

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BOARD OF OFFICERS
of the
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015



Please bring your Town Report with you to Town Meeting.
Town Meeting will be at the Ferrisburgh School at 10:00 a.m. on
Saturday, February 27, 2016
Polling Hours are from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 1

We would like to thank the following people who resigned or retired from public office during the past year:

Julie Adams: Served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 10 years.

Sue Andrews-Duke: Worked as a Town Auditor from 2011 through March of 2016.

Julie Gramling: Served as a Town School director 2012 through March of 2016.

Kurt Haigis: Kurt served as a Town school director starting in 2005, and began as a Union High school director in 2012 through 2015.

Alyth Hescok: Served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 4 years.

Richard Hiscock: Was a member of the Energy Committee for 3 years.

The Highway Department would like to honor Bernard Jerry and Tim Warner.

Mr. Jerry worked for the Highway Department from 1975 to 1987. I'm sure many can remember him as he graded roads in the summer and plowed with the grader in the winter. For years at sugaring time he would bring the crew maple syrup and thank us for our effort.

Tim Warner retired from the crew in June. Tim was a dedicated worker who took much pride in his work. Tim's plow route was West Ferrisburgh and he always looked forward to winter and keeping his route in tip top shape. Both of these gentlemen were quiet, hardworking men and a great assets to the Ferrisburgh road crew.



Fun for all ages at Ferrisburgh Day 2015

DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



Donald S. Bicknell, M.D.

Donald S. Bicknell, affectionately known as Doc, was first elected Ferrisburgh Town Moderator on March 7, 1995, and ran his first Town Meeting on March 5, 1996. He continued to serve our community in this role for the next 20 years. This year, for the first time since 1996, we will miss Doc calling our annual meeting to order.

During his tenure as moderator, Doc ran Town Meeting with leadership, organization, and a sense of humor. He always stuck to Robert's Rules of Order, and we know that got him through a lot of tough discussions.

His commitment has been unwavering. Even in 2001, despite nearly two feet of snow, high winds, and many impassable roads, Doc made his way to the school to open the meeting, and immediately recess it to the following Monday.

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate this Town Report to Donald S. Bicknell for his commitment to excellence, dedication to the community, and leadership in running town meetings for 20 years.

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BUSINESS HOURS

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (except for legal holidays) and by appointment.

MEETING SCHEDULES

The following are held in the Town Clerk's Office:

- **Selectboard** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
- The **Planning Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The **Zoning Board of Adjustment** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The **Conservation Commission** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM (No meetings in July and August).
- The **Ferrisburgh Energy Committee** meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.
- Other associated town functions meet at various locations.
- The **Historical Society** meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

State Legislators for the Town of Ferrisburgh:

Senator Chris Bray - New Haven
Senator Claire Ayer - Weybridge

Representative Diane Lanpher - Vergennes
Representative Warren Van Wyck - Ferrisburgh

<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
MODERATOR	Donald S. Bicknell, M.D.	(1 Year Term)	2016
TOWN CLERK	Gloria Warden	(3 Year Term)	2017
TOWN TREASURER	Garrit Smits	(3 Year Term)	2017
SCHOOL TREASURER	Garrit Smits	(3 Year Term)	2017
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Pamela Cousino	Appointed	2017
SELECTBOARD	Loretta Lawrence	(3 Year Term)	2016
	Steve Gutowski, Chair	(2 Year Term)	2016
	James Warden	(3 Year Term)	2017
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2017
	Michael 'Red' Muir	(3 Year Term)	2018
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Neil Allen	Appointed	
	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
LISTERS	Joe Blasius	(3 Year Term)	2016
	Carl Cole, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Charlene Stavenow	(3 Year Term)	2018
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Ken Wheeling	Appointed	2018
AUDITOR	Susan Andrews-Duke	(3 Year Term)	2016
	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Deb Healey	(3 Year Term)	2018
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Sally Torrey	(1 Year Term)	2016
FIRST CONSTABLE	Chester Hawkins	(1 Year Term)	2016
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	Jim Warden	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
TOWN GRAND JUROR	Betsy Etchells	(1 Year Term)	2016
TOWN AGENT	Bessie Sessions	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Julie Gramling	(3 Year Term)	2016
	George Gardner	(2 Year Term)	2016
	Laurie Gutowski	(2 Year Term)	2017
	Christopher Kayhart	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Bill Clark	(3 Year Term)	2018
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Kristina MacKulin	(3 Year Term)	2016 App't
	George Gardener	(2 Year Term)	2017
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Bob McNary	(2 Year Term)	2016
	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2017

TOWN OFFICERS

TERM

EXPIRES

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Robert Peisch
Vacancy, Alternate

(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)

2016 App't.
2016 App't.

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES

Tim Davis
Arabella Holzapfel
Robert Peisch
Vacancy, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate

(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)

2016 App't.
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)

Bob McNary

(1 Year Term)

2016 App't.

FERRISBURGH ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Appointed – 1 year terms – Advisory)

Roger Holzapfel
Bob McNary, Chm
Matt Neffinger
Richard Terricciano
Finn Yarbrough

(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)
(1 Year Term)

2016 App't.
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2016 App't.
2016 App't.
2016 App't.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
(2 year terms)

Steve Alexander
Judith Chaves
Art Cohn
Norton Davis
Chester Hawkins
Judith Mace
Jean Richardson
Joe Rivers
Charles Shapiro
J. Silas Towler

(2 Year Term)
(2 Year Term)

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PLANNING COMMISSION
(Appointed – 4 year terms)

Gail Blasius
Walter Reed
Al Chamberlain
Robert Beach, Chair
Anne Cohn
Arabella Holzapfel
Bessie Sessions
Michael Quinn
Keith Wagner

(4 Year Term)
(4 Year Term)

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
(Appointed - 3 year terms)

Robert Beach
John Paul
David Mentzer
Michael Delaney
Norman Smith
Rayner Herzog
Charlene Stavenow, Chr.

(3 Year Term)
(3 Year Term)

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(Appointed - 4 year terms – Advisory)

Craig Heindel
John Medenwald
Karen Pettersen
Dennis Armell
Amy Dohner
Jen Cirillo
Finn Yarbrough

(4 Year Term)
(4 Year Term)

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TOWN OFFICERS

			<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
FENCE VIEWERS		Ronald Kampner	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
		Bob McNary	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
		Michael Muir	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
TREE WARDEN	425-2130	Clifton Mix	(1 Year Term)	2016 App't.
FIRE WARDEN	877-3564	Michael Coyle	(5 Year Term)	2017 App't.
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFCR	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	Appointed	
HEALTH OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	(3 Year Term)	2017 App't.
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER	877-3002	Robert Peisch	(3 Year Term)	2017 App't.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	877-3429			
TOWN GARAGE	877-3076			

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE 911
RESCUE 911
POLICE 911



The Vermont St. Andrews Pipe Band at Ferrisburgh Day 2015.

Vermont Elections Management System (VEMS)

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

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

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

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



Bob Jenkins received an award designating him as an Honorary Highway Employee for his work and leadership in construction of the new highway facility.

**Town Meeting Day Minutes
March 3, 2015**

Town officials present: Selectboard members – Steve Gutowski, Acting Chair, Loretta Lawrence, Jim Benoit, Jim Warden and Sally Torrey. Donald Bicknell, M.D. – Moderator, Gloria Warden – Town Clerk and Pam Cousino – Assistant Town Clerk

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. He read the warning for the school directors meeting. Bob McNary made a motion to recess the school meeting until 1:00 p.m., seconded by Ann Poskas, so voted. The school meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m.

The Moderator then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then invited our two state representatives, Diane Lanpher and Warren VanWyck to speak. Diane feels that the two parties are working together this year to accomplish all that has to be done regarding the \$113 to \$118 million gap in the budget this year. Costs are increasing at 5% and income is growing at only 2 1/2 % to 3%. We must close the gap. Warren talks about how the budget must be balanced every year, unlike the Federal government. He will be working on water quality this year and is on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. Jim Warden then asks about the cutting of e911 dispatch offices. Diane mentions that everything is on the table and needs to be looked at and that there will be a lot of difficult decisions to be made this year. Bob Jenkins asks how the representatives feel about the marijuana bill and raises for the legislators. Diane is not in support of the marijuana legalization bill, especially if it is just to raise money. She is also not in favor of 2% raises and is recommending that they give them up this year. Warren is also not in favor of marijuana legalization and does not feel that it will go anywhere this year. He has also introduced a bill establishing a drug free workplace. Vaughn Collins asked about property tax reform and school budget reform. Warren replied that it is a top priority of the education committee. There will probably be a 2 cent increase in the school tax rate this year. We must increase student/teacher ratios and that there must be a greater connection between the school budgets and tax rates. The education committee passed out a comprehensive bill to improve education quality, promote sustainability, expand opportunities and contain education spending so it is being worked on. Warren then stated that he is against taxing church properties. Paul Hoffman then mentions that the budget gap did not happen overnight. Diane responds that much of it is due to a small state that had been relying on federal grant money that is now drying up.

Dr. Don then read the warning.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the voters of the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and interest on investments?

Bob McNary moved and Richard Hiscosk seconded the article. There was no discussion and the article was passed.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase certain real property adjacent to the Ferrisburgh Town Offices and Community Center,

budget will have on the tax rate. Steve remarks that it will be about a 2 cent increase with an additional 1 ½ cents for the other voted items but that will be somewhat less depending on the amount of the grand list increase. Bob McNary asks how the board plans to get back to \$1.6 million from the \$1.7 million of this budget. Steve remarks that perhaps they shouldn't have cut the tax rate by 2 cents last year by giving the voters back \$100,000. We are now working to better fund long range projects. Jim Benoit remarks that it won't go back to \$1.6 million since we have added more help. Kurt Plank calls the questions, seconded by Vaughn Collins. So voted. The article is then voted on and passes with one nay.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town voters will approve the following monies for the agencies listed below:

Addison County Court Diversion	\$800.00
Addison County Humane Society	\$1,000.00
Addison County Transit Resources	\$2,412.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	\$2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	\$500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	\$300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	\$500.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	\$400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	\$1,500.00
Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$250.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	\$825.00
Lewis Creek Association	\$500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	\$2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$210.00
Rokeby Museum	\$1,000.00
Union Cemetery	\$2,400.00
Vergennes Summer Rec Program	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
WomanSafe	\$1250.00
TOTAL	\$30,840.00

identified as Lot 11 of the Atkins Farm Subdivision, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be raised by property taxes?

Bob McNary moved and Charlie Shapiro seconded the article. Finn Yarbrough does not approve the Planning Commission's stance on Act 250 and will not vote for the town purchasing additional property at this time. Katharine Quinn asks why the town wants to purchase this land. Steve Gutowski responds that it is adjacent to town and school land and could be used as another access from the town offices. He also states that the Planning Commission is not against Act 250 but is against some of the pieces of 9L, which is against sprawl and that the 22A and Route 7 land was given to us by the state to be developed and we are currently unable to develop it. Kurt Plank asks about easements and other restrictions. Steve responds that there may be easements for water and septic. George Gardner asks if part of the property is a wetland and the response is a very small portion. Norm Smith asks if the town would have permission to use the Atkins Farm Road and the answer is yes. Carl Cole as chair of the town building committee speaks for the article. It is a good opportunity to purchase the land for future uses. Vaughn Collins feels that it is wise for the town to purchase this land and hopes that the town is able to work on having the derelict properties in the center of town cleaned up. Karlene Devine asks why the town wants to purchase more land when we have the Sisters property next door. Steve responds that the Sisters can stay in the property for now so it will possibly be 10 years before we can do anything with that property. Bob McNary feels that it is a good purchase for the town. Rick Ebel supports the purchase and thanks the town officials for the work that they did to try to purchase the property. Bob Jenkins then moves to call the question, seconded by Rick Ebel. The article passes with some nays.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town voters will increase the highway contingency fund by \$10,000 per year for a total of \$30,000 per year?

Vaughn Collins moved and Bob McNary seconded the article. Norm Smith asks for an explanation of what this fund is used for. John Bull, road foreman responds that it allows us to save towards a large purchase and to give the town some flexibility. We were able to use that fund to purchase a good used single axle dump truck just recently for \$50,000, instead of needing to purchase a new one which would cost up to \$150,000. It is to be used for major road and/or bridge projects and for equipment. Finn Yarbrough asks if we need to increase this fund. John states that it is currently under funded by \$20,000. Funding at the state level is not increasing and costs are going up. Nadia Smith asks if this is just giving the highway department carte blanche to spend as they see fit. John replies that the Selectboard must approve any funds before they are spent and all Selectboard meetings are warned. Katie Hill asks how this fund differs from a capital plan and the response is it is a stop gap and that we have everything in place but the plan. Bob McNary as the towns Transportation Rep for T.A.C. feels that it is a good investment in the long run since the weather takes such a toll on the roads. Gary Lange asks if something could be written up in the town report in the future to explain articles such as this. A vote was then taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town voters will establish a reserve fund for building maintenance of town owned buildings, to be funded each year with \$30,000?

Finn Yarbrough moved and Red Muir seconded the article. Steve Gutowski speaks for the article. It is to include maintenance for all town buildings including the fire station. A building committee has been formed and this would allow the town to use money where needed instead of trying to guess each year what buildings to budget the money to. There also will be major improvements that may need to be done in the future and this will help to defray those costs. Finn Yarbrough asks how these costs would be funded if the article doesn't pass, would it be by a bond? The response is that it could be funded by a bond. Kurt Plank asks why not have it in the budget. Sally responds that if this article passes, \$30,000 for building maintenance will be in the budget each year. This enables us to carry it forward and build up a balance, where a regular budget item, if it isn't spent, goes away and can't be carried forward. Much more discussion ensued. The amount of \$30,000 will be in the budget each year to put into the non-budget building fund but it can be voted on not to continue it in the future. Steve remarks that the town hall preventative maintenance line item is not part of this since those are expenses that occur each year and that perhaps it should be called a contingency fund. After more discussion Gary Lange calls the question, seconded by Finn Yarbrough. The article passes with one nay.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,768,339 to defray the General Expenses of the Town for the 2015/2016 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income, excluding any amounts in the following Articles?

Finn Yarbrough moved and Julia Parkinson seconded the article. Steve Gutowski, acting chair of the Selectboard goes over changes to the budget. Rick Kerschner asks about the audit costs increasing from \$5,500 to \$9,000. Steve replies that we have paid the same price for the past four years and expect the costs to rise since we will be putting it out to bid this year. Norm Smith asks about the increase in law enforcement. Steve responds that it was under Addison County Sheriff and we have changed it to law enforcement to give us greater flexibility. Nick Patch then asks about the zoning/planning expenses being at \$2500 since the bylaws need to be updated. Nick Patch then moved to double 1-3620-48 (zoning/planning expenses) from \$2500 to \$5000, seconded by Carl Cole. Loretta responds that they feel the budget is adequate. Bob McNary remarks that we have time to work on the bylaws and that grants should be researched first. Carolyn Blaise then asks what advertising is and Pam Cousino explains that money is received for zoning permits to pay for the advertising so money is received to pay for the majority of advertising. Katie Hill then mentions that the Planning Commission works hard and that they need professional assistance to help write the bylaws. Bob McNary remarks that Addison County Regional planning has a lawyer. John Bull asks if Zoning/Planning asked for the extra money and the response is no. The amendment to line 1-3620-48 (zoning/planning expenses) from \$2500 to \$5000 was voted down.

Tim Davis asks about the wages, lawn maintenance line item. Steve remarks that it is to cover lawn mowing that will now be done by a highway crew member instead of bidding it out. Budget item # 3710-69 (public buildings grounds maintenance) is now at zero. George Gardner asks about keeping the building maintenance line items plus the reserve fund line item. Steve remarks that we want to be able to accrue the funds. Christopher Blaise asks what effect the

The Moderator read the article. Bob McNary moved and Finn Yarbrough seconded the article. Rick Ebel was present to speak about Addison County Readers. Finn Yarbrough asked if the new town highway employee could mow the cemeteries listed in this article. The response was no, that those three cemeteries are not maintained by the town, that they have their own association. Bill Clark then moved the question, seconded by Rick Kerschner. The article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other non-binding business as legally may come before said meeting at this time.

Steve Gutowski then thanked everyone for coming to the Saturday version of Town Meeting. He then presented Sally Torrey with a plaque thanking her for her 10 years of service on the selectboard. He also thanked all of the people that volunteer for the town. There are currently about 140 people who volunteer.

At 12:25 p.m. the meeting was then recessed until March 3, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 3, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

ARTICLE 8: To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers of the Town:

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| Moderator – 1 year term | Moderator for Town School – 1 year term |
| Town Grand Juror – 1 year term | Town School Director – 2 year term |
| Selectperson – 2 year term | Town School Director – 3 year term |
| Selectperson – 3 year term | Union High School Director – 3 year term |
| First Constable – 1 year term | Union High School Director – 2 year term |
| Auditor – 1 year term | Lister – 3 year term |
| Auditor – 2 year term | Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term |
| Auditor – 3 year term | Town Agent – 1 year term |
| Trustee for Rogers & Hazard Relief Society – 2 year term | |

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pam Cousino
Ass't. Town Clerk/Treasurer


Donald S. Bicknell, M.D.
Moderator


Steve Gutowski
Selectboard Acting Chair

BIRTHS

<u>DOB</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
1/28/15	Tristan Sorrell	Rae Sorrell Daniel Sorrell
2/8/15	Meela Hill	Katharine Adams Rodney Hill, Jr.
2/22/15	Evelyn Verburg	Barbara Verburg Ethan Verburg
3/3/15	Ariadne Tremblay	Rebekah Whitehurst Stephen Tremblay
3/27/15	Veda Pfeifer	Kathrine Pfeifer Adam Pfeifer
3/31/15	Sophia Gil	Tapanga Kilburne Nemecio Gil
4/2/15	Edward Glanz	Liza Glanz Andrew Glanz
6/11/15	Monika Smith	Penny Larrow
6/11/15	Jaylinn Smith	Penny Larrow
6/12/15	Lena Wright	Michaela Davico David Roger Wright
8/25/15	Randi Ouellette	Chelsa Ouellette Dylan Ouellette
9/10/15	Amelia Bibb	Dana Bibb Stefan Bibb
9/26/15	Rae Francescutti	Lindsay Francescutti Anthony Francescutti
9/26/15	Cason Gallison	Lindsay Gallison
10/7/15	Oliver Blaise	Carolyn Ann Blaise Christopher Blaise
10/22/15	Liam Sanderson	Maryrose Maynard Dale Sanderson

BIRTHS (Con't.)

