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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN MODERATOR

Richard Dahm2015

TOWN CLERK

Marjorie Peff 2016

TREASURER

Deedee Goebel..... 2015

SELECTBOARD

Suzanne dePeyster (Chair) (3 year term).....2017

Celeste Keel (3-year term)..... 2015

Edward Gust (3-year term).....2016

Pat Hall (1-year term).....2015

Tom Santelli (1-year term)..... 2015

STATE OFFICER AND CONSTABLE

Richard Dahm.....2015

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Eleanor LaCross2015

AUDITORS

Sonja Jaffee.....2015

Sandra Reidy2017

Valerie dePeyster2016

LISTERS

Jeanne Zoppel2017

John Zak2015

Nancy Henderson2016

TOWN AGENT

Jean Eisenhart2015

TOWN GRAND JUROR

Jean Eisenhart.....2015

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Eleanor LaCross2015

Julie Robertson2017

Valerie dePeyster2016

SCHOOL MODERATOR

Richard Dahm2015

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Allan Tschorn2016

Celeste Keel.....2015

Jeanne Zoppel.....2017

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Valerie dePeyster.....2017

Phoebe Sheres.....2017

Sonja Jaffe2017

Julie Robertson2017

Nancy Tschorn.....2017

SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Eisenhart (Chair)..... 2015

Jane Gattlin.....2016

Jim Henderson2017

Dona McAdams 2017

Harry Rich2015

Phoebe Sheres..... 2016

PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING BOARD

Judy Boehlert (Chair).....2017

Suzanne dePeyster..... 2015

Pat Hall..... 2016

Michael Mazzola	2016
Lisa Robinson	2017
Jean Eisenhart, Alternate	2016
911 ADDRESSES	
Mike Hill.....	2016
Marjorie Peff.....	2016
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/HEALTH OFFICER	
John LaVecchia	Hired
FIRE WARDENS	
Lynn Fielding	2015
Jim Gunn.....	2015
POUND KEEPER	
Suzanne dePeyster	2015
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
Dayna Mazzola	2015
EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR	
Dayna Mazzola	2015
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	
Lisa Robinson.....	2015
BCRC REPRESENTATIVES	
Suzanne dePeyster & Judy Boehlert.....	2015
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD	
Dona McAdams	2015
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR	
Marjorie Peff	2014
FENCE VIEWERS	
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, & Michael Mazzola	2015
TREE WARDEN	
Mike Hill	2015
SIGN CONTROL	
Select Board	2015
WUERSLIN-STUECKLIN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE	
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel	

Town Clerk's Memories of Jerry Hall and Doug Tschorn

I knew Jerry Hall for three things, Team Building, Problem Solving, and a very good sense of humor. He arrived with Bear (small dog) every morning that I was in the office, always in a good mood and ready to help and get the job done.

I imagine that he was able to get all this done because Pat was running around behind him and helping get the computer communication, public announcements, and any other paperwork accomplished. If he had not been to the garage before my office, he was on his way afterwards to work on grants for road repair with Mike Hill. If parts were needed, he was on the road to get them so that Mike and Charlie could keep working on the roads. He went out and checked the roads and worked tirelessly to get them improved for the community.

When he was elected to a one year term, he was doing his civic duty at 76. He never expected or wanted to be the Chairman of the Select Board, but when asked took on the mantle and responsibility with great energy and caring for the town he called home for 9 years. All of the people who worked with him daily felt the loss when he died last spring. Sandgate was very lucky to have his time and energy for the year he was in office.

I also knew Doug Tschorn, but not from all his work for Sandgate. By the time I arrived in Sandgate, Doug was the unofficial Sandgate resource for politics, schools, public opinion and handling emergencies and problems. The Wayside Round Table aired many opinions of the day. Doug arrived at 4 AM in the morning 365 days a year. For hunters, fisherman, new arrivals to the community, emergency phones, lunch, and of course visitors and tourists, Doug and the Wayside provided the resources, information, and communication in emergencies, of course it was unofficial. The good neighbor we all needed.

His work for Sandgate included 6 years on the Sandgate Select Board. For most of these years he was the Chairman of the Board. After being in this office for only 2 years, I can tell you the person who takes this position is very dedicated. Many hours of planning, and many hours of preparation go into each board meeting and that does not include all the phone calls.

Prior to being a Selectman, he worked on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He and his fellow Planning Board members initiated the "Kitchen to Kitchen" outreach to solicit public opinion on what residents wanted in their plan. After every monthly meeting, a member of the 5 man Planning Board met in kitchens or at coffee with a group of residents and asked their opinions about what had gone on at the last Planning Board meeting. Sandgate will miss his presence in our community.

Town of Sandgate Directory

Emergency calls (Ambulance, Fire, & Police)	911
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER- Suzanne dePeyster.....	375-6005
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.....	375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....	375-6904
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION.....	442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL.....	362-4082
Hours: Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 7:00-2:00 Sat. 7:30-11:30 Closed Wed. Sun. & holidays	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER- Eleanor LaCross.....	(H) 375-2801
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR- Eleanor LaCross.....	(H) 375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency).....	375-2323
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.....	375-8358
Mike Hill	(H) 375-6543
Charles Pike.....	(H) 394-2472
LISTERS OFFICE-Jeanne Zoppel.....	(H) 375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY.....	375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD-Judy Boehlert.....	(H) 375-8343
RECREATION & PARK SCHEDULING.....	375-9564
RESCUE SQUAD (other than emergency).....	375-6589
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE-Suzanne dePeyster.....	375-9075
STATE POLICE (other than emergency)	442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.....	375-9744
TOWN CLERKS OFFICE-Marjorie Peff.....	375-9075
TREASURERS OFFICE- Dianna Goebel.....	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-John LaVecchia.....	375-9075

ABSTRACT OF TOWN OF SANDGATE ANNUAL MEETING-MONDAY MARCH 3, 2014

Annual Floor Session of the Sandgate Town Meeting: 7PM

Moderator Rick Dahm called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 36 people present. He asked that when Cynthia Browning arrived that the meeting would be suspended so that she might give her legislative report summary and answer resident questions. He then continued with a review of the articles to be voted on during the meeting.

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.

TOWN CLERK REPORT- B. Gunn asked if the Selectmen's minutes could be posted on Front Porch as well as the Town website. She also wondered if the report could go back to having a separate vital records report, apart from the Town Clerk's Comments. M. Phelps stated she knew more about Sunderland than Sandgate because she frequents that website for her information. Since many people in Town look at that site, Marge Peff will look into the feasibility of posting there as well as on the Town site.

HIGHWAY REPORT: D. Sundquist wanted to thank Mike Hill and Charles Pike for all their good work this year. She also wanted to thank everyone involved with the Woodcock Bridge repair for sticking to the time schedule and getting the bridge back open so quickly.

SELECTBOARD COMMENTS: J. Hall spoke for the board. He started by thanking Phoebe Sheres, Claire Merritt, and Roy Gattlin for all their work over the years. This was the last Town Report that Claire will be putting out. He then reviewed all the various road projects, Bear Town Bridge, Woodcock Bridge, the Notch repair of the drainage and culvert, and improving drainage on the Rupert Road. He went over some of the goals for next year. These included more culverts, researching the Lincoln Lane Bridge repair, and black top projects. B. Gunn wanted to emphasize the need for Cell service and high speed internet in Sandgate.

TOWN AND SCHOOL MODERATOR: Rick Dahm urged someone to step forward during the next year for both these positions. He stated it would be his last year if he was elected. He is looking for volunteers to shadow him and learn the job.

LISTER REPORT: The report was accepted. The need for everyone to file for the Homestead Property Tax Adjustment was discussed. Also the Household income adjustment should be filed if you were eligible. April 1, 2014 was the deadline for filing, after which you could file but there would be a penalty.

NO PAPER FORMS ARE BEING MAILED UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE TAXPAYER.
HEALTH OFFICER& AUDITOR REPORTS: No questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Boehlert brought up the question about carry over funds. She wanted to know when to expect their transfer into the specific accounts. D. Goebel stated that Carryover funds for 2011-2012 were done. B. Gunn wanted to know what the HOLD HARMLESS FUND & MISC REVENUE funds were. D. Goebel stated they were monies for expense variations which might occur during the year.

CEMETERIES: H. Wuerslin wondered about the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries, 6 in total. R. Dahm stated he visited once a year to put flags up for the Veteran's. The conditions had deteriorated over the years. D. Trachte stated they should be taken care of by the Town. Mr. Tschorn suggested it would be a good community project for the high school students. P. Hall suggested getting town volunteers. S. Jaffee stated that the Monks and the Dreiwitz cared for their cemeteries on their properties, and that stone damage had been the result of theft, ATVs, and vandals. R. Dahm stated the weather might be more damaging than the ground when stones had been knocked over. V. dePeyster said that the Boy Scouts had done a good job in the past. Everyone agreed that increased attention to maintenance of all the cemeteries needed to happen this year.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Rick Dahm gave a verbal report. He stated that there had been only 2 B&E's reported in the past year, but spring was not over and reports usually increased when seasonal residents returned. He reminded people he would be happy to check their properties when they go out of town. There were no dog complaints. Speeding is a problem.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: There was a general comment that small amounts under a few dollars should not be included in the report, if it was possible next year.

MOTION: B. Gunn SECOND: J. Boehlert ARTICLE #2 PASSED.

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

MOTION: R. Tschorn SECOND: M. Phelps ARTICLE #3 PASSED.

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?

ARTICLE #4 PASSED

RICK DAHM SUSPENDED DISCUSSION WITH THE ARRIVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA BROWNING'S AT 8PM.

C. Browning remarks started with a request for the Bill Doyle survey to be filled out. She referenced important contact information in her report for Insurance, cell phone and high speed internet service requests, and the efforts to consolidate the school districts throughout the state.

She reviewed the problems with possible school board consolidation. The question of who is going to pay for the new health care reform and the move toward single payer.

She discussed the source of Education property taxes. They are a result of schools spending plans, the general fund transfer being reduced to the education fund, and the education fund being used for non-educational items.

The plan changed to larger school districts with one school board does not answer questions of how board representation will be decided, where school choice stands, would it be just public schools, and who would decide which schools would stay open. She urged residents to contact their representatives about Sandgate's feeling about the potential changes.

Jeffrey Wilson- jwilson@leg.state.vt.us

Robert Hartwell- rhartwell@leg.state.vt.us

Richard Sears- rsears@leg.state.vt.us

Cynthia Browning- cbrowning@leg.state.vt.us

Sergeant at Arms- 802-828-2228

Hannah Phelps raised a question about the profits from the sale of the white tail deer animal license plate. It was supposed to yield funds for the Green Mountain Conservation Camps, but there are efforts by the Green mountain animal defenders group which is opposed to funding because of Hunter safety courses offered at the camps. C. Browning said she would check into this question.

RICK DAHM RESUMED THE DISCUSSION AT 8:16 PM

Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Select Board 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)?

