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**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>	
Richard Dahm.....	2014
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Marjorie Peff.....	2016
<b>TREASURER</b>	
Deedee Goebel.....	2015
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	
Celeste Keel ( 3-year term).....	2015
Eleanor LaCross (3-year term).....	2014
Edward Gust (3-year term).....	2016
Jerry Hall (chair) (1-year term).....	2014
Tom Santelli (1-year term).....	2014
<b>STATE OFFICER AND CONSTABLE</b>	
Richard Dahm.....	2014
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	
Lisa Robinson.....	2014
<b>AUDITORS</b>	
Sonja Jaffee.....	2015
Claire Merritt.....	2014
Valerie dePeyster.....	2016
<b>LISTERS</b>	
Jeanne Zoppel.....	2014
John Zak.....	2015
Nancy Henderson.....	2016
<b>TOWN AGENT</b>	
Jean Eisenhart.....	2014
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b>	
Jean Eisenhart.....	2014
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>	
Eleanor LaCross.....	2015
Julie Robertson.....	2014
Valerie dePeyster.....	2016
<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR</b>	
Richard Dahm.....	2014
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b>	
Allan Tschorn.....	2016
Celeste Keel.....	2015
Jeanne Zoppel.....	2014
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE</b>	
Richard Dahm.....	2015
Charles Bentley, Jr.....	2015
Sonja Jaffee.....	2015
Julie Robertson.....	2015
Nancy Tschorn.....	2015

**SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS 2012-2013**

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
Jean Eisenhart (Chair).....	2015
Jane Gattlin.....	2016
Jim Henderson.....	2014
Dona McAdams.....	2014
Harry Rich.....	2015
Phoebe Sheres.....	2016
Jayne Stuecklin.....	2016
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD</b>	
Judy Boehlert (Chair).....	2014
Suzanne dePeyster.....	2015

Pat Hall.....	2016
Lisa Robinson.....	2014
Michael Mazzola .....	2016
Jean Eisenhart, Alternate .....	2016
<b>911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marjorie Peff .....	2016
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / HEALTH OFFICER</b>	
John LaVecchia.....	Hired
<b>FIRE WARDENS</b>	
Lynn Fielding .....	2014
Jim Gunn.....	2014
<b>POUND KEEPER</b>	
Suzanne dePeyster.....	2014
<b>TOWN SERVICE OFFICER</b>	
Dayna Mazzola .....	2014
<b>EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR</b>	
Dayna Mazzola.....	2014
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Thomas Santelli.....	2014
<b>BCRC REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Suzanne dePeyster.....	2014
Judy Boehlert .....	2014
<b>INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD</b>	
Dona McAdam .....	2014
<b>GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR</b>	
Marjorie Peff.....	2014
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	
Suzanne dePeyster.....	2014
Tom Fierravanti.....	2014
Michael Mazzola .....	2014
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Lynn Fielding .....	2014
<b>SIGN CONTROL</b>	
Selectboard.....	2014
<b>WUERSLIN-STUECKLIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Jayne Stuecklin, Hasso Wuerslin , Jeanne Zoppel	

**ABSTRACT OF TOWN OF SANDGATE ANNUAL MEETING -- MARCH 4, 2013**

**Annual Floor Session of the Sandgate Town Meeting: 7 pm**

Moderator Rick Dahm called the meeting to order at 7 pm. with about 35 people present. He asked the meeting to suspend discussion of the floor session articles and to allow Dr. Michael Welther and Mary Ann Carlson to brief the meeting on the subject of a community health center.

Dr. Welther said there “is a health crisis on the local level. In rural areas like Vermont, family practice doctors are not being replaced. They are difficult to recruit.”

He said there is a move to establish community health centers into underserved areas. According to him, “Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate is the only underserved area in Bennington County and in the state of Vermont.”

Mary Ann Carlson explained that the proposed non-profit Battenkill Valley Health Center needs \$600,000 in start-up funds, with \$150,000 already pledged. “We hope to be up and running in six months and to have federal funds within nine months.” For more information citizens were told to contact Mary Ann.

**Article 1: To elect officers by using Australian Ballots on Tuesday, March 5.**

**Article 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers. To see if the Town will accept and approve the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.**

In other wide-ranging discussions, voters asked about the costs associated with the repair contract for the Rupert Road and if it was OK to have one select board member sign the road work contract. Select Board Chairperson Judy Boehlert said it was legal with the authorization of the entire board. She also explained that the \$82,800 cost of the Rupert Road contract did not include the purchase of any needed culverts, which would be the responsibility of the town.

There was discussion of the delay in hiring a new road foreman. Judy Boehlert said one current board member asked to have the to-be-elected new board members make the appointment of a new road foreman.

Lister Jeanne Zoppel said there would be no reappraisal right now.

Constable and Moderator Rick Dahm explained to the meeting what might have been the source of at least one loud, explosive bang that literally shook the neighborhood on Sandgate Road from the town line north to Minister Hill.

Motion: Pat Hall Second: Valerie dePeyster  
The article passed.

**Article 3: Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 1, 2013?**

Motion: Reggie Tschorn Second: Suzanne dePeyster  
The article passed as presented.

**Article 4: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select board, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's expenditures prior to the collection of taxes?**

Valerie dePeyster moved the question and it was seconded by Betsy Rathbun-Gunn.  
The article passed as presented.

**Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000 to a Town Property Major Repairs and Improvements Fund?**

Select Board members spoke of a recent energy audit and what appear to be repairs needed to the furnace in the Town Hall. The fund would be used for any town building needing major repairs.

**Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$139,107 to defray the general expenses of the Town, and, if so voted, authorize the Select board to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?**

Suzanne dePeyster noted that an appropriation designated for the George D. Aiken group and included as a line item in the select board's budget should be earmarked for Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development. Select Board member Don Trachte said the town had received grant funds from related groups in the past.

Pat Hall moved to amend the article and designate \$100 for NVRCA. Phil Monahan seconded the motion on the amendment to include \$100 in the budget.

The article passed as amended: \$139,207.

**Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$285,332 to defray the highway expenses of the Town, and if so voted, authorize the Select board to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?**

Jean Eisenhart moved to call the question. The article passed.

**Article 8: Shall line item balances for the following accounts be carried forward in the individual accounts into the following year: records restoration; legal and professional; highway fund materials and hauling (both winter and summer); pavement maintenance; bridge/culvert program; equipment fund grant proposals; and the miscellaneous highway and general funds?**

The article passed as presented.

**Article 9: Shall the Town increase the property tax exemption available to all qualified people, to include all veterans 50% or more disabled, from \$30,000 of appraisal value to \$40,000 of appraisal value in accordance with 32 V.S.A. #3802 (11) to be effective on April 1, 2013.**

After discussion, Moderator Rick Dahm explained that the meeting could use blank paper in a yes-or-no vote on the question. ReggieTschorn moved for the use of the paper votes and six other voters agreed.

**Article 10: To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.**

Sonja Jaffee stood to thank Phoebe Sheres for her many years of service to the town as an auditor. Those at the meeting applauded Phoebe for her dedication and service.

Phil Monahan thanked retiring select board member Judy Boehlert for her years of service. She, too, was applauded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Marlene Roderick -- Town Clerk  
Rick Dahm – Moderator  
Sonja Jaffee -- BCA member

#### **ABSTRACT OF SANDGATE SCHOOL FLOOR MEETING - MARCH 5, 2013 -- 10 AM**

Moderator Rick Dahm called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., with 17 people in attendance at the beginning of the session.

The meeting agreed to allow Rep. Cynthia Browning to address the voters with a Legislative report.

#### **Article 1: To hear and act on the report of the School District officers.**

Moderator Rick Dahm called the question and the article passed as presented.

#### **Article 2: To see if the Sandgate School District will vote to place any unanticipated surplus from the 2012-2013 fiscal year into the existing Reserve Fund for tuition and special education purposes.**

Motion: Betsy Rathbun-Gunn Second: Margaret Phelps  
The article passed as presented.

#### **Article 3: To see if the Town School District of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$8,000 into a bus sinking fund.**

There was conversation about there being no mention of the bus driver salary in the proposed budget. Superintendent Karen Galese said the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union “will pick up the salary of the driver”.

Motion: Judy Boehlert Second: Jeanne Zoppel  
Margaret Phelps cautioned against contracting for school bus services.  
The article passed as presented.

#### **Article 4: To vote a sum of \$872,341 necessary for the support of the School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.**

After some discussion because the budget was presented in a different manner than in the previous year, Allan Tschorn said the elementary budget would have to be amended downward. “We have to lower our expenditure budget and vote the bottom line,” he said. Betsy Rathbun-Gunn offered the amendment to set the budget at \$833,000. Pauline Frost seconded the amendment.

Motion: Margaret Phelps Second: Judy Boehlert  
Article 4 passed as amended.

#### **Article 5: To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.**

Motion: Betsy Rathbun-Gunn Second: Judy Boehlert  
The article passed as presented.

#### **Article 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting. To elect one School Board Director for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2013.**

The meeting ended at 11:05 am.  
Marlene Roderick: Town Clerk  
Rick Dahm: Moderator  
Judy Boehlert: BCA Member

## TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2014

Marjorie R. Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk

This Spring I took over the job of Sandgate Town Clerk from Marlene Roderick. I will tell you that everyone should take over a job that she has been doing. So much work had been done to make the office efficient and organized so it was possible to keep things going with a minimum of effort. She was also available for months to answer questions in the transition, never too busy or tired to lend a hand.

I also wanted to thank Robin Wilcox, the Arlington Town Clerk and everyone on the various boards who helped bring me up to speed with the Town Clerk's office and its responsibilities. I have loved meeting the people of Sandgate, their pets and working with Town officials.

Katie Kenny has worked along with me to get the website up to date and current. I am proud to say, with her teaching efforts, we are posting minutes, advertising upcoming meetings and making the website useful for the people of Sandgate. To find the website go to the following address [www.sandgatevermont.org](http://www.sandgatevermont.org).

The Town is currently using Volume 53 to record documents. Each volume holds around 500 pages of land records. Besides people involved with land transactions for the people of Sandgate, we have had a number of people stopping by and emailing requests for information related historical research. Going into the vault has been exciting. We have a list of Sandgate people who went to fight in the Civil War and Land records that go back to the 1700's.

This year we have had 1 new baby and issued 2 marriage licenses. We have lost several people this year. Deaths recorded for 2013 include, Paulyna Jo Wise (71), LeRoy F. Gattlin (88), Gavin Bruce Vaughn-Tiffit (28), Ann Elizabeth Pendleton (73), and Carole Sinclair-Smith (51).

I will be having evening hours before April 1, 2014 so that people who work can renew dog licenses. I will be posting these at the beginning of March. I will also be having evening hours the last two weeks before taxes are due October 1, 2014. Those extra hours will be posted the beginning of September. The office hours are officially, Monday and Wednesday from 9:30-12:30. I pick up email and phone messages on the other days at various times, but not on any schedule. If there is an emergency, please let me know and we can arrange getting to the office at a different time. The office number is 375-9075, my home number is 375-6097 and the email is [sandgateclerk@live.com](mailto:sandgateclerk@live.com).

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

### ANIMAL LICENSES

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

In 2013 there were 114 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. Thanks to all the people who cooperated with the licensing process. If your dog dies, call the clerk's office to remove your pet from the list of licensed dogs. Some dog owners, despite letters and telephone calls and in-person conversations, failed to comply in a timely manner, although several owners complied after the April 1 deadline.

I turned a list of unlicensed dogs over to the Select Board. It is up to the Select Board to levy fines for non-compliance. Only Nicole Novotny failed to get her dogs licensed and her name was turned over to the Select Board. The Board is in charge of compliance and any enforcement or penalties.

***Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Remember there are late charges if animals are not licensed by that date.***

#### SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL LICENSES AND FEES

	<u>Before April 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>After April 1<sup>st</sup></u>
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$ 10.00	\$15.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$ 15.00	\$22.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license the animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

**A PERSON WHO FAILS TO LICENSE A DOG OR WOLF-HYBRID IN THE REQUIRED MANNER SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$500 (20:3550) The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.**

### RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. 20 V.S.A. section 3581 ©

## **SELECTBOARD COMMENTS**

Jerry Hall, Chair

Members; Jerry Hall Chair, Eleanor LaCross, Celeste Keel, Tom Santelli, Edward Gust

The board welcomed three new members this year and wishes to acknowledge their contributions.

Road issues continue to require most of the board's attention. Mike Hill was hired as the Sandgate Road Foreman. A major accomplishment was the replacement of the culvert in Beartown. This Project involved FEMA and Sandgate Town Funds. The Town Of Sandgate has been approved for State Grants to offset some the cost of this project. State Bridge Inspectors closed the Woodcock Road Bridge on May 13, 2013. The Woodcock Bridge reopened in November, 2013.

An Energy Audit of the Sandgate Town Hall was completed. The result of this audit: new furnace, additional insulation, smart thermostats, and new cost-efficient light bulbs were installed. These changes will lower utility bills for the Sandgate Town Hall.

The Selectboard thanks all Sandgate Residents, Employees, and Town Officials in Sandgate for their input.

The Selectboard would like to see more Residents at Selectboard Meetings. The meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

### **ROAD FOREMAN REPORT**

Michael Hill (802)375-8358

I would like to thank the Sandgate townspeople for their patience on the road projects this last summer. I would like to also thank the local contractors for all their help in the completion of these projects. Since my hire in March of 2013, we have accomplished repairs of the Woodcock bridge culvert, box culvert in Beartown, Notch culvert with repairs to divert water and ice build-up. I have been working with VT Local Roads and Better Back Roads so they can help direct us in a better plan to keep our roads up to code.

We have replaced 200 feet of culverts under blacktop roads. For the dirt roads, we have 30 feet on Tudor Hill Road, 50 feet on Southeast Corners Road, 60 feet on West Road, 110 feet on Rupert Road. Rupert Road also received much-needed ditching with piping for drainage covered by stone and gravel. This year will include more ditches and culverts throughout the town, starting with the worst of the issues at hand. We have started with the inventory and marking these culverts.

For the Box culvert in Beartown a grant was received that covered 90% of the cost. This helped finish off the FEMA work that was left to be done. FEMA work is now finished and closed. We are still waiting for a \$10,000 grant, which will be put toward the Rupert Road. I will apply for more grants this year to help defray costs.

If there are any questions or concerns about the roads and the issues at hand feel free to contact me or the Selectmen.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.

### **LISTERS' REPORT**

Nancy Henderson, John Zak, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2013 Grand List contained 358 parcels and seven non-tax parcel totaling \$64,034,929 after exemptions. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

The Department of Taxes equalization study has our coefficient of dispersion at 14.48%. This is the difference between the listed value and sales price. Our common level of appraisal is 95.52%. This is the state's estimate of total fair market value.

The Listers will be revisiting unfinished construction from last March and all new construction this spring. We will also be looking at the properties which have sold since April 1, 2013. REMINDER, all residents must file form HS-122 by April 15, 2014 and if you are no longer a resident file form HS-122W.

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

John B. LaVecchia

Phone 362-3534

The Zoning Administrator is usually available at the Town Office on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12:00 A.M. Questions may also be directed to the above phone number during normal business hours. Zoning permit applications are available at the Town Clerk's

Office. Completed applications or requests for a Letter of Compliance may be mailed or left at the Town Clerk's Office during the Clerk's regular hours. Payment of fees must accompany the submitted application or request.

Approved permits must be posted by both the Zoning Administrator and the applicant. The applicant will be given two copies of the approved permit, one of which must be posted at the driveway, next to the Town right of way. No work may begin until the permit has been posted for fifteen (15) days to allow for the required appeal period.

### **Permit Applications as of December 31, 2013**

R. Clark	Rupert Rd.	Accessory Building
G. Dyke	Sandgate Rd.	Accessory Building
J. Gunn	Sandgate Rd	Accessory Building
K. Kenny	West Rd	Accessory Building
Kimball	W. Sandgate Rd	Accessory Buildings (3)
E Laurin	W. Sandgate Rd	Accessory Building
D. O'Brien	S.E. Corners Rd.	Accessory Building
B. O'Shea	Sandgate Rd.	Camp
M. Peff	W. Sandgate Rd.	Accessory Building
Sangate Church	Sandgate Rd.	Addition/Alteration
R. Tshorn	Wuerslin Rd.	Camp
M. Tudor	Sandgate Rd.	Addition/Alteration

### **Other Business Conducted**

Throughout the year possible zoning violations were investigated, brought to the attention of the landowner, and corrected where necessary. When requested, searches for compliance were conducted and letters issued as appropriate. Continuing education seminars have been attended as appropriate and approved. The Zoning Administrator also assists the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment with meetings and hearings and the preparation of revisions to the Town Plan and By-Laws.

### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

John B. LaVecchia

Sewage applications are no longer available at the Town Clerk's Office. Effective July 1, 2007 the State of Vermont - Agency of Natural Resources has become the issuing agency for all Septic System Permits. Appointments may be made for preliminary discussion regarding other matters. The Health Officer may also notify persons with septic system failure, but corrective action and permits are required to be obtained from the State. Privy Permits are still issued in the Town for Primitive Camps.

### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **Town of Sandgate: General Fund and Highway/Other Funds**

Valerie dePeyster, Sonja Jaffee, Claire Merritt

We have audited the books and records of the Town of Sandgate for the fiscal year. To the best of our knowledge, the Consolidated Balance Sheet and other financial statements represented in this Town Report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town of Sandgate.

In an effort to make the town report easier to read, we have rounded figures to the whole dollar whenever possible.

We thank all the town officers who submitted their information for this report in a timely manner. The constable will report orally at Town Meeting. If some of the reports from outside agencies are not included in the printing, they will be available in the Town Office.

We thank Jim Link for the beautiful photograph on the front cover.

### **INDEBTEDNESS**

The Sandgate General Fund has no indebtedness.

The Sandgate School Fund has no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund has no indebtedness.

<b>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS</b>						
July 1 2012 - June 30, 2013						
	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>School House Renovation</u>	<u>Tax Stabilization Emergency Fund</u>
Assets						
Cash: On Hand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Check: On Hand	\$ 364	\$ 418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash: Money Market	\$ 47,731	\$ 187,355	\$ 31,348	\$ 10,414	\$ 9,401	\$ 90,688
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 11,985	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 60,080</b>	<b>\$ 187,773</b>	<b>\$ 31,348</b>	<b>\$ 10,414</b>	<b>\$ 9,401</b>	<b>\$ 90,688</b>
Liabilities						
Due to other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Notes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 49,323	\$ 313,518	\$ 31,348	\$ 10,414	\$ 9,401	\$ 90,688
Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$ 10,757	\$ (125,745)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 60,080</b>	<b>\$ 187,773</b>	<b>\$ 31,348</b>	<b>\$ 10,414</b>	<b>\$ 9,401</b>	<b>\$ 90,688</b>
*Town Hall Building Fund: \$288, Emergency Fund: \$1252, Zoning / Planning Fund: \$358, Wuerslin Scholarship CD: \$3,439, Holiday Party Fund: \$652, Property Reappraisal Fund: \$25,029, Records Restoration Fund: \$3,440, Wuerslin Savings Account: \$7,512, Legal & Professional Fund: \$7,353						
** Paving Fund: \$114,813, Bridge & Culvert Fund: \$75,702, Materials & Hauling Fund: \$120,194, Misc. Fund: \$2,809, Grand Proposal Fund: \$4,523						
*** Lomberg Cemetery CD: \$11,245						

<b>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS</b>						
July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013						
	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>School House Renovation</u>	<u>Tax Stabilization Emergency Fund</u>
Assets						
Cash: On Hand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Check: On Hand	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash: Money Market	\$ 120,643	\$ 221,221	\$ 31,348	\$ 10,430	\$ 9,401	\$ 23,116
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 36,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 157,376</b>	<b>\$ 222,971</b>	<b>\$ 31,348</b>	<b>\$ 10,430</b>	<b>\$ 9,401</b>	<b>\$ 23,116</b>
Liabilities						
Due to other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Notes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 49,284	\$ 211,212	\$ 31,348	\$ 10,430	\$ 9,401	\$ 23,116
Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$ 108,092	\$ 11,759	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 157,376</b>	<b>\$ 222,971</b>	<b>\$ 31,348</b>	<b>\$ 10,430</b>	<b>\$ 9,401</b>	<b>\$ 23,116</b>
*Town Hall Building Fund: \$288, Emergency Fund: \$1255, Zoning / Planning Fund: \$359, Wuerslin Scholarship CD: \$3,444, Holiday Party Fund: \$653 Property Reappraisal Fund: \$25,035, Records Restoration Fund: \$3,447, Wuerslin Savings Account: \$7,436, Legal & Professional Fund: \$7,367						
** Paving Fund: \$114,987, Bridge & Culvert Fund: \$68,699, Materials & Hauling Fund: \$24,713, Misc. Fund: \$2,813, Grant Proposal Fund: \$4,528						
*** Lomberg Cemetery CD: \$11,245						

**TAX RATE FOR 2013-2014 – SANDGATE, VERMONT**

<b>1) MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 80,120
General Services	\$ 41,169
Appropriations	\$ 17,827
Total GF	\$ 139,116
Hold Harmless Funds	\$ 12,985
Cash on Hand 7/1/13	\$ 41,189
<b>TOTAL GF TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$ 84,942</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
Total Highway Budget	\$ 350,120
Highway State Aid	\$ 64,692
Hold Harmless Funds	\$ 38,955
Cash on Hand 7/1/13	\$ 84,231
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$ 162,242</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$247,184</b>
Grand List: Total Municipality	640,649.29
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.1326
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.2532
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)</b>	<b>0.3858</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE:</b>	<b>\$ 247,184</b>
<b>2) SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	
Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.5514
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.5158
Grand List: Homesteads	\$ 232,096.19
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$ 360,074.03
Grand List: Non-Residential	\$ 408,553.10
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$ 619,284.79
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$979,359</b>
<b>3) LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</b>	
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$ 0.0022
Municipal Grand List	\$ 640,649.29
<b>TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$ 1,396</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,939</b>
<b>HOMESTEAD TAX RATE:</b>	
Municipal	\$ 0.3858
School	\$ 1.5514
Local Agreement	\$ 0.0022
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 1.9394</b> per thousand

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:	
Municipal	\$ 0.3858
School	\$ 1.5158
Local Agreement	\$ 0.0022
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 1.9038</b> per thousand

LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE		
Homestead Education Rate	1.5514	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$ 90,000	Grand List
Forgone Revenue:	\$ 1,396	Veteran Grand List / 100* Education Rate
Total Grand List	640,649.29	
Local Agreement Rate:	0.0022	

### MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

Municipal Grand List		
	2012/2013	2013/2014
Grand List	644,215.01	640,649.29

2012-2013 Rate		
	Homestead	Non-Homestead
Municipal	0.4456	0.4456
School	1.4689	1.4634
Local Agreement	0.0027	0.0027
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9172</b>	<b>1.9117</b>

2013 - 2014 Rate		
	Homestead	Non-Homestead
Municipal	0.3858	0.3858
School	1.5514	1.5158
Local Agreement	0.0022	0.0022
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9394</b>	<b>1.9038</b>

YoY Change		
	Homestead	Non-Homestead
Municipal	-0.0598	-0.0598
School	0.0825	0.0524
Local Agreement	-0.0005	-0.0005
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0222</b>	<b>-0.0079</b>