<u>DOB</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
11/7/15	Cadence Greeno	Aleta Greeno Rusty Greeno
12/16/15	Luca Crowley	Lisa Maggio Shawn Crowley
12/18/15	Juliette Van De Weert	Rebecca Van De Weert William Van De Weert
12/23/15	KashtanLouis Mongeon	Courtney Mongeon Louis Mongeon
12/30/15	Harlow Preston	Adrien Preston Christopher Preston



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new town highway garage at Ferrisburgh Day 2015.

DEATHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Doeke Dam	January	79
Clarence Shonnard	January	94
Peter Morris	February	71
Philip O'Brien	February	52
Margaret Higbee	March	85
Laura Chaput	March	58
Eugene Chamberland	March	54
William Mintz	March	85
Deborah Daudelin	March	66
Pauline Steady	March	90
Anna DeVoid	April	61
Madeline Blaise	April	90
Bernard Jerry	April	95
Ralph Muzzy	April	73
Cynthia Mills	April	60
Marcel Thibault	May	63
Dana Phillips	June	55
Hosea Langeway	June	95
James Meacham, Sr.	June	53
Kenneth Najarian	June	60
Marion Case	July	76
Michel Mahe	July	50

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEATHS (CON'T.) DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Mary Benoit	August	73
Mary Wrona	September	88
Timothy Curler	September	51
Richard Dunn, Sr.	September	91
Ruth Bull	September	88
Joyce Muzzy	November	84
Curtis Lewis	November	63
Niyoka Kelty	November	71
Irene Dennis	November	78
Mary Coyle	December	60



Edwin Collins and family at home on Fuller Mountain Road around 1920.
The home is now owned by Nadia and Norman Smith.

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
January 2, 2015	Kathleen Van Wyck Brian Van De Weert	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
January 17, 2015	Tammie Shepard Michael Booska	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
January 31, 2015	Monique Aniel Stephen Thurston	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
February 20, 2015	Jamie Brands Steven Roorda	Ferrisburgh Addison
March 5, 2015	Michael Cloutier Rebecca Brill	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
March 14, 2015	Gina Bullard Nathan Formalarie	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
April 24, 2015	Aja Alexander Kirk Brunelle	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
May 23, 2015	Penny Cousino Jeffrey Tanner	Waltham Ferrisburgh
May 25, 2015	Tapanga Kilburne Nemecio Gil	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
May 23, 2015	Lauren Arms Andre Zdunczyk	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 6, 2015	Tia Townley Brian Brooks	New Haven North Ferrisburgh
June 6, 2015	Naomi Heindel Jordan Nobler	Boise, Idaho Boise, Idaho
July 11, 2015	Chelsa Ploof Dylan Ouellette	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CIVIL MARRIAGES NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
August 1, 2015	Clara Charlebois Christopher Melendy	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 18, 2015	Anna Willenbaker Alex Coyle	Addison Ferrisburgh
July 25, 2015	Hannah Baribeau Bradley Castillo	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 15, 2015	Catherine Hill Benjamin Waterman	North Ferrisburgh Huntington
September 9, 2015	Danielle Hausler Kyle Burkett	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
September 19, 2015	Kristen Haines Timothy Essex	West Ferrisburgh West Ferrisburgh
October 10, 2015	Sheila McGregor Michael Bombard	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
October 31, 2015	Bambi Harris Michael Lombard	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
November 20, 2015	Brittany Benjamins Ryan Brands	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
December 22, 2015	Shelley Van De Weert Jason Rot	Ferrisburgh Metcalf, Canada

Zoning Permit Summary

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
New Houses	5	3	4	9	4
Seasonal to Full Time	0	0	1	0	0
Total New Residences	5	3	5	9	4
Home Occupation	1				
Replacement Houses	0	1	2	1	0
House Addition/Renovatio	14	20	15	12	20
Accessory Apartments	2	1	1	2	2
Garage/Barn/Shed	14	21	22	23	19
Decks/Porches	0	1	1	3	3
Renewals	9	6	7	7	5
Pools/Ponds/Fences	1	1	4	3	4
Driveways	0	0	0	0	0
Repair/Maintenance	0	1	2	0	0
Recreation	0	0	0	0	2
Temporary Structures	0	0	0	0	1
Withdrawn	0	0	0	1	0
Commercial	1	1	3	1	2
Signs	4	5	1	2	4
Denied	0	0	0	0	1
Variances	0	1	0	3	3
Boundary Adjustments	2	3	1	2	1
Sketch Plans	5	9	3	4	1
Preliminary Plats	1	2	1	3	0
Final Plats	3	3	0	3	3
2-Lot Subdivisions	1	4	8	1	6
Violations	1	1	0	2	0
Certificate of Compliance	42	35	28	39	42
Building Envelope	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	5	0	1
Conditional Use	8	8	11	23	28
Additions to Accessory Bldg	2	4			
Amendment	2	4			
Appeals	0	2			
Total Permit Applications	118	137	116	134	152

Ken Wheeling, Zoning Administrator



Remember to register your dog!

On or Before April 1

All we need is a copy of your dogs
valid rabies certificate.

Cost is \$9.00 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$13.00 if not neutered/spayed
\$11.00 after April 1 for neutered/spayed
\$17.00 after April 1 for unneutered/spayed



Collins homestead at the corner of Fuller Mountain Road and Old Ledge Lane which burned around 1890. The woman on the porch is Catherine Fonda Collins whose family later included Henry and Jane Fonda.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

It has been a busy and productive year in the town clerk's office and I am pleased to share the following highlights with the community.

Statistics for 2015 include:

- Vital statistics: 21 births, 23 marriages and 32 deaths were recorded.
- Land records: 3257 pages of land records (warranty deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges and liens) were filed – an increase of 6% over 2014.
- Licenses: 365 dog licenses, 23 catering licenses, 50 Green Mountain Passports, 107 Fish & Game licenses were issued.
- Notary: 155 notary services were performed.
- Renewals: 76 motor vehicle registration renewals were processed. (If you need Department of Motor Vehicle forms or manuals we have many of them available in our office.)
- Website: Averaging more than 8,000 page views per month.

The installation of Wi-Fi in the office has proven helpful for visitors completing record searches and attending meetings.

The Community Hall Rental Agreement has been updated by the Selectboard. Changes include reduced rental fees and no longer allowing alcohol at any event. The policy and forms for rental are available on the town website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.

Our maps and surveys are scanned and will soon be available electronically for use by the public at a workstation in our office. We continue to work on having all land records available electronically within the next several years.

In 2015, all Vermont town clerks and assistant clerks attended mandatory training by the Secretary of State's office to learn the new VT Election Management System (VEMS), where we can register a voter, maintain absentee ballot activities and manage elections. As a registered voter, you can use "My Voter Page" by going to <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> to check your voter registration status, absentee ballot status, poll location, sample ballot, etc.

This will be a busy balloting year with our annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 27; Town Meeting Day with the local and Presidential Primary elections on Tuesday, March 1; the State Primary in August and the Presidential Election in November. This is the first year the state is requiring us to use a tabulator for the November election; however, we will begin to use it at the March Presidential Primary. Be ready for the change and please be patient with us as we initiate use of the new system. If you are interested in working at the polls just e-mail or give me a call. I am very grateful for the Justices of the Peace and election workers who serve as poll workers and ballot clerks on election days; we couldn't do it without their help!

A very special thank you goes to Pam Cousino, assistant town clerk, for her dedicated work and support throughout the year.

I also want to thank all residents for your support. It has been a privilege to serve as your town clerk for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Warden

2015 Highway Report

The Highway Crew would like to thank all the voters who supported the new highway garage. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit, please stop by. This energy efficient facility will serve Ferrisburgh for many years to come. When Spring arrives we plan to finish the landscaping around the new facility. This will include privacy fencing, trees and removing the old building.

New legislation regarding the phosphorous load in Lake Champlain will require us to implement a plan to reduce erosion and our impact on the Lake Champlain Basin. As part of this new rule we will be required to create an inventory of roads and/or culverts that affect water quality in our whole town. Sites identified must then be prioritized by problem for future repair. The final step is the development of a capitol budget plan to correct these problems over the next 10 years. Yearly we will be required to apply for a permit and show our progress on the selected sites. In the last 15 years the Highway department has been systemically repairing roads and ditches that will be affected by this legislation. As a result I do not anticipate an increase in our budget to fulfill these new requirements. The biggest impact will be the time required to inventory and create the capitol budget. There are funds available to help with these costs and we will apply to obtain them.

The Highway Department took on the responsibility of Grounds maintenance for all Town owned buildings and cemeteries. We were fortunate to hire Reilly Laberge (fresh from the Marines) to be responsible for these duties. Reilly has done an outstanding job and has started a list of improvements to fit into the schedule to upgrade these important assets. Top of the list will be the replacement of some much needed fencing. During the offseason Reilly will be working with the road crew rebuilding roads and doing winter maintenance.

We completed two major road projects this past summer. Webster Road in West Ferrisburgh failed during the spring mud season. The east end of the road had very little base and was also susceptible to severe drifting in winter. Starting at Jersey Street we rebuilt ½ mile of road, this included raising the road bed, changing culverts, ditching, removing brush and applying seed and mulch. The other project was a continuation on Walker Road. This project started at the Danyow Farm and received the same treatment.

The Highway Department received a grant to repair the bridge on Little Chicago Road. The load carrying bearings underneath the bridge have failed and as a result of this have cracked the pedestals they attach to. The preliminary estimate to repair is \$108,000.00 of which the State would contribute \$97,200.00, resulting in a net cost to Ferrisburgh of \$10,800.00. We hope to complete this project in 2016.

Major projects on our list will include rebuilding Walker and Old Hollow Road, continuing to improve our drainage by ditching, stone lining and/or seed and mulching ditches. This will also include new techniques to reduce erosion and slow down water flow to reduce sediment reaching important streams and Lake Champlain. As part of this process we will be requiring land owners to leave a 15 foot buffer strip along all highways.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has two projects kicking off this year. Installing a traffic signal at the Intersection of Little Chicago, Middlebrook and Route 7. They also plan to retreat all of the pavement on Route 7 from Middlebury to the Charlotte town line. I would expect our secondary roads may see an increase in traffic due to these projects.

Thanks to my great crew of Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Neil Allen and Reilly Laberge for all their efforts. It's great to work with a crew that enjoy what they do and take pride in their work.

As always, please slow down and pay attention as you enter our work zones. The life you save may be mine!

Thank You
John W. Bull
Ferrisburgh Highway

**TOWN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT
ESTIMATED VALUE**

Fire Station Building, Land and Improvements	\$295,000.00
Town Garage, Salt Shed, Tool Shed, Land	\$175,000.00
New Town Highway Facility, (Fnd., drainage, septic, elec.)	\$995,000.00
Center School/Historical Society	\$127,000.00
Town Clerk's Office and Community Center	\$2,800,000.00
Town Clerk's Office Contents	\$20,000.00
Union Meeting Hall, Old Shed, Land	\$267,000.00
Town Forest	\$194,000.00
Town Beach	\$296,000.00
Gravel Pit	\$57,500.00
2001 Chevrolet K2500 & Plow & Sander	\$2,000.00
Truck # 1 - 2010 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$117,585.00
Truck # 2 - 2006 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$60,166.00
Truck # 4 - 2012 Mack Tandem (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$136,688.00
Vehicle # 4 - 2004 John Deere Grader 772CH	\$123,750.00
Vehicle # 5 - 410G John Deere Loader/Backhoe	\$20,000.00
Truck # 6 - Freightliner FL70 (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$12,834.00
Truck # 9 - 2005 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$45,000.00
Vehicle # 7 - 2005 John Deere 6710 Tractor	\$15,000.00
Vehicle # 8 - 1999 John Deere Loader	\$47,768.00
Chipper	\$11,250.00
2011 Roadside Mower #1	\$10,000.00
2006 - John Deere Z Turn Mower	\$7,200.00
2015 JD 540 Mower/Bagger	\$4,000.00
Leaf Blowers/Broom	\$800.00
Grass Trimmers	\$600.00
2002 Dodge 1 ton	\$11,488.00
1999 25 ton trailer	\$3,750.00
2011 J.D. Excavator	\$80,000.00
Plows	\$12,172.00
Grader Plow & Wing	\$4,500.00
Plasma cutter	\$500.00
Welder	\$1,500.00
Chain Saws	\$1,600.00
Small Tools	\$6,000.00
Power Tamper	\$1,500.00
Compressor	\$1,000.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	\$1,000.00
2-Way Radios	\$4,400.00
Pressure Washer	\$1,200.00
Chloride pump, Tank, Trailer	\$2,000.00
Computer & Accessories	\$1,800.00
TOTAL	\$5,975,551.00



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January 18, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ferrisburgh
P.O. Box 6
Ferrisburgh, Vermont 05456

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2015.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurances that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal that we consider to be significant deficiencies but that we did not consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in design exists when:

- A control necessary to meet the control objective is missing; or
- An existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met.

A deficiency in operation exists when:

- A properly designed control does not operate as designed; or
- The person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

These matters do not modify our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015, where we expressed an unqualified opinion on our independent auditors' report dated January 14, 2016.

Significant Deficiency:

Capital Plan:

The Town should review its current capital and infrastructure needs short term and long term from all Town departments. By this we mean that the Town should create a list of major capital items it may need to replace in the upcoming years with an estimated replacement cost. We recommend that the Town incorporate this into a formal five or more year plan, thus a Capital Plan. With a formal Capital Plan the Town should identify items needed based on priority and identify a means of paying for these items. We would recommend that the Town pay for these items with equal annual appropriations to a capital fund. Thus, when employed, the capital plan would allow for the Town to pay for major items with a consistent effect on its tax rate and possibly prevent the Town from borrowing to pay for these items.

Related Party:

While performing our test work for the above mentioned year end, it was noted that a member of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk are related. We understand that this is a well known fact in the Town. As a result of this relationship, we understand that the Board member offered to resign during the year because of some of the related challenges that may occur. While we noted no issues as a result of this audit, we recommend that the Board member abstain from any signing of payroll warrants or other business transactions that may relate directly to the Town Clerk.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the Town and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to thank Garrit, Pam and all of the staff at the Town for all of their cooperation throughout this audit process.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call.

Very Best,

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RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.'s

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 307,981	\$ 307,981	\$ 307,981	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property Taxes	8,223,650	8,223,650	8,267,176	43,526
Intergovernmental revenues	284,000	284,000	384,681	100,681
Charges for services	75,350	75,350	70,303	(5,047)
Interest income	37,200	37,200	50,492	13,292
Other revenue	2,000	2,000	6,389	4,389
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>8,930,181</u>	<u>8,930,181</u>	<u>9,087,022</u>	<u>156,841</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	370,213	370,213	393,992	(23,779)
Public safety	154,340	154,340	151,078	3,262
Highway	743,748	743,748	811,871	(68,123)
Employee benefits	119,585	119,585	136,635	(17,050)
Education	7,017,022	7,017,022	7,017,022	-
Tax assessments	81,539	81,539	85,784	(4,245)
Town meeting - voted authorizations	30,840	30,840	30,840	-
Contingency	6,000	6,000	10,066	(4,066)
Debt service				
Principal	125,267	125,267	155,603	(30,336)
Interest	23,646	23,646	19,926	3,720
Transfers to other funds	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>8,722,200</u>	<u>8,722,200</u>	<u>8,862,817</u>	<u>(140,617)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 207,981</u>	<u>\$ 207,981</u>	<u>\$ 224,205</u>	<u>\$ 16,224</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (100,000)</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Highway Facility Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 555,979	\$ -	\$ 7,807	\$ 563,786
Investments	-	-	4,000	4,000
Taxes receivable	205,652	-	-	205,652
Due from other funds	-	88,940	182,646	271,586
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 761,631	\$ 88,940	\$ 194,453	\$ 1,045,024
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 165,998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,998
Accrued expenses	560	-	-	560
Due to other funds	271,586	-	-	271,586
TOTAL LIABILITIES	438,144	-	-	438,144
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	3,653	-	-	3,653
Deferred property tax	95,629	-	-	95,629
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	99,282	-	-	99,282
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	18,505	18,505
Committed	100,000	88,940	95,416	284,356
Assigned	-	-	80,532	80,532
Unassigned	124,205	-	-	124,205
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	224,205	88,940	194,453	507,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 761,631	\$ 88,940	\$ 194,453	\$ 1,045,024

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Highway Facility Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 8,267,176	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,267,176
Intergovernmental	384,681	-	17,494	402,175
Interest income	50,492	-	33	50,525
Charges for services	70,303	-	6,327	76,630
Miscellaneous	6,389	515	10,070	16,974
TOTAL REVENUES	8,779,041	515	33,924	8,813,480
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	393,992	-	71,631	465,623
Public safety	151,078	-	-	151,078
Highway	811,871	917,965	-	1,729,836
Employee benefits	136,635	-	-	136,635
Education	7,017,022	-	-	7,017,022
Tax assessments	85,784	-	-	85,784
Town meeting - voted authorizations	30,840	-	-	30,840
Contingency	10,066	-	-	10,066
Capital outlay	-	-	54,584	54,584
Debt service:				
Principal	155,603	-	-	155,603
Interest	19,926	-	-	19,926
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,812,817	917,965	126,215	9,856,997
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(33,776)	(917,450)	(92,291)	(1,043,517)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	850,000	-	850,000
Transfers in	-	-	50,000	50,000
Transfers (out)	(50,000)	-	-	(50,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(50,000)	850,000	50,000	850,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(83,776)	(67,450)	(42,291)	(193,517)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	307,981	156,390	236,744	701,115
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 224,205	\$ 88,940	\$ 194,453	\$ 507,598

See accompanying independent auditors report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,807	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,807
Investments	-	-	4,000	4,000
Due from other funds	49,007	124,172	9,467	182,646
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 56,814	\$ 124,172	\$ 13,467	\$ 194,453
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	5,038	-	13,467	18,505
Committed	-	95,416	-	95,416
Assigned	51,776	28,756	-	80,532
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	56,814	124,172	13,467	194,453
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 56,814	\$ 124,172	\$ 13,467	\$ 194,453

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,072	\$ 14,422	\$ -	\$ 17,494
Interest income	-	-	33	33
Charges for services	6,327	-	-	6,327
Other income	10,070	-	-	10,070
TOTAL REVENUES	19,469	14,422	33	33,924
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	54,584	-	54,584
Other	71,631	-	-	71,631
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	71,631	54,584	-	126,215
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(52,162)	(40,162)	33	(92,291)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	50,000	-	50,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	50,000	-	50,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(52,162)	9,838	33	(42,291)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	108,976	114,334	13,434	236,744
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 56,814	\$ 124,172	\$ 13,467	\$ 194,453

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

**Ferrisburgh Town Audit Committee Report
for the Year Ending June 30, 2015**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 prescribed under Vermont State Article 24, Section 1681-1684. The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We performed limited testing of selected disbursements, billings, tax statements, payroll, and other financial transactions, and reviewed internal controls.

