") which is renewed every five years. An application to renew our certification was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also "operated" under a Certification, which has been renewed for an additional five year term to end September 30, 2016. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

During the interval from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, a total of 5,044.57 tons of solid waste

were received at the transfer station "tipping floor." This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to a lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled to 775.85 tons, these materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various "special wastes" are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, and electronic apparatus. The fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for "household hazardous wastes" were held in August 2014 and June 2015, to provide a means for citizens of the member Towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, oil based paint, etc. The event was open to all residents of the member Towns, at no cost for up to 10 gallons of materials. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at program collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants, and an appointment must be made in advance. Since two collection events are normally held each year, the public is encouraged to inquire at the facility for dates scheduled.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well-trained to provide advice or assistance.

**The facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Information may be obtained during those hours at the facility or by calling 763-2232.**



Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better

lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action serves 18,187 people in 8,895 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, ongoing disaster relief, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 3 Pittsfield households representing 11 individuals this past year included:

- 5 individuals in 1 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 1 resident had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 1 household with 5 family members was able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.

**Capstone thanks the residents of Pittsfield for their generous support this year!  
Yvonne Lory, Development Specialist [lory@capstonevt.org](mailto:lory@capstonevt.org) — (802) 479-1053**



Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

Senior Help Line – (800) 642-5119 – has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers

Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more

Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans

Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans

Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home

In the past year, we have touched the lives of thousands of elders throughout Central Vermont, including 8 Pittsfield families. Kathryn Schenkman is the Case Manager dedicated to working directly with the seniors in Pittsfield and provided at least 45 hours of service directly with 6 seniors in the past year. In addition, 4 seniors received nutritional support through our wellness programs.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Pittsfield for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.



The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discover, intervention, treatment, and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and children affected by violence.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the *National Children's Alliance*, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC coordinates a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach allowing for a comprehensive and consistent response to abuse investigations and subsequent services to the victim and non-offending family members. CFAC sustains the essential connections between the diverse professions that seek to address child abuse. Collaboration between law enforcement, victim advocacy, child protective services, prosecution, medical and therapeutic disciplines, is essential in the reduction of trauma to victims and successful prosecution of perpetrators.

In 2015, The Child First Advocacy Center served 199 children and families in Rutland County. We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least one family in Pittsfield as they began their recovery from the effects of child abuse.

Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of ability to pay.

Submitted,  
Wendy Loomis  
Executive Director

Dr. Dean Mooney Ph.D., NCSP  
President, Board of Directors

**PO Box 6822—Rutland, VT 05702—(802) 747-0200**  
**[info@childfirstadvocacycenter.org](mailto:info@childfirstadvocacycenter.org)**



## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2015, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous

support of towns such as the Town of Pittsfield assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Development Disability Services

During fiscal year 2015, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 171 hours of services to 6 Pittsfield residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Pittsfield in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Submitted,  
Dick Courelle



# front porch forum.com

HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

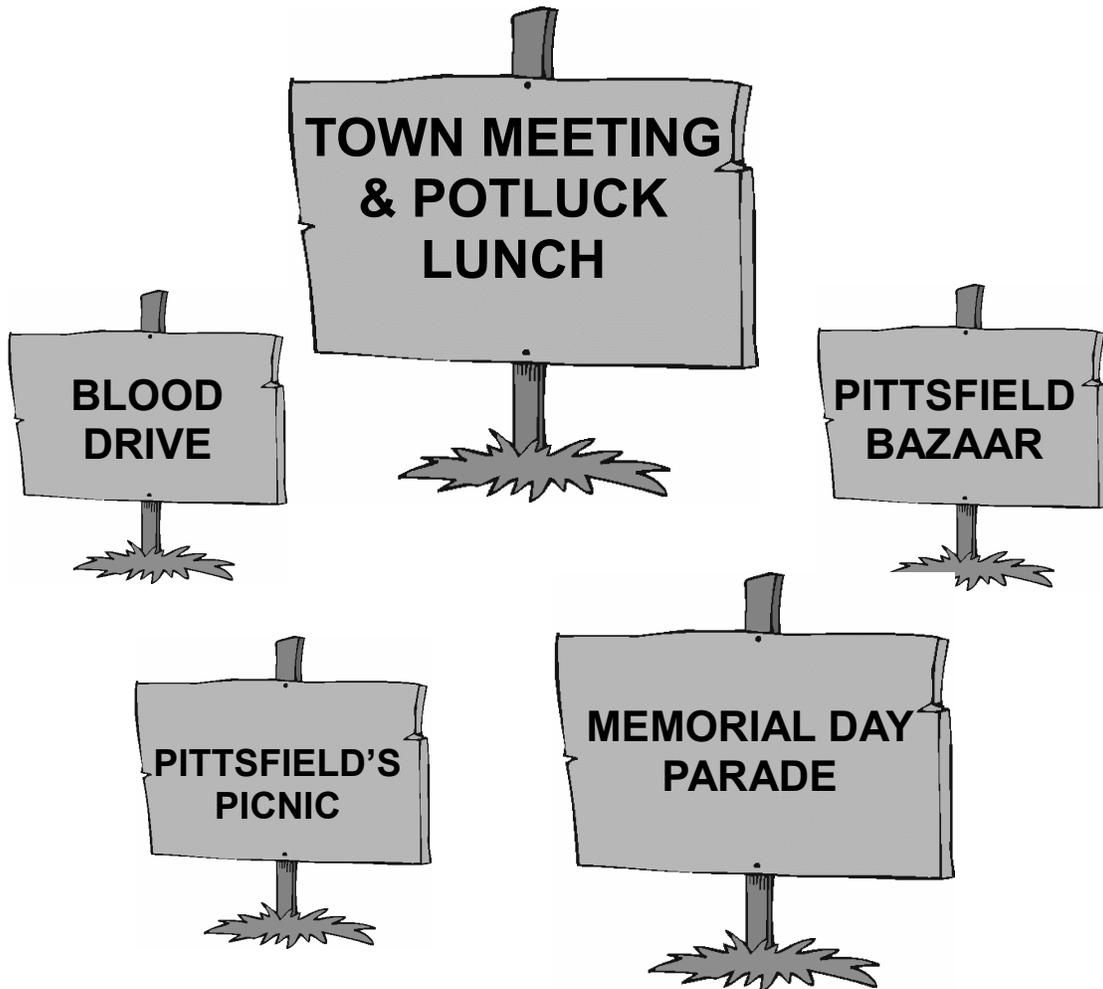
Front Porch Forum's (FPF) mission is to help neighbors connect and build community. We do that by hosting regional networks of online neighborhood forums. Common sense and a growing body of re-

search tell us that well-connected neighborhoods are friendlier places to live, with less crime, healthier residents, higher property values, and better service from local government and public utilities. My wife and I founded FPF in 2006 to serve our hometown of Burlington, Vermont. Amazingly more than two-thirds of Burlington households subscribe to FPF now. Members have shared hundreds of thousands of postings among nearby neighbors about a variety of topics: lost dogs, car break-ins, plumber recommendations, school budgets, block parties, helping neighbors in need, and much more.

What we found then is now playing out across all Vermont towns... once people have an easy and safe way to communicate with neighbors, they will! And that simple act adds up. The cumulative impact can be huge... after months of FPF, people often report feeling more connected to neighbors, more tuned in to local goings on, and more a part of their community. And in many cases, people then become more active... organizing a group yard sale, mentoring a local kid, volunteering for a park clean-up, voting on election day, etc. That's what FPF is all about!