#### Grand List

FY 13/14 Municipal Grand List is \$3,565.72 lower than last year

#### Municipal Budget

FY 13/14 is 0.0598 lower than last year

The total amount to be raised is slightly lower YoY (2013/2014 is @ \$39,837 lower)

\***Total GF budget** to be raised is \$19,855 lower than last year - this is mainly driven by more cash on hand as of 7/1/13

\***Total HW budget** to be raised is \$19,982 less than last year. This is mainly driven by more cash on hand as of 7/1/13

#### School Budget

Homestead Rate for 13/14 is 0.0825 higher than last year

Non-Homestead Rate for 13/14 is 0.0524 higher than last year

#### Local Agreement

Tax Year 13/14 is .0005 lower than last year

<b>STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED</b>	
<b>End of Quarter Two - Year 2013 -2014</b>	
Total Appraisal of Town	\$ 640,062
Total Grand List	\$ 639,849
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/1/13	\$ 1,229,682
Billing Adjustments	\$ -
	<b>\$ 1,229,682</b>
Taxes received in good time	\$ 1,121,139
Tax Payer Credits	\$ -
Delinquent Taxes to Collector as of 10/2/13	\$ 108,543
Total Taxes Accounted For:	<b>\$ 1,229,682</b>

<b>Hold Harmless Funds</b>		
	\$12,985.00	25%
Estimate	\$38,955.00	75%
Total:	\$51,940	25% to GF / 74% to HW
To be paid:	1-Nov-13	
<b>Highway State Aid</b>		
15-Jul-13	\$16,173.01	
15-Oct-13	\$16,172.99	
15-Jan-14	\$16,172.99	
15-Apr-14	\$16,172.99	
	\$64,691.98	

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY  
TOWN OF SANDGATE, VERMONT**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent, if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes nor contacted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the collector will send notice of impending tax sale, to sell as much of the property as is necessary, to pay the taxes, costs and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, costs, and fees.
  - a. The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
  - b. All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the imminent tax sale.
  - c. If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32 V.S.A. Section 5252.
  - d. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgment of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Lisa Robinson, Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
3507 Rupert Road, West Rupert, VT 05776, Tel: 802-375-3801  
Revised October 2009

## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Lisa Robinson, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2013-2014 AD taxes was October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. A mailing date of October 1<sup>st</sup> does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion, and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall ON OR BEFORE October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

### STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

as of January 1, 2014

#### 2013

Name	Parcel	Total
Agresta, Scott	613000-OOL	\$ 1,263.47
Barrieau, Michael	340700-OOL	2,577.58
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	2,232.46
Coakley, Michael	140000-OOL	302.77
Croft, Betty	721800-OOR	2,334.83
Fischer, Edward III	705000-OOR	3,490.52
Froment, Diane	253500-OOL	145.80
Gunn, James	122000-OOL	36.15
Kenney, Thomas	704000-OOR	1,183.40
Low, Albert	312000-ORO	375.28
Maue, Eugene	148500-OOR	3,314.49
McDonald, Frank	112000-OOL	2,524.59
McGloine, Bridget	616000-OOR	752.68
Miller, John	703200OOL	876.34
Mitchell, Edward	501000-OOB	1,414.53
Mitchell, Edward	501000-OOB	240.94
Mitchell, Edward	501500OOB	1,705.80
Myrick, Jeffrey	732000-OOR	0.82
Reith, Thomas	109000-OOR	3,910.58
Rowland, Adair Ann	131500-OOB	0.28
Salmon-Holgren	612000-OOR	1,083.18
Smith, Christopher	351500-OLO	228.54
Spear, Harry & Lisa	608500-OOL	1,162.10
Stuecklen, MacHeath	430000-ORO	1,059.62
Vaughn-Tiff, Gavin	132000-OOL	2,646.15
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	1,847.94
<b>TOTAL FOR 2013</b>		<b>\$ 36,710.84</b>

#### 2012

Name	Parcel	Total
Barrieau, Michael	340700-OOL	\$ 404.05
Cerratani, Marian & Jaclyn	148000-OOR	2,481.99
Croft, Betty	721800-OOR	2,178.45
Spear, Harry & Lisa	608500-OOR	22.47
<b>TOTAL FOR 2012</b>		<b>\$ 5,086.96</b>

#### 2011

Croft, Betty	721800-OOR	\$ 2,495.17
<b>TOTAL FOR 2011</b>		<b>\$ 2,495.17</b>
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 44,292.97</b>

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund	
July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013	
Bank balance: 7/1/2012(Money Market)	\$ 17,628
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Current Taxes	\$ 1,068,565
Delinquent Taxes, Fees & Penalty	\$ 62,533
Zoning	\$ 1,065
General Fund MM Interest	\$ 952
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 13,897
Tax Prebates	\$ 7,113
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 4,670
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,795</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	
	<b>\$ 1,176,423</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
School Tax Share	\$ 725,900
Highway Property Tax Share	\$ 182,248
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 908,148</b>
<b>SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Select Board Salaries	\$ 1,442
Select Board Expenses	\$ 895
<b>TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Auditors Salary	\$ 472
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 8,100
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 128
Treasurer Salary	\$ 9,900
Assistant Treasurer	\$ 569
Constable Salary	\$ 920
Listers Salary & Expenses	\$ 1,963
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$ 140
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 2,010
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$ 685
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$ 83
Payroll Tax	\$ 2,992
Training Town Officers	\$ 95
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>	
Town Hall Utilities	\$ 7,911
School House Utilities	\$ 304
Office Supplies	\$ 1,295
Computers Software & Internet	\$ 1,640
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,188
Office Equipment	\$ 1,305
Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 3,046
Postage	\$ 219
Records Restoration	\$ 998
Town Report Expense	\$ 2,246
Legal and Professional Fees	\$ 516
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$ 2,871
BCRC	\$ 1,888
Cemetery	\$ 4,795
Fire Protection	\$ 16,000
Dry Hydrant	\$ 6

Insurance and Bonding	\$	3,186
BCA Meetings/Appeals Hearings	\$	1,535
VLCT Dues	\$	1,171
Animal Control	\$	140
County Tax	\$	4,806
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Arlington Area Childcare	\$	500
Arlington Comm. Club	\$	100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$	1,000
Arlington Recreation Park	\$	2,500
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	8,000
Benn. Coalition for the Homeless	\$	200
Benn. County Conservation District	\$	300
Benn./Rutland Opp Council	\$	137
Center for Independent Living	\$	95
Children's Holiday Parties	\$	75
Green Up Day	\$	90
N. VT Resource Cons. Development	\$	100
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	\$	350
Martha Canfield Library	\$	3,000
Southwestern VT. Council on Aging	\$	400
P.A.V.E.	\$	100
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$	4,014
Town Clerk Fees	\$	2,500
tax int and penalty refund	\$	1,644
tax prebate	\$	2,166
State of VT Education Fund	\$	105,449
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$	220,180
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,128,328
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$	48,095
Accounted for as follows:		
Money Market Balance (6/30/2013)	\$	47,731
General Fund Checking	\$	364
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$	48,095

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 357
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 358
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 1,248
Interest earned	\$ 4
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 1,252
<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 287
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 288

<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 25,016
Interest earned	\$ 13
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 25,029
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship Fund CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 3,426
Interest earned	\$ 13
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 3,439
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 9,401
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 9,401
<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 649
Interest earned	\$ 3
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 652
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 1,009
transferred	\$ -
Interest earned	\$ 4
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 1,013
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 2,222
transferred	\$ -
Interest earned	\$ 8
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 2,230
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 3,428
Interest earned	\$ 12
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 3,440
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship Fund - Savings</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 7,862
Donations	\$ 418
Appropriation	\$ 350
Scholarship	\$ (1,125)
Interest earned	\$ 7
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 7,512
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 7,328
Interest Earned	\$ 25
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 7,353

<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/12	\$ 84,742
Receipts:	\$ 5,678
Interest Earned	\$ 268
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 90,688

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund	
July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013	
Balance in bank (7/1/12)	\$ 10,378
Receipts:	
Checking Interest	\$ 1
CD Interest	\$ 35
Sub-total	\$ 36
Disbursements:	\$ -
Balance in bank (6/30/13)	\$ 10,414
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD	
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	
Balance in bank (7/1/12)	\$ 11,217
CD Matured on 5/13/13 @ .25% interest	
	\$ 28
Balance in bank (6/30/13)	\$ 11,245

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund	
July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013	
Balance in bank (7/1/13)	\$ 10,414
Receipts:	
CD Interest	\$ 14
Checking Interest	\$ 2
Total Receipts	\$ 16
Balance in bank (12/31/13)	\$ 10,430
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD	
July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013	
Principal Balance in bank (12/31/13)	\$ 11,245
CD due to mature on 5/10/2014 @0.25%	

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway	
July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013	
Bank balance: 7/1/2012	\$ 140,502
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$ 181,576
VT State Highway Aid	\$ 64,788
Prebates	\$ 15,545
Lister Education EFT	\$ 387
Highway MM Interest	\$ 248
Dry Hydrant Reimbursement	\$ 2,191
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 55,586
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 320,320
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$ 460,822</b>
Expenses	
<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 18,902
Salaries	\$ 31,471
<b>SUMMER MAINTENANCE</b>	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 10,910
Contract Labor	\$ 4,000
Summer Salaries	\$ 41,306
<b>EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</b>	
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$ 8,169
Retirement Contribution	\$ 3,774

Health Insurance	\$ 28,676
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 474
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 5,917
Training / Mileage	\$ 282
Misc. Expenses	\$ -
<b>GARAGE /EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>	
Garage Maintenance	\$ 1,418
Garage Utilities	\$ 3,346
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$ 23,721
Equipment Repair / Maintenance Off-site	\$ 9,299
Tools & Supplies	\$ 5,543
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$ 5,765
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>	
Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$ -
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$ 7,971
Paving Loan	\$ -
Guard Rails	\$ -
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
FEMA Expenses	\$ 25,810
Bridge Grant Expenses	\$ 2,393
Hold Harmless Fund Transfer	\$ 13,897
EWP Project	\$ 15,050
Sub-total:	\$ 268,094
Voted 13/14 Carryover Balances	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,807
Grant Proposals	\$ 3,000
Total Disbursements	\$ 272,901
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$ 187,922</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance 6.30.13	\$ 187,355
Checking balance	\$ 567
<b>TOTAL ALL BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 187,922</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 84,584
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$ 30,000
Interest	\$ 229
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 114,813
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 63,337
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$ 12,195
Interest	\$ 170
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 75,702
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 115,514
EWP Project Expenses	\$ (15,050)
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$ 19,234
Interest	\$ 496
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 120,194

<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 31,301
Expense:	\$ -
Interest	\$ 31
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 31,332
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 1,001
Carryover	\$ 1,807
Interest	\$ 2
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 2,810
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/12	\$ 1,521
Carryover	\$ 3,000
Interest	\$ 2
Balance in fund as of 6/30/13	\$ 4,523

<b>Cash On Hand 7/1/13</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Highway</b>	
Bank Balance	\$ 47,730.00	Bank Balance	\$ 187,355.00
Records Restoration (balance carryover)	\$ (2.00)	FEMA funds	\$ (16,133.47)
Legal and Professional (balance carryover)	\$ (1,984.00)	Material and Hauling (winter)	\$ (4,098.00)
Office Equipment	\$ (2,195.00)	Equipment Fund	\$ (35,000.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ (2,360.00)	Pavement Maintenance	\$ (30,000.00)
tax prepayment	\$ -	Grant Proposals	\$ (2,000.00)
2013 Del Tax Penalty	\$ -	Misc.	\$ (2,500.00)
		Bridge & Culvert	\$ (12,029.00)
		last June Payroll	\$ (1,363.50)
			\$ 84,231.03
	\$ 41,189.00		