J. Boehlert remarked that in 2009 patrols had been stopped by a Town vote. The \$241 dollars in tickets did not justify the \$6000 dollars in salaries. R. Dahm stated that speed control income was not designed to fund the costs of patrols. R. Dahm stated sheriff makes sure tickets are written, State Police call the sheriff for DUI. J. Hall said slowing down traffic was one goal; another was preventing and investigating rubbish dumping on West Road and other town roads. It was also important to convey a police presence after so many years with nothing. P. Hall stated fast traffic was threatening and dangerous. J. Ruocco stated he speaks to offenders of high speed and asks them to slow down. Many people felt that 5 hours a week did not adequately address the problems. B. Gunn stated Rick Dahm would take complaints and follow them up. D. Trachte suggested that a preemptive action might improve the speeding problem. R. Dahm state that the State Police check on people under house arrest. The Sheriff's Dept has expressed a willingness to have flexible hours for patrol and placement. S. Jaffee wondered about a speed bump.

Rick Dahm moved the question. Jean Eisenhart SECONDED ARTICLE #5 PASSED

Article 6: Will the voters authorize the Select Board 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?

J. Eisenhart wanted to know if the truck would be new or used. J. Hall stated it would be more economical to run than the bigger trucks and easier to get equipment in and out for small jobs. D. Trachte stated that town funds were very low at the end of June and during the summer. J. Hall said when the carry over funds from previous years were put into the Equipment fund the account would more than cover the cost of the truck. There was some discussion of how much money should be in this fund because the carryover funds had not been deposited. Mike Hill stated that the purchase would not be made if there were not enough funds available in the account. Turning in the old truck would not happen because no one would want to buy it. Mike Hill stated that it would be worth keeping as a backup for roadwork.

MOTION: Pat Hall SECOND: Phil Monahan Article # 6 passed.

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?

Rick Dahm moved the question. SECONDED: J. Boehlert Article #7 passed.

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)?

Discussion of appropriations centered on the Rec Park in Arlington not requesting funds this year, Arlington Rescue fund requesting less this year, the Red Cross not sending a request and the importance of reports about what the funds were used for by the various organizations.

MOTION: Pat Hall SECOND: J. Boehlert Article #8 passed.

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$140851.00 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?

J. Boehlert suggested salaries should be increased by 5% for Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Constable. She stated salaries had not been increased for 3 years and it was customary to give an increase every other year. It was suggested by several people that the increase come from the miscellaneous line item. J. Gunn suggested a 3% increase.

M. Phelps made a motion to amend Article #9 to increase salaries by \$946.00 dollars, Constable from \$920.00 to \$966.00, Town Clerk from \$8100.00 to \$8505.00, and Treasurer from \$9900.00 to \$10395.00.

MOTION: M. Phelps SECOND: P. Monahan Amendment passed.

A second amendment to help with Cemetery maintenance was made. It was suggested that the ISWAP line item be reduced to \$5500.00 dollars and the Cemetery Landscaping line item be increased to \$4500.00 dollars.

MOTION: M. Phelps SECOND: H. Wuerslin Amendment passed.

MOTION: P. Monahan SECOND: J. Ruocco Article #9 passed as amended.

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$294,651 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?

PAT HALL CALLED THE QUESTION. SECONDED: G. Ruocco Article #10 passed.

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

Celeste Keel commented that Rick Dahm had done a great job as moderator.

MOTION: V. dePeyster SECONDED: P. Hall Article #11 passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Majorie Peff: Town Clerk
Rick Dahm: Moderator
Celeste Keel: BCA Member

ABSTRACT OF SANDGATE SCHOOL FLOOR MEETING-MARCH 4, 2014—10AM

Moderator Rick Dahm called the meeting to order at 10 AM with 21 people in attendance at the beginning of the session.

Article 1

To hear and to act on the report of the School District Officers

BVSU Superintendent Karen Gallese and Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Accounting Manager Jim Kocsis were present to field questions.

J. Kocsis stated there was a fund balance because funds earmarked for special education had a surplus. He reviewed the Homestead tax information.

Rick Dahm called the question. Article #1 was passed

C. Browning spoke reviewing the changes to the School districts from local to regional being proposed by the House Education Committee. School choice and protecting smaller town interests are not clear in this plan.

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.

C. Keel stated the costs of running the bus were include with the costs for other buses in the BVSU.

J. Kocsis stated Reserve Fund was only for educational expense.

Article 3

Rick Dahm Called the question. Article # 2 passed.

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

B. Gunn stated there would be a separate article for the Bus fund.

Rick Dahm called the question. Article #3 passed.

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

MOTION: B.Gunn SECOND: Stone Article #4 passed.

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.**

M. Phelps asked if it was needed. B. Gunn added \$14000 plus \$8000 from last year which will be moved in during the month of June plus the \$10,000 for next year would be well on the way to funding a new bus. The question of how many students ride daily was answered to be around 20-24 students because some of Arlington's students were also picked up on the bus. Superintendent Gallese said the bus was a good size, but that a van might be in the future for after school activities.

Rick Dahm called the question. Article 5 passed.

Article 6 **To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian Ballot March 4, 2014.**

Voting was in progress.

Rick Dahm called the question. Article 6 passed.

Article 7 **To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.**

B. Gunn mentioned the availability of small inspiration grants up to \$2500 dollars from VCF. It has a rolling application and can be researched at vcf.org. It is a one page application.

C. Browning urged residents to contact Rep Wilson if they were not happy with consolidation. M. Phelps stated she was saving Sandgate money because she had to use the state average when making up tuition differences and not actual cost.

Rick Dahm called the question. Article 7 passed

The meeting ended at 11:00 am.

Marjorie Peff: Town Clerk

Rick Dahm: Moderator

Celeste Keel: BCA Member

TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2014

Marjorie R. Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk

Another year has gone by and quickly. I have had a wonderful time this year. I love seeing everyone. The town office now has two new computers, one for the Treasurer and one for the Town Clerk. There are a few things to get used to with a new computers, but we seem to be up and running well.

Once again, Katie Kenny has done a terrific job in her web support. A reminder that the TOWN WEBSITE is www.sandgatevermont.org. The minutes of Select Board meetings are posted after each meeting online and outside the office door.

We are closing out volume 53 in the Sandgate Land Records with January 1, 2015 and starting the next volume with the turn of the year. We still have active searches on genealogy, Dave Thomas is working on very early records, updating the microfilm in the Arlington Library, and we have had research on the Shays rebellion.

We have also set up a disposal system for old business records with the help of Pat Hall. Eleanor LaCross is the current assistant Town Clerk and Pat Hall is maintaining the office when I am on vacation.

The Town Clerk hours remain Monday and Wednesday 9:30-12:30. During Tax season and the last month of Dog licensing I will have evening hours to make payments easier. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHECKS IN THE SPACE NEXT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD. If you speak to me and let me know you are leaving a check, the big green box outside the door is where I check every day.

VITAL RECORDS FOR 2014

BIRTHS- Jacob Michael Gajewsky and Ember Glow Indigo

MARRIAGES- Roy Lee McDermott to Erin Malloy

DEATHS- Marlene Roderick (76), Jerome Hall (77), Gene Bishop (85), Douglas Tschorn (79), and Matilda Kenny.

We have a coffee pot, so come visit the office and ask questions. Marge Peff, Town Clerk

ANIMAL LICENSES

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

In 2014 there were 111 dogs licensed in the town of Sandgate. I would like to thank 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 telephone calls and in person conversations, failed to comply in a timely manner, although several owners complied after the April 1 deadline. I turned in the list of unlicensed dogs over to the Select Board. It is up to the Select Board to levy fines for non-compliance. The Board is in charge of compliance and any enforcement or penalties.

We have not heard from the following owners this past year. Beverly Bice, Nicole Novotny, Catherine Paz, Anne Marie Peters, and William Haggerty. If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

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 1st of each year. Remember there are late charges if animals are not licensed by that date.

SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 st	After April 1 st
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 1st, 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

Members; Suzanne dePeyster- Chair, Ed Gust- Vice Chair, Celeste Keel- Clerk, Tom Santelli- Road Liason, Pat Hall- Member

The Select Board continues to work on the road concerns. The Rupert Road has received much needed work for mud season travel. The Board plans to continue work on the Rupert Road, also hopes to address mud spots on other roads in town as well. The Select Board has entered into a contract with the State to replace the bridge on Lincoln Lane.

The Board has worked with BCRC to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is almost complete, making the town eligible for maximum grant monies.

The Town Offices are now well lit and utility bills have now been greatly reduced with the implementation of 2013 energy audit suggestions. The Town will continue on its energy saving by tackling the Town Garage with energy saving lights and sprayed ceiling insulation. Thanks to Eleanor LaCross for supervising the work.

Willy Skidmore and John Struemer should be applauded for the restoration of the Old Town Plaque which hangs in the Charles D. Bentley meeting room.

The Select Board meeting are held regularly the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Town Hall. The Minutes and Agenda can be found at www.sandgatevermont.org.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Michael Hill (802)375-8358

Thank you everyone for your patience and support on the road projects for the past year. Thank you to the local contractors and their dedication to helping the town. We are still involved with the State of Vermont and Vermont Local Roads to continue with the ongoing projects.

The town has purchased a 1-ton Dodge truck with a plow and sander. This will take some wear and tear off the older dump truck.

It has been a successful year. With the help of a \$175,000 grant we were able to reclaim West Sandgate Road, replace 11 culverts and resurface it. There was enough excess paving material to shim parts of the main road in the most needed areas. There were other culverts replaced throughout the town with new 18" plastic. Based on the State suggestions, Upper West road and the lower 2000 feet of Rupert Road now have fabric and gravel. We have repaired the intersection of Sandgate Road and Rupert Road. This has made it a safer intersection.

We are still marking all culverts with reflector posts. With help from a grant, Jim Henderson of the Bennington County Regional Commission will be drawing up the culvert map. This is a need of every town.

The usual ditching and dead tree removal will continue as needed. Along with any stabilizations that are needed. There are still more culverts to be replaced. There is also more black topping to take place. We will continue to prioritize on the worst areas of concern. This will improve our roads greatly.

If there are any concerns or questions about the roads please feel free to call either the town garage or the Selectmen. Thank you to a successful year.

LISTERS' REPORT

Nancy Henderson, John Zak, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2014 Grand List contained 356 parcels and seven non-tax parcel totaling \$63,996,301 after exemptions. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

The Department of Taxes equalization study has our coefficient of dispersion at 15.70%. This is the difference between the listed value and sales price. Our common level of appraisal is 107.36%. 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, 2014. Doing a reappraisal is in the near future so we are going to start updating our records including photos this year. REMINDER, all residents must file form HS-122 by April 15, 2015 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, 2014

T. Corcoran	Sandgate Rd.	Accessory Building
W. Cotiaux	West Rd	Residence
S. dePeyster	Sandgate Rd.	Addition
S.dePeyster	Sandgate Rd	Woodshed
M. Keary	Sandgate Rd.	Residence
C. Kimball	Weldon Lane	Addition/Alter

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town of Sandgate: General Fund and Highway/Other Funds

Auditors: Valerie dePeyster, Sonja Jaffee, Sandra Reidy

We have audited the records and compiled the annual report for the Town of Sandgate for the year 2014. To the best of our knowledge The consolidated Balance Sheet and other financial statements herein fairly reflect the financial position of the town.