What is Front Porch Forum worth to your Town? To learn more about us, check out the website below or give us a call.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder



## GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST



The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from the many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors that help us accomplish our robust program of work every year. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and the interest that you have shown in helping us manage the more than 400,000 acre GMNF, which several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts enjoy and is critical to our local economy. We are proud that the GMNF is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people—people in your town, as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Here is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

### **Recreation Programs:**

- Analysis was completed to designate multiple trails for fat bike use in the Towns of Pittsfield, Chittenden, Rochester, Goshen, Ripton, and Warren
- Working with Tweed Valley Travelers VAST Club and local contractors, multiple projects were completed on the VAST trail network, including bridge repairs and trail tread and gate improvements on trails such as Caryl Brook, Bloodroot Gap, and California Lot.

### **Botany Program:**

- As part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project, staff inventoried over 1,000 acres in the towns of Rochester, Hancock, Chittenden and Pittsfield. Three new rare plant populations were found in these inventories.

### **Forest Vegetation Management:**

- Staff initiated forest inventory and data collection in support of proposed activities for the Robinson Integrated Resource Project. This Integrated Resource Project will include restoration activities and timber harvest on thousands of acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.

### **Environmental Planning:**

- We started the Robinson Integrated Resource Project in 2015 by collecting resource inventory and information primarily in the towns of Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, Pittsfield and Chittenden. Completion is anticipated to be by late 2017 or early 2018.

### **Wildlife Habitat Improvement:**

- Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat important to many species. More than 500 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing or mastication in the towns of Pittsfield, Hancock, Rochester, Warren, and several other towns.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure.

Forest Service Offices in Vermont: Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:30pm.

Submitted,  
John Sinclair, Forest Supervisor  
(802) 767-6700





Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

**Mark your calendar! May 7, 2016 Green Up Day, 46 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,  
always the first Saturday in May.**

**P.O. Box 1191—Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802) 229-4586 or (800) 974-3259  
[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)—[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)**





Park House (Rochester Community Care Home, Inc.), a non-profit organization, has been providing top quality, affordable housing for the older members of our community since 1991, when Select Boards and other interested community people from the five towns of Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester, and Stockbridge joined together to look into the possibility of locating an affordable, shared residence for independent living in the valley. The receipt of a Community Development Block Grant and other grants from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board enabled the Park House project to proceed with the renovation of the old Rochester Inn adjacent to the Rochester Park. Directives of the grants guarantee that rents for eligible elders living at Park House will remain perpetually affordable, and that approved income guidelines will be followed in admitting residents.

In order to keep Park House as relevant today as it was twenty-four years ago, we obtained a feasibility grant from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and a planning grant from the Vermont Community Development Program. Through these grants, we have hired professionals to evaluate the current condition of our building in terms of structural stability, current building codes, ADA requirements, energy efficiency, and maintenance needs. Our architect has also developed a preliminary plan to modernize our kitchen and provide additional private bathrooms. Our development consultant has helped to prepare four grant applications earmarked for implementing these plans. We look forward to determining how much of this plan will be possible. Park House will continue to be an affordable, local housing option for seniors well into the future.

Park House has enjoyed a special relationship with the supportive Pittsfield community since its inception. Recently, Pittsfield residents, Edna Gunter and Judy Manley, were active members of our volunteer Board of Trustees, committing countless hours working on a variety of fundraising events, offering wise guidance in management of Park House, and just being good friends to the special group of residents who live here. We will be looking to fill the vacancies left by these wonderful ladies with more wonderful folks from Pittsfield.

Over the years, we have had several Park House residents who moved from homes in Pittsfield. In 2015, two of our residents have immediate family in the Pittsfield community.

Thank you for your past generous support of the service we provide.

Sincerely, Juli Reiderer, Executive Director

## **QUIN-TOWN CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

We have supplied 6,293 meals this past year to seniors at the center and through our Meals on Wheels program. Some of the monies we received help to cover a portion of our operating budget that is not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore each contributing town and their citizens help to run our program and provide quality meals and social enrichment for their aging neighbors and relatives within the six communities.

We continue to run a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support .

Sincerely,  
Natalie Clook, President  
Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens Board of Directors

Kent Butterfield, Vice President  
Barbara Harvey, Secretary  
Cathy O'Rourke, Treasurer  
Marjorie Heil, Fundraising  
Tami Smith, Executive Director

Board Members: Annette "Sugie" West  
Diana Haynes  
Mary Ellen Dorman  
Beverly Allen  
Kathleen Byrne



## Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter

The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter (RCWNS) is the single non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault through efforts at prevention, protection, and education in the communities of Rutland County. We work on protection through providing emergency shelter,

crisis and advocacy services and on prevention through education and referrals to other community resources. For 35 years, we have helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help our neighbors and friends break the cycle of abuse.

Over the past year, we provided more than 2,000 shelter bed nights to families in our community. We also offer counseling, support groups, help with finding safe and permanent housing, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We advocate to help address instances of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist with family court matters, work closely with local police to provide innovative training for more effective law enforcement response, and provide individual services to clients both in-shelter and in the community.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Pittsfield for their support of our program. Because of your support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for survivors of domestic violence from your town as well as to provide counseling and legal advocacy services. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

**PO Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702—Business (802)775-6788—Crisis (802)775-3232**

Sincerely,  
Avaloy Lanning, MSW  
Executive Director



## **STAGECOACH**

Thank you for your past support of community transportation services. In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System provided 6 trips for Pittsfield residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus and Dial-a-Ride systems provided a total of 68,235 rides — 6,807 more rides than in the previous year. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

**Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Pittsfield, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, social services, pharmacies, and food shopping.

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Pittsfield residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH.

**Volunteer Driver Program** – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.

**If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.**

**Information** -- Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information.

**Stagecoach Transportation—(802) 728-3773**



The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses.

The following are highlights from 2015:

#### **Technical Assistance**

In 2015, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns incorporated a new flood resiliency element that is required for all plans adopted after July, 2014. Many towns have improved and clarified implementing regulations, easing permitting by making results more predictable. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

#### **Emergency Management & Preparedness**

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency response and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, which are critical components to disaster response efforts. Further, we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans, often in tandem with the remaining Tropical Storm Irene property buy-outs in the region.

#### **Working Landscapes & Economic Development**

TRORC is committed to projects that preserve and protect our region's natural, scenic, and economic heritage. We continually seek to find a healthy, equitable balance between development and conservation that will both secure the region's future vitality and prosperity while ensuring effective stewardship of our landscape. To this end, we assisted in completing a new Economic Development Action Plan, since approved by the East Central Vermont Economic Development District. In addition, TRORC applied for and received \$400,000 in federal funding to assess contaminated properties leading to redevelopment and tax payments on delinquent properties.

#### **Transportation**

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Pittsfield this past year, we assisted with updating the Town Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. We provided the town with a speed count on VT 100 through the Village and completed a town-wide culvert inventory. Recently, we also assisted in the renewal of the Village Center Designation with the state.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret



Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY'15 (10/2014-9/2015) show VCIL responded to over **2,250** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **313** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **16** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **221** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 68 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **103** individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **481** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '15, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/ services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I, R & A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)

**(800) 639-1522—www.vcil.org**



Department of Health  
Agency of Human Services

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

- **Supported healthy communities:** Rutland Area Prevention Coalition was awarded \$140,000.00 in order to prevent substance abuse, prevention and education. Partnership for Success was awarded \$130,000.00.
- **Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Pittsfield, 10 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice (a change from home delivery).
- **Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2014 we responded to 313 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$1,132,651.07 of which was in your district's area.
- **Aided communities in emergency preparedness:** In 2014/15, \$10,000.00 was contributed to fund training for Rutland County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, funding of \$73,062.00 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

**Rutland District Office—300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building—Rutland, VT 05701**



## VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

The Rural Fire Protection program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **17 years** of the program, **991 grants** totaling **\$2.1 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair.