We audited a selection of tax bills and compared them to the Grand List. We found no anomalies.

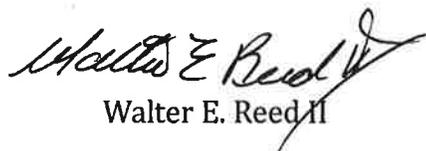
We reviewed Policies and Procedures in effect and found all had been reviewed recently and although a few had not been updated for decades, were relevant and being followed.

This year we did not attend a Selectboard meeting with RHR Smith & Company, CPA's due to time constraints caused by the new reporting requirements.

We would like to thank the Town staff for their assistance throughout the audit process and their willingness to listen and discuss the findings, and implement recommendations offered by the CPA Audit Committee. We will continue to work with the Selectboard and the Town staff to resolve any audit findings and improve our processes prior to the Town's fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Respectfully,


Deb Healey


Walter E. Reed II


Susan Andrews-Duke

TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER BOND

July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Outstanding 7/1/14	\$35,000.00
Notes Paid	\$35,000.00
Balance 6/30/15	\$0.00

2011 TANDEM TRUCK BOND

July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Outstanding 7/1/14	\$105,000.00
Notes Paid	\$35,000.00
Balance 6/30/15	\$70,000.00

2009 TANDEM TRUCK BOND

July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Outstanding 7/1/14	\$30,000.00
Notes Paid	\$30,000.00
Balance 6/30/15	\$0.00

FORMER SISTER'S PROPERTY MORTGAGE

July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Outstanding 7/1/14	\$127,500.00
Notes Paid	\$7,500.00
Balance 6/30/15	\$120,000.00

TOWN HIGHWAY SHED MORTGAGE

July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015

Outstanding 7/1/14	\$0.00
Borrowed 7/2/14	\$850,000.00
Notes Paid	\$42,500.00
Balance 6/30/15	\$807,500.00

TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/15	\$997,500.00
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NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015

Town of Ferrisburgh Reappraisal Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$14,334.72
Payment from State	\$14,421.68
Minus expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$28,756.40

Town of Ferrisburgh Highway Facility Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$156,389.82
Plus Revenues	\$850,515.10
Minus expenses	\$917,964.42
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$88,940.50

Town Hall and Community Center Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$13,582.26
Plus Revenues	\$277.00
Minus Expenses	\$13,182.50
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$676.76

Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$9,150.00
Rental Revenue Received	\$3,050.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$12,200.00

Undesignated Fund Balance

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$207,981.00
Amount reduced at year end	\$100,000.00
Added in a year end	\$16,224.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$124,205.00

Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$21,674.86
Plus Revenues	\$3,072.00
Minus Expenses	\$4,937.06
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$19,809.80

Cemetery Investment Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$4,000.00
Plus Revenues	32.89
Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund	-32.89
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$4,000.00

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015
Continued

Cemetery Account Funds

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$9,433.95
Plus Revenues	\$32.89
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$9,466.84

Lister's Education Fund

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$2,381.59
Plus Revenues from State	\$398.32
Minus Expenses	\$60.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$2,719.91

Health Reimbursement Account

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$13,200.91
Plus Deposits	\$6,142.83
Plus Interest	\$1.13
Minus Expenses	\$11,538.28
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$7,806.59

Miscellaneous Funds

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$48,987.16
Deposits	\$6,527.21
Expenditures	\$41,914.36
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$13,600.01

Fire Department Truck

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$60,000.00
Plus Deposits	\$30,000.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$90,000.00

Highway Contingency

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$40,000.00
Plus Deposits	\$20,000.00
Minus Expenses	\$54,583.93
Ending Balance 6/30/2015	\$5,416.07

Town of Ferrisburgh Select Board Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Select Board will take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those residents of our town that take the time out of their schedules, family time and lives to serve on the many boards, commissions, committees, Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and activities such as Ferrisburgh Day and the counting of votes on election days. The list of these dedicated people and how they serve the Town of Ferrisburgh is on the inside cover of this report. When you get a chance please thank these folks for their service and dedication. This spirit of volunteerism is the cornerstone of a successful community.

A milestone achieved this year was the completion of the new Town Highway Facility. After struggling with the difficult and seemingly endless winter of 2014-15 the facility was completed this summer and dedicated at our second annual Ferrisburgh Day, September 12th. The new facility was completed under budget thanks to the dedication of Town Road Foreman John Bull and the oversight of Bob Jenkins, the de-facto clerk of the works. Huge thanks go to Bob as his expertise, experience and hard work shows in a facility that will serve Ferrisburgh for decades to come. Also a thank you to all those on the Building Committee and the Select Board that made it all happen: Bob Jenkins, John Bull, Rudy Devold, Loretta Lawrence, Sally Torrey, Jim Benoit, Jim Warden, John DeVos, Steve Gutowski, Red Muir, Chet Hawkins, Bob McNary, Silas Towler and Keith Wagner. And last but not least we all owe thanks to our Town Highway Crew for the hard work and dedication they show in keeping our roads safe and town facilities clean and well groomed. Thank you, Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Neil Allen and our newest member Reilly Laberge.

We also want to recognize and thank the staff at the Town Offices, Town Clerk Gloria Warden, Town Treasurer Garrit Smits, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Cousino and Zoning Administrator Kenneth Wheeling; they provide valuable services to all of us in Ferrisburgh.

Reminder, Town Meeting Day will be held on Saturday, February 27th, 2016, at 10:00am, at the Ferrisburgh Central School. Australian ballot voting will take place on March 1st, 2016, 7:00am – 7:00pm, at the Grange Hall Town Offices.

A big change this year at Town Meeting will be the absence of Don Bicknell (Doc) as Moderator. Don has been Moderator for 20 years. He was skilled at Roberts Rules of Order and possesses a demeanor which keeps the meetings moving and productive and leaves a large set of shoes to fill. Thank you Doc and good luck.

The Select Board meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and invites all residents to attend and bring us your concerns, ideas and comments, this is your town and we all need to work together.

Sincerely; SB

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH						
SELECTBOARD 2016/2017 BUDGET						
REVENUE						
ACCOUNT	GENERAL TOWN FUND	7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
00	Fund Balance - June 30, 2015	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$74,369	\$74,369	\$0
2000-00-05	Property Taxes - (All sources)	\$8,192,810	\$6,431,796	\$1,272,170	\$1,272,170	\$1,389,952
2000-00-10	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$22,000	\$28,452	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$24,000
2000-00-90	Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$15,000	\$21,906	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$17,000
2000-00-15	Vermont State Mileage Aid	\$162,000	\$161,737	\$161,000	\$161,000	\$161,000
2000-00-12	State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$15,162	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,000
2000-00-20	Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT	\$50,000	\$51,617	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2000-00-25	Liquor License Fees	\$650	\$925	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$925
2000-00-30	Highway Department and Culverts	\$3,000	\$495	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
2000-00-35	Overweight Permits	\$700	\$972	\$800	\$800	\$800
2000-00-70	Velco Payment	\$0	\$72,619	\$0	\$0	\$0
2000-00-40	Zoning Fees	\$11,000	\$10,050	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$10,000
2000-00-45	Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees	\$36,000	\$34,675	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
2000-00-26	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	\$9,000	\$6,926	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,000
2000-00-50	Police Fines	\$9,000	\$5,860	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
2000-00-80	Union Meeting Hall Rent	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0
2000-00-55	Sister's Property Rental Fees	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,600
2000-00-60	State - Current Land Use	\$57,000	\$83,546	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
2000-00-99	Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$6,389	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
2000-00-65	Interest on Town Savings	\$200	\$134	\$200	\$200	\$150
	REVENUE TOTAL	\$8,691,360	\$7,043,662	\$1,768,339	\$1,768,339	\$1,803,427
	BUDGET SUMMARY					
	Administration/General Government	\$376,213	\$404,057	\$369,363	\$399,363	\$422,041
	Highway Department	\$763,748	\$819,605	\$835,479	\$845,479	\$829,250
	Debt Service	\$148,913	\$187,796	\$128,319	\$128,319	\$139,334
	Employee Benefits	\$119,585	\$136,635	\$156,523	\$156,523	\$133,387
	Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)	\$265,879	\$266,861	\$278,655	\$278,655	\$279,415
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations	\$30,340	\$30,340	\$30,840	\$30,840	
	Education	\$5,181,642	\$5,181,642	\$7,017,022	\$7,017,022	
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/EDUCATION	\$6,886,320	\$7,026,936	\$8,816,201	\$8,856,201	
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION	\$1,704,678	\$1,845,294	\$1,799,179	\$1,839,179	\$1,803,427

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		PROJECTED		PROPOSED BUDGET	
		7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/14-6/30/15	7/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17		
	Administration/General Government										
3000-10	Selectboard Salaries	\$3,800	\$3,100	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800
3000-11	Selectboard Expenses	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
3080-62	Annual Report Expenses	\$6,500	\$4,676	\$6,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
3310-20	Elections/Town Meetings	\$1,700	\$4,019	\$1,700	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$5,000
	Union Meeting Hall										
3310-68	Maintenance	\$10,000	\$360	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
3310-76	Electricity - Union Meeting Hall	\$280	\$66	\$280	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$280
3310-78	Water - Union Meeting Hall	\$240	\$80	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240
	TOTAL	\$22,620	\$12,302	\$22,620	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$14,920	
	Town Clerk's Office										
3400-10.00	Wages - Town Clerk	\$20,800	\$43,880	\$20,800	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$43,680	\$44,720	
3400-10.30	Wages - Treasurer	\$20,800	\$33,810	\$20,800	\$28,080	\$28,080	\$28,080	\$28,080	\$28,080	\$33,670	
3400-10.05	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$40,415	\$37,539	\$40,415	\$30,311	\$30,311	\$30,311	\$30,311	\$30,311	\$41,600	
3400-10.10	Wages - Zoning Admin.	\$15,600	\$13,915	\$15,600	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	
3400-10.15	Wages - Overtime	\$4,500	\$3,053	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	
3400-10.20	Wages - Contingency	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,500	
3400-10.25	Wages - Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$3,000	\$17,532	\$3,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$17,000	
3400-10.40	Wages - Minute Taker	\$0	\$2,435	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
3400-19	Town & Vital Land Books	\$1,500	\$454	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
3400-20	Office Supplies	\$7,000	\$8,478	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	
3400-21	Office Equipment/Leased Equipment	\$14,000	\$17,357	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	
3400-25	Town Web Site	\$1,000	\$450	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
6310-10	Web Site Coordinator	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	
	Advertising										
3400-30	Advertising	\$3,000	\$1,632	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,500	
3400-34	Telephone	\$4,000	\$2,845	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,100	
3400-40	Workshops/Meetings/Dues	\$1,500	\$1,015	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,200	
3400-60	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	\$9,000	\$4,085	\$9,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,500	
3420-45	Auditors, Professional Audit	\$5,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	
3430-45	Board of Listers/Professional Appraisal	\$47,400	\$68,177	\$47,400	\$46,600	\$46,600	\$46,600	\$46,600	\$46,600	\$48,600	
3430-50	Board of Listers Salaries	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	
3430-55	Reappraisal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3510-60	Town Attorney/Legal Expenses-Select	\$10,000	\$7,951	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	
3510-61	Town Attorney/Legal Expenses-Zoning	\$5,000	\$3,824	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	
3620-48	Zoning/Planning Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,115	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
3620-49	Zoning By-laws Rewrite	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	
3630-48	Conservation Commission	\$200	\$230	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
3640-00	Recycling	\$12,500	\$11,600	\$12,500	\$12,700	\$12,700	\$12,700	\$12,700	\$12,700	\$14,000	
3710-48	General Liability/Hazard Insurance	\$39,257	\$36,799	\$39,257	\$35,656	\$35,656	\$35,656	\$35,656	\$35,656	\$41,949	
3710-49	Worker's Compensation	\$13,793	\$17,953	\$13,793	\$20,408	\$20,408	\$20,408	\$20,408	\$20,408	\$20,754	
	TOTAL	\$309,265	\$342,728	\$309,265	\$314,735	\$314,735	\$314,735	\$314,735	\$314,735	\$347,793	

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET 7/1/14 - 6/30/15	ACTUAL 7/1/14 - 6/30/15	BUDGET 7/1/15 - 6/30/16	PROJECTED 7/1/15 - 6/30/16	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/16 - 6/30/17
	Town Offices/Community Center					
3710-86	Electricity - Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	\$3,900	\$3,842	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200
3710-87	Heating Fuel - Town Offices/Comm. Ct	\$5,500	\$4,207	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,500
3710-88	Water - Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	\$728	\$728	\$728	\$728	\$728
3710-85	Town Offices Routine Maintenance	\$10,000	\$12,012	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$10,000
3710-89	Town Office Parking Lot Paving	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3710-93	Sister's Property Maintenance	2000	263	2,000	2,000	0
	TOTAL	\$22,128	\$21,052	\$23,928	\$23,928	\$18,428
	Miscellaneous					
3710-69	Public Buildings Grounds Maintenance	\$12,000	\$15,600	\$0	0	\$0.00
3710-70	Building Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	30000	\$30,000.00
9000-91	Interest Expenses - Town Operating	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500.00
9900-79	Contingency	\$6,000	\$10,066	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,000.00
9910-79	Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500.00
5610-68	Town Beach Maintenance	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6100-10	Health Officer Salary	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
6100-20	Health Officer Expenses	\$100	\$186	\$300	\$300	\$300
6200-10	Animal Control Officer Salary	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
6200-20	ACHS Contracts - Plus	\$800	\$550	\$800	\$800	\$800
6100-40	Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Expe	\$300	\$74	\$300	\$300	\$300
	TOTAL	\$22,200	\$27,975	\$9,400	\$39,400	\$40,900

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET 7/1/14-6/30/15	ACTUAL 7/1/14-6/30/15	BUDGET 7/1/15-6/30/16	PROJECTED 7/1/15-6/30/16	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/16-6/30/17
	Highway Department					
	Payroll					
5100-10.00	Wages - Road Foreman	\$50,780	\$52,501	\$51,813	\$51,813	\$52,832
5100-10.05	Wages - Road Crew	\$113,990	\$136,835	\$116,688	\$116,688	\$151,840
5100-10.10	Wages - Overtime	\$34,000	\$40,401	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$30,000
5100-10.15	Wages - Temporary	\$4,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
5100-10.17	Wages - Lawn Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$0
5100-10.18	Wages - Winter Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$22,800	\$22,800	\$0
5100-10.16	Highway Wages - Contingency	\$5,750	\$0	\$5,750	\$5,750	\$5,750
	Maintenance - Town Highways					
5110-47	Chloride	\$30,000	\$23,683	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
5110-68	Gravel Road Repairs/Maintenance (Co	\$35,000	\$35,009	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
5100-89	Paving	\$200,000	\$231,709	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
5100-90	Guard Rails	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5110-91	Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
5140-21	Winter Maintenance Materials (Salt/Sa	\$60,000	\$62,419	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
5220-49	Culverts	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
5281-21	Street/Traffic Signs	\$3,000	\$2,567	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
5330-66	Rented Services/Equipment	\$8,500	\$6,767	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$5,000
5110-68.05	Road Construction/Bridge Repair	\$75,000	\$75,306	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
5110-68.10	New Const. Rented Services/Equipmen	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Town Garage/Yard					
5310-21	Shop Supplies/Equipment	\$5,000	\$10,379	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,500
5310-34	Telephone	\$200	\$619	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
5310-68	Maintenance	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,600
5310-69	Water	\$728	\$728	\$728	\$728	\$728
5310-76	Electricity	\$2,300	\$2,547	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,000
	Vehicles/Equipment					
5310-73	New Shop Heat	\$4,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
5310-74	LP Bulk GAS N/T	\$1,000	\$8,478	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
5310-75	Diesel Fuel	\$55,000	\$53,986	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$38,000
5330-21	Operation/Gas	\$3,000	\$3,107	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
5330-68	Maintenance/Repair/Equipment	\$40,000	\$45,563	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
5332-00	Highway Contingency Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	TOTAL	\$763,748	\$819,605	\$835,479	\$845,479	\$829,250

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET 7/1/14 - 6/30/15	ACTUAL 7/1/14 - 6/30/15	BUDGET 7/1/15 - 6/30/16	PROJECTED 7/1/15 - 6/30/16	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/16 - 6/30/17
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations					
9982-56.10	Addison County Economic Developme	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9983-56.15	Addison County Home Health & Hospi	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983
9979-56.00	Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
9979-56.10	Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
9981-56.10	Addison County Restorative Justice Ser	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
9998-56.30	Addison County River Watch Collabora	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9983-56.25	Addison County Transit Resources	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$2,412
9985-56.25	American Legion - Memorial Day Obs	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
9979-56.55	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergen	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9987-56.35	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
9998-56.95	Community Health Services Open Doo	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
9981-56.05	Counseling Service of Addison County,	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650
9988-56.40	Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
9981-56.15	Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9998-56.40	Gage Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
9990-56.50	Green Up Vermont	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
9980-56.05	Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9980-56.00	H O P E	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
9991-56.60	Hospice Volunteer Services	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
9992-56.65	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Se	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$825
9998-56.10	Lewis Creek Association	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9993-56.70	Otter Creek Natural Resources Conser	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
9998-56.65	North Ferrisburgh Cemetary Associati	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
9994-56.75	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210
9994-56.76	Rokeyby Museum	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9998-56-50	Union Cemetary Association	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
9998-56.60	Vergennes Summer Rec. Program	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9996-56.85	Vermont Adult Learning	\$785	\$785	\$785	\$785	\$785
9997-56.90	Vermont Center for Independent Livin	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
9984-56.20	WomenSafe	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
		\$30,340	\$30,340	\$30,840	\$30,840	\$30,840

