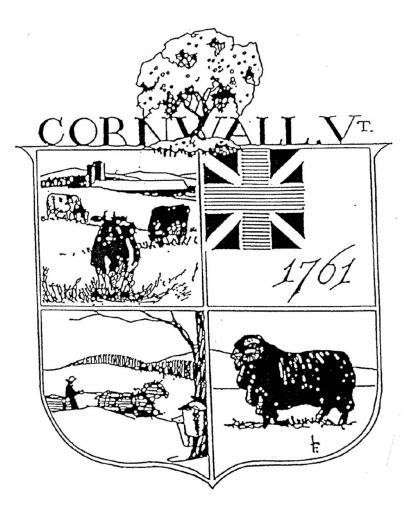
# **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND** ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF

# **CORNWALL, VERMONT**



For Year Ending December 31, 2011

Please bring your copy of the Town Report to the Town Meeting on March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

# **TOWN CALENDAR 2012**

#### MARCH

- 5 Town Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6 Australian Ballot Vote 7am-7pm
- 6 & 20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 12 &19 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
  - 13 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 15 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 15 School Board Meeting 7 pm
  - 21 Planning Commission 7 pm

#### APRIL

- ? Spring 2012 Newsletter
- **1 DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE**
- 2 & 16 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 3 & 17 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 10 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 18 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 19 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### MAY

#### 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

- 1 & 15 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 7 & 21 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm//Train 6:30 pm
  - 5 Green Up Day
  - 8 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 16 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 17 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 17 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### JUNE

- 4 & 18 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm 5 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 12 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 20 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 21 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 21 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### JULY

- ? Summer 2012 Newsletter
- 2 & 16 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
  - 3 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 10 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 18 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 19 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 19 ? School Board Meeting

#### AUGUST

- 6 & 20 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
  - 7 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 14 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 15 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 16 ? Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 16 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3 & 17 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 4 & 18 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 11 Handcrafter's Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 18 TAX BILLS MAILED
  - 19 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 20 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 20 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### OCTOBER

- ? Fall 2012 Newsletter
- 1 & 15 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 2 & 16 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 9 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 17 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 18 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 18 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### NOVEMBER

#### 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

- 5 & 19 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 6 & 20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 13 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 15 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 15 School Board Meeting 7 pm
  - 21 Planning Commission 7 pm

#### DECEMBER

- 3 & 17 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 4 & 18 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 11 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 19 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 20 ? Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 20 School Board Meeting 7 pm

#### JANUARY 2013

- ? 2012-2013 Winter Newsletter
- 1 & 15 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 7 & 21 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
  - 8 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 16 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 17 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 17 School Board Meeting 7 pm
  - 24 Town Warning Petitions Due

#### FEBRUARY 2013

- 4 & 18 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- $5 \ \& 19$  Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
  - 12 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
  - 20 Planning Commission 7 pm
  - 21 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
  - 21 School Board Meeting 7 pm
  - 27 Voter Registration Due for 3/4

#### **TOWN MEETING 2013:** March 4, 6:30 PM; **VOTING:** March 5, 7 AM – 7 PM

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# **Voter Registration**

If you want to participate at Town Meeting and vote at the Town Meeting/Presidential Primary election, but are not on the checklist, register to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Absentee Ballot Voting request a ballot by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2012

# **Pre-Town Meeting Dinner**

At the Cornwall Elementary School Starting at 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

# **Town Meeting**

Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. At the Cornwall Elementary School

# **Election Day**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Cornwall Town Hall Polls open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

If you need a ride to the Town Meeting, call Sue Johnson at 462-2775

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#### TOWN REPORT DEDICATION TO

#### **ED AND CINDY PEET**

It is with great respect, gratitude and appreciation that we dedicate this year's edition of the Cornwall Town Report to Ed and Cindy Peet. In Mary Peet Green's (Ed's mother) book called Cornwall People and their Times, a significant portion of the book explains the historical roots of the Peet family in Cornwall. Ed and Cindy met as students at UVM and married in 1967. Since then they have given their time, energy and resources to the. In addition, Ed and Cindy have raised four children (Fred, January, Andrew & April) here in Cornwall, where two of them still reside on or near the original family farm.

Beginning in 1972, along with running his family farm, Ed was elected to the Planning Commission at a time when the first Zoning Regulations were being developed. One has to imagine that those meetings must have been rather grueling. He served as Weigher of the Coal in 1974, and remained on the Planning Commission until 1985. After taking a short hiatus, Ed ran for and was elected as a Selectman in 1990. He shouldered that responsibility, with a good share of that time spent as Chair of the Board, for 14 years, until 2004. Ed also joined the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department in the mid-70's. Over the 36 or so years, he has witnessed many changes to fire fighting, gear, and training requirements. His dedication is certainly amazing and appreciated, as the need for volunteers continues to be high.