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund	
July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013	
Bank balance: 7/1/2013(Money Market)	\$ 47,731
Receipts:	
Current Taxes	\$ 989,711
Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalty	\$ 88,620
Zoning	\$ 640
General Fund MM Interest	\$ 591
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 51,941
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,131,503</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,234</b>
Expenses:	
School Tax Share	\$ 745,965
Highway Property Tax Share	\$ 162,242
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 908,207</b>
Select board Assistant	\$ -
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 6,501
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 4,050

Treasurer Salary	\$ 4,950
Constable Salary	\$ 460
Listers Salary & Expenses	\$ 2,456
Miscellaneous Mileage & Reimbursement	\$ 451
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 1,343
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$ 349
Payroll Tax	\$ 556
Fire Protection	\$ 16,404
Town Hall Utilities	\$ 3,188
School House Utilities	\$ 128
Office Supplies	\$ 647
Computers Software & Internet	\$ 1,512
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 280
Office Equipment	\$ -
Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 11,194
Postage	\$ 209
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$ 1,882
BCRC	\$ 1,803
Cemetery	\$ 4,060
Training Town Officers	\$ -
Dry Hydrant	\$ -
Insurance and Bonding	\$ 4,233
Town Report Expense	\$ -
Legal and Professional Fees	\$ 187
Records Restoration	\$ -
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 4,096
Benn. Rutland Opportunity Council	\$ 137
Green Up Day	\$ 50
Property Tax Refund / Adjustment	\$ 17,199
State of VT Education Fund	\$ 62,059
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 150,384
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,058,591
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 120,643
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance (12/31/2013)	\$ 120,643
General Fund Checking	\$ -
TOTAL ALL BALANCES 12/31/2013	\$ 120,643

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 358
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 359
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 1,252
Interest earned	\$ 3
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 1,255
<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 288
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 288

<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 25,029
Interest earned	\$ 6
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 25,035
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship Fund CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 3,439
Interest earned	\$ 5
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 3,444
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 9,401
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 9,401
<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 652
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 653
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 1,012
Interest earned	\$ 2
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 1,014
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 2,230
Interest earned	\$ 4
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 2,234
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 3,440
Interest earned	\$ 7
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 3,447
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship Fund - Savings</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 7,512
Donations	\$ 426
Scholarships	\$ (205)
Interest earned	\$ 3
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 7,736
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 7,353
Interest Earned	\$ 14
Bank balance: 12/31/13	\$ 7,367

<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 90,688
Disbursements:	
Transfers for HW projects	\$ (67,639)
Receipts:	
Interest Earned	\$ 67
Bank balance: 12/31/2013	\$ 23,116

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway	
July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013	
Bank balance: 7/1/2013	\$ 187,355
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$ 162,242
VT State Highway Aid	\$ 45,111
Prebates	\$ 13,510
Highway MM Interest	\$ 67
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 51,941
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 272,871
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$ 460,226</b>
Expenses	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 9,560
Salaries	\$ 20,862
Materials and Hauling	\$ 10,885
Contract Labor	\$ 4,000
Summer Salaries	\$ 19,317
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$ 3,073
Retirement Contribution	\$ 1,677
Health Insurance	\$ 9,641
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 250
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 6,561
Drug Testing	\$ 177
Training / Mileage	\$ 28
Misc. Expenses	\$ 968
Garage Maintenance	\$ 10
Garage Utilities	\$ 696
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$ 9,263
Equipment Repair / Maint Off-site	\$ 15,856
Tools & Supplies	\$ 146
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$ 5,889
Pavement Maintenance	\$ 6,898
Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$ 6,500
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$ 4,662
Bank Charges-new checks	\$ 23
Dry Hydrant costs	\$ -
Hold Harmless Fund Transfer	\$ 51,941
Prebate Transfer	\$ -
Sub-total:	\$ 188,883
Voted 13/14 Carryover Balances	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,807
Grant Proposals	\$ 3,000
Total Disbursements	\$ 193,690

Less June 2013 orders and payroll	\$ 43,610
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$ 222,926</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance	\$ 221,221
Checking balance	\$ 1,705
<b>TOTAL ALL BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 222,926</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 114,813
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 174
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 114,987
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 75,702
expenses	\$ (7,078)
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 75
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 68,699
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 120,194
expenses	\$ (95,601)
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 120
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 24,713
<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 31,332
Expense:	
Appropriation	\$ -
Interest	\$ 16
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 31,348
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 2,809
Interest	\$ 4
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 2,813
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 4,523
Interest	\$ 5
Balance in fund as of 12/31/13	\$ 4,528

**PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET – GENERAL**

	<b>FY13 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY13 Actual</b>	<b>FY14 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY14 YTD 12/31/13</b>	<b>FY15 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Proposed % change</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
Salaries	3,000	1,442	3,000	-	3,000	0%	-
Meetings	500	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Expenses	300	895	300	-	300	0%	-
Assistant	1,200	-	800	-	800	0%	-
<b>TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
Auditor's Salaries	1,000	472	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Constable Salary	920	920	920	460	920	0%	-
Health Officer Salary	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Health Officer Expenses	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Listers Salaries & Expenses	4,000	1,963	4,000	2,456	4,000	0%	-
Town Clerk Salary	8,100	8,100	8,100	4,050	8,100	0%	-
Town Clerk Substitute	500	128	500	-	500	0%	-
Treasurer Salary	9,900	9,900	9,900	4,950	9,900	0%	-
Assistant Treasurer	500	569	500	-	500	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Salary	3,600	2,010	3,600	1,343	3,600	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Expenses	1,000	685	1,000	349	1,000	0%	-
ZBA / Planning Expenses	700	83	700	-	700	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	2,000	2,992	2,000	556	2,000	0%	-
Office Training	700	95	700	-	500	-29%	(200)
Miscellaneous/Mileage	2,500	140	2,500	451	2,000	-20%	(500)
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>							
Town Hall Utilities	8,000	7,911	8,500	3,188	8,500	0%	-
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	7,500	3,046	7,500	11,194	7,500	0%	-
Town Hall Major Repairs & Improvements			5,000	-	5,000	0%	-
Office Equipment Maintenance & Service	3,000	1,188	3,000	280	3,000	0%	-
Office Equipment	3,500	1,305	3,000	-	2,500	-17%	(500)
Computer Software & Internet	3,000	1,640	3,000	1,512	3,000	0%	-
Office Supplies	2,000	1,295	2,000	647	2,000	0%	-
Postage	600	219	300	209	300	0%	-
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	304	300	128	300	0%	-
Record Restoration	1,000	998	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
<b>BUSINESS EXPENSES</b>							
Town Report Expense	2,500	2,246	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
Independent Audit		-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Legal & Professional Fees	2,500	516	2,500	187	2,500	0%	-
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; GENERAL EXPENSES</b>							
	74,820	51,060	80,120	31,960	78,920	-1%	(1,200)
<b>GENERAL SERVICES &amp; FEES</b>							
Animal Control	400	140	400	-	400	0%	-
BCRC	1,750	1,888	1,850	1,803	1,839	-1%	(11)
BCA Meetings / Appeals Hearings	1,200	1,535	1,000		1,000	0%	-
Bennington County Sheriff's Department	-	-	-	-	5,824	#DIV/0!	5,824
Cemetery Landscaping	4,000	4,795	3,500		3,500	0%	-
Cemetery Repairs	-	-	1,500		1,500	0%	
County Tax	6,000	4,806	5,000		5,000	0%	-
Fire Protection	16,000	16,000	16,910		17,000	1%	90
Insurance & Bonding	2,000	3,186	3,200		3,200	0%	-
ISWAP / Hazardous Waste / Recycling	6,500	2,871	6,500		6,500	0%	-
VLCT Dues	1,050	1,171	1,300		1,300	0%	-
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>36,391</b>	<b>41,160</b>		<b>47,063</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5,903</b>

	FY13 Budgeted	FY13 Actual	FY14 Budgeted	FY14 YTD 12/31/13	FY15 Proposed Budget	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
American Red Cross	-	-	200		-	-100%	(200)
Arlington Area Childcare	500	500	500		500	0%	-
Arlington Community Club	100	100	100		100	0%	-
Arlington Nursing Service	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	0%	-
Arlington Recreation Park	2,500	2,500	2,500		-	-100%	(2,500)
Arlington Rescue Squad	8,000	8,000	8,000		7,000	-13%	(1,000)
Benn. Coalition for the Homeless	200	200	200		-	-100%	(200)
Benn. County Conservation District	300	300	300		300	0%	-
Benn/Rutland Opportunity Council	137	137	137	137	137	0%	-
Burdett Commons	-	-	100		50	-50%	(50)
Center for Independent Living	95	95	95		95	0%	-
Center for Restorative Justice	-	-	-		200	#DIV/0!	200
Children's Holiday Parties	100	75	100		100	0%	-
Green-Up Day	50	90	50		90	80%	40
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	350	350	350		350	0%	-
Martha Canfield Library	3,000	3,000	3,100		3,200	3%	100
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts (VACD)	100	100	100		100	0%	-
P.A.V.E.	100	100	100		-	-100%	(100)
SWVT Area Agency on Aging	400	400	500		500	0%	-
Turning Point Center	-	-	300		-	-100%	(300)
Tutorial Center	-	-	100		200	100%	100
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	16,932	16,947	17,832	137	13,922	-22%	(3,910)
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>130,652</b>	<b>104,399</b>	<b>139,112</b>	<b>32,097</b>	<b>139,905</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>793</b>

**PROPOSED 2014-1015 BUDGET – HIGHWAY**

	FY13 Budgeted	FY13 Actual	FY14 Budgeted	FY14 YTD 12/31/13	FY15 Proposed Budget	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>							
Materials & Hauling	23,000	18,902	28,000	9,560	35,000	25%	7,000
Winter Salaries	45,900	31,471	47,300	20,862	48,719	3%	1,419
Contract Plowing/Sanding	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-
<b>SUMMER MAINTENANCE</b>							
Materials & Hauling	9,000	10,910	15,000	10,885	20,000	33%	5,000
Summer Salaries	49,470	41,306	51,000	19,317	52,530	3%	1,530
Contract Labor	5,000	4,000	6,000	4,000	5,000	-17%	(1,000)
<b>EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</b>							
Payroll Tax Expenses	7,300	8,169	7,300	3,073	7,519	3%	219
Retirement Contribution	3,820	3,774	3,820	1,677	3,820	0%	-
Health Insurance	38,000	28,676	38,000	9,641	28,800	-24%	(9,200)
Unemployment Insurance	550	474	550	250	550	0%	-
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,500	5,917	6,500	6,561	6,695	3%	195
Drug Testing	250	-	250	177	250	0%	-
Training/Mileage	800	282	800	28	400	-50%	(400)
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,500	-	2,500	968	2,000	-20%	(500)
<b>GARAGE/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>							
Garage Maintenance	1,500	1,418	1,500	10	2,000	33%	500
Garage Utilities	4,000	3,346	3,000	696	3,500	17%	500
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equipment)	24,000	23,721	24,000	9,263	24,000	0%	-
Equipment Repair/Maintenance off-site	12,000	9,299	15,000	15,856	18,000	20%	3,000
Tools & Supplies	2,500	5,543	2,500	146	2,500	0%	-
Insurance & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	6,100	5,765	6,100	5,889	6,100	0%	-

	<b>FY13 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY13 Actual</b>	<b>FY14 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY14 YTD 12/31/13</b>	<b>FY15 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Proposed % change</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>							
Pavement Maintenance	30,000	-	30,000	6,898	30,000	0%	-
Equipment Reserve Fund Appropriation	35,000	-	35,000	6,500	38,000	9%	3,000
Bridge/Culvert Program	20,000	7,971	20,000	4,662	20,000	0%	-
Guard Rails	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-
Grant Proposals	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>333,190</b>	<b>210,942</b>	<b>350,120</b>	<b>136,919</b>	<b>361,383</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>11,263</b>
Less Anticipated State Aid	62,470	32,394	64,788	45,111	66,732	3%	1,944
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>270,720</b>	<b>178,548</b>	<b>285,332</b>	<b>91,808</b>	<b>294,651</b>	<b>3.27%</b>	<b>9,319</b>

<b>COMPARISON OF REVENUES TO ESTIMATES</b>	
Fiscal Year 2013-2014	
Revenues budgeted	\$ 1,350,553
Revenues received (through 12/31/13)	\$ 1,338,923
Variance	\$ (11,630)
Expenditures budgeted	\$ 1,235,197
Expenditures paid	\$ 1,177,079
Variance	\$ (58,118)
Excess of revenues received over expenditures paid	\$ 161,844
Bank balance 7/1/13 (General Fund & Highway)	\$ 235,086
<b>BALANCE ALL FUNDS: 12/31/13</b>	<b>\$ 663,883</b>

<b>SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS 2013-2014</b>	
Cemetery Equipment	\$200
Constable Safety Items	200
Fire Pumps & Related Equipment	100
Office Equipment	4,000
Vault	5,000
2003 International Truck	5,000
2011 International Truck	125,000
Sanders (2)	2,000
1987 Caterpillar 120 G Grader	4,000
1996 Ford 575D Backhoe	36,000
Miscellaneous Equipment	1,250
Wing Plow	1,500
Real Estate	452,282
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$636,532</b>
Note: Fixed Assets are listed at approximate current value.	