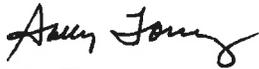
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	Debt Service					
5330-92	Truck - Bond 2011	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	35,000
5330-93	Truck - Bond Interest 2011	\$1,495	\$1,494	\$979	\$979	347
5331-98	2009 Tandem Truck Bond Payment	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	0
5331-99	2009 Tandem Truck Interest on Bond	\$398	\$398	\$0	\$0	0
5331-97	Excavator	\$12,667	\$12,267	\$12,267	\$12,267	12,267
5331-90	Highway Facility Bond	\$0	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	42,500
5331-91	Highway Facility Interest	\$21,000	\$17,583	\$25,263	\$25,263	23,868
3710-90	Town Offices Bond Payment	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	0
3710-91	Town Offices Interest on Bond	\$753	\$451	\$0	\$0	0
3710-92	Sister's Property Payments	\$12,600	\$13,103	\$12,310	\$12,310	25,352
	TOTAL	\$148,913	\$187,796	\$128,319	\$128,319	\$139,334
	Employee Benefits/Insurance					
9700-15	Municipal Retirement System	\$15,460	\$19,858	\$19,705	\$19,705	\$20,772
9720-14	Unemployment Compensation	\$1,700	\$1,590	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
9730-13	Social Security - Employer's Share	\$26,400	\$30,752	\$29,890	\$29,890	\$31,608
9740-12	Medical Insurance	\$66,600	\$76,614	\$94,600	\$94,600	\$68,242
9740-13	Disability/Life Insurance	\$9,425	\$7,822	\$10,628	\$10,628	\$11,065
	TOTAL	\$119,585	\$136,635	\$156,523	\$156,523	\$133,387
	Taxes - Assessment					
9300-51	Addison County Tax/Bristol Tax	\$21,900	\$23,646	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$23,225
9300-52	Vermont League of Cities & Towns	\$3,836	\$3,836	\$3,944	\$3,944	\$4,003
9391-53	Addison Cty Regional Planning Com.	\$3,244	\$5,743	\$3,321	\$3,321	\$3,404
9400-00	Bixby Memorial Library	\$52,559	\$52,559	\$52,559	\$52,559	\$52,559
	TOTAL	\$81,539	\$85,784	\$84,324	\$84,324	\$83,191
	Public Safety (Fire Protection & Police)					
9392-54	Law Enforcement	\$13,000	\$11,634	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
9393-55	Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Departmen	\$65,250	\$65,250	\$68,625	\$68,625	\$68,625
9000-94	Fire Station Maintenance	\$8,900	\$7,261	\$0	\$0	\$0
9000-92	Fire Truck Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
9394-55.05	Vergennes Fire Department - Contract	\$46,650	\$47,777	\$50,166	\$50,166	\$52,559
9395-55.10	Vergennes Fire Department - Extra	\$2,500	\$1,116	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000
9395-60	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,040
	TOTAL	\$184,340	\$181,077	\$194,331	\$194,331	\$196,224

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Delinquent July 1, 2014	\$221,470.74	
Delinquent June 2, 2015	\$311,571.75	
Total delinquent		<u>\$533,042.49</u>
Collected July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	\$309,863.50	
Delinquent June 30, 2015	\$223,178.99	
Total collected and delinquent June 30, 2015		<u>\$533,042.49</u>

Respectfully submitted



Sally Torrey
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent as of January 1, 2016

2014/2015

Victor Chaput
Sidney Claflin
Christopher Dennis
Kim Goodell
Mary Kerr
Kimball Farm LLC
Michelle Malone
Marcel Marcotte
Randy Martin

Timothy Mathewson
George Morrill
James Mullin
Peggy Parks
Wanda Pero, et al
Jack Ploof
Lillie Redwood
Larry Russell Estate
David Sordiff

FERRISBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Dear Ferrisburg Resident:

The Ferrisburg Fire Department has had a challenging year. We responded to 96 emergencies in town and our neighboring communities. This represents one of the busiest years in the history of our department, exceeding our average annual call volume by 40%. The increase of calls is the result of motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, structure fires, and mutual aid.

Our firefighters have spent close to 3000 total hours in training. This training is required to hone and develop new skills. This is an example of the commitment for excellence that our department members have.

After a year of research we ordered our new pumper in August. This truck will replace our current 23 year old primary attack vehicle. The new pumper has been designed to improve our response capabilities, crew safety, and providing a cost effective service life. The purchase of this truck was made possible by the support of our town's financial planning and a generous donation made by the Hoehl Family Foundation. We are expecting delivery of the new pumper mid-summer 2016.

We are proud of one of our own, "Fire Fighter Deighlin Lynes". Dalyn enlisted in the active US Army in September and recently completed basic training and is undergoing advanced training before assignment. Deighlin joined our team as a cadet and has grown in to a capable fire fighter. We wish him well, and pray for his safety.

2016 marks our 75th year of service to the Town of Ferrisburg. From the genesis of our organization in 1941. A group of concerned men started providing firefighting and first response in the Hollow. In 2016 this dedication continues with 41 men and women who continue to provide completely volunteer emergency services to our town. We look forward to serving our community for the years to come.

On behalf of the members of the department I want to thank you for continued support to our mission of protection of lives, property, and the environment.

Thank you 

Bill Wager Chief

Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Annual Contract Projection

<u>Category</u>	<u>2015 budget</u>	<u>2016 budget</u>
Facilities	\$6450	\$6700
Trucks	\$9500	\$8500
Equipment	\$19900*	\$20000*
Insurance	\$15600	\$15100
Communications	\$6425	\$7775
Training	\$3800	\$3500
General	\$4950	\$5050
Incentive	\$2000	\$2000
Totals	<u>\$68625</u>	<u>\$68625</u>

(* reflects \$5K/ yr SCBA replacement fund)



One of our Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Fighters during one of the many training exercises they attend.

**Town of Ferrisburgh
2015 Listers Report**

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2014-2015 resulted in an increase of the Town's Grand List from \$553,286,668 to \$555,215,400, totaling a \$1,928,732 increase.

The following is a breakdown of the different inspections and assessment changes which were accomplished throughout the year:

Town of Ferrisburgh 2015 Building Permits/Maintenance List Inspected in Late 2014-2015 (through December 31, 2015)		
Category	Number Inspected	Notes
New House Construction	11	8 under construction; 3 completed
Garages/Barns/Pole Barns/Sheds/Lean-tos/Fences	28	7 under construction; 21 completed
Decks/Porches/Gazebos/Patios	21	10 under construction; 11 completed
Renovations/Additions/Duplex Conversion	42	24 under construction; 18 completed
New Construction Rerechecks	23	14 under construction; 9 completed
Commercial	6	2 under construction (uc); 4 completed (c) - OSI Industries (c) - Dockview, LLC (uc) - Starry Night Café (c) - B. Cairns Property, LLV (uc) - Marcotte (c) - Rivers Edge Campground (c)
Land Subdivisions, Tax Map Changes, Acreage Changes, Surveys, Listers Corrections and Miscellaneous	52	12 new residential/lots were created
Total Building Permits Inspected and Assessment Changes in 2015:	183	

➤ As of April 1, 2015, there were 1,510 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

- 862 Houses
- 64 Mobile Homes
- 17 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)
- 279 Lake Champlain Properties
- 48 Farms
- 58 Commercial
- 1 Industrial
- 5 Utilities
- 176 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)
- 1,510 Total Properties**

- A total of 166 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2015 were mailed out to town property owners.
- Listers Pre-Grievance Hearings were held on May 26, 2015 and a total of 15 properties were reviewed. Formal Grievance Hearings were held on May 25, 2015, June 3, 2015 and July 1, 2015. A total of 60 properties were grieved.

- The 60 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved with the exception of 12 property owners who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearings were held on July 27, 2015 and August 10, 2015. The BCA's final decisions upheld the Listers assessments on one property and reversed the decisions relating to the cannon issue (see paragraph below) on 11 properties. There were no 2015 BCA decisions appealed to higher state authorities. In 2014, one decision from the BCA hearings was appealed to the Vermont State Board of Appraisers, and that case was heard on August 31, 2015 and resulted in a settlement between the property owner and the town.

The Listers spent considerable time in 2015 fielding questions and appeals from numerous lake front property owners in West Ferrisburgh from the Mile Point to Kelloggs Bay areas. The basis of the appeals stemmed from the persistent, annoying and loud firings of a propane cannon in August 2014, operated by a local farmer for bird control and to prevent damage to several acres of his sweet corn crop. In excess of 38 property owners called and sent letters dealing with the cannon firing issue. They all believed there was a diminution in property values because of this undesirable, external nuisance factor. The Listers made a number of attempts to develop a solution and resolution of this problem without success.

After a lengthy review and analysis of all the data, the Listers determined that a diminution of value was at least perceived by the market. Therefore, assessment reductions of between 5%-10% of the neighborhood land grades were made on all the 77 properties considered to be directly impacted by the cannon. The reductions were conditioned, based on the fact that if the cannon did not fire by August 15, 2015, then the Listers would request that all the assessments be returned to the original assessments as of April 1, 2015. The cannon was not fired during the summer of 2015, and therefore as of August 15, 2015 the assessments were reversed and returned to the original values.

Eleven property owners appealed the Listers reductions for the cannon noise to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA decisions determined there was insufficient market data to justify any reductions in market value and returned the property assessments to the original April 1, 2015 values.

In early September 2015, the cannon reportedly was fired several times.

- A total of 118 building permits were issued by Kenneth Wheeling, the Town Zoning Administrator.
- A detailed tax map reconciliation was performed by R.J. Turner Co., which greatly improved the accuracy of the town tax maps and the consistency with the grand list.
- The Listers reviewed three properties that are now subject to the new Covenant Housing Subsidy Statute. The State has requested that towns lower the assessments by 30% on certain residences which qualify for affordable housing. If the occupant(s) meets the eligibility requirements, the property remains affordable housing. If the property is not occupied, the assessments revert back to the original value.
- John Bull retired as a Lister after 14 years in office. Charlene Stavenow was elected the new Lister in the Spring of 2015.
- A new door to the Listers office was installed for privacy during Listers meeting, Grievances, etc.

- Vermont Law requires towns to be assessed at 100% of Fair Market Value; Vermont Education Taxes are based on the market value of all property in a town. The State Tax Department does an annual correlation (Equalization Study) of the listed values compared to the most recent three years of sale prices for each town. It determines the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the coefficient of dispersion (COD), which measures equity and the fair distribution of property taxes paid by different categories of Real Estate (i.e. commercial, residential, vacant land, etc.). When listed values fall below 80% of fair market value or there is a coefficient of dispersion greater than 20%, the State requires a town wide reappraisal. The Town of Ferrisburgh's State of Vermont's Annual Certified Equalization Education Property Value Notice was received from the Vermont Department of Taxes on December 14, 2015 and reflects the final Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) which was **104.72%** with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of **8.51%**. The new **104.72%** CLA showed a slight increase over the 102.70% CLA in 2014. In addition, we have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Ferrisburgh and Addison County has started to increase. Based on the state's data, "A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayer's assessments." The 2015 town tax rates are:

Residential: \$1.9000 per \$100 of assessed value
Non-Residential: \$1.7619 per \$100 of assessed value

- It should be noted that solar array projects in excess of 10,000 watts are now considered taxable by the State of Vermont and municipalities. Ferrisburgh has three solar properties in this category. They are assessed on the income approach basis. The local tax is based on the Ferrisburgh municipal, non-residential, tax rate. Instead of a state education tax rate, a flat tax (a/k/a Solar Energy Capacity Tax) of \$4.00/kilowatt times the capacity of the solar plant is levied. This tax is billed directly to the property owner by the Vermont Tax Department and is due on April 15th of each year.
- **The Listers continue to deal with a number of misconceptions covering the need for building permits. To clarify, all property owners contemplating any construction or land development (including agricultural buildings) should contact Kenneth Wheeling, the Town of Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator. He will determine if a building permit is necessary.**
- The Listers and Justus J. DeVries, Jr., Inc.'s staff would like to thank the Ferrisburgh residents and property owners for their help and cooperation during the annual building permit inspection process. Maintaining an up-to-date grand list assures that all property owners will be taxed equitably.
- The Listers and Justus DeVries, Jr. are available to discuss any questions or concerns with the 2015-2016 assessments and on-going building permit changes.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Listers or Justus J. DeVries, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted:
Carl Cole
Joseph Blasius
Charlene Stavenow
-Ferrisburgh Listers-

Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Multiple Listing Service

Sale Category	Sales 2015	Sales 2014	Sales 2013	Sales 2012	Sales 2011	Sales 2010	Sales 2009	Sales 2008	Sales 2007	Sales 2006
Residential	30	26	30	17	21	21	23	16	30	21
Vacant Land	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	6	5	8
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
Multi-Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SALES	34	30	34	22	22	23	24	24	35	31

Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates

Residential Tax Rate			
Year	*CLA	Tax Rate	% Change
2005	112.24%	\$1.2933	--
2006	101.64%	\$1.5213	17.63%
2007	95.75%	\$1.4888	- 2.14%
2008	92.53%	\$1.5904	6.82%
2009	88.84%	\$1.6297	2.47%
2010	90.37%	\$1.7806	9.26%
2011	99.06%	\$1.7334	- 2.65%
2012	100.36%	\$1.6276	-6.10%
**2013	102.01%	\$1.5474	-4.93%
2014	102.70%	\$1.7893	15.6%
2015	104.72%	\$1.9000	6.19%

* Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)
 ** 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal

Non-Residential Tax Rate			
Year	*CLA	Tax Rate	% Change
2005	112.24%	\$1.2418	--
2006	101.64%	\$1.5212	22.50%
2007	95.75%	\$1.5728	3.39%
2008	92.53%	\$1.6870	7.26%
2009	88.84%	\$1.7212	2.03%
2010	90.37%	\$1.7945	4.26%
2011	99.06%	\$1.7539	-2.26%
2012	100.36%	\$1.6675	-4.93%
**2013	102.01%	\$1.5681	-5.96%
2014	102.70%	\$1.7187	9.60%
2015	104.72%	\$1.7619	2.51%

* Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)
 ** 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission 2015 Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission had a good year welcoming a new member, hosting 3 educational events, and providing input to town and regional plans and maps. Commission members attended local and regional presentations to stay informed and abreast of critical issues, new legislation, and topics related to conservation.

In 2015 we contributed to the update/rewrite to the Town Plan with the support of Jens Hilke, State of Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist. He helped locate critical habitat areas and suggested which issues are of most importance including creating wildlife habitat corridors and riparian area networks. Additionally we monitored and kept abreast of any new additions or changes to threatened and/or endangered species such as the Northern Long Eared Bat.

We focused on several projects that potentially could have impact on conservation issues including solar installations, construction of a manure pit on Middlebrook Rd, and development of possible subdivision on Hand Road.

We continue to steward the Rowland Robinson Town Forest. Commission members checked the health of the forest by walking property boundaries. We noticed plenty of sign of wildlife activity (including bobcat in the western facing cliffs) and no significant invasive species. We continue to seek a specific trail route to access the Town Forest using the existing public right-of-way on the adjacent property.

We supported the update of the Addison County Regional Plan by providing information for the Regionally Significant Resources section and map. We met with conservation commissions in adjoining towns to discuss regional conservation topics and initiatives and will be presenting some of our recent projects to a regional gathering of Conservation Commissions in early 2016.

We held several education/informational events throughout the year including hosting renowned herpetologist Jim Andrews, Misha Cetner (ANR) for a presentation on the new shoreland protection rules, Jens Hilke (Conservation Planning Biologist - ANR) presented on historical and current issues related to wildlife in the Ferrisburgh Area.

We welcomed a new member, Finn Yarbrough, to the Commission. Mr. Yarbrough is also on the Energy Committee providing updates to the Commission on energy issues.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7pm in the Town Center; except July and August. The meetings are open to anyone to attend. Minutes of our past meetings are posted on the town website, along with a variety of conservation-related information and links.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Heindel, Chairman
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
John Medenwald
Amy Dohner
Finn Yarbrough
Jen Cirillo

**2015 Annual Report
Ferrisburgh Energy Committee**

Our mission statement is "Seeking cost effective green solutions for the entire community."

The Ferrisburgh Energy Committee offers valuable information for conservation, efficiency, power generation and ways to finance these practices to the residents of our town.

Some of the items we worked on in 2015 are:

- We submitted a major upgrade to the energy section for the new town plan.
- We hosted our 5th annual rain barrel workshop and had an Energy Information booth at Vergennes Day.
- We continue to work with the Selectboard to try to minimize the visual impact of the increasing number of C.S.A.'s (Community Solar Array's) in town. Even with Act 56 in place the towns input is minimal due to the almost total control of these projects by the Public Service Board. We will continue to work to develop language in the new Town Plan to address this important issue.
- We hosted an informational workshop on cold climate heat pumps in November. Please obtain the proper impartial information on this new and valuable technology before investing.

The Energy Committee is at your service.

We meet the second Monday of every month at the Ferrisburgh Clerk's Office. All are welcome.

Energetically yours,

Bob McNary, Chair
Roger Holzapfel, Secretary
Matt Neffinger
Richard Terricciano
Finn Yarborough

Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report



The purpose of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc., is to bring together those people interested in history, especially the history of the area.

- The Society's main function is to discover and collect any material that may help to establish or illustrate the history of Ferrisburgh and surrounding area. We collect printed, manuscript, and museum material. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible.
- The Society disseminates historical information and encourages interest by publishing historic material, holding meetings, marking historical sites and by using the media to awaken public interest.

The Historical Society occupies the former old Center School on the corner of Little Chicago Road and Ethan Allen Highway. We store historical documents and artifacts in the vault. Appointments are available so that general public has access to the information. We keep records of our inventory and catalogue our archival materials as they are donated or otherwise obtained. It is an ongoing process.