This year the reports will be available online at www.sandgatevermont.org. We plan to have printed reports available to be picked up at Sandgate Town Hall prior to February 21st 2015 for the voters on the check list and, after town meeting, non-voting property owners reports not picked up will be mailed. Hopefully, the printing postage costs can be considerably reduced next year.

Our thanks to Sherry Steeves for the cover illustration.

INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund has no indebtedness.
The Sandgate School fund has no indebtedness.
The Sandgate Highway Fund has no indebtedness.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS						
July 1 2013 - June 30, 2014						
	General	Highway	Equipment	Cemetery	School House Renovation	Tax Stabilization Emergency Fund
Assets						
Cash: OnHand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Check: On Hand	\$ 346	\$ 481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash: Money Market	\$ 39,554	\$ 22,180	\$ 66,363	\$ 10,120	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,897
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 3,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 43,250	\$ 22,661	\$ 66,363	\$ 10,120	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,897
Liabilities						
Due to other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Notes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 55,743	\$ 291,099	\$ 66,363	\$ 10,120	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,897
Fund Balance(Deficit)	\$(12,493)	\$ (268,438)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 43,250	\$ 22,661	\$ 66,363	\$ 10,120	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,897
*Town Hall Building Fund: \$4743, Emergency Fund: \$1256, Zoning / Planning Fund: \$359, Wuerslin Scholarship CD: \$3,439, Holiday Party Fund: \$653, Property Reappraisal Fund: \$25,042, Records Restoration Fund: \$3,452, Wuerslin Savings Account: \$7,430, Legal & Professional Fund: \$9,359						
** Paving Fund: \$176,107, Bridge & Culvert Fund: \$92,960, Materials & Hauling Fund: \$16,718, Misc. Fund: \$5,314, Grand Proposal Fund: \$4,523						
*** Lomberg Cemetery CD: \$11,273						

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS						
July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014						
	General	Highway	Equipment	Cemetery	School House Renovation	Tax Stabilization Emergency Fund
Assets						
Cash: OnHand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Check: On Hand	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash: MoneyMarket	\$ 106,265	\$ 221,221	\$ 36,079	\$ 10,236	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,902
DelinquentTaxesReceivable	\$ 36,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duefrom OtherFunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 143,655	\$ 222,971	\$ 36,079	\$ 10,236	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,902
Liabilities						
Duetootother Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BankNotes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 59,072	\$ 278,033	\$ 36,079	\$ 10,236	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,902
Fund Balance(Deficit)	\$ 84,583	\$ (55,062)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities&Fund Balance	\$ 143,655	\$ 222,971	\$ 36,079	\$ 10,236	\$ 9,401	\$ 18,902
*Town Hall Building Fund: \$4748, Emergency Fund: \$1257, Zoning / Planning Fund: \$359, Wuerslin Scholarship CD: \$3,455, Holiday Party Fund: \$754 Property Reappraisal Fund: \$25,048, Records Restoration Fund: \$3,447, Wuerslin Savings Account: \$7,783, Legal & Professional Fund: \$11,530						
** Paving Fund: \$154,662, Bridge & Culvert Fund: \$85,167, Materials & Hauling Fund: \$32,888, Misc. Fund: \$5,316,						
*** Lomberg Cemetery CD: \$11,273						

TAX RATE FOR 2014-2015 – SANDGATE, VERMONT

<u>1) MUNICIPAL BUDGET</u>		
GENERAL FUND		
	Administrative Expenses	\$ 64,827
	General Services	\$ 36,927
	Appropriations	\$ 17,897
	Total GF	\$ 119,651
	Hold Harmless Funds	\$ 11,680
	Cash on Hand 7/1/14	\$ 34,685
	TOTAL GF TO BE RAISED	\$ 73,286
HIGHWAY		
	Total Highway Budget	\$ 361,383
	Highway State Aid	\$ 64,627
	Hold Harmless Funds	\$ 35,041
	Cash on Hand 7/1/14	\$ (40,237)
	TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED	\$ 301,952
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$375,238
	Grand List: Total Municipality	641,711.01
	General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.114204
	Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.470542
	TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.5847
	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE:	\$ 375,238
<u>2) SCHOOL BUDGET</u>		
	Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.4288
	Non Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.5861
	Grand List: Homesteads	\$ 246,757.60
	Total Raised: Homesteads	\$ 352,567.26
	Grand List: Non-Residential	\$ 394,953.41
	Total Raised: Non Residential	\$ 626,435.60
	TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$979,003
<u>3) LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</u>		
	Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$ 0.0036
	Municipal Grand List	\$ 641,711.01
	TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 2,286
	TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ 1,356,527
	HOMESTEAD TAX RATE:	
	Municipal	\$ 0.5847
	School	\$ 1.4288
	Local Agreement	\$ 0.0036
	TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	\$ 2.0171 per thousand

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:		
Municipal	\$ 0.5847	
School	\$ 1.5861	
Local Agreement	\$ 0.0036	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$ 2.1744	per thousand

LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE		
Homestead Education Rate	1.4288	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$ 160,000	Grand List
Forgone Revenue:	\$ 2,286	Veteran Grand List / 100* Education Rate
Total Grand List	641,711.01	
Local Agreement Rate:	0.0036	

MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

Municipal Grand List		
	2013/2014	2014/2015
Grand List	640,649.29	641,711.01

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

2014 - 2015 Rate		
	Homestead	Non-Homestead
Municipal	0.5847	0.5847
School	1.4288	1.5861
Local Agreement	0.0036	0.0036
Total	2.0171	2.1744

YoY Change		
	Homestead	Non-Homestead
Municipal	0.1989	0.1989
School	-0.1226	0.0703
Local Agreement	0.0014	0.0014
Total	0.0777	0.2706

Grand List

FY 14/15 Municipal Grand List is \$1,061.72 higher than last year

Municipal Budget

FY 14/15 is 0.1989 higher than last year

The total amount to be raised is \$128,054 higher than last year

***Total GF budget** to be raised is \$11,656 lower than last year – this is mainly driven by less spent for expenses in 2013/2014

***Total HW budget** to be raised is \$139,710 more than last year. This is mainly driven by more spent in 2013/14 & less cash on hand

School Budget

Homestead Rate for 14/15 is 0.1226 lower than last year

Non-Homestead Rate for 14/15 is 0.07703 higher than last year

Local Agreement

Tax Year 14/15 is .0014 higher than last year

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED	
End of Quarter Two - Year 2014 -2015	
Total Appraisal of Town	\$ 640,511
Total Grand List	\$ 641,711
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/1/14	\$ 1,356,527
Billing Adjustments	\$ -
	\$ 1,356,527
Taxes received in good time	\$ 1,264,670
Tax Payer Credits	\$ 16,041
Delinquent Taxes to Collector as of 10/2/14	\$ 75,816
Total Taxes Accounted For:	\$ 1,356,527

Hold Harmless Funds		
	\$11680.25	25%
Estimate	\$33,040.00	75%
Total:	\$46,721	25% to GF / 74% to HW
To be paid:	1-Nov-14	
Highway State Aid		
15-Jul-14	\$16,156.83	
15-Oct-14	\$16,156.81	
15-Jan-15	\$16,156.81	
15-Apr-15	\$16,156.81	
	\$64,627.26	

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 1st 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.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 84 Bentley Road Sandgate VT 05250 Telephone: 802-375-2801
 Revised October 2009

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT **Eleanor LaCross, Collector**

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2014-2015 AD taxes was October 1st, 2014. A mailing date of October 1st 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 1st 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, 2015**

2014

Name	Parcel	Total
Agresta, Scott	613000-OOL	\$ 2341.54
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	2,041.39
Fischer, Edward III	705000-OOR	3,986.66
Kenney, Thomas	704000-OOR	382.91
Maue, Eugene	148500-OOR	3,801.54
McGloine, Bridget	616000-OOR	859.68
Miller, John	703200-OOL	1,000.93
Mitchell, Edward	501000-OOB	4,206.33
Potozney, Robert	119000-OOR	18,535.27
Reith, Thomas *	109000-OOR	4,466.40
Roux, Rosamund	330800-OOL	464.40
Salmon-Holgren	612000-OOR	1237.17
Spear, Harry & Lisa	608500-OOL	1,327.24
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	1,916.73
TOTAL FOR 2014		\$ 46,568.19

Parcel Total
 *paid before printing of town report

2013

Gunn, James	122000-OOL	\$ 40.44
Maue, Eugene	148500-OOR	\$3,700.85
Reith, Thomas*	109000-OOR	
TOTAL FOR 2013		\$ 8,105.83
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$ 54,674.02

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund	
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014	
Bank balance: 7/1/2013(Money Market)	\$ 47,731
Receipts:	
Current Taxes	\$ 989,711
Delinquent Taxes, Fees & Penalty	\$ 116,348
Zoning	\$ 965
General Fund MM Interest	\$ 686
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 51,941
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 532
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,160,183
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 1,207,914
Expenses:	
School Tax Share	\$ 745,965
Highway Property Tax Share	\$ 162,242
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 908,207
SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Select Board Salaries	\$ 4,300
Select Board Expenses	\$ 105
TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Auditors Salary	\$ 292
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 8,100
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ -
Treasurer Salary	\$ 9,900
Assistant Treasurer	\$ -
Constable Salary	\$ 920
Listers Salary & Expenses	\$ 6,301
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$ 473
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 2,462
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$ 513
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$ -
Payroll Tax	\$ 3,048
Training Town Officers	\$ -
GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	
Town Hall Utilities	\$ 6,095
School House Utilities	\$ 253
Office Supplies	\$ 2,354
Computers Software & Internet	\$ 2,052
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 280
Office Equipment	\$ 785
Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 7,188
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$ 5,000
Postage	\$ 531
Records Restoration	\$ 318
Town Report Expense	\$ 3,219
Legal and Professional Fees	\$ 340
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$ 3,199
BCRC	\$ 1,803
Cemetery	\$ 4,845
Fire Protection	\$ 16,404
Dry Hydrant	\$ -

Insurance and Bonding	\$ 4,233
BCA Meetings/Appeals Hearings	\$ 421
VLCT Dues	\$ 1,288
Animal Control	\$ 9
County Tax	\$ 4,725
APPROPRIATIONS	
American Red Cross	\$ 200
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	\$ 165
Green Up Day	\$ 50
N. VT Resource Cons. Development	\$ 100
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	\$ 350
Martha Canfield Library	\$ 3,100
Turning Point Center	\$ 300
Tutorial Center	\$ 100
Southwestern VT. Council on Aging	\$ 500
P.A.V.E.	\$ 100
MISCELLANEOUS	
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 7,568
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 7,037
tax int and penalty refund	\$ -
tax prebate	\$ 8,320
State of VT Education Fund	\$ 104,868
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$ 247,446
Carryovers/Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$ 2
Legal and Professional	\$ 1,984
Town Hall Fund	\$ 4,454
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$ 2,360
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 8,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,164,453
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 43,461
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance (6/30/2014)	\$ 39,554
General Fund Checking	\$ 3,907
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$ 43,461

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 358
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 359
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 1,252