Cindy was elected to the Cornwall School Board in 1972 and has served on the board continuously since that time. For 40 years, she has served the students and educators at the Cornwall School. That is true dedication to Cornwall's school system, and the community, despite the fact that Cindy's own children have been out of the Cornwall school for many years. Cindy has also worked for more than 30 years as a computer programmer at Middlebury College.

The Town of Cornwall probably has few others who are so deserving of recognition for their involvement with Town, and "Thank you" doesn't seem to cover the scope of contributions made over the last 40 years. It is a great privilege to honor Ed and Cindy Peet with public recognition of their service and dedication to the Town of Cornwall.





#### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **MARGARET "PEG" CLARK**

Margaret E. (Peg) Swinton was born in 1938, the fourth daughter born to Janet and Leon Swinton of Bridport. Peggy's mother, Janet Larrabee, came to Bridport in her late teens to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. Janet boarded with the Swintons, who lived on the edge of Lake Champlain, and when she was 23 years old, she married their son, Leon. They raised six daughters in that house, six adventurous girls who grew into strong, educated, caring women.

Peggy began her 30 year employment career in Middlebury soon after finishing high school, including many years for the National Bank of Middlebury. Peggy always took her vehicles to Foster Motors for service, and it was there – with a little encouragement from his co-workers – that Larry Clark got up the nerve to ask her out. They married in 1968 and Peg moved into Larry's family home in Cornwall. Peggy served the town of Cornwall in several capacities for a total of 23 years. She served as Auditor from 1974 – 1977, Selectboard member, including Chair for several years, from 1983 – 1991 and 1992 – 2001 as Town Treasurer. Peg was a fixture at many elections through the years working at the polls and counting ballots, and served on the Cornwall Historical Society Board as Treasurer for many years. Peggy's devotion to Cornwall and its citizens was clear. You even might have spoken to Peg when you called the Fire Warden for a burn permit.

After Peg and Larry "retired," she continued to work at local orchards, help him with his repair business, and both continued to be active in the Historical Society, Crown Point Road Association, demonstrating their wares at the Field Days antique equipment display, and partaking of their many extended family gatherings. Peggy was just as happy chatting with a group of friends, as sitting quietly on her porch, so quietly that a chipmunk would come and eat out of her hand. Peg Clark will be missed dearly by the Town of Cornwall, and her service to the town is greatly appreciated.

#### JUSTIN C. "JUD" BRANDE

The Brande family began their Cornwall history in 1951, when Justin H. & Susan Kennedy Brande bought their Ridge Road farm from the Boise family. The Brandes farmed and raised their children here in Cornwall. Justin Collins Brande was born in 1952. After high school graduation in 1970, Jud furthered his education in European Universities as well as colleges in the United States. He began a career in the banking business, first as a teller, with the National Bank of Middlebury. He advanced through the ranks becoming a Senior Vice President and CFO, a career spanning more than 37 years. Jud married Margaret Brennan in 1974, and they raised their three children on or near the Ridge Road farm.

Justin took time from his job and raising his family to serve the Town of Cornwall first as a Town Auditor from 1980 – 1982, and then as Town Treasurer from 1982 – 1989. He also volunteered with the Lemon Fair Insect Control District in an attempt to attain mosquito control.

The Town of Cornwall shares with others in the loss of our friend, Jud Brande. The town expresses its appreciation for the time and energy that Jud devoted to Cornwall.

#### **Auditor's Report**

We, the elected Auditors for the Town of Cornwall, in accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., have reviewed the accounts and records of the Town of Cornwall for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these records present a fair and accurate accounting of Cornwall's financial activities.

This year, the Town engaged the services of Telling and Associates, CPA, PC for a more comprehensive Review of financial management and accounting. A CPA's "Review" is a process by which financial statements are assessed for conformity with GAAP, "generally accepted accounting principles," through a sampling of procedures. A Review is less formal, less in-depth, and less expensive than an Audit and provides a "limited assurance" of overall financial reporting. An Audit fully verifies and substantiates procedures by comparing records, receipts, and correspondence with reported data. An Audit also includes in-depth review of internal controls, authorizations, and security measures.

The Review of FY2011 records found no specific issues, and references the internal controls and oversight by the Selectboard. (The full review is available at the Town Clerk-Treasurer's.)