The Society would like to collect more original photos and scan these so that they are available to all. If you have photos of historical significance, or even photos of quiet local life, but wish to keep them and are willing to have them scanned, please contact the Ferrisburgh Historical Society at 425-3380 or silastowler@comcast.net.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society also sells a documentary film about the history of Ferrisburgh. From the role Ferrisburgh played in the early colonial settlement of the Champlain Valley, to the recollections of growing up on farms in the early and mid 20th century, the film portrays the changes our town has seen over two and a half centuries. Ed Dooley, of Mad River Media, produced the film, then donated it to the Society to use as a fundraiser. We thank you, Ed. The DVD is available for purchase at the Town Offices and Dakin Farm.

Meetings are typically the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:00 PM from October – June. There is no meeting in January and the months of February and March we have our meeting at the Community Center on the same second Sunday at 2:00 PM. Notices of meetings can be found in local publications or on the town website. We also email announcements of our meetings as well as other events of historical interest. To get on our email list, drop us a note. Better yet, join us. We welcome new members and guests always.

Respectfully submitted,

Silas Towler, President

Peggy Kadima-Mazela, Secretary

Tim Vincent, Vice-President

Charlie Langworthy, Treasurer

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2015

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2015 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted “Local Emergency Managers Roundtables” to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted local post-disaster recovery efforts.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Middlebury, Bridport, Cornwall, and Leicester and submitted grant application with the State of Vermont to cover numerous other municipalities
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies for solar siting.
- Participated in Vermont Gas and TDI Ne England hearings before the Public Service Board.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Participated in the statewide DriveElectricVT initiative.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting





ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org **E-mail:** acswwmd@acswwmd.org **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM **Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The *Reuse It or Lose It!* Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2015 Highlights

Bristol Joins the District. The District welcomed the Town of Bristol as its 20th member municipality. Residents and businesses in Bristol may now take advantage of the many programs and services offered by the District. **New Solid Waste Plan Adopted.** The Board adopted a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), approved by the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). The SWIP is a strategic materials management plan that also serves as a tool for the identification of solid waste facilities in the District and offers guidance to the Board and its member towns. The District will be preparing a survey for all District residents and businesses to gather feedback on general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns. **Act 148.** On 7/1/15, two new deadlines from the Universal Recycling Law took effect: (1) mandatory recycling must be offered by any commercial waste hauler, with the cost of residential recycling subsidized on the bag of trash; and (2) all facilities that collect waste must now offer collection of leaf & yard residuals. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont will be required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,017 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance - and by State law as of 7/1/15 - to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2015, all member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. As a reminder, Vermont municipalities are required by Act 148 to provide a recycling bin next to any trash bin in all publicly accessed spaces as of 7/1/15. **Illegal Dumping/Burning.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Dumping/Burning Ordinance. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 23 illegal dumping/ burning complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's favorite litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 20 tons of roadside trash, 11.37 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 29 E-Waste items, 10 appliances, and other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,880.

2016 Budget

The District's 2016 Annual Budget is \$2,818,754, a 7.45% increase over the 2015 Annual Budget. The District Board proposes no rate changes for 2016. The Transfer Station tip fee will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2016.** For a copy of the full 2015 Annual Report, please call us, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2015 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

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

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

Bixby Memorial Library – 2016 Town Meeting

Mission Statement: “The Bixby Memorial Free Library, supported by Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham is dedicated to fulfilling the diverse literary and cultural needs of these communities. The Library promotes reading and learning as lifelong activities by providing a wide range of resource materials, programming and outreach and by preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the area.”

Bixby Library offers the traditional library services of lending books and other materials as well as providing regular educational programs for adults and children. In 2015 Bixby cardholders borrowed more than 29,500 books, CDs and DVDs and over 2,900 e-books and audio books were downloaded to personal devices using Bixby Library cards. Usage of library computers totaled over 2700 hours and countless people accessed the Wi-Fi that Bixby provides to the community 24/7. With your Bixby card free online classes and foreign language programs are available through the Vermont Department of Libraries as well as vetted databases on a huge variety of subjects.

The library provides space to nonprofit organizations who offer services to residents of our five towns in order to make their services available locally. Last year these included RSVP free tax preparation for seniors, Vermont Health Connect presenters and CSAC parenting groups. RSVP borrowed library laptop computers to support their program. Local organizations such as ANWSU Professional Development regularly used Bixby Library as a central meeting space with internet access.

Numerous initiatives were added last year to provide enrichment and increase services to people in our five towns. A few highlights:

- Bixby Youth Services Librarian visited area schools and preschools on a regular weekly basis throughout the school year, promoting childhood literacy and providing support for area educators
- Three adult writers’ groups led by professional writers met regularly and, as a result, several area aspiring writers finished projects and some were able to be published. Groups continue to be in session and are open to the public.
- Monthly movie and discussion night and monthly reading and discussion groups provided educational and social opportunities.
- Ongoing basic computer tutorials were provided by the Adult Services Librarian.
- Another Cerf grant has enabled us to continue bringing in a trained archaeologist in to catalog the Bixby Library Native American artifact collection. Many of these artifacts originate from our towns of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham and speak to our local one-of-a-kind history and heritage. A process of repatriation to rightful tribes is underway

We are always on the lookout for new ways to be efficient and creative with the resources that we have while providing services that are meaningful to the residents who support us. Our many volunteers greatly help us accomplish what we do and we actively fundraise to support the operating budget. We thank the town of Ferrisburgh for your support and invite everyone to visit the library! For more information please visit www.BixbyLibrary.org or call us at 877-2211 with your concerns and suggestions. Ferrisburgh’s representatives on the Bixby board are Gail Blasius and Silas Towler.



Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc.

P.O. BOX 11, VERGENNES, VERMONT 05491

VERGENNES AREA RESCUE SQUAD ANNUAL REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2015

The Vergennes Area Rescue Squad (VARS) is a non-profit, primarily volunteer organization. Vergennes Rescue provides a variety of medical related services to the citizens of the five area towns we serve, Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Panton, and Waltham. We also assist other agencies in the towns of Monkton and New Haven.

At the heart of our service is responding to medical emergencies which included a total of 911 calls, with 197 specifically in Ferrisburgh. Our staff and volunteer members have presented Emergency Responder classes throughout the year. In addition VARS offers community CPR classes several times each year.

We provide other community outreach programs such as education in child safety including inspection and replacement of car seats. Our certified child safety seat technicians, Chuck Welch and Beth Bearor, inspect car seats by appointment and on request. We can provide seats to replace those that do not pass inspection. We have partnered with Addison County Safe Kids, an organization which provides education programs geared to prevent childhood injuries. Vergennes Rescue also provides several scholarships each year to area high school students who will be entering the next level of emergency service providers.

Funds to operate VARS come from a variety of services. We offer a subscription program to provide no cost coverage for individuals in our communities. We do bill insurance programs for services provided. Area towns also provide a source of income. However, it is very important to note that we do respond to all requests for help regardless of ability to pay.

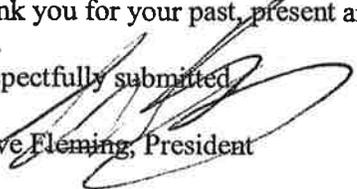
We encourage citizens to become involved in local emergency service organizations. Volunteers are the backbone of our service and we depend on them to provide valuable time and service. If you are interested in becoming a member or in participating in any of our activities, please contact us at 802-877-3683 or talk with any rescue member.

VARS does not work alone and we would be remiss if we did not thank the many individuals, emergency organizations, and businesses that have given us valuable support over the past year. We regularly work with other emergency medical services and with the fire services in the towns of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Monkton, and New Haven. Of course police organizations including Vergennes Police, Vermont State Police, and the Addison County Sheriff's Department are essential parts of our emergency service organization. It gives us great pride to be part of this community public safety group.

Don't forget to help us serve you better by properly identifying your home or business with the correct 911 address, and make sure it is easily visible day or night.

Thank you for your past, present and future support.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Fleming, President



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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With 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: The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes was awarded \$45,000 in order to decrease use of tobacco in Addison County.

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 Addison County, 1128 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Starting in May 2016, Addison County families served by WIC will be able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice and flexibility (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 114 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$832,734.85 of which was in spent in Addison County.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: Since July 2013, funding of \$50,652 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. In addition, in 2014 and 2015, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Rutland and Addison County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. We are always looking for more Medical Reserve Corps and EMS volunteers. Please visit www.OnCallforVT.org to learn more about both volunteer opportunities.



Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2016

Addison County Economic Development Corporation - \$500

ACEDC continues to be the "one-stop-shop" for business assistance in Addison County. As the home for the SBA Small Business Development Center, Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE), Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC), and the State Permit Specialist, they are able to serve all sized and types of business activities. Their focus has been the continued development of the local business base, from start up ventures to established companies. ACEDC works closely with local and regional planners on land use compliance, with the banks and alternative financing options on capital formation, and with the State programs to achieve sensible growth while maintaining our natural environment.

Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. - \$2,983

Addison County Home Health & Hospice is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. They provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home, where they are the most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Seventy-four Ferrisburgh residents were served with 3994 visits in 2015.

Addison County Parent Child Center - \$1,600

The mission of the Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start, with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The Center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation and childcare. Last year they provided services to 111 residents of Ferrisburgh.

Addison County Readers, Inc. - \$600

Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County. In December 2015, 53 children in Ferrisburgh were receiving books through the program. More than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of the program.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services - \$800

Formerly known as Addison County Court Diversion, they provide a community restorative justice response focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience. 22 individuals from the Town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 6 different programs in FY 2015.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative - \$500

For each of the past twelve years, the voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh have contributed \$500 to the funding of Addison County River Watch. Other towns in the county contribute similar amounts. Donated service's to River Watch, including the processing and analyzing of our water samples by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's LaRosa laboratory, are valued at about \$45,000. ACRWC's annual cash budget is approximately \$14,000. This past spring/summer season they took monthly samples at three locations in Ferrisburgh: one where Little Otter Creek runs under Route 7, one upstream on Mud Creek, which is a tributary to Little Otter, and one on Lewis Creek where it runs under Route 7.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2016 (cont'd.)**

Generally speaking, both creeks fail to meet water quality standards for *E.coli*, turbidity and phosphorus as they proceed downstream through Ferrisburgh. In 2016-2017 they will monitor Little Otter Creek more intensively.

Addison County Transit Resources- \$2,412

ACTR provides significant services to dozens of "transportation disadvantaged" Ferrisburgh residents, furnishing a yearly average of 2,588 door-to-door trips for Ferrisburgh residents. Their Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided 171,005 rides this past year. The state and federal grants that they use require 20% of the cost of the programs to be raised through "local match" dollars. In August they marked their 2,000,000th ride provided since ACTR's founding in 1992.

American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - \$300

Plans are underway for the annual observance of Memorial Day which will be observed on Monday, May 30, 2016. As in past years, Vergennes Post # 14 will assume the responsibility for decorating the graves of all veterans buried in the Town of Ferrisburgh. The donation will also help fund the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Boys & Girls Club - \$500

The club serves hundreds of youth every year through after school programs at our Club facility in the City of Vergennes as well as through outreach activities in partnership with local schools and organizations and community events. Club staff provide support and informal guidance to youth from 6 through 19 years old through programs and activities in five core areas: Character & Leadership Development; Education & Career Development; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging - \$1,100

For more than 40 years, CVAA has provided services and support that allow seniors to age well, stay independent, and remain healthy at home in Vermont towns. CVAA is a leader in promoting independence, dignity and choice for seniors in our diverse towns and communities. Thanks to past support from the Town of Ferrisburgh, CVAA has provided Meals on Wheels to 10 residents in Ferrisburgh. They have also helped with fitness & wellness, nutrition counseling, case management and offer a senior HelpLine.

Community Health Services of Addison County - Open Door Clinic - \$400

The Open Door Clinic provided access to health care services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet financial eligibility guidelines. It is their goal to provide quality health care for patients seeking assistance, until such time that one can obtain insurance, find a healthcare provider and establish a permanent medical "home". Between January 1 and December 31, 2015 they provided services to 30 Ferrisburgh citizens for healthcare services via 105 interactions. Clinic hours are by appointment and include Vergennes (Little City Family Practice) every other Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and at 110 Porter Drive every Tuesday from 6-9pm and one Friday morning per month from 9am - 12pm.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2016 (cont'd.)**

Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. - \$1,650

During fiscal year 2015, the Counseling Service provided 22,884 hours of service to residents from the town of Ferrisburgh, (up from 17,569 in FY2014) who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. They provide a broad array of vitally needed mental health services to: children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives. Individuals living with developmental disabilities as well as their families. People with severe and persistent mental illness. People dealing with substance abuse problems. Elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. The entire community, through educational programs and special events.

Elderly Services, Inc. - \$1,100

In the past year 199 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 2 of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. Ferrisburgh residents received a total of 370 hours of care, 115 hot meals and approximately 150 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$5,689 for direct services to Ferrisburgh residents. 4 family caregivers received respite and peace of mind. One Ferrisburgh resident is on their staff.

Friends of the Vergennes Opera House - \$500

The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House (FVOH) is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to preserve the historic Vergennes Opera House as a center for the presentation of the arts and other activities that promote and celebrate a sense of community. The Opera House serves a population of over 20,000 people from Addison County and beyond. It is a vibrant cultural and community center

Green Up Vermont - \$150

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! 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. You can visit their web site at www.greenupvermont.org.

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) - \$2,000

HOPE strives "to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with basic needs and self-help opportunities. Our vision is "all persons in Addison County have the tools and resources necessary in order to meet their own basic needs." Hope's task is to assist low income people in acquiring and developing those resources. During the 12 month period ended September 30, 2015, HOPE provided assistance to 68 Ferrisburgh residents.

Homeward Bound - \$1,000

In FY2015 they served the Town of Ferrisburgh by taking in 1 owner-surrendered and 3 stray animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. 2 animals were returned to their owners and 5 were adopted to residents of Ferrisburgh. As the only animal shelter in Addison County they also offer programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2016 (cont'd.)**

Hospice Volunteer Services - \$250

During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to the residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. At no cost to individuals they provided 11 hospice or palliative patients with 63 visits and 146 hours of respite care. One person received 1 hour of grief support. Eleven families were invited to the annual Service of Remembrance. They currently manage a force of 225 trained volunteers for patient care, vigil sitting, bereavement support and Wellspring singers. Five residents are currently active Hospice volunteers.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc. - \$825

In 2015 the John W. Graham Shelter served more than 200 people by providing more than 10,000 bed nights of shelter, food, services and hope thanks to community support. Provided transitional housing to families in their own buildings and at many scatter sites. Dozens of people were helped to find permanent housing and employment and provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives. In Vermont the number of homeless school-aged children increased from 785 in 2009 to 1,202 in 2012. The result of spiraling rents and stagnant incomes, this 53% increase is one of the fastest growing rates of child homelessness in the country. They provided housing to more than 100 families with children this past year. Visit their website at www.johngrahamshelter.org.

Lewis Creek Association - \$500

Thanks to Ferrisburgh's annual financial support, LCA continues to monitor water quality trends, wildlife habitat, and river corridor conditions while pursuing restoration and conservation opportunities in Ferrisburgh and nearby watershed towns. This year your contributions helped leverage grants from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and VT Agency of Natural Resources for education, restoration and conservation projects in our watersheds that drain to the mid portion of Lake Champlain. LCA continue to work with their partners to educate residents to improve the health of land and water resources in two counties and seven towns.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District - \$275

The Otter Creek NRCS has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. They were organized and partially funded by the State of Vermont to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. They continue to receive token administrative funds from the State; however, it is the yearly contribution from Addison County towns and city that enable them to maintain their services to farmers, landowners, town, businesses and schools.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - \$210

Ferrisburgh senior citizens took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services and free osteoporosis prevention classes. In addition, any Ferrisburgh resident who received assistance from a local service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. Examples include community members at risk of hunger who received free nutritious meals at meal sites where their members volunteer, or residents who received free transportation services from volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and ACTR. Addison County residents also donated thousands of hours to support the community. Through RSVP, nine Ferrisburgh residents volunteered 4,481 hours to support the community.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2016 (cont'd.)

Rokeby Museum - \$1,000

2015 was their third year in the new Education Center and they continue to build on the momentum set in motion when the Center and its stunning exhibit – *Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont* – opened in 2013. Their 2015 seasonal exhibit – *The Farm: Drawings of Rowland Evans Robinson* – gave visitors a detailed look at Ferrisburgh's agricultural history. Robinson was born in Rokeby in 1833 and began his career as an artist in the late 1850's. After more than a decade of struggle, he began to draw for the farm papers of the day, and so created a rich record of local farming practice. They expect to grow and expand their outreach in the coming year, but will need additional funds to keep the momentum going. They thank Ferrisburgh for contributing to their success.

Vergennes Summer Rec Program - \$1,000

The program was housed at Saint Peter's Parish Hall on a daily basis during eight weeks of the summer. Summer 2015 marked this completion of its thirteenth year of contributing as a positive resource for children and families in our community, striving to meet the expressed needs of participants for consistent, high-quality care and enrichment. With an average daily attendance of 75, the summer session accumulated 31,100 hours of care – not to mention games, crafts, swimming, field trips, sports and friendship-making time. Forty-five percent of the children participating in the program were Ferrisburgh children and youth.

Vermont Adult Learning - \$785

In FY'15 Vermont Adult Learning of Addison County provided services to 153 individuals, 4 of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. They offer a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. Areas of focus include reading, writing, math, GED, high school diploma and English as a second language. Instruction is available to students with a GED or diploma who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. They work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment.

Vermont Center for Independent Living - \$250

In FY'15 VCIL responded to over 3,265 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 provided one-on-one peer counseling to 346 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 18 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 238 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 100 individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. Five hundred individuals had meals delivered through their Meals on Wheels program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. During FY'15 2 residents of Ferrisburgh received services.

WomenSafe, Inc. - \$1,250

During FY'15 they served at least 17 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 19 children who were exposed to violence. Often victims choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, our statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution would be used to support the services that we provide to our service users, such as our hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Ferrisburgh Town School Board of Directors

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**FCS School Board Town Meeting
February 28, 2015
1:00 PM**

Board members and administration in attendance:

George Gardner; Laurie Gutowski; Bill Clark; Julie Gramling; JoAnn Taft-Blakely, Principal; JoAn Canning, Superintendent

Six townspeople in attendance:

Bob McNary, Annie Cohn, Rick Kerschner, Liz Bicknell, Don Bicknell, Finn Yarborough

Dr. Bicknell read the Warning from the Town Annual Report.