Over the past two years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2014, we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015, we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is about \$195,000 per year, \$120,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Since last year, we have received over **\$7,000** in town appropriations from more than **60** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

**213** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

Jill Arace, Executive Director  
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts  
(802) 496-5152 [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

Troy Dare, Manager  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

## VERMONT SECRETARY OF STATE Elections Management Platform

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

- Elections Management System (EMS) - includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business, from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results
- New Online Voter Registration Tool - allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet
- New "My Voter Page" - online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

One of Secretary Condos' goals is to increase voter participation, and he is confident that the new online voter registration system and the "My Voter Page" tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in elections.

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



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

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

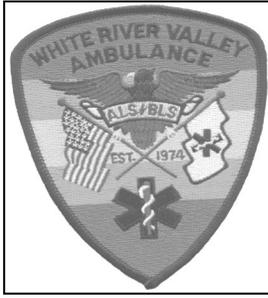
Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 148 homecare visits to 10 Pittsfield residents. We provided approximately \$8,350 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Pittsfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 71 home visits to 8 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 37 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 22 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 18 home visits to 1 resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,  
Jeanne McLaughlin  
President & CEO  
(888) 300-8853



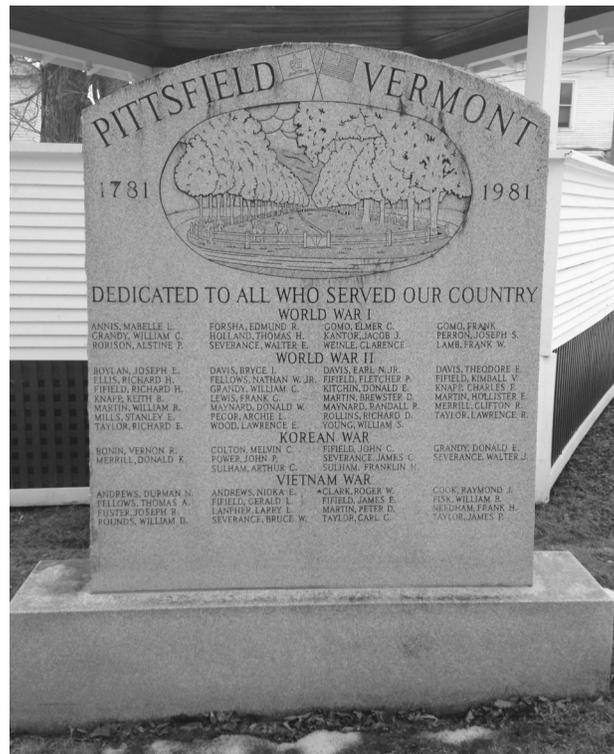
White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA) is a non-profit regional ambulance service for the following towns: Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester, and Stockbridge. Roughly half of the operating funds are from per capita contributions from the member towns and the remainder from services rendered.

For the last two years, WRVA has been able to keep the town per capita contributions at the same rate. There are a couple of reasons for this. Each town is represented on the Board of Directors as volunteers and each spending decision is heavily scrutinized, making sure that the expenditure maintains or elevates the level of service available to our neighbors.

The other reason is that the full time crew at WRVA has stepped up as the daily operating group that makes this complicated and technical service the best it can be, including personal sacrifices to advance their training certifications to reach the highest attainable level available to the EMS industry. We have one of the most dedicated and professional team of EMTs in the area.

We also want to say how appreciative the Ambulance crew is for the many First Responders in our towns who take time from their daily lives to be the very first on the scene in our towns until the Ambulance arrives. It has been documented that these neighbors of ours are instrumental in the medical outcome for the patient of 911 calls WRVA responds to. WRVA would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you.

WRVA would also like to extend an invitation to our town citizens to contact WRVA at [www.wrva.net](http://www.wrva.net) or (802)234-6800 to join the ranks of this wonderful group of neighbors who are First Responders. WRVA will be involved through the process along with First Responders from their town. It is a very important and rewarding contribution.



## PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The citizens of Pittsfield who are legal voters in the Pittsfield Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pittsfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to transact business:

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

**Article 2.** To hear and act upon the Auditor's report.

**Article 3.** To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town.

**Article 4.** To hear reports of the School Directors.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,456,309 for the 2016–17 school year? It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$18,169 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 2.77% lower than spending for the current year.

**Article 6.** To elect a School Director for a three year term.

**Article 7.** To do any other proper and necessary business.

Dated at Pittsfield, Vermont this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016

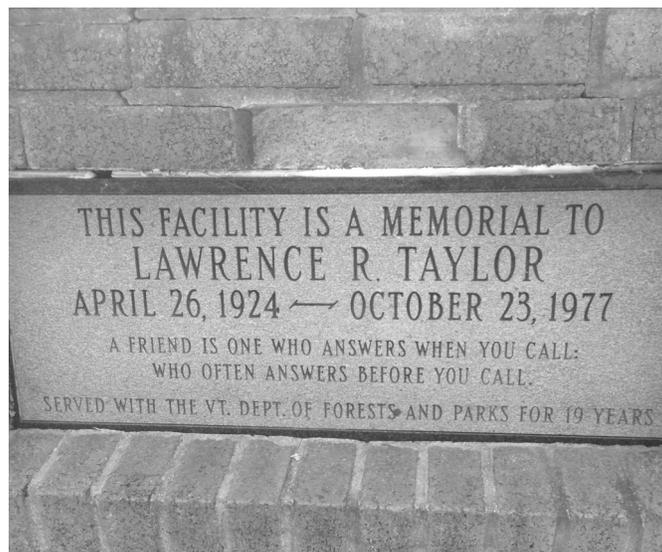
Pittsfield School Board,

AJ Ruben        2016  
Ray Rice        2017  
Kris Sperber    2018

Received for record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 at 9 am.

Attest: Patricia S. Haskins, Town Clerk

Any individuals needing special accommodations can contact the Town Clerk's Office at least two weeks prior to the Town Meeting.



## PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

In 2015, the Pittsfield School Board (PSB) met at the appointed second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in or around the basement of the Town Office building, with the exception of some meetings that were moved with notice posted appropriately. Agendas and minutes of meetings were also produced and posted as required by law. Our meetings are open to the public and everybody is encouraged to attend. The PSB wishes to thank Patty Haskins and Soojeong Seo for the invaluable and excellent work they do. Thank you Patty and Seo!

Board members continued their core functions of producing a budget for your vote, paying the bills of the School District in a timely fashion after reasonable scrutiny to assure that Pittsfield pays charges for residents only and that all charges are reasonable and appropriate, and awarding the Jean Colver Sofield Award. In 2015 the award, granted to a Pittsfield student who is college bound and has demonstrated a commitment to community service, was given to Eliana Ruben (A.J. is her dad and recused himself from the voting). Congratulations Eli!

Regarding this year's proposed Education Budget, we are reminded that because we do not operate a school our educational costs are mostly beyond our control. Our budget is based on the number of children attending school, which school they attend, and costs of additional supports our children may require. This upcoming school year we expect to have an decrease in the number of children attending school and are planning for 73 K–12 students, down from 80 students budgeted in FY 2015. We are also including tuition for pre-K students as required by law. Our proposed education budget for FY 2016 is \$1,456,309. This budget is slightly higher than last year's budget, despite the reduction in overall students, in large part to pay off the deficit we incurred by under budgeting the number of students last year and incurring approximately \$126,000 in additional tuition costs. The PSB works diligently to determine which students will be attending what schools the following year each budget season, but in the end, people move in and out of town with children, so the number is always subject to change. This year the PSB will be introducing a new process by which parents of students will have to document, with the help of their schools, where their students are attending and identify their residence in Pittsfield.