<b>TOWN OF SANDGATE 2012-2014 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Compensation Rate</b>
Auditors	\$8.60/hour
Board of Civil Authority	\$8.60/hour
School Board Salaries	\$2,300
Constable	\$920
Health Officer	\$250
Listers	\$10.00/hour yearly regular work \$15.00/hour reappraisal years
Road Foreman	18.76/hour
Road Worker	15.97/hour
School Bus Driver Salary	\$13,356
School Bus Driver Substitute	\$800
Selectboard Chair	\$940
Selectboard Road Liaison	\$740
Selectboard Member	\$440
Selectboard Assistant	\$800
Town Clerk	\$8,100
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500
Treasurer	\$9,900
Assistant Treasurer	\$500
Zoning Administrator	\$3,600

As of 01/1/14

**SANDGATE LAND TRANSFERS**  
**January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013**

Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee & Katharine W. Kimball of Boston, MA to  
Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge MA

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Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee of Boston, MA

Christopher P. Kimball of Cambridge, MA to  
Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee & Katharine W. Kimball, Trustee of Boston, MA

Christopher P. Kimball of Cambridge, Ma to  
Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee & Katharine W. Kimball, Trustee of Boston, MA

Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee & Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge & Boston, MA to  
Christopher P. Kimball of Cambridge, MA

Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge, MA to  
Adrienne T. Kimball, Trustee of Boston, MA

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Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge, MA  
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Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge, MA

Barbara A. Pike of Lakeland, FL to  
Bruce H. Pike & Barbara A. Pike Revocable Trust of Lakeland, FL

Richard & Barbara Dreiwitz of Hackensack, NJ to  
Dreiwitz Living Trust of Hackensack, NJ

Lee H. Lyons of Litchfield, CT to  
Robert & Nancy Clark of Fort Ann, NY

Elizabeth M. Martineau of Concord, MA to  
Christopher P. Kimball, Trustee of Cambridge, MA

Wilcox Trust u/a/d 12/16/1992 f/b/o AKW & PKW of Arlington, VT to  
Arnold K. Wilcox of Arlington, VT

John A. Wilcox of Arlington, VT to  
Arnold K. Wilcox of Arlington, VT

Weissleder Revocable Trust UAD 9/22/2008 of Arlington, VT to  
Carl A. & Theresa G. Cascella of Southbury, CT

Estate of Hilda Kulmane of Bennington, VT to  
Kenneth Kulmane of New Providence, NJ

James M. Gunn of Sandgate, VT to  
Brothers Brook. LLC of Greenwich, CT

Jeffrey B. Mitchell of Barre, MA to  
Walnut Hill Enterprises, LLC of Sunderland, VT

M. Earl Tudor of Sandgate, VT to  
Matthew E. Tudor of Sandgate, VT

Brothers Brook LLC of Greenwich, CT to  
Sandgate Road LLC of Stamford, CT

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Ann Drake of Gloucester, MA to  
Edward A. & Mary L. Willette of Bennington, VT

Yvonne Keuchenius Revocable Trust of Ridgewood, NJ to  
The Nature Conservancy of Arlington, VA

Donald D. Brown Trust UAD 10/3/1997 & Adair Warren Brown Trust 10/3/1997 of Sandgate, VT to  
Matthew Keary of Arlington, VT

Robert H. Montgomery of Albany, NY to  
John C. Thrasher, Trustee of Rupert, VT

Andrew W. Montgomery of Albany, NY to  
John C. Thrasher, Trustee of Rupert, VT

Janice Montgomery Knapp of Salem, NY to  
John C. Thrasher, Trustee of Rupert, VT

Laura B. Montgomery of Albany, NY to  
John C. Thrasher, Trustee of Rupert, VT

Milo E. Tudor of Sandgate, VT to  
Matthew E. Tudor of Sandgate, VT

Jean G. LaCroix Trust of Arlington, VT to  
Gedeon & Jean LaCroix Trust of Arlington, VT

Elizabeth M. Martineau of Concord, MA to  
New England Forestry Foundation of Littleton, MA

Melody Geriak of Bethel, CT to  
Edward H. Macomber of Sandgate, VT

Brian E. & Jane B. Pigeon of New Smyrna, FL to  
Irene Martin of Sandgate, VT

Peggy T. Scianna Revocable Trust of Bridgeport, CT to  
Vito & Vanetta LaRosa of NorthPort, NY

Michael & Kathleen Kahn of Savannah, GA to  
Grey & Isobel Fletcher of Sandgate, VT

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Judy P. Boehlert - Chair and Acting Clerk, Suzanne DePeyster, Patricia Hall, Michael Mazzola, Lisa Robinson,  
Jean Eisenhart – Alternate

The update of the Zoning Bylaws was approved by the Selectboard on February 18, 2013 and issued. The most significant change was the addition of Flood Hazard Regulations. Sandgate residents are now eligible to purchase flood insurance through NFIP, the National Flood Insurance Program.

Two members, Thomas Fierravanti and Colleen Scholz, each with many years of dedicated service chose not to continue. The Board wishes to thank these members for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors. They were replaced by two new members, Patricia Hall and Michael Mazzola, both of whom have been active participants.

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

Lynn Fielding

There was one brush fire to report off the Rupert road, which burned about a quarter of an acre. Your wardens issued 24 burning permits this year. To obtain a burning permit or if you have any questions about burning please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Jim Gunn at 802-375 -9481.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Members: Jean Eisenhart, Dona McAdams, Jane Gattlin, Sonja Jaffee, Harry Rich, Jayne Stuecklen, Phoebe Sheres

No action taken.

## **WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE**

Jean Eisenhart (Chair), Pat Hall, Jayne Stuecklen, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

Three grants were awarded in 2013:

- A joint grant for Aiden Stone, Matthew Eric Mazzola and Diana Grace Tafoya to Happy Days Preschool for Hullabaloo Creative Movement.
- Logan Wuerslin for information technology game design at Champlain College.
- Thea Steeves Boey for ballet dance camp at Manchester.

Special thanks to Ellen Questel for her contribution to the grant fund of a percentage of the value of her art sold at the July Schoolhouse Pastel Show.

Any Sandgate resident may apply for a grant, no age restrictions. Apply anytime with an application from our Town Clerk or online at [sandgatevermont.com](http://sandgatevermont.com).

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioners: Eleanor LaCross, Julie Robertson, Valerie dePeyster

In 2013, your Cemetery Commissioners spent some time cleaning out accumulated paperwork in the cemetery drawer at the Town offices. Just as doing personal housekeeping can be rewarding, we had the added benefit of "strolling down memory lane." Many longtime Sandgate residents served faithfully as cemetery commissioners, their names and signatures grace cemetery orders and correspondence, helping us to remember them and the changes our town has gone through over the years. We would like to give special recognition to Roy Gattlin, who worked tirelessly for the town in many capacities, but was a Cemetery Commissioner for several terms, and in that role set an example of dedicated service that should always be appreciated. He will be greatly missed.

Special thanks to Charlie Pike, Chas Pike, Lucas Pike and Jerry Hall, who all helped clean up the two Rupert Road cemeteries. We had the bank cleared on Center Hill Cemetery, just in time for 'Old Home Day.' It doesn't need to be done every year, but when it is done, it looks great!

Our hope was to apply for a planning grant and have Center Hill Cemetery replotted this year, but alas, we did not fit the criteria. We will continue to explore other options in this area, maybe even volunteer expertise - we will keep you posted.

As always, we do our best to keep the West Sandgate Cemetery and Center Hill Cemetery consistently mowed and trimmed. Stone repair often cannot be done because of the budget restraints, however, there is monies this fiscal year to do some repairs and they will take place in the spring.

Contributions to cemetery maintenance are always welcomed.

**BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
Jim Sullivan, Director

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC also regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops throughout the region. More information on these programs can be found at [www.bcrvt.org](http://www.bcrvt.org).

During the past year, the Commission has completed a variety of projects, including: an economic development strategy, a village revitalization plan, local and regional energy studies, a local food system plan, a comprehensive assessment of mixed use development and opportunities throughout the region, an evaluation of recreational facilities, planning and feasibility studies for improvements to roadway corridors and for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, local hazard mitigation and emergency response plans, and reviews and updates to municipal plans and land use regulations.

The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The Commission works with our member towns and villages and these other organizations to implement the ideas and projects that derive from our planning work. For example, the BCRC has worked with the Windham Regional Commission on a variety of projects associated with developing strong downtowns and village centers and ensuring economic resiliency, is engaged in economic development initiatives with the Bennington Economic Development Partners and the Bennington County Industrial Corporation, supports Shires Housing in the development of workforce housing and mixed use developments, assists private developers with brownfield and renewable energy development, is coordinating work with local colleges and the Better Bennington Corporation on downtown improvement initiatives, manages local transportation improvement projects, and helps implement a range of solid waste, composting, and hazardous waste management projects.

Major projects for the upcoming year include a comprehensive revision to the Bennington County Regional Plan, development of a new Material Management Plan for 15 region municipalities, expanded work in healthy community design, and development of region-specific strategies to support implementation of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to environmental conservation. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. A small expansion of the office completed this year accommodates a new staff person, an Americorps VISTA member, and student interns; the added capacity is enabling the BCRC to provide enhanced services to our communities in several key areas.

**DRY HYDRANT PROGRAM**

The Dry Hydrant Program has been successfully managed over the past fifteen years by the Northern Vermont & George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils, with guidance from the Rural Protection Task Force. During this period, 930 grants totaling \$1.9 million have been provided to 212 Vermont towns for installation of dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair after the floods of 2011. Sadly, like the George D. Aiken RC&D Council did in the recent past, the Northern Vermont RC&D is closing its doors, but the Dry Hydrant Program has fortunately found a new home with the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). Our goal is to extend the program to all Vermont towns, and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources; and to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities. In addition, we plan to expand the program to encompass a wider range of activities to promote rural fire protection, such as by providing grants for dry hydrant replacement and repair, and assisting towns with Rural Water Supply Plans. Engineering technician Troy Dare has moved to VACD to manage the program, and will continue to help communities identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the cost of installations. The Town of Sandgate has received \$12,029 over the years to help improve rural fire protection for the community through this program. For more information please contact Troy Dare at 802-828-4582 or [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com).