B. Clark speaks, introduces Board. Thanks Katie (Boyle) for her service and Laurie (Gutowski) for joining the board.

B. Clark talks about solar energy plans. Thanks the Ferrisburgh Energy Committee for their hard work with us on achieving this. Gives some options for where the panels would go on the school property. Bob McNary speaks about committing one acre of land, similar to the panels on his property.

Principal Taft-Blakely - presentation

Her 8th year in Ferrisburgh

Description of what's going on in our town school.

B. Clark introduces new Superintendent, JoAn Canning
Superintendent Canning speaks, thanks B. Clark

Principal Taft-Blakely gave a quick overview:

Demographics have changed

Enrollment dropped

Working on K registration currently

Free/Reduced lunch population has increased to 32%

SBAC

Green Mountain STAR

School Improvement Plan:

PBIS

FCS STARS/Tier I, II, III

Common Core State Standards

SBAC testing

Outside our Doors - sugaring begins soon, gardens, composting, lunch program, outdoor classroom, ice rink, community playground

Inside our Doors - Arts Enrichment, residency begins soon. Lantern-making with Gowri Savor, artist from Barre.

Over 70 Volunteers in the building.

School Board - Questions and Answers:

Rick Kerschner - Enrichment hours cut...?

Finn Yarborough - Kudos to all the alternate education choices

Bob McNary - Free breakfast for all students?
Finn Yarborough - (food) Assistance comes from where?
More free + reduced opens FCS up to more grants

B. Clark - Educational presentation

Page 58, Article 2:

Shall the voters of said Ferrisburgh Town School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters? Rick Kerschner motion, Finn Yarborough second. Article 2 so voted and passed.

Rick Kerschner brought up the idea of transferring the school land to the select board. B. Clark speaks to this; G. Gardner speaks next, more discussion about the school land (school building and 26 acres). Differing opinions, ongoing discussion and meeting to be set with select board.

Recess at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Gramling, Board Clerk

**Annual Report of Ferrisburgh Central School
Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Section One: Our School

Ferrisburgh Central School is a school of approximately 180 students located in our rural community. During the 2014-2015 school year, there were 13 classes, consisting of single grades at K-4, and multi-grade at the 5/6 level. We are a STARS (Safe, Truthful, Accountable, Responsible, Super Citizen) Positive Behavior and Interventions school which prides itself on our positive school climate and culture. Our students are diverse socio-economically, with less than 5% ethnic diversity.

We are fortunate to offer a variety of experiences for our students including band, chorus, Spanish enrichment and Challenge. Challenge is a program offered to all students who may have a particular interest or want to challenge themselves with something different. This group has begun the new *Cougar Scoop*, a grade/team based newspaper. The Ferrisburgh Children's Theater group, Arts Enrichment, and opportunities provided by our PTO also offer exciting experiences for our students.

We are fortunate to have a huge number of volunteers, over 70 included in our end of the year Volunteer Luncheon. They provide such supports as reading buddies, parent-led science through the Four Winds Nature program, gardening and composting support, snack cart and classroom helpers. We could not do all we do without them.

Section Two: Needs the school faced in 2014-2015

Ferrisburgh Central School has just recently begun to decline in enrollment, causing us to review our class configurations and class sizes while maintaining our high standards for all students, and being fiscally responsible to the townspeople.

Our students have routinely scored at or above the state in mandated assessments. A glitch in our spring Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium assessment has not provided us with the full range of results we were expecting. Of those results we have received for grades 3, 4 and 5, we scored above the state in all areas. Grade 6 results were not available due to a problem with the testing.

2015 Spring Assessment Results

Since the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium tests are in the first year of use, there is no historical data for comparison. At the time of this letter, there are no national comparisons available either.

These results compare the percentage of students who were proficient and above.

Name of Assessment	Area of Assessment	Grade Level	FCS Results	VT State Results
Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)	Literacy	3	64%	51%
		4	84%	51%
		5	72%	56%
	Mathematics	3	54%	51%
		4	84%	44%
		5	58%	41%
New England Comprehensive Assessment Program* (NECAP)	Science	4	76%	45%

*NECAP testing is done at grades 4, 8 and 11 only.

As a school community we take the safety of our students and staff very seriously. We have been upgrading our school safety systems over the last few years, adding a new entry system that requires all non-personnel to be buzzed into the building. We continue to monitor our safety procedures with monthly lockdown and evacuation drills, while working with our local fire, rescue, police and emergency responders to clarify procedures and practices.

Section Three: Actions/Results

Based on our declining enrollment, three classroom teachers and the corresponding sections of Art, Library, Music and Physical Education were eliminated in the 2015-2016 school budget that was adopted by the town. This has raised our class sizes to the higher end of our policy, and new class configurations were developed to meet these higher numbers, including single grade classes at K-2, and multi-grade options at 3/4 and 5/6.

Our assessment coordination was reviewed and all teachers and support staff responsible for giving the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium tests received training to avoid any problems in the spring of 2016. New Chromebook tablets have been added to our 3-6th grade programs to improve access to technology and more devices for students to use for testing purposes. Teachers are continuing their work to align our curriculum with the Common Core of State Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards and the C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards. Other curricular areas will begin the process of developing new curriculum as the other area standards are developed nationally. This work will help to maintain our new high standards and our above-the-state average assessment results on state tests.

The review of our safety procedures and protocols will continue. We are focusing on how to limit access to the building throughout the day. New doors, new door closures and a new access system are in the process of being developed.

Section Four: Next Steps

Ferrisburgh Central School will continue its work of aligning the curriculum to the new standards in all areas. We will continue our STARS work and develop systems for those students who continue to struggle either academically or behaviorally through a redesign of our intervention systems and the use of data.

Student use of technology and integrating technology into the classroom is an area for further development at FCS. A review of current practices, as well as infusing best practices in this area is important for our students and their future success.

A walk-through by a school safety expert found that we are meeting or exceeding expectations in this area, with one exception. Our security gate no longer meets standards and will need to be replaced. It is an area of concern.

Summary:

Ferrisburgh Central School is a great school with high standards for all. We will continue our work on aligning our curriculum with the new standards, as well as working on our STARS program to ensure a culture and climate that is supportive and positive for all.

On a final note, Ferrisburgh Central School is the special place that is it because of the support we have from our community. Thank you all for what you do for the children of our town.

As a school board and administration, it is a privilege to serve the community of Ferrisburgh. We are always available to discuss the school, its programs and its future with you.

On behalf of the Ferrisburgh Town School District,

JoAnn Taft-Blakely, Ed.D., Principal

School Directors:

Bill Clark, Chair

Chris Kayhart, Vice Chair

Julie Gramling, Clerk

George Gardner

Laurie Gutowski

**The mission of the Ferrisburgh Central School
is to provide a safe environment
that inspires life-long learners and responsible citizens,
while partnering with the parents and community.**

FERRISBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

2015 - 2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KATHLEEN PUDVAR

Kathy goes above and beyond to help staff, students and parents. She volunteers to do more than what is asked of her. Kathy developed the master schedules for the school, coordinated the "Around the World Day", and part of the District team to lead and move forward with technology.

She is a VMI graduate, part of the school leadership/improvement team and the school PBIS team. Kathy is known to have her work done in a timely manner, to be professional, punctual, serious yet playful. She continuously looks for ways to improve her teaching practice. She is a hard worker and goes above and beyond the call of duty.



**Ferrisburgh Central School
Staff Roster 2015 - 2016**

Name	Position	Education	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
JoAnn Taft-Blakely	Principal	Ed. D.	35	\$94,580
Donna Rusik	Kindergarten	M15	21	\$61,373
Kaci Spear	Grade 1	B15	6	\$44,430
Tifany Babcock	Grade 2	M30	11	\$59,679
Ashley Papin	Grade 2	B	2	\$39,347
Lydia Kenney	Grade 3/4	B15	5	\$46,124
Kathleen Pudvar	Grade 3/4	M15	18	\$59,679
Kimberly Robinson	Grade 3/4	B	3	\$41,041
Joshua Brooks	Grade 5/6	CAGS	13	\$59,679
Judy Elson	Grade 5/6	M30	20	\$61,373
Peter Stapleford	Grade 5/6	M	19	\$63,068
William Bowers	Instrumental Music (40%)	B30	50	\$23,194
Alison Parsons	Art (40%)/Enrichment (30%)	M30	21	\$44,147
Jeanne Whiting	Choral Music (35%)	B30	30	\$20,294
Anna Wilson	Physical Education (75%)	M	29	\$47,301
Susan Brileya	Guidance Counselor (80%)	CAGS	21	\$51,809
Alysia Duncanson	Math Interventionist	M30	7	\$56,290
Margo Grace	Literacy Interventionist (K-2)	M30	22	\$63,068
Mary Shields	Literacy Interventionist (3-6)	B30	15	\$54,596
Deborah Chamberlin	Librarian (35%)	M30	24	\$22,666
Anne Cohn	School Nurse (80%)	B30	22	\$45,032
Piper Harrell	Special Educator	MM	7	\$57,985
Stacy Valcourt	Special Educator	M15	20	\$61,373
Wilma Vander Wey	Special Educator	M15	13	\$59,679
Will Hatch	Technology Coordinator (60%)	M	13	\$33,532
Hannah Lucarelli	Speech/Language (85%)	M15	17	\$50,727
Susanna Mason	English Language Learner	M15	10	\$56,290
Cassandra Corcoran	School-Based Clinician			N/C
Gina Normand	School-Based Clinician			N/C
Gerald Blair	Custodian			\$20.77/hr
Christopher Haines	Custodian			\$12.08/hr
Sarah Anderson	Food Service Worker			\$15.26/hr
Eleanor Barnes	Food Service Director			\$15.26/hr
Lisa Davis	Food Service Assistant			\$10.39/hr
Loretta Lawrence	Secretary			\$21.21/hr
Karen Brooks	Paraeducator			\$14.78/hr
Sandra Clark	Paraeducator			\$16.86/hr
AnnaMarie Crain	Paraeducator			\$12.25/hr
Roy Fetters	Paraeducator (P/T)			\$11.86/hr
Corrie Palmer	Paraeducator			\$18.49/hr
Ligia Stapleford	Paraeducator			\$15.61/hr
Denise Walther	Paraeducator			\$17.41/hr
Lisa Whitley	Paraeducator			\$13.06/hr

B = Bachelors
M = Masters
MM = Double Masters

B15 = Bachelors +15 credits
M15 = Masters + 15 credits
CAGS = Certificate of Advanced Graduated Study

B30 = Bachelors + 30 credits
M30 = Masters + 30 credits

Ferrisburgh Central School

Health Services

Anne Cohn, R.N. is responsible for providing health services to students in accordance with the Vermont Nurse Practice Act and the Vermont School Services: Standards of Practice. She daily evaluates student illness and injury, monitors student medications, and supports school personnel in maintaining a healthful school environment.

Also included in Mrs. Cohn's many duties are screenings of student hearing, vision, blood pressure, height and weight, as mandated by the Vermont Department of Education. She maintains health records for each student, including immunizations and other relevant information.

Faculty and staff training are provided annually regarding blood borne pathogens and necessary precautions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Effective July 1, 2014, as per Act 153, the provision of Special Education services to students is organized and operated at the supervisory union. Local districts are assessed a share of the total costs based on percent of equalized pupils in each district. Special education services continue to be provided to students with a variety of needs.

AUDIT

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 323 requires the supervisory union to employ public accountants to audit the financial statements of its member school districts annually. Ferrisburgh Central School records were audited in December of 2015. A copy of the audit will be available at the Office of the Superintendent or on the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union website when completed.

ACT 46 STUDY COMMITTEE

Unified Union School District

BACKGROUND

For the past 15 years, Vermont, as a state, has experienced several significant trends related to education and education finance. First, the student population has fallen 20% over that time. Second, the number of staff has remained approximately the same. Consequently, the cost-per-student has risen rapidly to be at or near the highest in the country. Per-student cost is a driver of homestead education property tax rates, resulting in voter concerns and efforts by local school boards to reduce costs. In this environment, programs in many of our smaller schools have been pared back, leading to disparity in educational opportunity. In response to these trends, the 2015 Legislature passed Act 46. Although the specific circumstances in each of our communities vary, the general trends have impacted the region covered by the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union.

Act 46 of 2015 became law in June, 2015. It calls for all school districts in the state to come together to create "preferred structures" in the interest of achieving the following goals:

- Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities.
- Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards.
- Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with the goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff.
- Promote transparency and accountability.
- Deliver education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.

The assumption inherent in the bill is that issues of quality, inequity of student opportunity, and the ever-increasing cost-per-student can best be addressed over the long-run by the creation of somewhat larger school districts. The hope is that local regions will come together and figure out a viable pathway to achieve that objective. The bill includes strong incentives for supervisory unions to come together quickly into a single district. It also includes the eventuality that the State Board can, in November, 2018, order unification, if regions have not developed their own approach to unification.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND CHARGE

On August 17, 2015, all school districts within the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union voted to create a study committee "to analyze the advisability of forming a union school district under Act 46." The number of votes for each town represented on the committee was determined through the number of equalized pupils: Addison (2 votes), Ferrisburgh (3 votes), and Vergennes Union Elementary District (5 votes). Each elementary district could designate up to two additional voting members, resulting in partial voting power in some instances. (Per 16 VSA § 701b(b), a union high school board is not represented on a study committee independently.) The following month, each board selected people to serve on the committee. Below is the membership that has served on the committee:

Addison

George Lawrence*
Eugene Stearns*
Michele Kelly* (alternate for Eugene)
Todd Garthaffner

Ferrisburgh

George Gardner*
Laurie Gutowski*
Chris Kayhart*
Kristina MacKulin
David Tatlock
Tracy Newton (non-voting)

Vergennes Elementary School

Cheryl Brinkman*	(Vergennes)
Jason Fearon*	(Panton)
Steve Flint*	(Waltham)
Mel Hawley	(Vergennes)
Barbara FitzPatrick	(Vergennes)
Mimi Clark (non-voting)	(Waltham)

* Indicates current elected school board member

The Committee's work has been supported by JoAn Canning, Superintendent; Glory Martin, Recording Secretary; Stephen Dale, Consultant; Ed Gomeau, Financial Consultant; and Chris Leopold, Legal Counsel.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee has come to the conclusion that the creation of a unified union school district is in the best interests of the students and taxpayers of the region, and the long-term achievement and sustainability of high quality education in the region. The current structure of education in the ANWSU region and the history of unification efforts make our region ideally suited to come together in a timely fashion in order to achieve the educational benefits of unification, to position the region to manage per-pupil cost as we face continued decreases in enrollment, and to allow our taxpayers to benefit from accelerated financial incentives available through Act 46. Early action will also protect the region from imposed action by the State Board. Unification can, and should, be achieved on our own terms.



WARNING

FERRISBURGH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Ferrisburgh Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Ferrisburgh Central School to transact the following business:

Article 1. To hear the report of the Town School District Officers and take action thereon.

Article 2. Shall the voters of said Ferrisburgh Town School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters?

Article 3. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 21st day of January, 2016.



William Clark, Chair



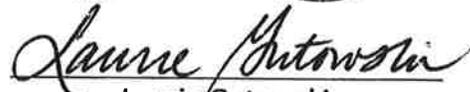
Christopher Kayhart, Vice-Chair



Julie Gramling, Clerk



George Gardner



Laurie Gutowski

Ferrisburgh School Directors

WARNING
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FERRISBURGH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Ferrisburgh Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Ferrisburgh Central School for a public information meeting on the proposed 2016-17 budget.

Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 21st day of January, 2016.



William Clark, Chair



Christopher Kayhart, Vice-Chair



Julie Gramling, Clerk



George Gardner



Laurie Gutowski

Ferrisburgh School Directors

WARNING

FERRISBURGH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Ferrisburgh Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Ferrisburgh Town Offices to vote by Australian Ballot the following Articles: (Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

- Article 1.** To elect a director to the Ferrisburgh Town School District for a three (3) year term.
- Article 2.** To elect a director to the Ferrisburgh Town School District for a two (2) year term.
- Article 3.** To elect a director to the Vergennes Union High School District #5 for a two (2) year term.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Ferrisburgh Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$3,432,273**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,869.31 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.2% higher than spending for the current year.

Articles Relating to the Formation of the proposed Unified Union School District

- Article 5.** Shall the Ferrisburgh Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Addison, Panton, Vergennes Union Elementary #44, Vergennes Union High School #5, Vergennes Incorporated and Waltham, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district for the purpose of forming a unified union school district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:
- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will operate grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve to all students in the unified union school district.
 - (b) Board of School Directors. The unified district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears in the aggregate population of the unified union school district. The initial composition of the unified union school district board of directors will be

based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. Each forming school district shall have at least one representative on the board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 4 and 6 in the Final Report.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on January 19, 2016, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article 6. To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

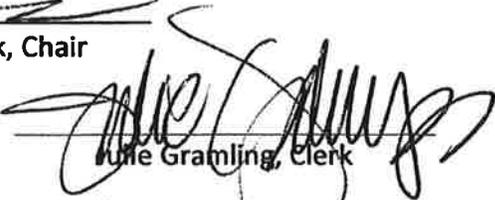
Two (2) school directors for a two-year term.

One (1) school director for a three-year term.

One (1) school director for a four-year term.

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Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 21st day of January, 2016.