Interest earned	\$ 4
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 1,256
Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 288
Transferred	\$ 4,454
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 4,743
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 25,029
Interest earned	\$ 13
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 25,042
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Grant Fund CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 3,439
Interest earned	\$ 10
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 3,449
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 9,401
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 9,401
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 652
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 653
Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 1,013
transferred	\$ -
Interest earned	\$ 2
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 1,015
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 2,230
transferred	\$ 2,360
Interest earned	\$ 6
Bank balance: 6/30/13	\$ 4,596
Records Restoration Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 3,440
Interest earned	\$ 12
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 3,452
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Grant Fund – Savings	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 7,512
Donations	\$ 426

Appropriation	\$ 350
Scholarship	\$ (865)
Interest earned	\$ 7
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 7,430
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 7,353
Carryover	\$ 1,984
Interest Earned	\$ 22
Bank balance	\$ 9,359

Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/13	\$ 90,688
Disbursements	\$ (71,863)
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 72
Bank balance: 6/30/14	\$ 18,897

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund	
July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014	
Balance in bank (7/1/13)	\$ 10,414
Receipts:	
Checking Interest	\$ 1
CD Interest	\$ 30
Sub-total	\$ 31
Disbursements:	\$ -
Balance in bank (6/30/14)	\$ 10,445
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD	
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014	
Balance in bank (7/1/13)	\$ 11,245
CD Matured on 5/13/14@ .25% interest	
	\$ 28
Balance in bank (6/30/14)	\$ 11,273

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund	
July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	
Balance in bank (7/1/14)	\$ 10,445
Receipts:	
Donation	\$ 100
CD Interest	\$ 15
Checking Interest	\$ 1
Total Receipts	\$ 116
Balance in bank (12/31/14)	\$ 10,561
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD	
July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	
Principal Balance in bank (12/31/14)	\$ 11,273

CD Due to
Mature on
5/10/2015
@ 0.25%

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements- Highway	
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014	
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$ 162,242
VT State Highway Aid	\$ 61,018
Prebates	\$ 13,510
Lister Education EFT	\$ 387
Highway MM Interest	\$ 169
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 51,941
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 289,266
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	
	\$ 476,621
Expenses	
WINTER MAINTENANCE	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 29,610
Salaries	\$ 47,827
SUMMER MAINTENANCE	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 15,341
Contract Labor	\$ 4,000
Summer Salaries	\$ 37,189
EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$ 6,493
Retirement Contribution	\$ 3,470
Health Insurance	\$ 16,389
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 250
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 6,561
Drug Testing	\$ 177
Training / Mileage	\$ 28
Misc. Expenses	\$ 2,670
GARAGE /EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	
Garage Maintenance	\$ 599
Garage Utilities	\$ 2,029
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$ 24,196
Equipment Repair / Maintenance Off-site	\$ 21,780
Tools & Supplies	\$ 2,739
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$ 5,889
ROAD MAINTENANCE	
Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$ 6,500
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$ 12,534
Pavement Maintenance	\$ 599
Guard Rails	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	
FEMA Expenses	\$ 16,153
Bridge Grant Expenses	\$ 7,078
Hold Harmless Fund Transfer	\$ 51,941
Sub-total:	\$ 328,341
Voted 14/15 Carryover Balances	
Paving Fund	\$ 61,020
Bridge and Culvert	\$ 24,224
Road Equipment Fund	\$ 35,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500
Grant Proposals	\$ 2,500
Total Disbursements	\$ 453,085
Balance to account for	\$ 23,536

Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance 6.30.14	\$ 22,180
Checking balance	\$ 1,356
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$ 23,536
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 114,813
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$ 61,020
Interest	\$ 274
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 176,107
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 75,702
Transfers	\$ (7,073)
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$ 24,224
Interest	\$ 112
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 92,960
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 120,194
EWP Project Expenses	\$ (151,858)
Receipts:	
Transfers	\$ 48,251
Interest	\$ 130
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 16,718
Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 31,332
Expense:	\$ -
Interest	\$ 31
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 66,363
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 2,810
Carryover	\$ 2,500
Interest	\$ 4
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 5,314
Grant Proposal Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/13	\$ 4,523
Carryover	\$ 2,000
Interest	\$ 8
Balance in fund as of 6/30/14	\$ 6,531

Cash On Hand 7/1/14			
General Fund		Highway	
Bank Balance	\$ 39,554.00	Bank Balance	\$ 22,180.00
		FEMA funds	\$ -
Records Restoration (balance carryover)	\$ (682.00)	Material and Hauling (winter)	\$ -
		Equipment Fund	\$ (28,500.00)
Legal and Professional (balance carryover)	\$ (2,160.00)	Pavement Maintenance	\$ (23,102.00)
Office Equipment	\$ -	Grant Proposals	\$ (2,000.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ (2,027.00)	Misc.	\$ -
tax prepayment	\$ -	Bridge & Culvert	\$ (7,466.00)
		last June Payroll	\$ (1,349.00)
2013 Del Tax Penalty	\$ -		\$ 40,237.00
	\$ 34,685.00		

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Bank balance: 7/1/2014(Money Market)	\$ 39,554
Receipts:	
Current Taxes	\$ 1,144,234
Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalty	\$ 38,426
Zoning	\$ 175
General Fund MM Interest	\$ 139
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 46,668
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,229,642
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 1,269,196
Expenses:	
School Tax Share	\$ 652,946
Highway Property Tax Share	\$ 301,952
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 954,898
Auditors Salary	\$ 373
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 3,333
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 4,050

Treasurer Salary	\$ 4,950
Constable Salary	\$ 460
Listers Salary & Expenses	\$ 2,252
BCA Meetings/Appeals, Hearings	\$ 714
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 1,024
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$ 233
Bennington County Sheriff	\$ 2,423
Fire Protection	\$ 16,753
Town Hall Utilities	\$ 1,264
School House Utilities	\$ 68
Office Supplies	\$ 1,293
Computers Software & Internet	\$ 2,739
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$ 389
Office Equipment	\$ -
Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 3,565
Postage	\$ 245
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$ 2,180
BCRC	\$ 1,839
Cemetery	\$ 2,725

Insurance and Bonding	\$ 4,171
Records Restoration	\$ 365
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 2,242
Benn. Rutland Opportunity Council	\$ 137
Green Up Day	\$ 90
Arlington Area Childcare	\$ 500
Arlington Comm. Club	\$ 100
Arlington Nursing Services	\$ 1,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$ 7,000
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300
Burdett Commons	\$ 50
Center for Independent Living	\$ 95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 200
Children's Holiday Parties	\$ 100
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	\$ 350
Martha Canfield Library	\$ 3,200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
SW VT Council on Aging	\$ 500
Tutorial Center	\$ 200
Property Tax Refund / Adjustment	\$ 16,014
State of VT Education Fund	\$ 112,030
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 201,616
Carryovers/Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$ 682
Legal and Professional	\$ 2,160
Holiday Party	\$ 100
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$ 2,207
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 5,149
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,161,663
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$ 107,532
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance (12/31/2014)	\$ 106,265
General Fund Checking	\$ 1,267
TOTAL ALL BALANCES 12/31/2013	\$ 107,532

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 359
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 359
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 1,256
Interest earned	\$ 1
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 1,257
Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 4,743
Interest earned	\$ 5
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 4,748

Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 25,042
Interest earned	\$ 6
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 25,048
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Grant Fund CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 3,449
Interest earned	\$ 6
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 3,455
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 9,401
Interest earned	\$ -
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 9,401
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 653
Interest earned	\$ 1
Carryover	\$ 100
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 754
Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 1,015
Interest earned	\$ 2
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 1,017
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 4,596
Carryover	\$ 2,207
Interest earned	\$ 6
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 6,809

Records Restoration Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 3,452
Carryover	\$ 682
Interest earned	\$ 4
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 4,138
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Grant Fund – Savings	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 7,430
Donations	\$ 350
Interest earned	\$ 3
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 7,783

Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 9,359
Carryover	\$ 2,160
Interest Earned	\$ 11
Bank balance: 12/31/14	\$ 11,530

Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/14	\$ 18,897
Interest Earned	\$ 5
Bank balance: 12/31/2014	\$ 18,902

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway	
July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014	
Bank balance: 7/1/2014	\$ 22,180
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$ 301,952
VT State Highway Aid	\$ 212,539
Highway MM Interest	\$ 25
Hold Harmless Money	\$ 46,668
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 561,184
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 583,364
Expenses	
Materials and Hauling	\$ 20,228
Salaries	\$ 10,695
Materials and Hauling	\$ 16,014
Contract Labor	\$ 10,064
Summer Salaries	\$ 30,116
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$ 3,122
Retirement Contribution	\$ 1,632
Health Insurance	\$ 6,829
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 513
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 6,561
Drug Testing	\$ 239
Training / Mileage	\$ -
Misc. Expenses	\$ 2,371
Garage Maintenance	\$ 304
Garage Utilities	\$ 905
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$ 9,158
Equipment Repair / Maint Off-site	\$ 10,132
Tools & Supplies	\$ 1,393
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$ 6,128
Pavement Maintenance	\$ 18,009
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$ 46,211
Hold Harmless Fund Transfer	\$ 46,668
Pavement Fund Transfer	\$ 125,000
Sub-total:	\$ 332,292
Voted 14/15 Carryover Balances	

Miscellaneous	\$ -
Grant Proposals	\$ 2,000
Total Disbursements	\$ 334,292
Less June 2014 orders and payroll	\$ 26,398
Balance to account for	\$ 222,674
Accounted for as follows:	
Money Market Balance	\$ 221,221
Checking balance	\$ 1,453
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$ 222,674
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 114,813
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 174
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 114,987
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 75,702
Expenses	\$ (7,078)
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 75
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 68,699
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 120,194
Expenses	\$ (95,601)
Receipts:	
Interest	\$ 120
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 24,713
Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 31,332
Expense:	
Appropriation	\$ -
Interest	\$ 16
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 31,348
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 2,809
Interest	\$ 4
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 2,813
Grant Proposal Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/14	\$ 4,523
Interest	\$ 5
Balance in fund as of 12/31/14	\$ 4,528

PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET – GENERAL

	FY14 Budgeted	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budgeted	FY15 YTD 12/31/14	FY16 Proposed Budget	Proposed % change	\$ Change
SELECTBOARD SALARY & EXPENSES							
Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	0%	-
Meetings	500	500	500	-	500	0%	-
Expenses	300	105	300	-	300	0%	-
Assistant	800	800	800	-	800	0%	-
TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY & EXPENSES							
Auditor's Salaries	1,000	292	1,000	373	1,000	0%	-
Constable Salary	920	920	966	460	990	2.5%	24
Health Officer Salary	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Health Officer Expenses	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Lister's Salaries & Expenses	4,000	6,301	4,000	2,252	4,000	0%	-
Town Clerk Salary	8,100	8,100	8,505	4,050	8,718	2.5%	213
Town Clerk Substitute	500	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Treasurer Salary	9,900	9,900	10,395	4,950	10,655	2.5%	260
Assistant Treasurer	500	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Salary	3,600	2,462	3,600	1,024	3,000	-17%	(600)
Zoning Administrator Expenses	1,000	513	1,000	233	1,000	0%	-
ZBA / Planning Expenses	700	-	700	-	500	-29%	(200)
Payroll Tax Expenses	2,000	3,048	2,000	-	3,200	60%	1,200
Office Training	700	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Town Report Expense	2,500	3,219	2,500	-	2,700	8%	200
TOTAL SALARY AND EXPENSES	40,520	39,160	41,266	13,342	42,363	2.66%	1,097
GENERAL MAINTENECE & SUPPLIES							
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	7,500	7,188	7,500	3,565	7,500	0%	-
Town Hall Utilities	8,500	6,095	8,500	1,264	4,000	-53%	(4,500)
Town Hall Major Repairs & Improvements	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	0%	-
Office Equipment Maintenance & Service	3,000	280	3,000	389	3,000	0%	-
Office Equipment	3,000	785	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
Computer Software & Internet	3,000	2,052	3,000	2,739	3,000	0%	-
Office Supplies	2,000	2,354	2,000	1,293	2,400	20%	400
Postage	300	531	300	245	550	83%	250
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	253	300	68	300	0%	-
Record Restoration*	1,000	318	1,000	365	1,000	0%	-
Independent Audit*	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Legal and Professional Fees*	2,500	340	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
Miscellaneous*	2,500	473	2,000	-	1,000	-50%	(1,000)
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES	39,600	25,669	38,600	9,928	33,750	-13%	(4,850)
*End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds.							
GENERAL SERVICES & FEES							
Animal Control	400	9	400	-	400	0%	-
BCRC	1,850	1,803	1,839	1,839	1,875	2%	36
BCA Meetings / Appeals Hearings	1,000	421	1,000	714	1,000	0%	-
Bennington County Sheriff's Department	-	-	5,824	2,423	5,900	1.3%	76
Cemetery Landscaping	4,000	4,845	4,500	2,725	4,650	3.3%	150
Cemetery Repairs	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	0%	-
County Tax	6,000	4,725	5,000	-	5,000	0%	-
Fire Protection	16,000	16,404	17,000	16,753	17,247	1%	247
Insurance & Bonding	2,000	4,233	3,200	4,171	4,500	41%	1,300
ISWAP / Hazardous Waste / Recycling	6,500	3,199	5,500	2,180	5,500	0%	-
VLCT Dues	1,050	1,288	1,300	-	1,408	8%	108
TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	41,160	36,927	47,063	30,805	48,980	4%	1,917
TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE VOTED	121,280	101,756	126,929	54,075	125,093	-1.45%	(1,836)

	FY14 Budgeted	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budgeted	FY15 YTD 12/31/14	FY16 Proposed Budget	Proposed % change	\$ Change
APPROPRIATIONS							
American Red Cross	200	200	-	-	-	N/A	-
Arlington Area Childcare	500	500	500	500	500	0%	-
Arlington Community Club	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
Arlington Nursing Service	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	10%	100
Arlington Recreation Park	2,500	2,500	-	-	3,000	N/A	3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	8,000	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0%	-
Benn. Coalition for the Homeless	200	200	-	-	-	N/A	-
Benn. County Conservation District	300	300	300	300	300	0%	-
Benn/Rutland Opportunity Council	137	137	137	137	137	0%	-
Burdett Commons	100	100	50	50	75	50%	25
Center for Independent Living	95	95	95	95	95	0%	-
Center for Restorative Justice	-	-	200	200	250	25%	50
Children's Holiday Parties	100	165	100	100	100	0%	-
Green-Up Day	50	50	90	90	50	-44%	40
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	350	350	350	350	350	0%	-
Martha Canfield Library	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,300	3%	100
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts (VACD)	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
P.A.V.E.	100	100	-	-	-	N/A	-
SWVT Area Agency on Aging	500	500	500	500	500	0%	-
Turning Point Center	300	300	-	-	-	N/A	-
Tutorial Center	100	100	200	200	200	0%	-
APPROPRIATIONS TO BE VOTED	17,832	17,897	13,922	13,922	17,157		3,235
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	139,112	119,653	140,851	67,997	142,250	0.99%	1,399

PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET – HIGHWAY

	FY14 Budgeted	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budgeted	FY15 YTD 12/31/14	FY16 Proposed Budget	Proposed % change	\$ Change
SALARIES/WAGES/EXPENSES							
Winter Salaries	47,300	47,827	48,719	10,695	-	-100%	(48,719)
Summer Salaries	51,000	37,189	52,530	30,116	-	-100%	(52,530)
Road Foreman Salary	-	-	-	-	41,927	#DIV/0!	41,927
Road Foreman Overtime	-	-	-	-	9,434	#DIV/0!	9,434
Road Worker Salary	-	-	-	-	36,421	#DIV/0!	36,421
Road Worker Overtime	-	-	-	-	8,195	#DIV/0!	8,195
Uniforms/Shop Towels	-	-	-	-	1,900	#DIV/0!	1,900
Payroll Tax Expenses	7,300	6,493	7,519	3,122	7,678	2%	159
Retirement Contribution	3,820	3,470	3,820	1,632	3,839	0%	19
Health Insurance	38,000	16,389	28,800	6,829	29,924	4%	1,124
Unemployment Insurance	550	250	550	513	600	9%	50
Workers Comp. Insurance	6,500	6,561	6,695	6,437	6,695	0%	-
Training/Mileage	800	28	400	-	400	0%	-
Drug Testing	250	177	250	239	250	0%	-
Salaries/Wages/Expenses	\$155,520	\$118,384	\$149,283	\$59,583	\$147,263	-1.4%	(2,020)
GARAGE/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE							
Garage Maintenance	1,500	599	2,000	304	2,000	0%	-
Garage Utilities	3,000	2,029	3,500	905	-	-100%	(3,500)
Heating oil	-	-	-	-	4,000	#DIV/0!	4,000
Electric	-	-	-	-	816	#DIV/0!	816
Phone	-	-	-	-	972	#DIV/0!	972
Internet	-	-	-	-	348	#DIV/0!	348
Equipment Maintenance	15,000	21,780	18,000	10,132	15,000	-17%	(3000)
Tires	-	-	-	-	3,000	#DIV/0!	3,000

Fuel and Oil (Trucks & Equipment)	24,000	24,196	24,000	9,158	17,000	-29%	(7,000)
Oil & Lube	-	-	-	-	3,000	#DIV/0!	3,000
Tools and Supplies	2,500	2,739	2,500	1,393	2,500	0%	-
Ins. & Liability(Garage/Vehicle)	6,100	5,889	6,100	6,128	6,350	4%	250
Garage Lighting/Insulation Project	-	-	-	-	8,000	#DIV/0!	8,000
Total Equipment and Maintenance	\$ 52,100	\$57,232	\$56,100	\$28,020	\$62,986	12%	6,886
MATERIALS AND HAULING							
Winter Materials & Hauling*	28,000	29,610	35,000	20,228	-	-100%	(35,000)
Summer Materials & Hauling *	15,000	15,341	20,000	16,014	-	-100%	
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	-	-	-	-	30,000	#DIV/0!	30,000
Sand (delivered)	-	-	-	-	15,000	#DIV/0!	15,000
Salt (delivered)	-	-	-	-	22,000	#DIV/0!	22,000
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	-	-	-	-	4,000	#DIV/0!	4,000
Total Materials & Hauling*	\$43,000	\$44,951	\$55,000	\$36,242	\$71,000	29%	16,000
PROJECTS							
Pavement Maintenance	30,000	6,898	30,000	18,009	30,000	0%	
Bridge/Culvert Program*	20,000	12,534	20,000	6,211	20,000	0%	
Guard Rails	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	
Grant Proposals	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	0%	
Contract Plowing/Sanding	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-100%	(2,000)
Summer Contract Labor	6,000	4,000	5,000	10,064	-	-100%	(5,000)
Contracted Services/Equip. Rental	-			-	10,000	#DIV/0!	10,000
Mowing	-			-	4,500	#DIV/0!	4,500
Tree and Brush Removal	-			-	2,000	#DIV/0!	2,000
Total Projects	\$62,000	\$23,432	\$61,000	\$34,284	\$70,500	16%	9,500
OTHER							
Misc. Expenses	2,500	2,670	2,000	771	1,000	-50%	(1,000)
Equip. Reserve Fund Appropriation*	35,000	6,500	38,000	-	38,000	0%	-
Total Other	37,500	9,170	40,000	771	39,000	-3%	(1,000)
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	350,120	253,169	361,383	158,900	390,749	8%	29,366
*End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds.							

COMPARISON OF REVENUES TO ESTIMATES	
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
BALANCE ALL FUNDS: 12/31/13	\$ 663,883

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS 2013-2014	
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
TOTAL ESTIMATED FIXED ASSETS	\$636,532
Note: Fixed Assets are listed at approximate current value.	

TOWN OF SANDGATE 2014-2015 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE	
Position	Compensation Rate
Auditors	\$9.15/hour
Board of Civil Authority	\$9.15/hour
School Board Salaries	\$2,300
Constable	\$966
Health Officer	\$250
Listers	\$10.00/hour yearly regular work
	\$15.00/hour reappraisal years
Road Foreman	\$19.57/ hour
Road Worker	\$17.00/hour
Emergency Coordinator	\$200.00
Selectboard Chair	\$940
Selectboard Road Liaison	\$740
Selectboard Member	\$440
Selectboard Assistant	\$800
Town Clerk	\$8,505
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500
Treasurer	\$10,395
Assistant Treasurer	\$500
Zoning Administrator	Hired

**SANDGATE LAND TRANSFERS
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014**

Dorothy L. Sunquist of Sandgate, Vermont to
Dorothy L. Sunquist Trustee of Sandgate, Vermont

Lisa Robinson Town of Sandgate Delinquent Tax Collector to
Suzanne DePeyster of Sandgate, Vermont

Tambra Johnson Reap and Daniel V. Reap of Inwood, West Virginia to
Michael A. Kahn and Kathleen Kahn of Savannah, Georgia

Michael Kahn and Kathleen Kahn of Savannah, Georgia to
Fletcher Grey and Isobel Grey of Sandgate, Vermont

Eleanor LaCross of Sandgate, Vermont to
Brian LaCross of Sandgate, Vermont

Leila Kauffman of Sandgate, Vermont to
Sanford T. Norris of San Francisco, California

Marcella D. Erthein of North Bennington, Vermont to
The James and Marcella Erthein Living Trust

John Kushma of Ridgewood, New York to
John G. Kushma and Ilene M. Kushma of Logan, Utah

Macheath Stuecklen of New Kensington, Pennsylvania to
David P. Messier of Salem, New York

Leo Froment and Carol Froment of Germantown, Ohio to
Kenneth T. Reig and Jeanne L. Reig of Sandgate, Vermont

Estate of John Walsh of Arlington, Vermont to
John F. Walsh III of Sandgate, Vermont

Starr Brinkerhoff of Charlotte, Vermont to
Starr E. Brinkerhoff, Jr and Jaaini Brinkerhoff of Arlington, Vermont

Robert E. Wise of Sandgate, Vermont to
Erin Ingebretsen of Bennington, Vermont

Adair Ann Rowland Trustee of the Adair Warren Brown Trust and Adair Ann Rowland Trustee of the Donald David Brown Trust of
Sandgate, Vermont to
Deidra Witschorke of Webster, Massachusetts

Ruth Teesdale of Riverside , Iowa to
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc of Littleton, Massachusetts

Barbara C. Bartwitz, Trustee of the Barbara C. Bartwitz Living Trust of Middle Granville, NY to
Kathleen Wagner of Sandgate, Vermont

Donald P. Rogers of East Arlington, Vermont to
Robert Cullinan and Bregt E. Cullinan of Shaftsbury, Vermont

Andrew VanSchoick and Gretchen Van Schoick of Gansevoort, New York to
Federal National Mortgage Association of Washington, DC

Beth Mitchell of Shaftsbury, Vermont to
Edward W. Mitchell of Salem, New York

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Stephen L. Saltonstall and Ellen C. Saltonstall of Manchester Center, Vermont to
Peter Cameron of New York, New York

Timbervest Partners Vermont LLC of Atlanta, Georgia to
Madava Holdings LLC of Dover Plains, NY

Frank R. Cook and Ramona A. Cook of Riverton, CT to
Arnold Schonberg Revocable Living Trust

PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Zoning Board of Adjustment / Planning Commission Report

Members: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Michael Mazzola, Clerk; Susan DePeyster; Patricia Hall; Lisa Robinson;
Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

Judy Boehlert represented the Planning Commission on a Committee, chaired by Jim Henderson and staffed by
Select Board and other town officials. The Committee was charged with drafting a "Hazard Mitigation Plan"
for the Town.