In addition to these core functions, the PSB has worked hard this year to make our move from the now non-existent Windsor Northwest Supervisory Union (WNWSU) to the Windsor Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) as smooth and productive as possible. We can report that the move to WCSU has gone well, our district treasurer (Patty) is working well with WCSU's business manager and our bills are being paid efficiently and on time. Ray has been attending WCSU meetings to represent Pittsfield, with Kris and/or A.J. filling in when schedules require.

With the passage of Act 46 last year, our move to WCSU has seemed to be a transitional move, as the Act requires that towns (districts) merge into a new "educational district" (ED) of about 900 students, with one school board, or face tax penalties in 2017. The PSB has put in dozens of hours going to meetings with the WCSU, the Vermont School Board Association, and other board members from "tuitioning" towns (towns without schools) in order to figure out what our options are and what we need to do to provide the necessary information for Pittsfield to make decisions. The PSB understands that unless the law is changed, Pittsfield will either have to merge our school district with WCSU to form one 900 student ED resulting in Pittsfield losing school choice, or we'd have to form an ED with close to 900 students with approximately 10 to 15 other tuitioning towns to create a completely "choice" educational district, or we'd have to merge with another tuitioning district to form a "side-by-side" district with an "operating" ED, such as WCSU. This is the case because the State Board of Education has determined that an Educational District cannot allow school choice and operate schools at the same time. The PSB is participating in a study funded by the Agency of Education (AOE) that will produce a report on the costs and benefits of forming a large "choice" or side-by-side ED, and is also monitoring the AOE funded study that WCSU is conducting to determine the costs and benefits of forming one large ED out of the towns currently in the WCSU. We hope to have more information to share on this subject at the Annual Meeting on March 1, 2016.

As always, but possibly never as urgently, the PSB encourages you to attend our monthly meetings to learn more about how the new education laws will impact where our children go to school and how the costs are managed. The PSB wishes to thank the Town for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to another challenging year assuring our students get a great education and our taxpayers get the best deal possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Sperber     Ray Rice     A.J. Ruben  
Pittsfield School Board

# PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

## **Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.**

George Deblon elected moderator.

## **Article 2. To hear and act upon the Auditors' Report.**

Auditors' Report was accepted.

## **Article 3. To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town.**

No discussion. Unanimously approved.

## **Article 4. To hear reports from the School Directors.**

Kris Sperber explained that in addition to tuition costs, the Town must also pay a share of the administrative costs of the Supervisory Union and the stipend allowed for School Board members and the Clerk. The Board stated that while the cost of education is high, the budget is down, even with a predicted higher number of students. Savings were largely due to our move to the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Kris also noted that under the new SPED funding formula, any current cost savings could disappear if Pittsfield's SPED expenses rise. Responding to a question concerning whether vocational school tuition is in addition to the same student's high school tuition, Kris responded that Pittsfield pays only one or the other for each day the student is there. With regard to private school tuition, Kris stated that under State law, the School Board pays eligible private schools the state-wide average tuition. If a student attends a ski academy for only part of the year, that tuition is prorated between the academy and the other eligible school the student attends. Kris noted that most of our elementary students and many of the secondary students currently attend schools within the WCSU, which the Town officially joined as of July 1, 2015. Towns in this Supervisory Union include Woodstock, Readsboro, Killington, Barnard, Pomfret, Bridgewater and Pittsfield, with Pittsfield the only town that does not operate a school and is not part of the 'union' that requires high school students to attend Woodstock H.S. The School Directors suggested that while in the past a 'No' vote on the school budget was strategically appropriate, with the decrease in the budget this year, the move to a new supervisory union and the Legislature aware of education cost concerns, it would be more effective to pass the budget and then talk with elected representatives. Unanimously approved.

## **Article 5. Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,390,659.00 for the 2015-2016 school year?**

A suggestion to vote 'No' on the budget to send a message to State government that we want costs to change was again addressed by Kris, who stated that Pittsfield led the way and was, in large part, responsible for the dissolution of the WNWSU which reduced the number of supervisory unions. Again, in the past a 'No' vote resulted in a change in the law, but the current situation isn't amenable to that kind of quick legislative remedy. Residents were encouraged to attend School Board meetings to discuss their concerns. The moderator called for a vote by paper ballot. The education budget passed with 37 'yes' and 7 'no' votes.

## **Article 6. To elect a School Director for a three-year term.**

Kris Sperber elected School Director.

## **Article 7. To do any other proper and necessary business.**

In response to a question about busing, A. J. Ruben responded that there was discussion about busing but there was no change at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Recorded by:  
A.J. Ruben

Approved by:  
Kristin Sperber  
Ray Rice  
A.J. Ruben

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Green Mountain National Forest	5,579.50
Town of Pittsfield General Fund (taxes)	1,310,212.00
Interest Income	98.21
Mainstream Block Grant (3201)	63,690.50
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement (3202)	38,903.00
Special Education Extraordinary (3203)	8,580.22
Essential Early Education Block Grant (3204)	1,880.50
Misc - Repayent 504/Individualized Education Program Med	10,346.96
Prior Year Income	<u>2,355.38</u>
<b>Receipts Total</b>	<b>\$1,441,646.27</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Insurance Assessment	\$2,481.52
Supervisory Union Assessment	65,484.98
Special Education Assessment	250,877.00
Essential Early Education Grant	26,815.03
504 Plan Expense	43,153.72
Tax Expense - FICA SS & Medicare	87.59
School Board Salaries	945.00
Treasurer Salary	200.00
Dues - Vermont School Board Assoc.	269.22
Audit	1,200.00
Prior Year Expense	39,158.22
Advertising	74.94
Loan Interest on Payoff	<u>965.05</u>
<b>Expenses Subtotal</b>	<b>\$431,712.27</b>
<b>Elementary Tuition</b>	
Killington	\$429,527.82
Stockbridge	76,750.00
Rutland Town	26,800.00
Barstow	14,500.00
Rochester	<u>8,011.24</u>
<b>Elementary Tuition Subtotal</b>	<b>\$555,589.06</b>
<b>Secondary Tuition</b>	
Woodstock	176,000.00
Sharon Academy	137,520.00
Bethel	18,000.00
Rochester	80,000.00
Rutland Public School	43,761.22
Killington Mountain School	44,556.00
Randolph Technical Center	8,998.39
Green Mtn Valley School	13,752.00
Stratton Mountain School	13,752.00
Cushing Academy	13,752.00
Hartford	2,105.98
Rutland Town	26,800.00
<b>Secondary Tuition Subtotal</b>	<b>\$578,997.59</b>
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$1,566,298.92</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015**

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking - Mascoma	\$11,876.12
Money Management - Mascoma	<u>1,290.15</u>
<b>Total Assets June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$13,166.27</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Notes Payable	<u>\$212,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$212,000.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2015</b>	
Actual Fund Balance (deficit), June 30, 2014	(\$74,181.08)
Revenue for FY 2014-2015	1,441,646.27
Expenses for FY 2014-2015	<u>(1,566,298.92)</u>
<b>Ending Balance, (deficit) June 30, 2015</b>	<b>(\$198,833.73)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$124,652.65)</b>

**STATEMENT OF SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS**  
**As of June 30, 2015**

The Town of Pittsfield School District obtained a \$200,000 Tax Anticipation Note on March 20, 2014 through the Mascoma Savings Bank with an interest rate of 2.275%. Funds were released in the amount of \$95,000 on April 21, 2014 and \$32,869.41 on May 15, 2014. The note was paid in full on August 27, 2014 with a principal payment of \$127,869.41 and an interest payment of \$965.05.