 Christopher Kayhart, Vice-Chair	 William Clark, Chair	 Julie Gramling, Clerk
 George Gardner	 Laurie Gutowski	

Ferrisburgh School Directors

FERRISBURGH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Treasurers' Report
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Cash balance in Checking account on July 1, 2014	\$ 6,703.89
Add Receipts:	
Taxes	\$ 2,983,030.00
VUHS Transportation Reimb	\$ 97,334.21
Tuition	
Interest Earned	\$ 376.43
Rentals	\$ 1,292.75
Misc	\$ 6,029.71
State of VT - State Aid	\$ -
Mainstream Bolck Grant	\$ 75,401.00
SPED Intensive Reimbursement	\$ 296,050.00
SPED Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$ 79,836.47
Essential Early Education	\$ 30,433.00
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 760,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 4,329,783.57</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 4,336,487.46
Less Directors Orders	<u>\$ 4,221,065.46</u>
Balance in Checking Account on June 30, 2015	\$ 115,422.00

Respectfully Submitted:



Garrit Smits, Ferrisburgh School Treasurer

Ferrisburgh Town School District 2016-2017 Budget Proposal

Account Number / Description		FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Proposed	Footnote % Change
1	001-1100-51100-10-100 Instruction-Teacher Salaries	\$ 906,382.23	\$ 803,595.00	\$ 776,696.00	
2	001-1100-51103-10-100 Instruction Salary - Additional Duties	11,205.04	14,000.00	19,300.00	(1)
3	001-1100-51120-10-920 Stipend Salary	840.00	3,000.00	0.00	
4	001-1100-51150-10-100 Instruction - Paraeducators	19,276.06	0.00	20,241.00	
5	001-1100-51160-10-100 Mentoring	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	
6	001-1100-51200-10-100 Instruction - Substitutes	19,327.35	20,000.00	20,000.00	
7	001-1100-52100-10-100 Instruction-Health Insurance	222,908.07	247,986.00	234,734.00	
8	001-1100-52110-10-100 Instruction -PILO Insurance	4,800.00	2,153.00	2,200.00	
9	001-1100-52200-10-100 Instruction-Social Security	69,442.83	61,781.00	59,990.00	
10	001-1100-52200-10-920 Stipend FICA	914.81	0.00	0.00	
11	001-1100-52300-10-100 Instruction-Term Life	1,271.66	10,200.00	10,000.00	
12	001-1100-52400-10-100 Instruction-Municipal Retirement	771.02	740.00	0.00	
13	001-1100-52500-10-100 Instruction-Workers Comp	11,707.30	11,689.00	0.00	
14	001-1100-52600-10-100 Instruction-Unemployment Insurance	603.00	600.00	600.00	
15	001-1100-52700-10-100 Instruction-Tuition Reimbursement	27,063.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
16	001-1100-52900-10-100 Instruction-Dental Insurance	9,581.34	9,562.00	8,160.00	
17	001-1100-52920-10-100 Instruction-Disability Insurance	5,183.72	7,500.00	7,500.00	
18	001-1100-53200-10-100 Instruction - Staff Development	688.16	2,100.00	2,100.00	
19	001-1100-53300-10-100 Purchased Professional Services-Regular	46,279.23	53,500.00	71,840.00	(2)
20	001-1100-55190-10-100 Student Field Trips	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	
21	001-1100-55800-10-100 Travel	2,923.60	2,000.00	3,000.00	
22	001-1100-56100-10-100 Instruction-General Supplies	11,008.22	10,000.00	7,033.00	
23	001-1100-56400-10-100 Instruction-Textbooks	0.00	800.00	0.00	
24	001-1100-56700-10-100 Instruction-Software	2,055.00	180.00	1,000.00	
25	001-1100-57300-10-100 Instruction-Classroom Equipment	821.35	8,590.00	6,610.00	
26	001-1100-58100-10-100 Instruction-Student Activities	1,295.13	0.00	0.00	
27	Sub-Total	\$ 1,377,848.12	\$ 1,303,176.00	\$ 1,281,004.00	-1.70%
28					
29	(1) Mentors for new teachers/principal				
30	(2) \$61,840 SPED Bill backs for regular ed services, \$10K 504 OT/PT				
31					
32	001-1102-56100-10-100 Art-General Supplies	\$ 769.40	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	
33	Sub-Total	\$ 769.40	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	0.00%
34					
35	001-1105-56100-10-100 Language Arts- Supplies	\$ 3,765.72	\$ 2,425.00	\$ 2,140.00	
36	001-1105-56400-10-100 Language Arts-Textbooks	484.67	1,550.00	2,200.00	
37	001-1105-56700-10-100 Language Arts Software	0.00	1,415.00	200.00	
38	Sub-Total	\$ 4,250.39	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 4,540.00	-15.77%
39					
40	001-1106-56100-10-100 World Language- Supplies	\$ 19.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	
41	Sub-Total	\$ 19.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
42					
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Ferrisburgh Town School District 2016-2017 Budget Proposal

Account Number / Description	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Proposed	Footnote % Change
48 001-1108-54300-10-100 Phys. Ed.-Repairs/Maintenance	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	
49 001-1108-56100-10-100 Phys. Ed.-Supplies	0.00	600.00	400.00	
50 001-1108-57300-10-100 Phys Ed.-Equipment	93.54	700.00	600.00	
51 Sub-Total	\$ 93.54	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	-27.78%
52				
53 001-1111-56100-10-100 Math-Supplies	\$ 205.64	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 2,445.00	
54 001-1111-56400-10-100 Math-Textbooks	4,765.75	2,870.00	1,202.00	
55 001-1111-56900-10-100 Math-Manipulatives	0.00	455.00	500.00	
56 Sub-Total	\$ 4,971.39	\$ 5,990.00	\$ 4,147.00	-30.77%
57				
58 001-1112-56100-10-100 Music - Supplies	\$ 44.93	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	
59 001-1112-57300-10-100 Music -Equipment	91.24	400.00	500.00	
60 Sub-Total	\$ 136.17	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00	33.33%
61				
62 001-1113-53300-10-100 Four Winds	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	
63 001-1113-56100-10-100 Science- Supplies	520.41	1,350.00	2,250.00	
64 001-1113-56400-10-100 Science-Textbooks	521.99	855.00	900.00	
65 001-1113-57300-10-100 Science-Equipment	0.00	110.00	100.00	
66 Sub-Total	\$ 2,407.40	\$ 3,715.00	\$ 4,650.00	25.17%
67				
68 001-1115-56100-10-100 Social Studies-Supplies	\$ 228.62	\$ 880.00	\$ 600.00	
69 001-1115-56400-10-100 Social Studies-Textbooks	0.00	735.00	1,050.00	
70 Sub-Total	\$ 228.62	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,650.00	2.17%
71				
72 001-1126-56100-10-290 Compensatory Ed- Supplies	\$0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
73 001-1126-56400-10-290 Compensatory Ed-Textbooks	190.58	2,400.00	1,000.00	
74 001-1126-56500-10-290 Compensatory Ed - Software	0.00	510.00	0.00	
75 Compensatory Ed Sub-Total	\$ 190.58	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 1,200.00	-61.41%
76				
77 001-1129-56100-10-100 Testing- Supplies	\$ 1,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
78 001-1129-56500-10-100 Testing-Software	0.00	400.00	250.00	(3)
79 Standardized Testing Sub-Total	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00	-37.50%
80 (3) SRI testing software				
81				
82 001-1130-51100-10-100 Technician Salary	\$ 10,705.00	\$ 33,774.00	\$ 11,829.00	
83 001-1130-52200-10-100 Technology FICA	811.85	2,584.00	905.00	
84 001-1130-52900-10-100 Technology Dental Insurance	811.80	683.00	0.00	
85 001-1130-54300-10-100 Technology-Repairs	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
86 001-1130-56100-10-100 Technology - Supplies	1,103.42	1,500.00	1,500.00	
87 001-1130-56700-10-100 Technology-Software	100.00	1,000.00	1,350.00	
88 001-1130-57300-10-100 Technology-Equipment	4,449.00	0.00	0.00	
89 001-1130-57390-10-100 Technology- Instructional Technology	9,360.29	16,000.00	12,000.00	
90 Technology Sub-Total	\$ 27,341.36	\$ 58,041.00	\$ 30,084.00	-48.17%
91				
92 001-1140-51100-10-100 Enrichment/Technology-Salary	\$ 43,754.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	
93 001-1140-52100-10-100 Enrichment/Technology-Health Insurance	1,234.02	0.00	0.00	
94 001-1140-52200-10-100 Enrichment/Technology-Social Security	3,260.98	0.00	0.00	

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Account Number / Description	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Proposed	Footnote % Change
95 001-1140-52300-10-100 Enrichment/Technology -Term Life	81.25	0.00	0.00	
96 001-1140-52900-10-100 Enrichment/Technology - Dental Insurance	162.36	0.00	0.00	
97 001-1140-56100-10-100 Enrichment/Technology-Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00	
98 001-1140-57300-10-100 Enrichment/Technology-Equipment	100.50	0.00	0.00	
99 Enrichment program Sub-Total	\$ 48,593.98	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%
100				
101 001-1400-51100-10-900 Extracurricular-Coaches & Advisors	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	
102 001-1400-52200-10-900 Extracurricular-Social Security	76.03	77.00	0.00	
103 001-1400-56100-10-900 Extracurricular-Supplies	0.00	500.00	0.00	
104 Extracurricular Sub-Total	\$ 1,076.03	\$ 1,577.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
105				
106 001-2120-51100-10-100 Guidance-Salary	\$ 49,799.22	\$ 51,810.00	\$ 54,229.00	
107 001-2120-52200-10-100 Guidance-Social Security	3,809.86	3,963.00	4,149.00	
108 001-2120-52300-10-100 Guidance-Term Life	80.32	0.00	0.00	
109 001-2120-53210-10-100 Guidance-Guidance Activities	0.00	100.00	0.00	
110 001-2120-53300-10-100 Guidance-Consultation/Training	210.00	350.00	350.00	
111 001-2120-56100-10-100 Guidance-Supplies	116.82	200.00	200.00	
112 001-2120-56400-10-100 Guidance-Textbooks	0.00	530.00	500.00	
113 001-2120-56700-10-100 Guidance Software	0.00	200.00	200.00	
114 Guidance Sub-Total	\$ 54,016.22	\$ 57,153.00	\$ 59,628.00	4.33%
115				
116 001-2130-51100-10-100 Health Services - Nurse Salary	\$ 53,525.00	\$ 45,032.00	\$ 47,315.00	
117 001-2130-51200-10-100 Nurse Substitute	665.00	0.00	0.00	
118 001-2130-52100-10-100 Health Services-Health Insurance	16,997.53	17,541.00	16,659.00	
119 001-2130-52200-10-100 Health Services-Social Security	3,773.28	3,445.00	3,620.00	
120 001-2130-52300-10-100 Health Services-Term Life	80.32	0.00	0.00	
121 001-2130-52900-10-100 Health Services-Dental Insurance	593.82	683.00	680.00	
122 001-2130-54300-10-100 Health Services-Repair & Maintenance	0.00	200.00	200.00	
123 001-2130-56100-10-100 Health Services-Supplies	200.55	650.00	650.00	
124 001-2130-57300-10-100 Health Services-Equipment	0.00	100.00	200.00	
125 Health Sub-Total	\$ 75,835.50	\$ 67,651.00	\$ 69,324.00	2.47%
126				
127 001-2220-51100-10-100 Library/Media-Salary	\$ 25,709.21	\$ 22,667.00	\$ 23,120.00	
128 001-2220-52100-10-100 Library/Media-Health Insurance	12,191.48	5,627.00	5,437.00	
129 001-2220-52200-10-100 Library/Media-Social Security	1,823.22	1,734.00	1,769.00	
130 001-2220-52300-10-100 Library/Media-Term Life	80.32	0.00	0.00	
131 001-2220-52900-10-100 Library/Media-Dental Ins.	593.82	683.00	680.00	
132 001-2220-56100-10-100 Library/Media-Supplies	59.86	200.00	200.00	
133 001-2220-56400-10-100 Library/Media-Books & Periodicals	2,370.90	3,000.00	3,000.00	
134 001-2220-56500-10-100 Library/Media-Software	0.00	500.00	500.00	(4)
135 Library Sub-Total	\$ 42,828.81	\$ 34,411.00	\$ 34,706.00	0.86%
136 (4) OPALS software				
137				
138 001-2310-51100-10-010 Board -Stipends	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
139 001-2310-52200-10-010 Board-Social Security	252.45	230.00	230.00	
140 001-2310-53300-10-010 Board-Facilities Planning	0.00	500.00	500.00	
141 001-2310-53600-10-010 Board-Legal Fees	339.00	500.00	500.00	

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142 001-2310-55220-10-010 Board-Errors & Omissions Ins.	6,527.00	6,723.00	0.00	
143 001-2310-55300-10-010 Board-Postage	102.50	200.00	200.00	
144 001-2310-55400-10-010 Board-Advertising	743.51	500.00	500.00	
145 001-2310-55500-10-010 Board-Printing	512.00	300.00	300.00	
146 001-2310-56100-10-010 Board-Supplies	745.58	150.00	150.00	
147 001-2310-58100-10-010 Board-VSBA Dues	1,557.61	1,700.00	1,700.00	
148 School Board Sub-Total	\$ 14,079.65	\$ 13,803.00	\$ 7,080.00	-48.71%
149				
150 001-2321-53310-10-010 District Services-ANWSU Assess.	\$ 192,911.00	\$ 272,346.00	\$ 275,877.00	
151 001-2321-53320-10-010 District Services-Special Ed. Assessment	716,640.00	880,745.00	823,794.00	
152 001-2321-53340-10-050 District Services - EEE Assessment	157,493.00	185,862.00	219,835.00	
153 001-2321-53330-10-010 Transportation Assessment	0.00	82,000.00	46,059.00	
154 District Assessment Sub-Total	\$ 1,067,044.00	\$ 1,420,953.00	\$ 1,365,565.00	-3.90%
155				
156 001-2410-51100-10-100 Principal's Office-Principal	\$ 92,825.00	\$ 94,580.00	\$ 90,000.00	
157 001-2410-51120-10-100 Principal's Office- Secretary	40,236.51	39,398.00	43,075.00	
158 001-2410-52100-10-100 Principal's Office -Health Insurance	32,611.56	34,217.00	31,512.00	
159 001-2410-52200-10-100 Principal's Office-Social Security	9,796.44	10,249.00	10,180.00	
160 001-2410-52300-10-100 Principal's Office-Term Life	315.00	0.00	0.00	
161 001-2410-52400-10-100 Principal's Office-Municipal Retirement	1,609.46	1,576.00	1,723.00	
162 001-2410-52900-10-100 Principal's Office-Dental Insurance	1,364.76	1,366.00	1,360.00	
163 001-2410-53200-10-100 Principal's Office-InService	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
164 001-2410-54300-10-100 Principal's Office-Software Maintenance	245.70	0.00	0.00	
165 001-2410-54420-10-100 Principal's Office-Equipment Lease	8,840.16	8,300.00	0.00	
166 001-2410-55300-10-100 Principal's Office-Postage	807.53	1,500.00	1,500.00	
167 001-2410-55800-10-100 Principal's Office-Travel	1,402.05	1,000.00	1,500.00	
168 001-2410-56100-10-100 Principal's Office- Supplies	797.74	1,000.00	1,000.00	
169 001-2410-56400-10-100 Principal's Office-Books & Materials	0.00	100.00	100.00	
170 001-2410-57300-10-100 Principal's Office-Equipment	0.00	300.00	800.00	
171 001-2410-58100-10-100 Principal's Office-Dues	1,029.50	1,000.00	1,250.00	
172 Principal's Sub-Total	\$ 191,881.41	\$ 195,586.00	\$ 185,000.00	-5.41%
173				
174 001-2520-51100-10-010 Fiscal Services-Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
175 001-2520-52200-10-010 Fiscal Services-Social Security	76.50	77.00	77.00	
176 001-2520-53300-10-010 Fiscal Services -Sect. 125 Administration	183.75	150.00	150.00	
177 001-2520-56100-10-010 Fiscal Services-Supplies	54.24	0.00	0.00	
178 001-2520-58130-10-100 Bank Fees	180.00	0.00	0.00	
179 001-2520-58300-10-010 Fiscal Services-Interest T.A.N.	10,220.61	9,000.00	9,000.00	
180 Fiscal Services Sub-Total	\$ 11,715.10	\$ 10,227.00	\$ 10,227.00	0.00%
181				
182 001-2600-51120-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Custodians	\$ 76,585.24	\$ 77,397.00	\$ 72,251.00	
183 001-2600-52100-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Health Insurance	28,227.40	29,616.00	24,106.00	
184 001-2600-52200-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Social Security	5,580.08	5,921.00	5,527.00	
185 001-2600-52300-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Term Life	101.58	100.00	0.00	
186 001-2600-52400-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Municipal Retirement	3,063.37	3,096.00	2,890.00	
187 001-2600-52500-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Workers Comp.	569.00	590.00	0.00	
188 001-2600-52900-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Dental Insurance	1,365.84	1,366.00	1,360.00	

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189 001-2600-54110-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Water & Sewer	2,903.63	3,600.00	3,600.00	
190 001-2600-54210-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Trash Removal	5,840.75	5,500.00	5,500.00	
191 001-2600-54240-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Lawn Care	2,287.50	4,000.00	4,000.00	
192 001-2600-54250-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Grounds Repair	0.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	
193 001-2600-54260-10-100 Operations & Maint. - Playground Maintenance	655.45	1,000.00	1,000.00	
194 001-2600-54300-10-100 Operations. & Maint.-Building Repair	6,164.11	8,000.00	8,000.00	
195 001-2600-55210-10-100 Operations & Maint-Property/Liability Insurance	6,164.00	6,350.00	0.00	
196 001-2600-55300-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Telephone	2,382.48	3,200.00	3,200.00	
197 001-2600-55800-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Travel	935.77	500.00	1,000.00	
198 001-2600-56100-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Supplies	12,081.88	15,000.00	12,500.00	
199 001-2600-56220-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Electricity	25,776.38	25,000.00	25,000.00	
200 001-2600-56230-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Propane	2,982.86	3,200.00	3,200.00	
201 001-2600-56240-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Fuel Oil	34,786.46	30,000.00	30,000.00	
202 001-2600-57300-10-100 Operations & Maint.-Equipment	2,920.65	1,000.00	1,000.00	
203 Operations & Maintenance Sub-Total	\$ 221,374.43	\$ 228,436.00	\$ 207,134.00	-9.33%
204				
205 001-2711-55190-10-100 Transportation-Contracted Services	\$ 198,201.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
206 001-2711-55800-00-010 Transportation Homeless	0.00	2,000.00	831.00	
207 001-2720-55190-10-100 Transportation-Field Trips/Extracurricular	2,672.95	5,525.00	0.00	
208 Transportation Sub-Total	\$ 200,874.36	\$ 7,525.00	\$ 831.00	-88.96%
209				
210 001-3100-52100-10-910 Food Service - Health Insurance	\$ 33,743.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
211 001-3100-52300-10-910 Food Service - Term Life	243.31	0.00	0.00	
212 001-3100-52400-10-910 Food Service - Municipal Retirement	1,773.76	0.00	0.00	
213 001-3100-52500-10-910 Food Service - Workers Comp	399.00	0.00	0.00	
214 001-3100-52900-10-910 Food Service - Dental Insurance	1,364.76	0.00	0.00 (5)	
215 Food Service Sub-Total	\$ 37,524.55	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
216 (5) Food Service has been moved to its own fund for accounting reasons				
217				
218 001-5100-58300-10-032 Debt Service-Interest-Bond	\$ 56,372.72	\$ 53,948.00	\$ 51,053.00	
219 001-5100-59100-10-032 Debt Service-Principal/Bond	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	
220 Debt Service Sub-Total	\$ 146,372.72	\$ 143,948.00	\$ 141,053.00	-2.01%
221				
222 001-5100-59100-10-910 Food Service Transfer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 19,995.00	\$ 20,000.00	
223 General Fund Transfer Sub-Total	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 19,995.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.03%
224				
225 Total	\$ 3,544,543.33	\$ 3,587,202.00	\$ 3,432,273.00	-4.32%