Judy Boehlert and Pat Hall initiated a major project to organize and index all ZBA and PC files. Help was also
provided by Marjorie Peff and John LaVecchia. Significant progress was made in organizing Permits and
Minutes and the work is ongoing.

The ZBA / PC generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There were no forest fires to report this year. Your fire wardens issued 24 burn permits this year. As a reminder you do not need a burn permit if there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire. 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, Phoebe Sheres

No action taken.

WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

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

Two grants were awarded in 2014

- A joint grant for Matthew Eric Mazzola, Noal Peters and Sophie Hill to Happy Days Preschool for "Hullabaloo" Creative Movement.
- Thea Steeves- Boey for ballet dance camp in Manchester, Vt.

We thank Mallory Rich for her donation of \$231 from her art sold at the 2014 Pastel Show at the historic school house.

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.

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioners: Eleanor LaCross, Julie Robertson, Valerie dePeyster

This year the West Sandgate and Center Hill cemeteries mowing contract was put out to bid. Sherman Maintenance and crew continue to do a great job.

In 2014 there was one casket burial, with maternal ashes with that burial in the Center Cemetery.

Thank you to Justin Skidmore and Alan Mattison for filling in a sunken grave.

There is not much progress to report on stone repair, and more need to be reset. WE are considering flat markers that could be mowed over and less problem for falling and needing repair.

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.bcrcvt.org.

The BCRC also 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.

During the past year, the BCRC has completed a draft of a new comprehensive regional plan that will be considered for adoption in 2015. Other important accomplishments have included: implementation of brownfield economic redevelopment plans, a workforce housing plan, local and regional economic development strategies, planning and implementing several important bicycle-pedestrian facilities, a regional rail service plan, hazard mitigation plans for several towns, and river corridor mapping to support flood resilience planning.

The BCRC will continue to provide technical planning assistance to its member municipalities in the coming year. Special initiatives to be undertaken include: completion of a 13-town solid waste implementation plan and development of a new governance structure for solid waste management, a new regional energy planning initiative aligned with Vermont's ambitious energy goals, an economic development strategy for Northshire communities, a downtown redevelopment and marketing plan for Bennington, and special projects in natural resource conservation and healthy community design.

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.

ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

James Paustian, Fire Chief

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)-375-2323 for non-emergencies.

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.

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 435 calls in 2014, with a total of 32 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.

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 6am and 6pm, Monday through Friday or in an emergency dial **911**.

THE MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY

Phyllis Skidmore, Director
Martha Folsom, Trustee Chair

Our Library continues to be a busy place. In addition to a traditional book collection we offer audio books, large print books, DVDs, games and puzzles for your entertainment and education. We have a variety of programs for adults and children, and 376 people attended this year. Our public access computers are used for a variety of tasks, including keeping in touch with distant family, checking news, research for reports, gaming, and filing government forms online.

Our Fiber and More group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and is a great place to share tips on knitting, crochet and other fiber arts with your neighbors. The meeting room was used by a book group, the scouts, Vermont Reading Partners and many other groups. We even had a wedding in the Reading Room!

The Board revised our Long Range Plan, and will be adding some new or expanded services over the next three years. We had some repairs to the elevator and the furnace, and created a Long Term Maintenance Fund in anticipation of major maintenance expenses in future years.

Our website, marthacanfieldlibrary.org, offers other resources that you can access from home. With your library card barcode number, you can "borrow" audio books and e-books through ListenUp Vermont. You can also find research materials in the Vermont Online Library, learn a new language with Mango, look for back issue articles in the Bennington Banner and the Rutland Herald in NewsBank or take one of over 500 courses offered by Universal Class. All for free with your library card.

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, our email:

ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE DBA HAPPY DAYS PLAYSCHOOL

In our 30th 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 has successfully achieved 5 STAR Accreditation with the State of Vermont.

In 2013-2014, 119 children attended Happy Days Playschool and Camp Adventure. 68 of these children were from Arlington, 4 from Sandgate, 27 from Sunderland, and 20 from other nearby towns. The community members from the town of Arlington continued to support our program with town funds. We greatly appreciate the town's continued support, despite the tough economic climate.

Accomplishments:

Achieving 5 STARS with the State of Vermont — In March 2014, Happy Days Playschool achieved 5 STARS accreditation with the State of Vermont. STARS (Step Ahead Recognition System) is Vermont's system for recognizing quality licensed early childhood programs throughout the state. Five STARS indicate an outstanding rating above and beyond regular licensing requirements and provides benefits for both providers and families. By maintaining 5 STAR accreditation we are eligible to partner with school districts for Pre-K service (currently our partnerships include Sunderland, Sandgate, Shaftsbury and Bennington), receive higher state subsidies rates for eligible children, and apply for additional grants from the state.

Arts Program — Happy Days has provided an Arts Enrichment program for the last sixteen years, having a significant impact on our curriculum. This year the focus was music/creative movement. Alexandra Langstaff provided a Hullabaloo residency, which included weekly creative movement sessions for children 8 months- 5 years. Her residency was funded by Russ Housman, Geoff Camp, Wuerslin-Stuecklin Arts Grant Award and donations to the annual fund drive. Ralph Thomas, musician with Vermont Symphony Orchestra visited for a center-wide assembly and brought his harp, bassoon, triangle and tuba. He entertained the children, ages 8 months- 5 years while teaching them about musical instruments.

Parent and Family Involvement — The Parents Association continued to grow, with many parents helping to organize and work on fundraisers and events. The 2nd Annual Fall Festival planned by the parents and staff provided a hayride, story time, art project, snacks and costume parade. Parent volunteers helped to plan fundraising events of the year, which included the Battenkill River Duck Run, Cabot Cheese Sales, Little Caesar's pizza sales and the Battenkill Duck Derby. Their support with fundraisers allows us to have successful events and keep our tuition costs affordable.

Staff Growth — The Happy Days Board voted to offer their staff the T.E.A.C.H. program, a project of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children. The TEACH program for early education staff development was initiated by the State of Vermont to support the attainment of degrees by early childhood staff in partnership with their center. Its components include partial tuition and book support, release time for studying, compensation after attaining a degree, a travel stipend, and commitment of the employee to remain employed at the center for a specified period of time. Happy Days agrees to provide and pay for release time, pay 10% of tuition costs and provide a bonus each year to the employee. One employee began the program this summer, with another employee joining this fall. Both will complete their AA degrees during the upcoming year.

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.

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Burdett Commons of Arlington (facebook title)
Amy Caples, Director

As Burdett Commons enters its 16th year of operation, we are pleased to inform you of another successful year. We introduced a few new programs this year and continued to offer some of our already established programs. We offer various programs for youth, adults and combined age groups.

We continue to offer our Community Together project. Any nonprofit from the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate may submit events and information for us to share on our online website and calendar of events, which is also printed and shared at select locations around town. This is a one stop place for all community members to be informed of activities happening in our area.

The school age children are able to attend our school vacation camps. Due to the changing needs of families, we were able to offer our first ever summer camp. During this summer our director spent four weeks running camps for students entering grades 2-8.

Our mid-level students enjoyed a few youth nights. We also hosted BVTI (Battenkill Valley Teen Institute) at Camp Ondawa for local 6-8th graders. During this weekend retreat, students did community service projects, played group games, and attended workshops on Conflict Resolution and Internet Safety.

We continue to have a monthly adult craft night thanks to our various volunteer craft instructors. Many of our instructors are vendors at the Summer Market and the Holiday Food and Craft Fair. We had a new adult event last spring which was an adult accessory swap and offered a community game day.

For six years Burdett Commons has hosted a Haunted Walk or House as our big annual fundraiser. This is a special event because so many people in the community come to help in numerous ways as actors, tour guides, baking food, bringing dinner to the workers and attending the event. This year was our best year yet! We thank the various local patrons for making this such a success.

Thank you to the various volunteers that help us throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering with our organization, or would like to join our board, please contact us. Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

BROC-COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT

Carol Flint, 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 11 individuals in the Town of Sandgate. In addition, BROC worked to create 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.

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 2014:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 375 meals that were delivered to the homes of 2 elders 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, 8 Sandgate elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 427 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 12 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'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over **2,383** 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 **304** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **12** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **6** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **215** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **125** individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **447** 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 '14, 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 2014 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 five workshops this year, serving eighty-eight participants. Topics included hemlock wooly adelgid, emerald ash borer, and chain saw safety.

Assisting the Town of Bennington comply with permit requirements for the removal of a dam on the Walloomsac River.

Helping loggers comply with the state's Accepted Management Practices by renting skidder bridges to them at a low monthly cost.

Coordinating two river projects in Rupert – the removal of a post-Tropical Storm Irene berm and the stabilization of an eroding streambed.

Serving on a team seeking to conserve four parcels totaling 169 acres of water, woods and wetland near downtown Bennington. The Town will close on the properties in January 2015.

Coordinating the planting and fencing of 0.9 acres of riparian buffer along one mile of the Batten Kill.

Working closely with USFS Green Mountain National Forest, the USDA 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.

Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Stiles, District Manager

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 hangout 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!