The Town of Pittsfield School District obtained a short term, interest free Loan from the Town of Pittsfield General Fund on March 24, 2015 not to exceed \$200,000. Funds were released in the amount of \$155,000 on March 31, 2015 and \$45,000 on June 3, 2015.

The Town of Pittsfield School District obtained a \$220,000 Tax Anticipation Note on June 12, 2015 through the Mascoma Savings Bank with an interest rate of 2.100%. Funds were released in the amount of \$12,000 on June 23, 2015.

Pittsfield School District  
FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget

	Audited Actual 2012 - 2013	Audited Actual 2013-2014	Budget 2014 - 2015	Audited Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Prior Year Surplus	0	0	-50,632	0	-62,856	0
State Support	1,164,372	1,134,746	1,323,783	1,310,212	1,380,643	1,380,325
Investment Income	141	80	150	98	100	100
Miscellaneous	10,925				0	0
Tech Grant	9,183	11,703	13,712	0	13,825	13,825
Mainstream Block Grant	25,177	27,818	28,685	28,685	27,989	31,319
Special Ed Expenditure Reimbursement	99,167	100,233	94,455	85,633	21,477	21,259
PY SPED General	15,820					
Spec Ed Extra-Ordinary	0	0	16,107	9,056	0	0
EEE Grant	4,201	3,327	3,761	1,881	3,781	3,781
ARRA - Ed Jobs						
Green Mountain Forest	6,042	5,735	6,000	5,580	5,700	5,700
Other Receipts				22,771		
Previous Year Surplus			0		0	0
	<u>1,335,028</u>	<u>1,283,642</u>	<u>1,472,941</u>	<u>1,463,915</u>	<u>1,390,659</u>	<u>1,456,309</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>						
Stipends - Board of Education	945	945	945	945	945	945
FICA - Board of Education	88	88	88	88	88	88
Liability Insurance	2,768	2,609	2,900	2,482	3,000	3,000
Legal Fees	0	35	0	0	0	0
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	405	15,000	75	0	0
Dues/Fees	258	263	260	269	260	260
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>4,345</u>	<u>19,193</u>	<u>3,859</u>	<u>4,293</u>	<u>4,293</u>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>						
Stipend - Treasurer	200	200	200	200	200	200
Audit	1,200	600	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE</b>						
Central Office Assessment	64,760	63,399	65,485	65,485	54,000	55,350
Special Education Assessment	258,564	228,959	250,877	200,510	85,000	89,300
EEE Assessment	22,492	23,336	26,815	26,815	10,000	10,000
	<u>345,816</u>	<u>315,694</u>	<u>343,177</u>	<u>292,810</u>	<u>149,000</u>	<u>154,650</u>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
Interest	383	417	0	965	300	300
<b>SCHOOL INSTRUCTION</b>						
Tuition Pre-K						15,000
Tuition Elementary	359,789	403,075	425,264	555,589	542,420	485,089
Tuition Secondary	565,601	481,171	571,060	589,850	592,121	568,254
Prior Year Tuition Expense	20,599	14,125	0	0	15,000	15,000
Prior Year Expenses - Other	46,980	790	0	0	0	0
Tuition - Vocational	5,778	6,187	25,215	8,998	12,300	12,300
Tuition - Vocational On Behalf DOE	9,183	11,703	0	0	13,825	13,825
Contract service - 504/EST	37,681	65,407	37,000	43,154	60,000	60,000
	<u>1,045,590</u>	<u>982,458</u>	<u>1,058,539</u>	<u>1,177,591</u>	<u>1,235,666</u>	<u>1,169,468</u>
<b>PREVIOUS YEAR(S) DEFICIT(S)</b>						
Accumulated Deficit						126,198
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>1,397,247</u>	<u>1,303,714</u>	<u>1,422,309</u>	<u>1,476,625</u>	<u>1,390,659</u>	<u>1,456,309</u>

## Pittsfield Tuition

### Announced Tuition Rates

#### ELEMENTARY

School District/Town	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Rochester	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
Bethel	\$ 11,800	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,600	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,905
Stockbridge	\$ 10,600	\$ 12,400	\$ 15,350	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,921
Barstow	\$ 13,800	\$ 13,800	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,700
Killington	\$ 11,375	\$ 11,830	\$ 12,066	\$ 12,790	\$ 12,800

### Announced Tuition Rates

#### SECONDARY

School District/Town	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Rochester	\$ 14,700	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	\$ 14,400	\$ 14,600	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,995
Rutland City/High School	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,500
Woodstock Union	\$ 14,400	\$ 15,200	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
State Average Tuition	\$ 12,461	\$ 13,084	\$ 13,740	\$ 14,297	\$ 14,726

### Pittsfield Tuition for School Year 2016-2017

School	# of Kids	Tuition Amount
Barstow	1	\$ 14,700
Bethel Elementary	1	\$ 13,905
Rochester High School	2	\$ 40,000
Killington Elementary	31	\$ 396,800
Stockbridge	4	\$ 59,684
Rutland Town	1	\$ 13,500
Independent Schools	10	\$ 147,260
Woodstock	21	\$ 336,000
Rutland HS	1	\$ 14,500
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	1	\$ 16,995

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District: **Pittsfield**  
County: **Rutland**

LEA: **T153**  
S.U.: **Windsor Central**

1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		1,456,309	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures	-		2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any	-		3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)	-		4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition	-		5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	(lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2	1,456,309	6.
7.	Offsetting revenues (do NOT include revcode 3114, the on-behalf payment)		75,984	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	-		8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	line 2 - line 8	-	9.
10.	Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues	line 7 - (lines 8 + 9)	75,984	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	line 6 - line 10	1,380,325	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	line 16, "CDaid" page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	line 11 - line 12	1,380,325	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		75.97	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	line 13 / line 14	18,169.34	15.
<b>Excess Spending Calculation - secs. 37 &amp; 38 of Act 46, 2015</b>				
16.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	line 15	18,169.34	16.
	Exempt per tuition pk-12		Exempt	
17.	Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2017		NA	17.
18.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	line 16 - line 17		18.
19.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District equalized tax rate	line 15 + line 17	18,169.34	19.
20.	Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate		9,870.00	20.
21.	Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	18,169.34 / 9,870 (lines 19 & 20)	1,840.9	21.
22.	Percent of Pittsfield equalized pupils not in a union school district		100.00%	22.
23.	Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town	lines 21 x line 22	1,840.9	23.
24.	Common level of appraisal		117.79%	24.
25.	Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed	lines 23 / line 24	1,562.9	25.
26.				26.
27.				27.
28.				28.
29.				29.
30.				30.
31.				31.
32.				32.
33.				33.
34.	Total equalized homestead rate for Pittsfield	lines 34 + 39 + 43	1,840.9	34.
35.	Total estimated actual homestead rate for Pittsfield	lines 36 + 40 + 44	1,562.9	35.
36.	Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.538	36.
37.	Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	lines 36 / line 24	1.3057	37.
38.	Education spending	line 13	1,380,325	38.
39.	Tech FTE's		1.88	39.
40.	Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district (This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.)	line 39 x 9,870 x 87%	13,836	40.
41.	Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	lines 38 - 40	1,366,489	41.
42.	Amount to raise locally for Act 144	line 9	-	42.
43.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage	line 19	18,169.34	43.
44.	Income Yield per 2.0% of household income		11,065	44.
45.	Pittsfield household income percentage to be prorated	18,169.34 / 11,065 x 2.00% (lines 43 & 44)	3.28%	45.
46.	Prorated income cap percentage for Pittsfield education property tax if eligible	100.00% x 3.28% (lines 22 & 45)	3.28%	46.
47.		"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)		47.
48.		(lines 27 & 47)		48.
49.		"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)		49.
50.				50.
51.	Estimated income cap percentage for Pittsfield education property tax		3.28%	51.