**SOLID WASTE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE APPLICATION PROGRAM**

To comply with state requirements, the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury and Sunderland implement actions identified in their Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). This plan was approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in 2008 and will need to be updated once the “materials management plan” is finalized. The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) assists the nine towns in implementing actions identified in the SWIP. One major action under this plan is the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) from residents and conditionally exempt generator waste (CEG) generated by small businesses. Proper collection and disposal of these materials protects the

environment and public health and safety. This year, BCRC held one event at the Arlington Memorial High School and Middle School and a second at the Dorset School. A total of 225 households from the six towns attended the events. Shaftsbury held two events at their transfer station for residents of Shaftsbury, Pownal and Stamford and a total of 195 households participated. Both BCRC and the Town of Shaftsbury are currently planning household hazardous waste events for May and for October of 2014

The Vermont E-Cycles program, initiated in 2011, allows for free disposal of electronic devices, at sites approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, so these are no longer accepted at HHW events. The Vermont E-Cycling program provides for the collection of computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations exist throughout the state and operate year-round. In Bennington County, sites include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations. Other electronic devices are also accepted at these locations, though there may be a fee to dispose of those items.

Vermont ANR has also implemented of a plan to accept the return of fluorescent bulbs at various retail establishments throughout the county. Residents can dispose of fluorescent bulbs including compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) at several hardware stores and other retail establishments. Information on this program is available at <http://www.lamprecycle.org/vermont.shtml>.

The Bennington County Regional Commission continues to assist the ISWAP Towns (Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Sandgate and Sunderland) with various solid waste and hazardous waste issues, and manages the financial aspects of recycling at the Northshire and Sunderland Transfer Stations on behalf of the Towns. Over the next year, BCRC will be assisting the towns in the development of a materials management plan, which will replace the current SWIP. This plan will conform to the state plan that will be adopted early in 2014 and will direct the towns in the fulfilling their obligations under the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148).

For questions, please contact Michael Batcher at BCRC at 802-442-0713 x 2 or [mbatcher@bcrcvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrcvt.org).

**ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
James Paustian, Fire Chief

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 120 calls for assistance in 2013. The calls by town were as follows:

Arlington	69	Shaftsbury	4
Bennington FD	1	Sandgate	14
Sunderland	24	Shushan, NY	6
Benn Rural FD	1	Rupert FD	1

The breakdown of calls by incident was as follows:

FIRES	structure — chimney	5
	brush / debris fires	9
	motor vehicle / tractor /equipment	2
RESCUES	car accidents w/extrication	9
	car accidents w/spills & traffic control	16
	wild land rescues	1
SERVICE CALLS	storm damage — power lines down	6
	Alarm activations — no emergency	26
HAZARDOUS COND	CO detectors - spills/leaks — furnace malfunctions	5
MUTUAL AID	to neighboring agencies	13
GOOD INTENT	unfounded or cancelled en route	3

The Volunteers of the Arlington Fire Department had a very full year in 2013. In February we took delivery of our new Pumper — Tanker #76 that replaced a 1986 Pumper. Several members attended various trainings throughout the year for a total of 310 extra training hours. We currently have 8 new members enrolled in the Firefighter 1 program being held in Arlington and Bennington. This course is held over a period of 7 months. The firefighters attend 1 night per week and 3 Saturdays per month for a total of 200 hrs.

With the cost of equipment increasing dramatically in the fire service we have begun the process of replacing our 19 SCBA (air packs for interior firefighting). We purchased 2 new SCBA units last year at a price of \$14,000 and will purchase 2 more this year. We also replaced 5 sets of Turnout Gear and with the new members will need to purchase 8 sets this year at \$1800 per set. This includes boots, bunker pants, bunker coat, gloves, Nomex hood and a helmet. With the new standards from the NFPA we cannot use turnout gear older than 10 years for interior firefighting. Currently all our new members have turnout gear older than this.

I would like to mention our 7 Junior Firefighters as well and commend them for putting in the time to serve our towns. These young men have attended every monthly training and most have also attended an orientation class on Monday evenings to learn the basics before they turn 18. We would invite any young adult age 14 or older to join our force, as they are our future.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Firefighter, Junior Firefighter, or Ladies Auxiliary Member, please stop by the East Arlington firehouse for information or an application. **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!!!**

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to **PLEASE TEST and CHANGE SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR**. Also practice Fire Prevention at home, and at work, and have a Family Meeting Spot at the end of your driveway. Also **PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS CLEARLY** at the end of your driveway if you cannot see your home from the road. Please help us help you. Dial 911 for all emergencies or (802)-3 75-23 23 for non-emergencies.

Hope to see you at the Annual Fireman's Carnival on July 25th and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rec. Park.

### **ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

Jean Freebern, President

The Mission Statement of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service:

“To promote and improve the health of individuals and families in the Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland areas.”

To that end, the 30 volunteer members of the community on our board manage our funds obtained through memorial contributions, donations and fundraising, to make select services available to all our towns' people without regard to age, race, economic or social circumstances.

Our largest financial commitment to the three town community is ensuring that all residents in need receive necessary Home Care. Through a contract with Manchester Health Services we finance visiting nursing services to our citizens who are uninsured or unable to pay for home care.

Our Medical Assistance Fund is available to those who need emergency health or dental needs and cannot afford it.

Through a grant to our schools, we fund the Dental program. A Dental Hygienist screens all students in Sunderland and Fisher Schools. Education on dental hygiene is provided as well as teeth cleaning for any student whose parents wish them to participate.

Our board members also will provide transportation and funding if needed for children in need of further dental care through an agreement with the local dentist. We have Hearing and Vision Equipment which we use for testing in our schools.

A Scholarship Program is also in place for students who intend to pursue a health care profession. We sponsor four \$1000 scholarships, awarded to students of Arlington, Sandgate or Sunderland and renewed each year that the student continues to make progress in their chosen course. Applications are obtained through the High School Guidance office.

When the Battenkill Valley Health Center approached us in May regarding a possible donation, they received enthusiastic and unanimous support from our Board. The last county in Vermont to be funded by the federal government for a health clinic, this comprehensive primary and preventive care facility will provide care to people of all ages regardless of where they come from, their ability to pay or insurance status. We were pleased to have been able to make a generous contribution to that cause to assist them through the transition until the federal funding is in place.

There are other community projects that we donate to that service the children of our communities, such as Summer Lunch, and the Red Stocking Project. Our Board of Directors meet 4 times a year, committees meet as needed, and our meetings are open to the public.

We sincerely appreciate the support of the communities of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland and look forward to continuing to contribute to the good health of our citizens.

### **ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD**

Brenda Mattison, President

Arlington Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the continued support of the residents of Sandgate, the Town appropriations help us remain solvent and able to respond day or night with a highly trained staff of EMT's.

Arlington Rescue responded to a total of 430 calls in 2013, with a total of 25 calls in the Sandgate area for auto accidents and medical calls of all nature, we continually train and hone our skills to provide the highest quality care available and are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine.

As the New Year closes in on us the implementation of the affordable health care act will surely bring many questions, Arlington rescue would like to assure the residents of Sandgate that we are very much committed to serving the community 24 hours a day 7 days a week with the high level of care we have always strived for.

Please remember to post your house numbers on your house and mailbox, many times we respond to emergency calls and are unable to find the right address quickly, if you have a long driveway please have your numbers by the road to facilitate finding you in an emergency. Reflective number signs are available at the squad building.

Arlington Rescue non-emergency telephone number is 802-375-6589 between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm, Monday thru Friday or in an emergency dial 911.

### **THE MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY**

Phyllis Skidmore, Director  
Martha Folsom, Trustee Chair

The Library has had an exciting and busy year. Our first major event was receiving videoconferencing equipment through a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries with funding provided by Google. This will allow us to offer a variety of programs such as remote tours of the Smithsonian or a lecture by a NASA scientist. The community is also welcome to use this equipment for joining meetings or classes at a distance, or contacting people in other parts of the world.

The second major event was our connection to the new FiberConnect WAN for internet access. The FiberConnect project, through Sovernet, places high-speed fiber-optic internet nodes in over 300 locations in Vermont, including libraries, schools and hospitals. Your Library elected to be one of the nodes for Arlington, which has improved our download and upload speed for internet research, video and games, as well as the videoconferencing. Sovernet plans to offer access to this high-speed system, once the infrastructure is complete, to business and residential customers.

The back porch, which was becoming a safety issue, was replaced with composite decking and railings, which will last for many years to come.

We have offered a variety of informational programs, ranging from pre-school storytimes and summer children's programs up through author visits, storytelling, art, history, and book discussions. Attendance at these programs remains steady, computer use is still steady and use of the meeting room has increased.

The Russell Vermontiana Collection provided assistance in local history and genealogy research for patrons as far away as England, California, and Texas. Local history continues to help area residents with family, house, business, and town history through new print materials and the deep collection of original manuscripts, as far back as 1757. Local programs on genealogy and history have been popular and will continue in the coming year.

We thank our community for your support of this valuable service. And, as always, we welcome suggestions for ways we can improve the services we provide. You can connect with us through our website: [marthacanfieldlibrary.org](http://marthacanfieldlibrary.org), our email: [Martha\\_canfield\\_lib@hotmail.com](mailto:Martha_canfield_lib@hotmail.com), or by phone at 375-6153.

### **ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE DBA HAPPY DAYS PLAYSCHOOL**

In our 29<sup>th</sup> year of providing quality early care and education, Arlington Area Childcare continues to focus on the family-centered approach to providing an early care and education program for the community. Happy Days continues in its seventh year of receiving 4 STAR Accreditation with the State of Vermont. A Strengthening Families grant continues to support us in developing relationships with families through support, information and education.

In 2012-2013, 127 children attended Happy Days Playschool and Camp Adventure. 77 of these children were from Arlington, 4 from Sandgate, 25 from Sunderland, and 21 from other nearby towns. The community members from the Towns of Arlington and Sandgate supported our program with town funds. We greatly appreciate each towns continued support, despite the tough economic climate.

#### **Accomplishments:**

**Revision of Mission Statement** — A team of parents, staff and Board members reviewed and revised the Happy Days' mission statement. While continuing to focus on quality, the new mission reflects our play based, developmental curriculum for each child and partnerships with families and community, as well as emphasizing the importance of professional and consistent staff.

**Arts Program** — The Arts Enrichment program has been offered for the last fifteen years, becoming a significant component of our curriculum. This year the focus was on hands-on learning through clay manipulation and outdoor art with Mary Wright, and creative movement with Alexandra Langstaff. Mary Wright’s residency was funded by a teaching artist in the school’s grant through the Vermont Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts. Alexandra Langstaff’s Hullabaloo residency was funded through donations from RK Miles, The Keelan Family Foundation, Housman Family Fund, Wuerslin-Stuecklen Arts Grant Award, Manchester Lions Club, Diane and Peter Leland, and Arlington American Legion Auxiliary.

**Parent and Family Involvement** — Family nights for each classroom, a Fall Family Festival, weekly newsletters, field trips and classroom visits encouraged families to become actively involved in their child’s program. Staff used classroom activities to explain our goals for children and how “play” is each child’s work. Through play, with carefully selected materials and equipment, each child can discover and learn skills needed to succeed in life and school.

**Staff Growth** —To increase and practice leadership skills each staff member was encouraged to reflect on their professional development experiences and summarize their learning for their colleagues. Reports were made on the following topics: EEE Special Education, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Learning On-Line, Life Skills/Sensory Diet, Involving Parents, Healthy Sleep Patterns, Vestibular System, Introduction to Nutrition, Building Blocks for Literacy, and Family Style Meals. After completing her Final Seminar and Director Portfolio, the Assistant Director obtained her Director Credential, while the School Age Head Teacher completed her School Age Credential.

**Results Based Accountability** — Happy Days staff and Board continued to participate in Benchmarks for a Better Vermont. The administration and Board were trained in Results Based Accountability, a method/process of thinking, using and organizing data to improve performance. Board, parents and staff members met in team meetings, then developed a portfolio of activities and information to develop data that will be used for evaluation and planning.