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Arlington Community House at 3854 Main Street is a Federal Style house built in 1829 in the Dutch tradition. The house is managed and maintained by the Arlington Community Club, an established 501-c3 non-profit consisting of a volunteer board of trustees and members comprised of local residents. After inheriting the house from her aunt, Martha Canfield, noted author Dorothy Canfield Fisher founded the Arlington Community Club in 1947 and deeded the house to them, charging them with its care. A condition of the gift was that the house be used as a meeting place for the citizens of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland as well as space for the Martha Canfield Library. A further condition was that the rooms be used at no charge. Two rental apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floor contribute to the cost of fuel and maintenance. Renovations and repairs on this historic house are a continuing need. The board and members participate in fundraising at Norman's Attic and Christmas tree sales as well as grant writing. Fundraising has been difficult in these times but the club managed to accomplish quite a bit this past year. With the generous help of RK Miles, the club managed to replace all the windows in the addition. Mack Moldings' generosity allowed us to replace the entire (formerly asbestos and wood) siding on the addition with Vinyl siding. The entire trim of the addition was then painted. This portion of the Community House, as well as some of the main building and grounds, is mostly used by Burdett Commons for their youth craft and other ongoing programs. Our Heating maintenance company GSK, after fall maintenance and many replaced parts to the old boiler discovered late this year that our main chimney was in great need of a liner and of masonry repair. This has been accomplished, the other three chimneys must wait and also be mended and protected from deterioration in the future. Our prioritized list of needed repairs is still quite long, but we persevere. Arlington Memorial High School students have helped us each year with grounds cleanup and walk repair. Our members also spend time with attic and basement clean-up as needed. This past year the Community House usage was increased. At least 23 organizations and businesses have used it for a total of about 304 times. Attic and basement space are also used for their storage. The Arlington Garden Club, Battenkill Runners, Bible study, Arlington Caners, and Lions are a few of the groups who meet there. Donations are encouraged and these groups have donated to help defray the maintenance costs. Call Lynn Williams at 375-6119 to reserve a time and space for your organization or personal function or to become a member of the club. The Arlington Community Club appreciates the support of the community and its citizens as our mission continues to protect, manage and maintain this lovely old building so it may continue its service to our towns.

Ken Nicholson, President
Board of Trustees
Arlington Community Club

arlingtoncommunityhousevt.webs.corr:

SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Annual Officers Report

Report on 2014-2015

(FY2015)

Jeanne Zoppel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Celeste Keel

The Sandgate School District currently has 47 students attending eleven schools. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Downtown School (Manchester), Hiland Hall School, Maple Street School, Manchester Elementary, Shaftsbury, Southshire Community School and Sunderland Elementary school. Middle and High Schools attended by Sandgate students include: Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton Academy, Emma Willard, Long Trail School, Manchester, and Southshire Community School.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11th day of school and ending the 30th day of school, is 46.3. 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 student's 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 47.84 (compared to last year's 49.58).

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 \$11,936; the State average for 7th through 12th grade is \$13,752. 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 (FY14) was \$11,479 for elementary education; \$13,854 for secondary education. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY15) is \$12,166 for elementary school and \$14,178 for the secondary (High) school. Announced tuition for FY16 at Arlington is \$12,592 for elementary and \$14,674 for middle and secondary education.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY2015 as approved at the annual meeting were \$685,305. For FY16, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$783,974 (plus \$10,000 for the bus sinking fund if approved), reflecting an increase of \$98,669 or about 14% from the previous budget. That anticipated increase is in the assumption of increasing student counts, the addition of students in the pre-k programs, increase in tuition rates across most all of the schools receiving tuition from the Sandgate District, and higher SU assessment. 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.

In FY16, based on Equalized Pupil Counts, there is a projection of 425.3 students in the BVSU, 47.8 or so from the Sandgate District – representing 11.25% of the student population of the SU; therefore, 11.25% of the SU budget will be funded by the Sandgate District, and the Special Education assessment will be based upon a 3 year average of students receiving services.

Article 2 on the warning ask voters to place any anticipated fund balance in a special reserve fund for use in unanticipated tuition or special education expenses. The current fund balance as audited is \$159,515. The revenue side of the budget reflects applying \$59,515 of that surplus to reduce the amount needed to be raised in taxes.

Article 4 on the warning asks to vote the sum of \$10,000 to continue funding the bus sinking fund. The current value of that fund is \$32,079.

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 Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Tschorn, Clerk
Jeanne Zoppel, Chair & Celeste Keel
Sandgate School District

January 23, 2015

SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Judith Pullinen 375-9744, jpullinen@bvsu.org

I am happy to introduce myself as your new superintendent, beginning my tenure here on July 1, 2014. All of my career has been in Vermont schools, beginning as a high school teacher, followed by many years in administration as principal, tech center director and superintendent. What drew me to BVSU was the size of the school districts and the support of the communities of Sandgate and Arlington for their children and for the schools.

Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union Office Reorganization: Last year, the BVSU Board approved a budget that included the reinstatement of a Business Office component in the Supervisory Office. Previously, all of the business functions were contracted to the Southwest Supervisory Union. This included the hiring of myself as a full-time superintendent, hiring Eleanor Frechette as the Business Manager, Nichole Forest as Accounts Payable and Payroll Clerk, and Karen Krulikowski as the Administrative Assistant to the BVSU office. After hiring this capable, professional group, one of my first tasks was a total reorganization of the BVSU Central Office. Using a team approach, our goal was to get up and running as quickly as possible so that we could serve the schools and districts efficiently and responsively. We also strive to improve communications and the processes between school offices as well as with the town clerks and treasurers. We would like to thank Linda Crosby, Robin Wilcox, DeeDee Goebel, Marge Peff and the administrative staff of Fisher Elementary and Arlington Memorial High School for their help and guidance as we made changes.

School Board Goals: In the spirit of collaboration, the Arlington School Board, Sandgate School Board, BVSU Board, and the entire administrative staff participated at a retreat to discuss school issues, make priorities and establish board goals for the upcoming school year. These goals include:

- Goal 1. The Board will focus on best board practices for leading the district.
- Goal 2. Improve parent and community relations to increase community support of schools.
- Goal 3. Develop Curriculum Planning and Alignment for Grades PreK-12 to educate all children at all levels.
- Goal 4. Manage resources to support schools in a thoughtful, responsible manner.
- Goal 5. Focus on supporting student learning.

Budget Impacts: The Sandgate School Board should be commended for their efforts to work in the interest of Sandgate children while maintaining a close eye on the budget and its impact on taxpayers. Beyond a slight increase in children attending school, there are state mandates on public schools which have impacted budgets, and therefore the tuition charged to Sandgate students. Legislated changes which will affect the BVSU, and Sandgate tuition rates from area public schools include:

H.673 Retired Teacher's Health Benefits: This bill establishes a Retired Teacher's Health and Medical Benefits fund and creates the funding sources for it. For each new teacher who becomes a member of the State Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015, the district will pay an assessment for their health and medical benefits, which is estimated at \$1,000 and is paid each year on the teacher. Eventually school districts will be paying for all teachers as teachers retire and new ones are hired. Estimated statewide cost for the first year is \$375,000; and will be in excess of \$10 million when fully enrolled.

H.270 Universal Prekindergarten: This bill provides that all parents will be entitled to enroll their 3 or 4 year old in a Pre-K program for 10 hours per week, 35 weeks per year. Sandgate currently provides for 10 hours of preschool per week for four year olds, we will need to implement Pre-K services for 3 year olds by July 1, 2016. The original date for this was July 1, 2015 but it was extended in order to give schools a chance to develop how they would provide this and a budget as well.

Act 77 Flexible Pathways: This law requires high schools to allow students to access education through flexible means. Many public high schools have added additional funds to implement flexible pathways, including:

- Dual Enrollment: school must provide access and funding for high school students to get up to 6 college credits,
- Virtual Learning: schools allow students to earn credits through virtual learning courses. AMHS is partnering with Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC) to allow our students to take courses which they would otherwise be unable to access.
- Personal Learning Plans: beginning in the fall of 2015, students will develop a personal learning plan which takes into account strengths, interests and goals of the student to map out a plan of how they will achieve their graduation requirements and be prepared for career and college goals.

Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements: Vermont's Education Quality Standards (EQS) require that schools' graduation requirements demonstrate student proficiency, as opposed to time spent in classrooms. This requirement will take effect in Vermont beginning with the graduating class of 2020, which will be the current 6th grade class.

Common Core and SBAC Testing Implementation: By now, many of you have heard of the new Common Core Standards, which have been adopted by the State of Vermont as well as other states. The SBAC test replaces the NECAP tests, and will be required of students Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 each year. This test is computerized, and schools have been upgrading technology capacity over the past few years to meet the demands of technology required.

Advocacy for BVSU and Sandgate: One of my goals is to represent the BVSU boards' interests at the regional and state levels. To that end, I have been active in state and regional meetings that address current issues revolving around legislative priorities and educational best practice. I also strive to share information with the school boards so that we can develop policy and initiatives around the requirements and standards demanded of our schools.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the children and families of the Sandgate School District. My door is always open to the members of the community for suggestions, questions and feedback.

TREASURERS REPORT		
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Sandgate School District		
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014		
Balance in Bank: 7/1/13 (all accounts)		\$ 142,810
Interest	\$ 406	
Voted Property Taxes	\$ 745,965	
State of VT Funds	\$ 6,769	
Receipts	\$ 8,123	
Total Receipts	\$ 761,263	
Total Funds Available:		\$ 904,073
Disbursements:		
Director's orders		\$ (806,696)
Bus Fund Transfer		\$ -
Balance in Bank 6/30/13 (all funds)		\$ 97,377

TREASURERS REPORT		
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Sandgate School District		
July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014		
Balance in Bank 7/1/14 (all accounts)		\$ 97,377
Receipts		
Interest	\$ 225	
Voted Property Taxes	\$ 652,946	
Receipts	\$ 104,269	
Total Receipts	\$ 757,440	
Total Funds Available		\$ 854,817
Disbursements:		
Director's orders		\$ (194,649)
Balance in Bank 12/31/13 (all funds)		\$ 660,168
Bus Fund (Restricted) 1 - Year CD		
Beginning Balance	\$ 16,011	
Holdover transfer	\$ 10,000	
Interest	\$ 11	
Ending Balance	\$ 26,021	

SANDGATE SCHOOL REVENUES FY 2016

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FY 14 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY 15 PROJECTED REVENUE	FY 16 PROJECTED REVENUE	DIFFERENCE	%
1000	Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,515	\$59,515	100.0%
1510	Interest	\$406.98	\$200	\$400	\$200	100.0%
1920	Contributions/Donations	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
1990	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
3110	Education Spending	\$735,655.00	\$631,104	\$679,640	\$48,536	7.7%
3114	Vocational/On Behalf - the State	\$1,513.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
3150	Transportation Aid	\$10,310.00	\$11,426	\$10,356	-\$1,070	-9.4%
3201	Spec Education Mainstream Block Grant	\$23,255.00	\$20,542	\$20,869	\$327	1.6%
3202	Spec Education Intensive Reimb	\$65,132.00	\$8,956	\$10,393	\$1,437	16.0%
3204	Early Essential Education (EEE)	\$0.00	\$3,077	\$2,801	-\$276	-9.0%
5200	Transfer from the Bus Fund	\$0.00	\$10,000	\$0	-\$10,000	#####
		\$836,271.98	\$685,305	\$783,974	\$98,669	14.4%