District: <b>Pittsfield</b> County: <b>Rutland</b>		T153 Windsor Central				Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$0.870 of spending per equalized pupil
				<b>9,870</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
				<b>11,065</b>		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>		
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,317,738	\$1,472,941	\$1,453,515	\$1,456,309		
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-		
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,317,738</b>	<b>\$1,472,941</b>	<b>\$1,453,515</b>	<b>\$1,456,309</b>		
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-		
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-		
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,317,738</b>	<b>\$1,472,941</b>	<b>\$1,453,515</b>	<b>\$1,456,309</b>		
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
<b>Revenues</b>							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$171,289	\$149,158	\$59,047	\$75,984		
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-		
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$171,289</b>	<b>\$149,158</b>	<b>\$59,047</b>	<b>\$75,984</b>		
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,146,449</b>	<b>\$1,323,783</b>	<b>\$1,394,468</b>	<b>\$1,380,325</b>		
15.	Equalized Pupils	69.67	69.32	74.62	75.97		
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$16,455.42</b>	<b>\$19,096.70</b>	<b>\$18,687.59</b>	<b>\$18,169.34</b>		
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA		
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$8.15	\$11.17	\$13.15	NA		
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	NA		
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA		
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	Threshold = \$15,458	Threshold = \$16,186	Threshold = \$17,103	District Threshold		
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-		
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,455	\$19,097	\$18,688	\$18,169.34		
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	179.821% based on \$9,157	205.673% based on \$9,285	197.564% based on \$9,459	NA		
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) $[(\$18,169.34 + \$9,870.00) / \$1,000]$	\$1.6903 based on \$0.94	\$2.0156 based on \$0.99	\$1.9559 based on \$0.99	\$1.8409 based on \$1.00		
30.	Percent of Pittsfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town $(100.00\% \times \$1.84)$	\$1.6903	\$2.0156	\$1.9559	\$1.8409		
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>						
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town $(\$1.8409 / 117.79\%)$	\$1.5221 based on \$0.94	\$1.7737 based on \$0.99	\$1.6746 based on \$0.99	\$1.5629 based on \$1.00		
<p>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.</p>							
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) $[(\$18,169.34 + \$11,065) \times 2.00\%]$	3.24% based on 1.80%	3.70% based on 1.80%	3.56% based on 1.80%	3.28% based on 2.00%		
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State $(100.00\% \times 3.28\%)$	3.24% based on 1.80%	3.70% based on 1.94%	3.56% based on 1.94%	3.28% based on 2.00%		
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-		
37.		-	-	-	-		

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. **New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.**

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

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
January 2016

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

Annually in January, I am pleased to have the opportunity to report to the communities of Windsor Central Supervisory Union on the educational activities that I think make WCSU a special place. I understand that for many in the community, WCSU is a little known entity. Some may think of it as a bureaucracy that has little direct interaction or influence with the local schools; others may lament that outside of their locally elected board members, they have little opportunity to influence the direction and spending of the supervisory union. However, in Vermont the supervisory union is expected to provide guidance, structure, and support to the local schools so that they can focus their attention on student learning by providing high quality, exciting learning opportunities for students. In my tenure as your superintendent, I have tried to ensure that our board, my staff, and I do just that.

From our office at 70 Amsden Way we provide direction, advice, and materials for curriculum, assessment, and program development. For example, last year we adopted a consolidated PreK - eight literacy curriculum that identifies the skills, knowledge, and dispositions students need to be college and career ready readers and writers. Teachers have ongoing professional development on site at the local schools provided by a skilled coach and embedded in their work day. We also employ a highly skilled mathematics coach and special education reading specialist who work in the schools directly with teachers. We are currently developing new science curriculum aligned with The Next Generation Science Standards under the guidance of an expert consultant as well as some of our own expert teachers. Our coaches are employed through federal grants and exemplify the power of consolidating resources to meet a common need across multiple schools in the service of improving learning opportunities and outcomes for students. WCSU also provides direction, service, and support in the areas of instructional technology, special education, finance, human resources, professional development, long range planning, and education related law and governance. Collaborative work within consolidated structures is intended to provide equity of learning opportunities across schools and efficiencies that can keep the taxpayers resources focused on learning.

Few would argue that the most important task of a community is to provide high quality education for its youth. In 2016 this means educating kids to be inquisitive, reflective, critical thinkers, problem solvers, analytic readers, competent and confident writers, technologically skilled, and civic minded. They need opportunities to meaningfully experience the arts, music, physical education, and learning in the areas of health and wellness, not only to become well rounded, independent, happy, healthy, and confident adults but to understand the limitless possibilities and to cultivate their own interests as they plan for their futures. As we move into a new calendar year, I would encourage every citizen to reflect on the increasing challenges we face as a community and nation, the myriad needs of our youth to face those challenges and ways in which members of the WCSU community can work together to maximize our ability to prepare our young people for the future. It is imperative that citizens become informed and involved in shaping the future of our local schools.

While some would argue that the Vermont Legislature's approach to address our shared responsibility to provide educational opportunities in a way that is sustainable as the population in the state ages and school enrollment declines is heavy handed or draconian, I believe it is critical that we proactively face this dilemma. On June 2, 2015, Governor Peter Shumlin signed into law Act 46 of 2015 which is intended to provide incentive and opportunity to increase our current efforts of collaboration. This landmark education legislation calls on school boards and administrators to lead changes in their districts and supervisory unions that will result in greater opportunities for students, increased efficiency in delivering those, and models that are sustainable. The Act provides incentives for the creation of PreK-12 education districts designed to work collaboratively through shared governance and with shared resources. Act 46 should not be thought of as a one size fits all directive. Rather, it should be looked on as an opportunity to redesign the future of our schools.

WCSU is well positioned to become a Vermont "preferred PreK-12 School District" and at this time a Study Committee, approved by the Boards, is exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with this. Moving to a merged PreK-12 system does not necessarily mean consolidation or closure of schools and the incentives offered could actually make it possible for our small schools to thrive.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, cont'd

Inherent in the Act and the challenge of implementation of it is for communities to rethink the delivery of education in a broader and more creative context. For example, in our smaller school communities, school buildings could become more flexible *community education centers* that may house PreK-2 classrooms, a community center for the arts, a local museum or historical society, classes for adult learners, after school programs or day care, etc. Older students could be consolidated in fewer buildings thus providing more opportunities to work, learn and play with peers. Creative use of a community resource could have broader appeal to community members and provide the sustainability needed to keep the education of young children in the community. Other models, such as creating magnet schools within the PreK-12 district or using one building for lower elementary grades and another for upper grades, are all possible. As we move ahead to address the requirements, opportunities, and challenges inherent in Act 46, we are confident that we can continue the thoughtful, proactive conversations and hard decision making needed to “do the right thing” for our children and our communities. We need your help to do so and encourage attention and participation in this important work.

As always, I am indebted to the teachers and board members of WCSU for their ongoing commitment to our students, and to the WCSU staff for their diligent work and professionalism. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the communities of Windsor Central in a proactive and fiscally responsible way.

Respectfully,  
Alice Thomason Worth  
Superintendent/Director of Education

## WCSU BOARD CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Windsor Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) continues to pursue its mission to support our local schools and communities through a variety of centralized activities. By providing educational, financial, operational, and governance services, WCSU paves the way so that our schools can focus their attention on the education of our youth. We continue to be challenged by conditions such as declining enrollment, increased costs, and constraints that the Vermont Legislature has placed on school districts through cost containment strategies. For example, this year health insurance costs alone have risen 7.9%, and cost containment methods penalize districts whose costs rise above 2.5%.