The additional benefit of an external Review is the support it provides the Town Auditors. The experience and knowledge that Mr Telling and his staff bring to the process far exceeds what your local Auditors are able to offer. The Town Auditors and Treasurer discussed a schedule in which an outside CPA or firm will perform a Review or Audit every three years. This will provide the Town Auditors with a basis from which to work during the intervening years. The plan is for two Reviews and one Audit within each nine-year cycle. This felt like a good mix of professional oversight and local involvement, while making the best use of funds.

Along the lines of financial management, the software currently used by our Treasurer is beyond needing an upgrade, but requires a wholehearted conversion. The Auditors have had ongoing discussions with Sue about the different software programs available and their capabilities, benefits, and challenges. The final decision will rest with Sue, but the Auditors support her in choosing a program that she will be comfortable working with, and will meet the needs of the offices of Clerk and Treasurer.

As always, the Auditors greatly appreciate the work Sue Johnson does to maintain the Town's finances with such thoroughness and openness. She does all of this while balancing other commitments and roles, and performs all with energy, creativity and straightforward honesty. As always, thank you Sue!

Kate Gieges, Chair Shawn Fetterolf Ken Manchester

# Telling & Associates, CPA, PC

Certified Public Accountants 5 Park Street – Middlebury, VT 05753

#### Independent Accountant's Review Report

The Select Board Town of Cornwall, Vermont

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Cornwall, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing a conclusion that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The information included in the accompanying schedule is presented only for the purposes of additional analysis and has been subject to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

Telling Stassaciates CPA PC

Telling & Associates, CPA PC November 18, 2011 License # 092-0000692 Middlebury, Vermont

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The full report is available at the Cornwall Town Hall and on the website www.cornwallvt.com

# **Lavalley Store Thoughts!**

The question of what to do with the Lavalley building has challenged us now for more than a decade. In 2003 the Selectboard accepted the unconditional gift of the property in order to give the Cornwall Historical Society and others time to research, develop and fund a plan for preservation and use of the building.

Initially the project appeared promising, if challenging. The building occupies a central location in the village center (as defined by the Town Plan) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains fixtures and artifacts from the period it served as a general store and incorporates part of the horse sheds built in the early 19th century by Cornwall Church members.

Many hours of volunteer work have gone into stabilization of the building, architectural drawings, development of a business plan and seeking funds. Two earlier efforts to develop a plan did not materialize and the most ambitious effort ended unsuccessfully in December 2010. The structure continues to deteriorate, questions regarding water and sewage at the site are unresolved and concerns around traffic safety and parking followed the widening of Rt. 30.

So we face the question: what to do with the Lavalley building? If nothing is done, Cornwall is saddled with the liability and responsibility of the building with no mandate or funding to support it. While it may be possible to move the significant part of the building to Town property that leaves the questions of where and to what purpose. If the building is demolished a link to local history is gone.

In November we asked for your help and the number and content of returns showed that many have given this question careful thought. As of January 6 nearly 90% of the 122 responses appear to favor a least-cost approach to removing the building from its present location. *Please feel free to stop by the Town Hall to review the folder of responses that were received!* 

The article to be voted at Town Meeting will determine the building's fate. Please come prepared with your questions, your ear for good ideas, your concerns, your respect for others and for the Town Meeting process. Perhaps we can resolve this matter in a way that will show Congress how working together with thoughtful consideration and reasonable debate can solve problems in a constructive way.



Rear of the Lavalley property. 2010.

### **Town Meeting Warning**

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1:	To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by						
	Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday,						
	March 6, 2012	2, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:					
	<b>5 years:</b> Cemetery Commissioner						
	3 years:	Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; Two (2) Planning Commissioners;					
	Selectperson; Lister; School Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public						
		Funds					
	2 years:	Selectperson; School Director; Two (2) Library Trustees; Trustee					
		of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term)					
	1 year:	Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of					
		Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors;					
		Selectperson (to fill an unexpired term);					

- ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters will approve adding \$61,184.28 from the FY 2010-2011 surplus to the Capital Fund Account to help reduce the number of years needed to create a self sustaining Capital Fund, with the balance of \$50,000 to be used to lower property taxes for FY 2012-2013. The total surplus for FY 2010-2011 is \$111,184.28.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$353,201.
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$361,635. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$301,635 to be raised by taxes.
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$59,700 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate up to \$100,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to be used to renovate or rebuild the 63 North Bingham Street Fire Station.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will approve the transfer of town owned property at 63 North Bingham Street to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department.
- ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate \$3,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
- ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will direct the Selectboard to sell the Lavalley Building in the highest and best interests of the Town of Cornwall; the sale to be made on condition that the building be removed from the present site within 6 months following the sale; to direct the dismantling of the Lavalley building if not sold; to

sell salvageable components and recycle the remainder; the expense of sale, demolition, and cleanup of the site not to exceed \$25,000.

- ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will exempt from property taxation the Mary Baker Allen Chapter DAR House for a period of five (5) years as permitted by Vermont Statute, Title 32, Section 3840. (The town's mound system is located on DAR property).
- ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

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a.	Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$2,000.00
b.	Addison County Community Action Group, Inc.	
	d/b/a/ HOPE	3,750.00
c.	Addison County Court Diversion and	
	Community Justice Projects, Inc.	350.00
d.	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
e.	Addison County Humane Society	500.00
f.	Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
g.	Addison County Readers, Inc.	250.00
h.	Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	835.00
i.	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc.	950.00
j.	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
k.	Elderly Services, Inc.	800.00
1.	Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
m.	Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.	400.00
n.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
0.	Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
p.	Northern Vermont Resource Conservation &	
-	Development Council	100.00
q.	Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	750.00
r.	The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	360.00
s.	Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
t.	WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>1,000.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$20,610.00

ARTICLE 12: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

#### SELECTBOARD:

R. Bruce Hiland, Chair Nancy Kemp David Sears Judy Watts Ben Wood

#### **Elected Town Officers 2011** Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Moderator:	Term Expires 2012	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2012	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2012	Susan Johnson
Selector, 3 years:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	R. Bruce Hiland Nancy Kemp David Sears
Selector, 2 years:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013	Judith Watts Ben Wood
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2013	Stuart Johnson
First Constable:	Term Expires 2012	Dennis Rheaume
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2012	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2012	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	Susan Burdick Stephenie Pyne Paul Viko
Town Agent:	Term Expires 2012	Benjamin Deppman
Grand Jurors:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012	Maurice Laframboise Vacant
School Directors, 3 years:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	Maureen Deppman Junius Calitri Cynthia Peet
School Directors, 2 years:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013	David Donahue Sarah Kemp
Union High School Director:	Term Expires 2014	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	Kenneth Manchester Katie A Q Gieges Shawn Fetterolf

# Elected Town Officers 2011, continued

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013	Derwin Stevens Juliet Gerlin (app.) Maurice Laframboise
Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014	Susan Johnson Judith English Patricia McCormick Kristina Simmons Vacant Vacant Vacant
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	Joan Bingham Patricia Anderson Marc Ringey Bruce Payne Nancy Kemp
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014	Tracy Himmel Isham Jean Terwilliger Geoff Demong Holly Noordsy Jim Bolton Annie Wilson Jim Duclos
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013	Judith English Virginia Hiland Dee Hodges Gary Margolis Peggy Sax Doris Severy Judith Watts

# **Appointed Town Officers 2011** Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Board of Zoning Adjustment:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014	Cy Day Tall Joan Donahue Ingrid Jackson J. Barnett Hodges III Annie Wilson
Assistant Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2012	Joan Bingham
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2012	Joan Bingham

# Appointed Town Officers 2011, *continued* Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2012	James Duclos
Health Officer:	Term Expires 2014	David Anderson
Assistant Health Officer:	Term Expires 2012	Susan Johnson
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012 Term Expires 2012	Robert Bingham Justus Devries Michael Heinecken
Addison County Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates: Alternates:	Marc Cesario Eric Severy Marjorie Drexler Ralph Teitscheid
Solid Waste Management Board:	Representative: Alternate:	Tom Bechtel Vacant
Cemetery Sextons:	Central: Evergreen: Fair: South:	Richard Bruso Bruce Payne Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Marc Lapin Lawrence Pyne Eric Mortenson Mary Dodge Vacant
Emergency Management Coordinat	or:	Katie A. Q. Gieges
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fire Warden:		Larry Clark
Green-Up Coordinator:		Dena Greenman
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Town Service Officer:		Barbara Laframboise
Tree Warden:		Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:		Jon Isham

# **Selectboard Report**

This past year's noteworthy items include:

- The 2010 census reports that Cornwall's population has swelled to 1,185, which makes us about 2/10ths of 1% of Vermont. This is still below our 1810 high of 1,270 souls but nearly twice our 1930 low of 640. We currently send tax bills for nearly 600 "taxable parcels" of which 379 are "homesteads".
- Cornwall celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in September with proper ceremonies thanks in large part to our Town Clerk and a hard-working volunteer crew.
- The March blizzard was very well handled by our Road Scholars. That event reinforced our commitment to good Emergency Planning, which we were most fortunate to NOT need with Irene.
- The Rte. 74 bridge was closed, repaired and re-opened a tad bit ahead of schedule and the widened and re-striped Rte. 30 shoulders elicited appreciation from our bicyclists.
- We revisited the long-time problem of salt contamination from the old town shed salt pile but have found no promising avenues for either solving the problem or reducing costs.
- We received the report of our independent accountant's review of Cornwall's financial management. In the soaring prose of accounting the report concluded, "...we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." We are reassured.