Thank you again to the area communities for continuing to support our programs, special events and fund raisers. We couldn’t keep the program running without this support.

**BURDETT COMMONS, INC**  
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Burdett Commons of Arlington (facebook title)

Burdett is entering its 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a community center for Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland. In the past year we have had new members join our board. We continue the offering of “camps” during vacations, conference days, and holidays such as Martin Luther King Day (times when it may be more difficult for parents to find care for their children) as well as youth nights.

For adults, we continue to offer an adult craft workshop one evening each month. This has been well attended and volunteers lead the workshops. Participants pre-register for the workshops as there are often class size limits.

We continue to support the S.A.S.S.I.E.S under our 501 (c) (3) status though they are independent in establishing their program.

Burdett sponsored a Summer Market at the Community House last summer and plans to continue this in 2014. Vendors donate a percentage of their daily sales to Burdett. Our Fall Haunted Walk and/or House involves a large number of youth and a dedicated group of adults. It has become an annual community event and fundraiser. A Holiday Fair on December 7 was organized by our director Amy Caples at Fisher School, providing a venue for 30 local vendors.

We appreciate our faithful volunteers and welcome others to join us. If you would like to be involved with an effort and mission to build community by baking, chaperoning, leading a craft, helping with maintenance projects, or serving on our board, please leave a message with Amy at 375-6515 or e-mail us at [burdettcommons@yahoo.com](mailto:burdettcommons@yahoo.com). “Many hands make light work”, and in the case of Burdett activities, helps build and maintain a sense of community which we believe is an important legacy for our youth. We thank everyone who supported us in 2013 through our annual fund drive and through giving of time and/or goods. Thank you also to the Arlington Community Club for providing space for us to call home and to hold many of our activities.

We continue to maintain our website, [www.arlingtonactivityevents.org](http://www.arlingtonactivityevents.org), for all our area non profits. Please e-mail or call us to have your organization’s activity/event or write-up posted on our web page and/or calendar. We believe this service can help coordinate area events to maximize the success for our groups. As soon as you have dates & times, contact us for posting.

As we move through 2014, we will continue to try to discern community needs and serve to meet those needs as best we can. We welcome and value your input as well as any collaboration with other organizations. A survey can be found on our community website, [www.arlingtonactivityevents.org](http://www.arlingtonactivityevents.org).

## **BROC-COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT**

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director

BROC — Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Sandgate who have supported our agency at town meeting over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 9 individuals in the Town of Sandgate. In addition, our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program weatherized 1 home to help with energy costs and we created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with economic instability and continuing rising prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$137.00.

## **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

### **Report to the Citizens of Sandgate**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sandgate in 2013:

#### **Senior Meals:**

The Council helped provide 329 meals that were delivered to the homes of 1 elder in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing “shelf-stable” meals to home-delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather-related emergency. In addition, 10 Sandgate elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 429 meals were provided.

#### **Case Management Assistance:**

SVCOA case management staff helped 4 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

#### **Other Services and Support:**

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the “60Plus” column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer a volunteer bill payer or representative payee service.

## **THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

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

Data for our FY’13 (10/2012-9/20 13) show VCIL responded to over **2,218** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **310** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **11** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **11** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL’s Home

Access Program (HAP) assisted **173** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 47 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **164** individuals with information on assistive technology; 40 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **428** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '13, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

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

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).

### **BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BCCD)**

The mission of the BCCD is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. Our projects in calendar year 2013 were largely focused on protecting water resources, protecting and promoting sustainable farming and forests, and educating the public regarding conservation issues. Our work included:

Serving as the project coordinator for the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium (BCSFC). The Consortium sponsored four workshops this year, serving ninety-nine participants. Topics included fruit tree pruning, black bears, earthworm impacts on forest soils (all earthworms in New England are invasive and non-native), and deer butchering for hunters.

Assisting the Town of Bennington and the Village of North Bennington secure permits for the removal of an old roll dam on the Walloomsac River. The dam, a threat to public safety, was removed in September.

With the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts, reaching out to seventeen local farmers regarding best management practices. Two farmers received assistance with fencing and installing stream crossings as a result.

Writing four successful grant applications totaling more than \$50,000 for river-related projects in the Town of Rupert.

Securing a small grant from the Northeast Organic Farming Association VT for the Walloomsac Farmers Market.

Securing a small grant to work with Bennington volunteers to create a municipal response plan for the eventual arrival of the emerald ash borer, an invasive insect.

Working closely with Green Mountain National Forest, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, our regional planning commission, many municipalities, and several local and regional non-profit organizations to further our congruent missions.

### **CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

Leitha Cipriano, Executive Director

Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) would like to begin by thanking the citizens of Sandgate for being our partner in providing alternative community justice programming and for making our community a safer place to live. Your support has allowed CRJ to continue to expand our continuum of community justice programs serving all of Bennington County.

CRJ is pleased to be the community's hub for alternative community justice programming. Our **Court Diversion Program** serves youth and adults referred by the Bennington County State's Attorney. These individuals are given the opportunity to have their charges dismissed once they successfully complete a restorative diversion contract. Our **Juvenile Restorative Probation Program** is a program that works specifically with adjudicated youth referred to a restorative panel as either a condition of probation or as a direct referral from the Family Court Judge. CRJ's **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program** provides education and intervention services to young people charged with civil underage drinking and possession of marijuana violations. CRJ supports youth through a wide variety of **Youth Support Services** such as our **Street Checker Program** which focuses on supporting youth on juvenile probation to be successful in the community. CRJ offers a variety of **Skill Building Groups** using evidence-based curricula to help young people learn the necessary skills to be successful, productive citizens. Our afterschool drop-in program- Student Hope and Opportunity Program known as **SHOP**, provides teens with a safe, supportive, substance-free place to get help with homework, participate in structured activities or simply

hang-out after school. Our newest program, the **DLS Diversion Program**, allows for individuals to have their driver's license reinstated while paying off their fines to the Vermont Judicial Bureau. CRJ's **Pre-Charge Programs** are offered to students at the middle school and high school level. Students who successfully complete this restorative program learn how their actions have affected others and may avoid further school sanctions or criminal charges. Our **Reparative Program** works with adults referred as a condition of their probation as well as direct referrals from the court. The reparative program follows restorative justice principles and has been run by CRJ for the past three years. Finally, CRJ's **Reentry and COSA Programs** support individuals returning to the Bennington community from incarceration through restorative interventions, volunteer support, navigation services and intensive case management.

The programs described above are made possible due to generous citizen support and community partnerships. It is with your support we are able to help people make positive changes in their lives and in their community. Thank you very much!

**SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Board of Directors*  
*Annual Officers Report*  
*January 2014*

The Sandgate School District currently has 48 students attending thirteen schools. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Hiland Hall School, Maple Street School, Manchester Elementary Middle School, Salem School and Sunderland Elementary School. Middle and High Schools attended by Sandgate students include: Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton Academy, Emma Willard, Greenwich, Long Trail School, Manchester, Maple Street and Salem School.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> day of school and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school, is 46.30. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 46.03. The equalized pupil is a two year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights students needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an “equalized pupil” figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 49.58 (compared to last year’s 51.38). This figure is watched by this board as it is the figure used by the State, not only to fund the basic student grant to education, but also to determine the per pupil level of spending by the district. The allowable per pupil spending set forth by the Department of Education for FY15 is \$16,168. A current statute in regard to tuition only districts exempts such districts from the second vote requirement, but also allows tuition only districts to deduct the tuition portion of the budget from the total budget for the purpose of determining a penalty for excess student spending. For FY15, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$675,305 (plus \$10,000 for the bus sinking fund if approved).

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to private or independent schools. Currently, the State average for elementary tuition is \$11,703; the State average for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is \$13,084. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The allowable tuition at Arlington – the prevailing public school – for last year was \$11,305 for elementary education; \$14,859 for secondary education. The announced tuition to Arlington schools this year is \$14,470 for elementary school and \$18,641 for the secondary (High) school. Announced tuition for FY15 at Arlington is \$12,166 for elementary and \$14,178 for middle and secondary education.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY2014 as approved at the annual meeting were \$843,405. The proposed 2014 – 2015 budget is down \$168,100 or about 19.9% from the previous budget. The budget decreased due to a change in how we are assessed Special Education costs to the BVSU. Last year, the assessment was based on Equalized Pupil whereas this year, the assessment is based on Child Count. Child count is the number of students receiving special education services.

As a provision of Act 153, last year there was a significant shift of Special Education costs and transportation costs from the District budget to the Supervisory Union budget, which then will be funded from the District as an assessment to the Supervisory Union. The Sandgate Board and the Arlington board have worked cooperatively this past budget session to be sure costs are equitably distributed, especially in the area of Special Education. The BVSU budget is funded based on the percentage of student population from a respective district, and the Special Education portion will be allocated on the actual number of students receiving services, averaged over a three year period.

Most notably in the past year, the State Board of Education heard the people from our communities and will allow the Battenkill Valley SU to remain a small independent supervisory union, and not be forced to merge with a larger SU. We have maintained that periodic review of the governance structure is a healthy exercise in evaluation, and points out clearly the strengths of a small SU as well as illustrating the challenges. Members of the supervisory union board, as well as members of the community will be forming a search committee for a superintendent and business manager for the next year.

To be sure those tuition payments are not delayed; we ask that parents notify the School District via the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The District uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests.

Our meetings are always open to the public and are generally scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. The board tries to be as flexible as possible with meeting schedules, and as we proceed with the important decisions surrounding the governance model for the district & SU, as well as a pre-k program, it would be nice to hear from parents on these topics.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandgate School Board  
Allan Tschorn, Clerk  
Jeanne Zoppel, Chair  
Celeste Keel

**SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Karen Gallese

The Sandgate Board has served the community well, offering their expertise and commitment to the education of the Sandgate students. Jeanne Zoppel, chair, Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel continue to provide their knowledge in dealing with numerous education issues that confront the school district. The relationship between Arlington and Sandgate is strong, as was displayed during the work to maintain the independence of the BVSU. All members of the Sandgate Board have been actively involved in committee work at the supervisory level.

FY 14 was the first year that the voters of Sandgate saw special education and school bus expenses moved from the Sandgate budget into the BVSU budget. This new process has proved to be effective. Because a supervisory union cannot own property, the actual ownership of the Sandgate bus remains with Sandgate. Consequently, a sinking fund in the amount of \$10,000 for bus replacement will continue to be placed on the Sandgate ballot.

Negotiations for new contracts between the Arlington Educators' Association and the Arlington Board of Directors and the Arlington Staff Association and the Arlington Board of Directors were completed at the end of May, 2014. Many hours were spent coming to a consensus on salary and employment issues. It proved to be a very smooth process for all involved. The new contracts will extend into the 2014-2015 school year.

Kerry Csizmesia, the longtime principal of the Arlington Memorial High School retired on June 30, 2014. In February, the process of hiring a new principal began. An interview team made up of teachers, administrators, school board and community members worked diligently throughout the month of March on the process to hire the best candidate for AMHS community. In April, Christopher Barnes, who served as the vice-principal at Mount Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown, Massachusetts and Towson High School, Towson, Maryland, was appointed principal. Mr. Barnes comes to Arlington with extensive experience in professional development, data collection/ analysis and curriculum development.

After the retirement of a number of teachers in June at both AMHS and Fisher Elementary School, seven new teachers were hired to fill the positions. In order to meet the needs and State requirements of being a new teacher, a number of veteran teachers participated in a rigorous mentor training program in June and continue to meet monthly as a group and with their assigned mentees to facilitate the process.

A group of five Arlington Middle/High School faculty members, the superintendent of schools, the special education director, along with the principals of Fisher Elementary School and Arlington High School and school board members testified before the Vermont State Board of Education in Barre on August 20, 2013. It was announced that evening that the BVSU would not be consolidating with the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union or the Southwestern Supervisory Union. This decision came after months of studies, deliberations, and meetings between the state and BVSU.