### **Act 46 and Consolidation Strategies:**

Even before the signing into law of Act 46 mandating consolidation of school governance, WCSU has been making efforts to consolidate some services that have historically been provided by the individual districts that make up the supervisory union. For example, we have established a unified transportation system, and we have consolidated special education staff and expenditures.

Starting this fiscal year, we have opened a new Joint District School to provide elementary school services to Pomfret and Bridgewater children. While closing schools is not a goal of WCSU, nor of Act 46, closing the Bridgewater Elementary School because of its low enrollment and the age of its building made sense to the community. Pomfret also felt the pinch from declining student enrollment and partnered with Bridgewater to solve both districts' problems.

Now a new Act 46 Study Committee, made up of board members from the individual school districts and interested citizens from affected communities, is looking at other ways to consolidate governance and services so as to reap educational and financial benefits. With the support of a small study grant from the Vermont Agency of Education the committee has begun working with a consultant to gather and analyze information and consider a number of possible actions. The voters in all WCSU communities are encouraged to become familiar with the issues and opportunities inherent in Act 46. The committee will report to our communities and any recommended actions will not be implemented without an informed consent from the electorate.

## WCSU BOARD CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT, cont'd

### **The Budget:**

Last year a significant change to the WCSU budget occurred as a result of the state-mandated consolidation of special education teaching services in the Supervisory Union. This year additional special education costs have been consolidated in the Supervisory Union budget as a result of a state mandate. As a consequence taxpayers will notice a reduction in special education costs in their local budgets, offset by the resulting increase in the administrative charge to the local budgets based on the WCSU budget. This effort to centralize services is driven by legislative action intended to manage escalating costs.

The WCSU's FY17 expense budget of \$3,213,485 reflects a net increase of \$587,381 as compared to the budget for the current year (FY16). Of that net increase, the sum of \$537,600 is a result of bringing all special education costs, except those of support staff personnel, from all K-6 schools as well as the high school and middle school into the FY17 WCSU budget. The WCSU assessments charged back to the schools will reflect this. There have also been modest increases in staff salaries, some dictated by contractual teacher obligations, and a 7.9 % increase in health insurance costs. Teachers' salaries for next year are still under negotiation. In total, the budget increase, not accounting for the new transfer of special education costs, is only a 1.9% increase over last year.

### **Contract Negotiations:**

Per state statute all schools which have a professional staff organized in a collective bargaining unit must work to merge their collective bargaining agreements in an effort to improve efficiencies across schools. Barnard Academy, Reading Elementary School, Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock Union Middle and High School, and Windsor Central Supervisory Union fall into this category and have been negotiating with their professional staff since October 2015 to create a new collective bargaining agreement for FY17.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Green  
Chair of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union Board

## WCSU INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, WCSU Special Educators have continued in their professional development regarding specialized instruction in reading and writing. Educators furthered their skills in Wilson Reading Instruction and are looking forward to a three day training with the Wilson team to ensure that all special educators are competent in delivering this system of instruction. Also, special education teachers are completing a review of the Landmark School's writing program called *From Talking to Writing* which will be used as the district's writing intervention program. These professional development activities parallel those of the regular educators to provide a comprehensive system of instruction and support. Special Educators also spent a full day developing their assessment skills in reviewing the new Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Achievement.

The special education team has also changed over the last year because of retirements and relocations of some of our team. Melanie McGoven, special educator, joined the middle school; Katie Rougeux, special educator, is teaching at Woodstock Elementary School; Sue Hagerman, school psychologist, is working with the entire district, and Nancy Nicholas, occupational therapist, will also work with students from all towns.

One of the goals for the last year was to provide after school programs for all of the elementary schools. Applications for child day care licenses were opened for all of the elementary schools, and an application was submitted and approved for the Summer SOAK program. This license allows after school programs to apply for subsidies for families in need and insures that programs are well structured for success. Currently afterschool programs are offered at Woodstock Elementary, Killington Elementary, Reading Elementary and Barnard Elementary. Costs for the program are covered by parents, grants and state subsidies.

The District Whole School Whole Child Team researched assessments that could be used to evaluate the health needs of WCSU students. They selected the Center for Disease Control's School Health Index (SHI). After reviewing the tool, the group voted to collect data from each school on

## WCSU INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, cont'd

School Health and Safety Policies and Environment. Topics in this module include school climate, wellness policies, harassment and bullying, physical environment, physical activities, food services and tobacco issues. The team is composed of individuals from each school. They will meet with members of their school community to complete the assessment and then reconvene in January. The group developed a timeline for the completion of the index, formation of recommendations, and presentation to the WCSU Board.

The WCSU Food Services Coordinator, Gretchen Czaja, conducted a district wide survey of parents, students and educators of the current building based food programs, and organized meetings for the Food Service personnel. The survey results demonstrated a strong interest in healthy food choices at school. Meetings with staff focused on the role of food service personnel, the results of the district survey, child nutrition best practices, professional development updates, media platforms for the Food Services program and goal setting. The group will meet four times during the school year. Ensuring that our food service program meets state and federal standards, as well as the nutritional needs of our students, provides true health opportunities at all levels to those we serve.

During Summer SOAK 2015, nineteen instructors provided thirty-two different offerings; including ballet instruction, rocket building, martial arts, women in engineering, Introduction to College Studies through CCV, and a Week in the Woods. The program received a grant of \$8,000 from Hypertherm, \$20,000 from the Byrne Foundation, \$10,000 from the Department of Children and Families Child Development Division Expansion Grant and \$1,500 from the Woodstock Endowment Grant. These grants helped to cover scholarship requests from families and program costs. Over 250 students participated in the program from within and outside of the district. Planning is in progress for Summer SOAK 2016.

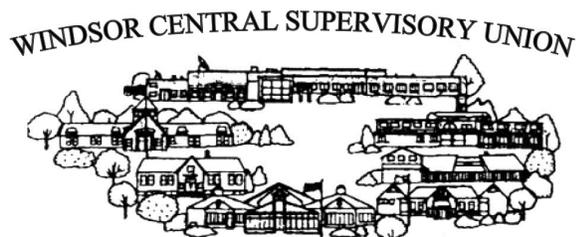
In the fall, a workshop was offered to all teachers and staff on Developmental Trauma with Northeast Family Institute (NFI) at the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Park Forest Center. The event included teams identified by principals of educators, counselors and school nurses. The workshop addressed the impact that chronic trauma has on the developing child. The training was designed to help adults work more successfully with students with chronic trauma exposure; many of the concepts covered were useful in working with all youth.

Fritz Weiss has been working in all of the schools as a consulting teacher in the area of student behavior since the start of the school year. He has conducted observations and Functional Behavioral Assessments for the purpose of developing individual student plans and to provide recommendations to school teams on how they respond to student behavior. Principals and teachers have welcomed this new set of eyes on some challenging situations. Fritz will also be meeting with building administrators and special educators to improve skill sets in addressing student behaviors.

The state has put together a panel of superintendents, Consolidated Federal Grant team leaders, Title 1 teachers, parents and school board members to review the state policies and procedures for implementation of the CFG grant. Nancy LaBella, Title 1 teacher for more than 20 years in our district, and Sherry Sousa were asked to participate on this committee. As the parent and daughter of Hard of Hearing individuals, I was also asked to serve on the Vermont Deaf and Hard of Hearing State Advisory Council. This advisory group will be recommending policy and service revisions at the state level.