Ferrisburgh Town School District 2016-2017 Proposed Revenue

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Proposed	Footnote % change
Balance Forward	\$0.00	\$ (49,665.00)	\$ 48,000.00	
001-0000-41310-00-000 Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	
001-0000-41422-00-000 VUHS Transportation Reimb.	97,334.21	0.00	0.00	
001-0000-41510-00-000 Interest Income	376.43	200.00	200.00	
001-0000-41910-00-000 Facility Rental	1,292.75	700.00	700.00	
001-0000-41990-00-000 Misc. Local Revenue	6,029.71	1,000.00	1,000.00	
001-0000-43110-00-000 Education Fund Payment	2,983,030.00	2,987,059.00	2,930,902.00	
001-0000-43113-00-000 Tech Ed Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	
001-0000-43114-00-000 State Support to Tech Ctr	0.00	0.00	0.00	
001-0000-43150-00-000 State Transportation Aid	42,186.00	44,214.00	0.00	
001-0000-43201-00-000 Mainstream Block Grant	75,401.00	74,866.00	70,683.00	
001-0000-43202-00-000 Special Ed. Expenditures Reimbursement	296,050.00	414,377.00	296,106.00	
001-0000-43203-00-000 Extraordinary Reimbursement	79,836.47	86,612.00	56,934.00	
001-0000-43204-00-000 Essential Early Education	30,433.00	27,839.00	27,748.00	
001-0000-43205-00-000 State Placed Student Reimb.		0.00	0.00	
	\$ 3,611,969.57	\$ 3,587,202.00	\$ 3,432,273.00	-4.32%

**FERRISBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
PROPOSED 2016 - 2017 BUDGET - COMPOSITE**

	2014 - 2015 Actual	2015 - 2016 Budget	2016 - 2017 Proposed	Change	Percent Change
General Instruction	\$1,467,920.55	\$1,385,937.00	\$1,331,725.00	\$54,212.00	-3.91%
Extra-Curricular Programs	\$1,076.03	\$1,577.00	\$0.00	\$1,577.00	-100.00%
Vocational	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Support Services-Students	\$129,851.72	\$124,804.00	\$128,952.00	-\$4,148.00	3.32%
Support Services-Instruction	\$42,828.81	\$34,411.00	\$34,706.00	-\$295.00	0.86%
Board of Directors	\$14,079.65	\$13,803.00	\$7,080.00	\$6,723.00	-48.71%
District Assessments	\$1,067,044.00	\$1,420,953.00	\$1,365,565.00	\$55,388.00	-3.90%
Principals Office	\$191,881.41	\$195,586.00	\$185,000.00	\$10,586.00	-5.41%
Fiscal Services	\$11,715.10	\$10,227.00	\$10,227.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations & Maintenance	\$221,374.43	\$228,436.00	\$207,134.00	\$21,302.00	-9.33%
Transportation	\$200,874.36	\$7,525.00	\$831.00	\$6,694.00	-88.96%
Food Service	\$37,524.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Hot Lunch Transfer	\$12,000.00	\$19,995.00	\$20,000.00	-\$5.00	0.03%
Debt Services	\$146,372.72	\$143,948.00	\$141,053.00	\$2,895.00	-2.01%
FERRISBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL TOTALS	\$3,544,543.33	\$3,587,202.00	\$3,432,273.00	\$154,929.00	-4.32%

**FERRISBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL
ESTIMATED FINANCE CALCULATION
2016 - 2017**

	Actual 2014 - 2015	Budget 2015 - 2016	Proposed 2016 - 2017
Estimated Education Spending:			
Elementary School Budget	\$3,612,373.00	\$3,581,820.00	\$3,432,273.00
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Base Payment			
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Tuition Assessment			
Special Article - Education Reserve		80,497.00	
Special Article - Capital Reserve and Replacement Fund			
Special Article - Capital Improvement Projects			
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$3,612,373.00	\$3,662,317.00	\$3,432,273.00
Less Anticipated Receipts			
Mainstream Block Grant	\$75,401.00	\$74,866.00	\$70,683.00
Special Education Intensive	276,453.43	411,770.00	296,106.00
Special Education Extraordinary	79,836.47	86,612.00	56,934.00
Essential Early Education Grant	30,433.00	27,839.00	27,748.00
Interest Income	376.43	200.00	200.00
Transportation Aid	42,186.00		
Shared Transportation Reimbursement	97,334.21	44,214.00	
Rental Income	1,292.75	700.00	700.00
Misc Revenue	6029.71	1,000.00	1,000.00
Driver Education Grant			
Education Reserve			
Tuition			
Fund Balance	0	0.00	48,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$609,343.00	\$647,201.00	\$501,371.00
Estimated Education Spending	\$3,003,030.00	\$3,015,116.00	\$2,930,902.00
Tax Rate Estimates			
Equalized Pupils (1)	201.63	194.11	184.69
Estimated Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$14,893.77	\$15,533.03	\$15,869.31
Est. Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide (4)			\$135.90
Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$14,893.77	\$15,533.03	\$16,005.20
Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate			
Equalized Tax rate to be prorated	\$1.5720	\$1.6257	\$1.6200
Estimated Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate (2)	\$0.7822	\$0.8017	\$0.7732
Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized (3)	\$0.7890	\$0.8534	\$0.9372
Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized (3)	\$1.5712	\$1.6551	\$1.7104

(1) Equalized Pupils are average daily membership for secondary students averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, english proficiency and secondary students as provided by the State of Vermont

(2) As recommended by Tax Commissioner and pending legislative action

(3) Education tax rates pro-rated by percent of equalized pupils and adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal. Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approximately \$10 on \$100,000 value.

(4) Amount of per pupil spending, less eligible capital debt and other exclusions, above the excess spending threshold of \$15,733.41

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Ferrisburgh County: Addison		T076 Addison Northwest				Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil
				9,870	1.00		
				11,065		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017		
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,313,721	\$3,612,373	\$3,662,317	\$3,432,273	1.	
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.	
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.	
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,313,721	\$3,612,373	\$3,662,317	\$3,432,273	4.	
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.	
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.	
7.	Total Budget	\$3,313,721	\$3,612,373	\$3,662,317	\$3,432,273	7.	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.	
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.	
Revenues							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$441,909	\$609,343	\$647,201	\$501,371	10.	
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.	
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.	
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$441,909	\$609,343	\$647,201	\$501,371	13.	
14.	Education Spending	\$2,871,812	\$3,003,030	\$3,015,116	\$2,930,902	14.	
15.	Equalized Pupils	203.69	201.63	194.11	184.69	15.	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,098.93	\$14,893.77	\$15,533.03	\$15,869.31	16.	
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$730.64	\$734.27	-	NA	17.	
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	18.	
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	19.	
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	20.	
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	21.	
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	22.	
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	23.	
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA	24.	
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,458	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	District Threshold	25.	\$15,733.41
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-		26.	\$136.90
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,099	\$14,894	\$15,533	\$16,005.20	27.	
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	154.070%	160.407%	164.214%	NA	28.	
Prorating the local tax rate							
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,005.20 + (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.4483	\$1.5720	\$1.6257	\$1.6216	29.	
30.	Percent of Ferrisburgh equalized pupils not in a union school district	49.54%	50.76%	50.64%	49.93%	30.	
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (49.93% x \$1.62)	\$0.7175	\$0.7879	\$0.8233	\$0.8097	31.	
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	109.47%	102.01%	102.70%	104.72%	32.	
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.8097 / 104.72%)	\$0.6554	\$0.7822	\$0.8017	\$0.7732	33.	
<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) [(\$16,005.20 + \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.77%	2.89%	2.96%	2.89%	34.	
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (49.93% x 2.89%)	1.37%	1.47%	1.50%	1.44%	35.	
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Vergennes UHSD	50.46%	49.24%	49.36%	50.07%	36.	
37.		-	-	-	-	37.	

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

**ESTIMATED ANWSU ASSESSMENTS
BASED ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET**

Central Office			2016 - 17	2015 - 16	
	Equalized Pupils	% of ANWSU Budget	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Incr / (decr)
Addison	79.31	7.29%	\$ 118,467.61	\$ 108,050.74	\$ 10,416.87
Ferrisburgh	184.69	16.97%	\$ 275,876.72	\$ 272,345.84	\$ 3,530.88
VUES	281.73	25.89%	\$ 420,828.14	\$ 396,487.62	\$ 24,340.52
VUHS	542.37	49.85%	\$ 810,153.54	\$ 803,357.80	\$ 6,795.74
TOTALS	1088.1	100%	\$ 1,625,326.01	\$ 1,580,242.00	\$ 45,084.01

Special Education			2016 - 17	2015 - 16	
	Equalized Pupils	% of ANWSU Budget	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Incr / (decr)
Addison	79.31	7.29%	\$ 353,755.69	\$ 349,330.63	\$ 4,425.06
Ferrisburgh	184.69	16.97%	\$ 823,794.46	\$ 880,745.15	\$ (56,950.69)
VUES	281.73	25.89%	\$ 1,256,633.35	\$ 1,282,209.94	\$ (25,576.59)
VUHS	542.37	49.85%	\$ 2,419,196.50	\$ 2,597,996.28	\$ (178,799.78)
TOTALS	1088.1	100%	\$ 4,853,380.00	\$ 5,110,282.00	\$ (256,902.00)

Transportation			2016 - 17	2015 - 16	
	Equalized Pupils	% of ANWSU Budget	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Incr / (decr)
Addison	79.31	7.29%	\$ 22,147.00	\$ 32,523.89	\$ (10,376.89)
Ferrisburgh	184.69	16.97%	\$ 51,555.00	\$ 82,000.43	\$ (30,445.43)
VUES	281.73	25.89%	\$ 78,654.00	\$ 119,378.20	\$ (40,724.20)
VUHS	542.37	49.85%	\$ 151,444.00	\$ 241,882.48	\$ (90,438.48)
TOTALS	1088.1	100%	\$ 303,800.00	\$ 475,785.00	\$ (171,985.00)

Early Essential Education			2016 - 17	2015 - 16	
	Equalized Pupils	% of ANWSU Budget	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Assessment	ANWSU Incr / (decr)
Addison	79.31	14.53%	\$ 94,402.05	\$ 73,718.60	\$ 20,683.45
Ferrisburgh	184.69	33.84%	\$ 219,835.01	\$ 185,862.02	\$ 33,972.99
VUES	281.73	51.62%	\$ 335,340.94	\$ 270,582.39	\$ 64,758.55
TOTALS	545.73	100%	\$ 649,578.00	\$ 530,163.01	\$ 119,414.99

A FREE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION

is guaranteed by federal and state law for children with disabilities.

Please help the Supervisory Union locate children between the ages of 3 through 21 years who may need special services in order to acquire an education.

If you are aware of any such child in your town, please contact the Superintendent's office or your school's principal.

Homeless Children?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act grants certain rights or protections to families and youth who are living in homeless situations.

If anyone is aware of homeless families with children or homeless youth who are not attending school, please contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools.



The Vergennes Union High School District #5 Annual Report goes to the residents in all five of our communities.

In an effort to save the printing costs of *Annual Reports* for our respective towns, we have made the decision to publish the **Addison Northwest Supervisory Union Budgets and Central Office Reports** in the VUHS District #5 Report **ONLY**.

Also, in an effort to contain costs and reduce waste, the 2015-16 VUES District #44 and VUHS District #5 Annual Reports will be available online at **www.anwsu.org** – *Annual Reports* or by calling 802-877-3332 to request a copy for pick up or mailed to your home. Copies will also be available at the Town Offices.

Thank you!

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
TOWN MEETING WARNING
Saturday February 27, 2016 at 10am
and Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 7am to 7pm**

The legal voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Ferrisburgh Central School, in said town, on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business not involving voting by Australian Ballot: NOTE: Polls for Australian balloting will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Town Hall.

- Article 1:** To hear reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2:** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,803,427, of which \$1,389,952 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 413,475 by non-tax revenues? Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.
- Article 3:** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes?
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Town authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d?
- Article 5:** Shall the town vote to compensate the Collector of Delinquent Taxes a salary amount in lieu of fees and commissions pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1530?
- Article 6:** Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a ¾ ton heavy duty pickup truck in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed four years?
- Article 7:** To see if the Town voters will approve the following monies for the agencies listed below:

Addison County Court Diversion	\$800.00
Addison County Transit Resources	\$2,412.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	\$2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	\$500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	\$300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	\$500.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	\$400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	\$1,500.00
Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society)	\$1,000.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$250.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	\$825.00
Lewis Creek Association	\$500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	\$2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$275.00

Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$210.00
Rokeby Museum	\$1,000.00
Union Cemetery	\$2,400.00
Vergennes Summer Rec Program	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
WomanSafe	<u>\$1250.00</u>

TOTAL \$30,840.00

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 1, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

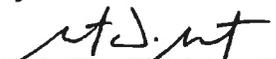
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 9: To elect Town Officers.

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2016 at Ferrisburgh, Vermont.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Ferrisburgh:



 Steve Gutowski, Chair



 Michael Muir



 James Behoit



 James Warden



 Loretta Lawrence

Received for record this 22nd day of January, 2016

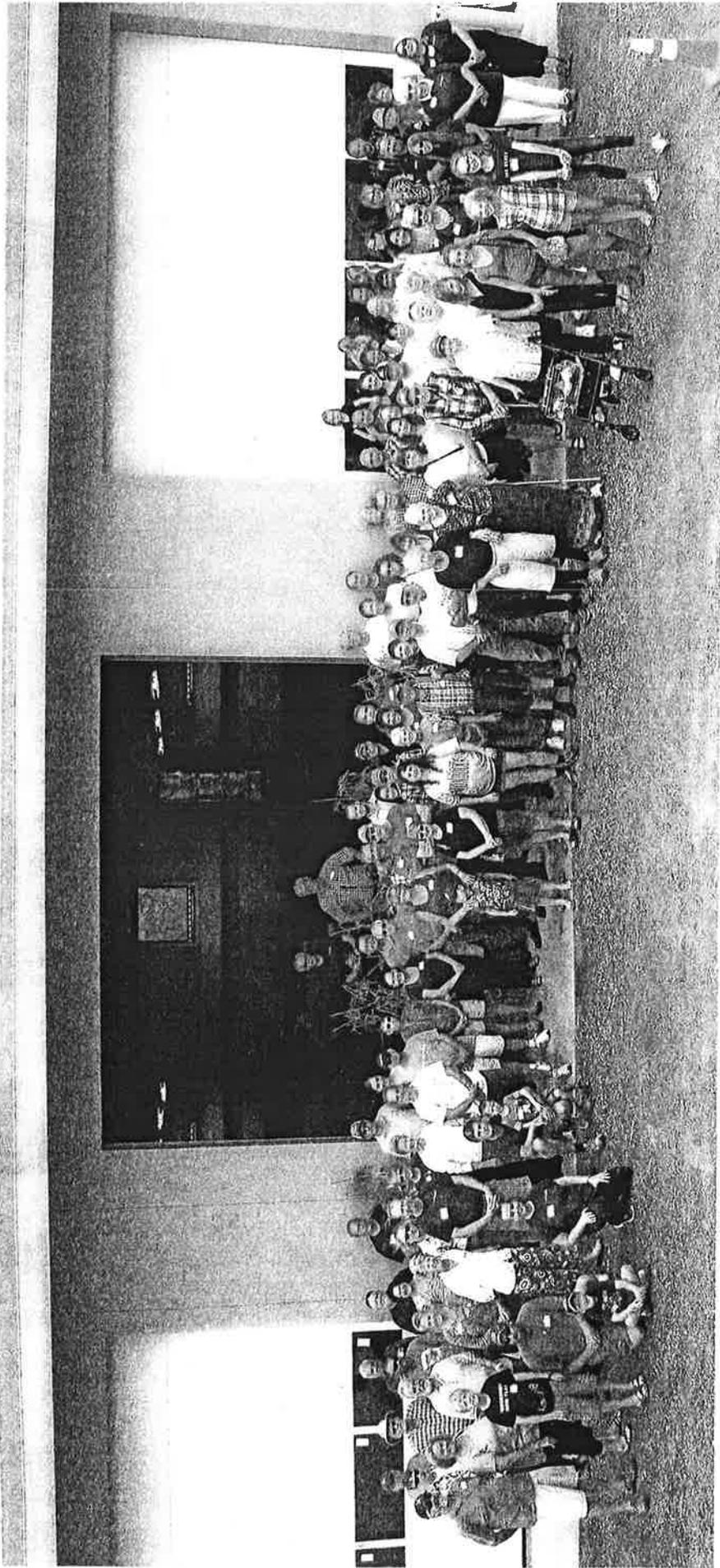


 Gloria Warden, Town Clerk

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
 March 1, 2016**

- Auditor - 3 year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 year term
- FCS Town School Director - 2 year term
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- First Constable - 1 year term
- Lister - 3 year term
- Moderator School - 1 year term
- Moderator Town - 1 year term
- Selectperson - 2 year term

- Selectperson - 3 year term
- Town Grand Juror - 1 year term
- Town Agent - 1 year term
- Trustee for Rogers & Hazard Relief Society - 2 year term
- Vergennes Union High School Director - 2 yrs.(of 3 year term)
- Unified School Director - 2 year term
- Unified School Director - 2 year term
- Unified School Director - 3 year term
- Unified School Director - 4 year term



Town Garage Ribbon Cutting and Ferrisburgh Day 2015