It is with great pride that I announce the achievement of Arlington Memorial High School for its recognition by US News and World Report, as a SILVER Medal Award winner. With more than 21,000 public high schools across the country being evaluated and after considering a number of factors based on college readiness, math and reading proficiency and student /teacher ratios, AMHS was chosen as one of nine schools in the State of Vermont to receive this award and has been ranked 1,253 nationally.

The audits for FY 2012 and FY 2013 were completed by Bonadio and Company and approved by the board. They are available for review at the town office.

I want to thank the community of Sandgate, including the school board members, for the caring support, cooperation and guidance I have received during my tenure as superintendent. It has been a pleasure to attend the monthly meetings of the board. I can honestly say, I always leave the board meetings learning something new about the wonderful Town of Sandgate.

<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>		
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Sandgate School District		
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013		
Balance in Bank: 7/1/12 (all accounts)		\$ 51,909
Interest	\$ 380	
Voted Property Taxes	\$ 725,900	
State of VT Funds	\$ 35,016	
Receipts	\$ 12,061	
Total Receipts	\$ 773,357	
Total Funds Available:		\$ 825,266
Disbursements:		
Director's orders		\$ (674,456)
Bus Fund Transfer		\$ (8,000)
Balance in Bank 6/30/13 (all funds)		\$ 142,810

<b>TREASURERS REPORT</b>		
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Sandgate School District		
July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013		
Balance in Bank 7/1/13 (all accounts)		\$ 142,810
<b>Receipts</b>		
Interest	\$ 199	
Voted Property Taxes	\$ 745,965	
Receipts	\$ 6,947	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 753,110	
Total Funds Available		\$ 895,920
Disbursements:		
Director's orders		\$ (230,096)
Balance in Bank 12/31/13 (all funds)		\$ 665,825
Bus Fund (Restricted) 1 - Year CD		
Beginning Balance	\$ 6,052	
Holdover transfer	\$ 8,000	
Interest	\$ 12	
Ending Balance	\$ 14,064	

<b>SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET</b>			
	<b>Budget FY 2014</b>	<b>Projected FY 2014</b>	<b>Budget FY 2015</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Interest	\$ 100	\$ 160	\$ 200
Misc Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General State Aid	\$ 729,168	\$ 735,641	\$ 631,104
Tech Center Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Transportation Aid	\$ 10,324	\$ 10,324	\$ 11,426
Mainstream Block Grant	\$ 23,255	\$ 6,128	\$ 20,542
Intensive Reimbursement	\$ 69,564	\$ 34,782	\$ 8,956
Essential Early Ed Grant	\$ 2,994	\$ -	\$ 3,077
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 835,405</b>	<b>\$ 787,035</b>	<b>\$ 675,305</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Budget FY 2014</b>	<b>Projected FY 2014</b>	<b>Budget FY 2015</b>
Sandgate Borrowing Interest	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 500
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
Board Salaries	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
Board Fica/Medicare	\$ 176	\$ 168	\$ 168
Legal	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Audit Fees	\$ 5,650	\$ 5,744	\$ -
Comprehensive Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Advertising	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
Board Supplies	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225
Board Dues/Memberships	\$ 310	\$ -	\$ 310
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 10,411</b>	<b>\$ 8,112</b>	<b>\$ 4,653</b>
Audit Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,800
<b>TOTAL AUDIT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,800</b>
Treasurer Supplies	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
<b>TOTAL TREASURER</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
Transportation Assessment	\$ 24,274	\$ 24,274	\$ 25,107
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$ 24,274</b>	<b>\$ 24,274</b>	<b>\$ 25,107</b>
Spec Ed Transportation Assessment	\$ 3,491	\$ 3,491	\$ 304
<b>TOTAL SPED TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 3,491</b>	<b>\$ 3,491</b>	<b>\$ 304</b>
Elementary Tuition	\$ 273,203	\$ 237,866	\$ 292,173
Pre-School Tuition	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,000
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY/PRE-SCHOOL TUITION</b>	<b>\$ 284,203</b>	<b>\$ 250,366</b>	<b>\$ 303,173</b>
Early Childhood Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,328
<b>TOTAL EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,328</b>
S.U. Office Assessment- Elem Administration	\$ 9,917	\$ 9,917	\$ 2,607
<b>TOTAL SU ELEM ASSESSMENT - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 9,917</b>	<b>\$ 9,917</b>	<b>\$ 2,607</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - Elem Business Office	\$ 6,710	\$ 6,710	\$ 11,382
<b>TOTAL SU ELEM ASSESSMENT - BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 6,710</b>	<b>\$ 6,710</b>	<b>\$ 11,382</b>
Adjustment To Tuition-Elm	\$ -	\$ (17,275)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY TUITION ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (17,275)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
S.U. Sped Assessment - Elem	\$ 80,530	\$ 80,530	\$ 26,051
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY SPED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 80,530</b>	<b>\$ 80,530</b>	<b>\$ 26,051</b>
S.U. Sped Assessment- Elem Administration	\$ 7,874	\$ 7,874	\$ 3,095
<b>TOTAL ELEM SPED ASSESSMENT - ADMIN</b>	<b>\$ 7,874</b>	<b>\$ 7,874</b>	<b>\$ 3,095</b>
High School Tuition	\$ 317,420	\$ 285,466	\$ 252,114
On Behalf Tech Center Payment	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,442	\$ -
Vocational Tuition-Local	\$ 963	\$ 864	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY TUITION</b>	<b>\$ 319,825</b>	<b>\$ 287,772</b>	<b>\$ 252,114</b>

S.U. Office Assessment - HS Administration	\$ 9,918	\$ 9,918	\$ 2,607
<b>TOTAL SU HS ASSESSMENT - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 9,918</b>	<b>\$ 9,918</b>	<b>\$ 2,607</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - HS Business Office	\$ 6,711	\$ 6,711	\$ 11,383
<b>TOTAL SU HS ASSESSMENT - BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 6,711</b>	<b>\$ 6,711</b>	<b>\$ 11,383</b>
Adjustment to Tuition - HS	\$ -	\$ (75,394)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY TUITION ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (75,394)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
S.U. Sped Assessment- HS	\$ 62,066	\$ 62,066	\$ 29,134
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SPED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 62,066</b>	<b>\$ 62,066</b>	<b>\$ 29,134</b>
S.U. Sped Assessment- HS Administration	\$ 7,875	\$ 8,785	\$ 3,095
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SPED ASSESSMENT - ADMIN</b>	<b>\$ 7,875</b>	<b>\$ 8,785</b>	<b>\$ 3,095</b>
<b>TOTAL SANDGATE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 835,405</b>	<b>\$ 673,857</b>	<b>\$ 675,305</b>

**FY 2015 BATTENKILL VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**  
(Based on Equalized Students - Two Year Average)

	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	FINANCIAL SERVICES	FINANCIAL AUDIT	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	EARLY CHILDHOOD
<b>DISTRICT:</b>					
ARLINGTON	38,092	166,313	6,300	183,423	75,456
SANDGATE	5,214	22,765	5,800	25,107	10,328
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>43,306</b>	<b>189,078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>208,530</b>	<b>85,784</b>
Revenue other than Assessments	2,000	-	12,100	-	-
Fund Balance Applied	186,576	-	-	-	-
Total Offset Revenue	188,576	-	12,100	-	-
Total BVSU Expenditures	231,882	189,078	12,100	208,530	85,784
ARLINGTON	87.96%	87.96%	DIRECT	87.96%	87.96%
SANDGATE	12.04%	12.04%	BILL	12.04%	12.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>FY 15 ACT 130 Equalized Pupil Count</b>					
ARLINGTON			362.21		
SANDGATE			49.58		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>411.79</b>		

<b>Based on Child Count – Three Year Average</b>					
	SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	
	100.00.211.2420	350	356	100.00.211.2711	<b>FY15</b>
<b>DISTRICT:</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>
ARLINGTON	111,416	468,927	524,406	5,473	<b>1,579,805</b>
SANDGATE	6,190	26,051	29,134	304	<b>130,894</b>

TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	117,606	494,978	553,540	5,777	<b>1,698,599</b>
Revenues other than Assessments	-	12,500	12,500	-	<b>39,100</b>
Fund Balance Applied	-	-	-	-	<b>186,576</b>
Total Offset Revenue	-	12,500	12,500	-	<b>225,676</b>
Total BVSU Expenditures	117,606	507,478	566,040	5,777	<b>1,924,275</b>
ARLINGTON	94.74%	94.74%	94.74%	94.74%	
SANDGATE	5.26%	5.26%	5.26%	5.26%	
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
<b>FY12-FY14 (Average) - Child Count</b>					
ARLINGTON			72.00		
SANDGATE			4.00		
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS			76.00		

### THREE PRIOR YEARS COMPARISONS

<b>District: Sandgate</b>	<b>T181</b>	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner.	
<b>County: Bennington</b>	<b>Battenkill Valley</b>	<b>9,382</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>
<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$762,761	\$789,929	\$843,405
<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	\$10,000
<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-
<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$762,761</b>	<b>\$789,929</b>	<b>\$843,405</b>
<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-
<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$762,761</b>	<b>\$789,929</b>	<b>\$843,405</b>
S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-
Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>			
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$53,431	\$67,088	\$106,237
<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-
<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-
<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$53,431</b>	<b>\$67,088</b>	<b>\$106,237</b>
<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$709,330</b>	<b>\$722,841</b>	<b>\$737,168</b>
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	55.17	53.24	51.38
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$12,857.17</b>	<b>\$13,577.03</b>	<b>\$14,347.37</b>

## TOWN OF SANDGATE ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

March 3, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, in the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 4, 2014, between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**Article 1:** To vote on the following Town and School Officers (using Australian Ballot):

- Town Moderator – one year term
- School Moderator – one year term
- Selectman – three year term
- Selectman – one year term
- Selectman – one year term
- School Director – three year term
- Auditor – three year term
- Cemetery Commission – three year term
- Constable – one year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term
- Lister – three year term
- Town Agent – one year term
- Town Grand Juror – one year term

Article 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3: Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 1, 2014?

Article 4: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's expenditures prior to the collection of taxes?

Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to contract with the Bennington County Sheriff's Department to patrol for no more than 5 hours per week (total amount included in General Budget)?

Article 6: Will the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend up to \$70,000 for the purchase of a One Ton Dump truck with plow and sander, the funds for said purchase to be charged to the Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 7: Shall line item balances for the following accounts be carried forward in the individual accounts into the following year: Records Restoration; Legal and Professional; Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements fund; Highway Fund Materials and Hauling (both winter and summer); Pavement Maintenance; Bridge/culvert program; Equipment Fund; Independent Audit; Grant Proposals; Miscellaneous Highway and General Funds?

**Article 8:** Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$13,922 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget (total amount included in General Budget)?

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$139,905 to defray the general expenses of the Town, and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$294,651 to defray the highway expenses of the Town, and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Article 11: To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

Dated at Sandgate, Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

Jerry Hall, Chair  
Celeste Keel, Clerk  
Ed Gust  
Eleanor Lacross  
Tom Santelli

## **SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 to transact the following business:

- Article 1:        To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers
  
- Article 2:        To see if the Sandgate School District will vote to place any unanticipated surplus from the 2013-2014 fiscal year into the existing Reserve Fund for tuition and special education purposes.
  
- Article 3:        To vote a sum of \$675,305.00 necessary for the support of the school district for the fiscal year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.
  
- Article 4:        To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.
  
- Article 5:        To see if the Town School District of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$10,000.00 to put into the school bus/transportation fund for the replacement of a school bus.
  
- Article 6:        To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 4, 2014.
  
- Article 7:        To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014  
Sandgate Board of School Directors:  
Jeanne Zoppel , Chairperson  
Allan Tschom  
Celeste Keel

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