Instructional Support Services at WCSU has taken on a very broad definition to include the physical, mental and emotional health of all our students. I am very proud of how we have diversified the opportunities that we can provide our community and how we have varied our use of existing resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Sousa  
Director of Instructional Support Services



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# Recycling Resimplified.

These six materials can now be recycled everywhere in Vermont. But even that causes questions, so here are examples of what can't go into the bins.

1

## Paper

Magazines, Newspapers, Mail, Catalogs, Phone books, and Mixed paper

but not... Paper towels, Soft tissues, Hardcover books



2

## Aluminum

Cans, Foil, Pie Tins & Trays

but not... Aluminum siding, Scrap metal, Pots or Pans



3

## Cardboard

Dry & clean cardboard, Cereal and Cracker boxes

but not... Juice cartons, Frozen food containers, Greasy pizza boxes



4

## Steel

Cans (including tin), Lids, Empty Aerosol cans

but not... Major appliances, Scrap metal, Pesticide sprays, Paint cans



5

## Glass

Beer bottles, Wine bottles, Mason jars

but not... Window glass, Light bulbs, Ceramic dishes



6

## Hard Plastics

Water/soda bottles (remove caps please), Milk jugs, Shampoo bottles

but not... Plastic bags, Styrofoam, Large plastic toys



Vermont's Recycling & Composting Initiative



## ALLIANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY FEES

**Prices:**

Bulk Waste	\$145/ton (\$20 Minimum)
Per Bag	\$5.25/45 gallon
	\$3.50/30 gallon
	\$2.00/15 gallon

Scale Fee	\$20.00
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Antifreeze	\$0.50/quart
Waste Oil	\$0.10/quart
Appliances (w/Freon)	\$15.00 each
Batteries	\$1.00 each
Couch/Sofa	\$15.00 each
Fluorescent Bulbs	\$ 0.00 no charge
Mattresses	\$12.00 each
Rugs & Large Chairs	\$10.00 each
Scrap Metals	\$5.00/cubic yard
Tires	\$3.00 Car/Pickup w/o rim
	\$4.50 Car/Pickup w/rim
	\$10.00 Large Truck
	\$25.00 Heavy Equipment, no rims

**Electronics:**

MP3 Player	\$5.00 each
Microwaves/Fax Machines/VCR	\$10.00 each
Phones—Chargers	\$5.00 each
Stereos/Game Consoles	\$10.00 each

	Covered Entities **	All Others
TV/CRT—Large	Free	\$20.00 each
TV/CRT—Regular	Free	\$10.00 each
Towers/Monitors/Printers	Free	\$10.00 each
Associated Computer Apparatus	Free	\$5.00 each

\*\* Covered Entities are: Vermont households, Vermont charities, Vermont Businesses with up to 10 employees.

**Alliance Solid Waste Management Facility—122 Waterman Road—Royalton, VT 05068—(802) 763-2232**

<b>Hours of Operation: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday</b>	<b>7am—3pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7am—1pm</b>
<b>Closed: Sunday/Monday/Wednesday</b>	

## TOWN COMPENDIUM, HELPFUL INFORMATION, & REGULAR MEETINGS

### BETHEL/ROYALTON TRANSFER STATION

<http://royaltonvt.com/about-royalton/transfer-station/>  
Phone: 802-763-2232  
122 Waterman Road, South Royalton  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### DOG LICENSES

Dogs must be licensed by April 1 each year. A late fee is charged after April 1. Rabies shots must be kept up to date and the certificate filed with the Town Clerk.

### FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

To promote proper flood plain management and also to be accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town of Pittsfield adopted Flood Hazard Area Regulations on February 4, 2014. Please contact the Zoning Administrator before building or working within a flood plain area.

### PITTSFIELD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

A long-standing civic organization contributing to the community quietly, in many important ways, including the gathering and distribution of holiday baskets for the less mobile members of our community.  
Contact: Deb Picarello, 802-746-8331.

### PROPERTY TAXES

Tax bills are mailed on July 15 with installments due on August 15 and November 15 each year. **Payments must be in the Town Office before 3:00 p.m. or the closing of the office on the date that they are due. Postmarks are not accepted as timely payment.**

### QUIN-TOWN SENIOR CENTER

<http://hancockvt.us/quintown/>  
Phone: 802-767-3763  
1097 Vermont Route 100, Hancock, VT 05478  
[quintownctsrnr@myfairpoint.net](mailto:quintownctsrnr@myfairpoint.net)  
Pittsfield residents are eligible for the various services the Quin-town Center provides, such as meals at the center, home-delivered meals, transportation and advocate services.

### REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Property owners and residents are responsible for refuse removal/recycling and may contract with a hauler of their choice or take their refuse and recycling to the Bethel/Royalton Transfer Station.

### ROGER CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

[www.pittsfieldlibrary.com](http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.com)  
Phone: 802-746-4067  
40 Village Green, Pittsfield, VT 05762  
[pittsfieldvlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldvlibrary@gmail.com)

### TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

[www.pittsfieldvt.com](http://www.pittsfieldvt.com)  
Phone/Fax: 802-746-8170  
40 Village Green - P.O. Box 556  
Pittsfield, VT 05762-0556  
[townofpittsfield@myfairpoint.net](mailto:townofpittsfield@myfairpoint.net)  
Current and archived Select Board minutes are available on the website, as well as other information. Please email the Town Clerk with any information or events that would be appropriate on the town website.  
Office hours: Tuesday 12 noon – 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Hours: Tuesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### VOTER CHECKLIST

The Town's current checklist has 333 registered voters. To be added to the checklist, contact the Town Clerk or visit the Vermont Secretary of State's website: (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration>).

### \*\*\*\*\* REGULAR MEETINGS \*\*\*\*\*

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (Apr—Oct) in the Town Hall. Contact Susie Martin, 746-8098

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

6:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Roger Clark Memorial Library

### PITTSFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

7:30 p.m. Business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Fire House  
6:00 p.m. Work meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Fire House

### PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Town Office Building

### SCHOOL BOARD

7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Town Office Building

### SELECT BOARD

6:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at the Town Office, unless otherwise posted

### \*\*\*\*\* ANNUAL EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

#### Town Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

(1st Tuesday in March)

#### Memorial Day Parade

(on Memorial Day)

#### Annual Pittsfield's Picnic

(last Sunday in August)

#### Annual Bazaar on the Green

(last Saturday in September)

#### Trick or Treating in the Village

(Halloween evening)

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>FIRE:</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>POLICE:</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>AMBULANCE:</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>VERMONT POISON CENTER:</b>	<b>1-877-658-3456</b>

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## HOSPITALS

Gifford Medical Center	1-802-728-4441
Rutland Regional Medical Center	775-7111
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1-603-646-5000

## TOWN OFFICE (Copier, fax and Notary services available)

Clerk & Treasurer: Patricia S. Haskins	746-8170
Hours: Tuesday 12 noon – 6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	

## TOWN GARAGE

Road Commissioner: George Deblon	746-8406
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## CONSTABLES—DOG OFFICER (injured, lost, or found dogs ONLY)

Doug Mianulli	746-8514
Tim Hunt	746-8586

## DOG BITES (ONLY)

Sue Wuerthele, Health Officer	746-8700
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## GAME WARDEN

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department – Keith Gallant	
Contact through the Rutland State Police Dispatcher	773-9101

## FIRE WARDEN

Burn Permits: Ray Colton @ Colton Enterprises	746-8033
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**Town of Pittsfield  
40 Village Green  
PO Box 556  
Pittsfield, VT 05762-0556**

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**Please bring this report to Town Meeting  
March 1, 2016  
10 A.M.  
Pittsfield Town Hall**