SANDGATE SCHOOL BUDGET FY 2016

CODE	DESCRIPTION:	FY 14 EXPENDITURES	FY 15 BUDGET	FY 16 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	%
1100-10	ELEMENTARY TUITION					
561	Sunderland	\$11,000.00	\$12,200	\$25,300	\$13,100	107.4%
561	Manchester	\$44,642.00	\$27,000	\$13,650	-\$13,350	-49.4%
561	Preschool	\$12,500.00	\$11,000	\$5,176	-\$5,824	-52.9%
561	Fisher K-5	\$162,500.00	\$194,656	\$214,064	\$19,408	10.0%
561	Shaftsbury	\$0.00	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500	100.0%
561	Arlington Middle Gr 6	\$0.00	\$0	\$37,776	\$37,776	100.0%
566	Downtown	\$0.00	\$0	\$24,708	\$24,708	100.0%
566	Maple Street School	\$35,109.00	\$37,216	\$12,354	-\$24,862	-66.8%
566	Hiland	\$14,940.00	\$15,836	\$24,009	\$8,173	51.6%
564	Salem NY	\$3,396.00	\$5,265	\$0	-\$5,265	#####
566	Northshire	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
566	Southshire	\$0.00	\$0	\$24,220	\$24,220	100.0%
	TOTAL	\$284,087.00	\$303,173	\$391,757	\$88,584	29.2%
1100-30	SECONDARY TUITION					
561	Arlington	\$151,000.00	\$113,424	\$102,718	-\$10,706	-9.4%
561	Manchester	\$0.00	\$0	\$13,650	\$13,650	100.0%
566	Long Trail	\$26,168.00	\$13,869	\$14,233	\$364	2.6%
566	Maple Street School	\$26,168.00	\$27,738	\$28,466	\$728	2.6%
564	Greenwich NY	\$9,623.00	\$13,869	\$0	-\$13,869	#####
564	Hoosac NY	\$13,078.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
566	Burr & Burton	\$59,668.37	\$69,345	\$56,932	-\$12,413	-17.9%
566	Emma Willard	\$13,084.00	\$13,869	\$14,233	\$364	2.6%
566	Southshire	\$0.00	\$0	\$12,110	\$12,110	100.0%
	TOTAL	\$298,789.37	\$252,114	\$242,342	-\$9,772	-3.9%
1200-212	SPECIAL EDUCATION SU ASSESSMENT					
331	SU Elem Special Ed Assessment	\$80,530.00	\$26,051	\$30,481	\$4,430	17.0%
331	SU Second Special Ed Assessment	\$62,066.00	\$29,134	\$27,355	-\$1,779	-6.1%
	Total:	\$142,596.00	\$55,185	\$57,836	\$2,651	4.8%
1211-50	EARLY ESSENTIAL EDUCATION					
331	EEE Assessment to SU	\$0.00	\$10,328	\$4,485	-\$5,843	-56.6%
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$10,328	\$4,485	-\$5,843	-56.6%

CODE	DESCRIPTION:	FY 14 EXPENDITURES	FY 15 BUDGET	FY 16 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	%
1300-30	VOCATIONAL PROGRAM					
568	STATE on Behalf of School District	\$1,513.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
569	Secondary Tuition	\$864.27	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	TOTAL	\$2,377.27	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	1000 SERIES TOTAL	\$727,849.64	\$620,800	\$696,420	\$75,620	12.2%
2310	BOARD OF EDUCATION SERVICES					
110	Board Stipends	\$2,200.00	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	0.0%
220	FICA	\$168.32	\$168	\$168	\$0	0.0%
330	Contracted Service	\$38.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
360	Legal Services	\$0.00	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%
522	Comprehensive Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
540	Advertising/Printing	\$0.00	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.0%
610	General Supplies	\$0.00	\$225	\$225	\$0	0.0%
810	Dues & Fees	\$262.65	\$310	\$310	\$0	0.0%
	TOTAL	\$2,668.97	\$4,653	\$4,653	\$0	0.0%
2313	TREASURER					
610	General Supplies	\$0.00	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.0%
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.0%
2320	OFFICE OF THE SUPTERINTENDENT					
331	Assessment of SU Services	\$33,256.00	\$27,979	\$43,600	\$15,621	55.8%
	TOTAL	\$33,256.00	\$27,979	\$43,600	\$15,621	55.8%
	2300 SERIES TOTAL	\$35,924.97	\$32,732	\$48,353	\$15,621	47.7%
2420-212	DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES					
331	SU Special Ed Director Elem Assessme	\$7,874.00	\$3,095	\$3,227	\$132	4.3%
331	SU Special Ed Director Second Assess	\$7,875.00	\$3,095	\$3,226	\$131	4.2%
	TOTAL	\$15,749.00	\$6,190	\$6,453	\$263	4.2%
	2400 SERIES TOTAL	\$15,749.00	\$6,190	\$6,453	\$263	4.2%
2520	AUDIT ASSESSMENT					
331	Audit	\$5,744.25	\$5,800	\$2,853	-\$2,947	-50.8%
	TOTAL	\$5,744.25	\$5,800	\$2,853	-\$2,947	-50.8%
2523	SHORT-TERM LOAN/IN LIEU OF TAXES					
610	Short-Term Interest	\$0.00	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%
	2500 SERIES TOTAL	\$5,744.25	\$6,300	\$3,353	-\$2,947	-46.8%
2600	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SU					
331	SU Plant Assessment	\$0.00	\$0	\$2,807	\$2,807	100.0%
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0	\$2,807	\$2,807	100.0%
	2600 SERIES TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,807.00	\$2,807.00	100.0%
2700	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
331	Transportation Assessment	\$24,274.00	\$25,107	\$23,688	-\$1,419	-5.7%
	TOTAL	\$24,274.00	\$25,107	\$23,688	-\$1,419	-5.7%
2711-212	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
331	Special Ed Transportation Assessment	\$3,491.00	\$304	\$2,900	\$2,596	853.9%
	TOTAL	\$3,491.00	\$304	\$2,900	\$2,596	853.9%

CODE		DESCRIPTION:	FY 14 EXPENDITURES	FY 15 BUDGET	FY 16 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	%
		2700 SERIES TOTAL	\$27,765.00	\$25,411	\$26,588	\$1,177	4.6%
5200		PRIOR YEAR EXPENSE					
	890	Prior Year Adjustment Tuition -Elem	-\$21,151.65	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	890	Second	-\$19,053.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
		TOTAL	-\$40,204.65	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
		5200 SERIES TOTAL	-\$40,204.65	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
5300		TRANSFER					
	500	Transfer	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
		TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
		5300 SERIES TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
		GRAND TOTAL	\$780,828.21	\$691,433	\$783,974	\$89,734	12.98%

FY 16 BATTENKILL VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION ASSESSMENT SUMMARY							
	%	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	FINANCE SERVICES	AUDIT	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF THE PLANT	TRANSPORTATION	TOTALS
		100.00.100.2300	100.00.100.2500	100.00.100.2530	100.00.100.2600	100.00.100.2700	
		\$213,020.00	\$184,683.00	\$25,358.00	\$24,948.00	\$210,559.00	\$658,568.00
Interest Revenue		-\$2,000.00					
FY 14 Fund Balance		-\$8,141.00					
Amt. to Assess.		\$202,879.00	\$184,683.00	\$25,358.00	\$24,948.00	\$210,559.00	\$648,427.00
		FY 16 ACT 130 Equalized Per Pupil Count					
		*Based upon Equalized Students (Two Year Average)					
DISTRICT							
Arlington				377.47	88.75%		
Sandgate				47.84	11.25%		
				425.31	100.00%		
DISTRICT		\$202,879.00	\$184,683.00	\$25,358.00	\$24,948.00	\$210,559.00	
Arlington	88.75%	\$180,055.11	\$163,906.16	\$22,505.23	\$22,141.35	\$186,871.11	\$575,478.96
Sandgate	11.25%	\$22,823.89	\$20,776.84	\$2,852.78	\$2,806.65	\$23,687.89	\$72,948.04
	100.00%	\$202,879.00	\$184,683.00	\$25,358.00	\$24,948.00	\$210,559.00	\$648,427.00
		*Based upon December Announced Child Count					
		SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY EDUCATION	SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	
		353.00.050.1200	100.00.211.2400	350.19.211	356.00.211	100.00.211	
		\$79,825.00	\$114,862.00	\$542,557.00	\$536,214.00	\$51,620.00	\$1,325,078.00
Second Tuition Revenue					-\$49,288		
Amt. to Assess.		\$79,825.00	\$114,862.00	\$542,557.00	\$486,926.00	\$51,620.00	\$1,275,790.00
		FY 16 DECEMBER 1ST CHILD COUNT					
DISTRICT							
Arlington				84	94%		
Sandgate				5	6%		
				89	100.00%		
DISTRICT		\$79,825.00	\$114,862.00	\$542,557.00	\$486,926.00	\$51,620.00	\$1,275,790.00
Arlington	94%	\$75,340.45	\$108,409.08	\$512,076.27	\$459,570.61	\$48,720.00	\$1,204,116.40
Sandgate	6%	\$4,484.55	\$6,452.92	\$30,480.73	\$27,355.39	\$2,900.00	\$71,673.60
	100.00%	\$79,825.00	\$114,862.00	\$542,557.00	\$486,926.00	\$51,620.00	\$1,275,790.00
TOTAL SU & SPECIAL EDUCATION without REVENUE:							\$1,924,217.00
additional revenue:							\$59,429.00
TOTAL SU & SPECIAL EDUCATION with REVENUE:							\$1,983,646.00

District: **Sandgate**
County: **Bennington**

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Battenkill Valley

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

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Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$781,929	\$835,405	\$675,305	\$783,974	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$789,929	\$843,405	\$685,305	\$793,974	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$789,929	\$843,405	\$685,305	\$793,974	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$67,088	\$106,237	\$44,201	\$104,334	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$67,088	\$106,237	\$44,201	\$104,334	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$722,841	\$737,168	\$641,104	\$689,640	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	53.24	51.38	49.58	47.84	15.

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,577.03	\$14,347.37	\$12,930.70	\$14,415.55	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	NA	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,841	threshold = \$15,456	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,577	\$14,347	\$12,931	\$14,416	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$14,416 / \$9,459)	155.646% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	156.785% <small>based on \$9,151</small>	139.264% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	152.400% <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (152.400% x \$1.00)	\$1.3852 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.4738 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.3648 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.5240 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.52)	\$1.3852	\$1.4738	\$1.3648	\$1.5240	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	94.30%	95.00%	95.52%	107.36%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (1.5240 / 107.36%)	\$1.4689 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.5514 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.4288 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.4195 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (152.400% x 1.94%)	2.80% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.82% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.70% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.96% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.96%)	2.80% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.82% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.70% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.96% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

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

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 3, 2015 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 authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

Article 4: 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 5: To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 4, 2014.

Article 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Article 7: To vote a sum of \$783,974 necessary for the support of the School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30,2016

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 3, 2015.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2015
Sandgate Board of School Directors:
Jeanne Zoppel- Chairperson
Allan Tschom
Celeste Keel

Annual Town Meeting Warning Sandgate, Vermont

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 2, 2015 at 7:00pm 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 3, 2015. 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 3, 2015, between 10:00am and 7:00pm.

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
Lister – three year term
Treasurer – three year term
Town Agent – one year term
Town Grand Juror – one year term
Constable – one year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 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, 2015?

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 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 6: Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$17,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$125,093 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 8: Shall the Town appropriate \$390,749 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 9: To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

Dated at Sandgate, Vermont this 19th day of January, 2015.

Suzanne dePeyster, Chair

Celeste Keel, Clerk

Ed Gust

Pat Hall

Tom Santelli