Our proposed General Fund and Highway Budgets–each representing about 10% of your total real estate tax bill – are our best estimate of what we will need to operate Cornwall from July 2012 through June 2013. Both are up modestly. Road maintenance material costs are climbing. We've added to the Capital Budget in case we need to make an earlier than planned truck replacement. Presidential election years cost more than off years. Using data from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2009 compensation survey we have included compensation adjustments for our three town employees: Clerk/Treasurer; Road Commissioner and truck driver. Based on the same data we have included increases for members and the chair of the Selectboard. All adjustments are based upon factual comparisons of comparable positions in Vermont towns of similar size measured by population and grand list.

During 2011, the Selectboard continued its practice of joint meetings with other Cornwall boards and commissions. These official but informal discussions help us all stay abreast of the town's issues and needs. Perhaps most important they remind us of the remarkable amount of work done by citizen volunteers. This year we extend special thanks to Kate Gieges, our Emergency Planner extraordinaire and Peter McCormick who helped Sue Johnson completely overhaul and update the Cornwall's website. Take a look! <u>http://cornwallvt.com</u>.

Nancy Kemp, retiring after the 2012 Town Meeting, has served on the Selectboard for 5 years and we all appreciate her great good sense, warm wit and steady hand on the helm.

R. Bruce Hiland, Chair Nancy Kemp Ben Wood Judy Watts, Vice Chair David Sears

# Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	2008/2009	2008/2009	2009/2010	2009/2010	2010/2011	2010/2011	2011/2012	<b>2011/2012</b> Thru	2011/2013
<b>Fixed Appropriations</b>	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/07/12	Pro. Budget
Humane Society	425.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
County Tax	11,500.00	12,409.73	12,500.00	11,969.19	12,200.00	10,926.95	10,700.00	11,165.29	11,600.00
Regional Planning	1,288.00	1,287.30	1,288.00	1,287.30	1,307.00	1,306.80	1,307.00	1,306.80	1,280.00
Otter Creek Conserv.	130.00	121.11	130.00	121.11	130.00	121.11	122.00	121.11	122.00
VT Trails & Greenways	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
MVAA	1,850.00	1,850.00	2,446.00	2,446.00	2,452.00	2,452.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,370.00
VLCT	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,604.00	1,604.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,889.00	1,889.00	1,967.00
Cornwall Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	16,353.93	130,000.00
Totals	16,711.00	17,686.14	138,498.00	137,957.60	138,469.00	137,186.86	137,053.00	30,871.13	147,874.00
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Salaries	(00.00	(00.00	(00.00	(00.00	(00.00	(00.00	(00.00	0.00	(00.00
Auditors	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Selectboard	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	0.00	3,400.00
Town Clerk - Treasurer	33,941.00	33,941.04	34,281.00	34,266.72	34,624.00	34,624.08	34,972.00	21,855.00	38,824.00
Listers	10,000.00	16,372.00	15,000.00	13,507.50	15,000.00	10,065.00	14,000.00	4,673.00	12,000.00
Custodian	600.00	510.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Asst. Town Clerk	3,300.00	2,700.00	3,000.00	2,625.00	3,000.00	3450.00	2,850.00	2,280.00	2,850.00
Planning Commission	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Town Secretaries	1,500.00	1,050.00	3,000.00	1,211.25	2,500.00	1470.00	1,500.00	708.75	1,500.00
Totals	52,341.00	57,573.04	58,381.00	54,610.47	58,324.00	52,609.08	56,522.00	29,516.75	60,774.00
Meetings									
Town Meeting	100.00	249.77	100.00	100.00	150.00	100.00	150.00	0.00	100.00
Elections	3,000.00	1,913.80	1,000.00	421.95	2,000.00	1,249.31	500.00	0.00	2,000.00
Totals	3,100.00	2,163.57	1,100.00	521.95	2,150.00	1,349.31	650.00	0.00	2,100.00
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Office Expense									
Town Clerk	1,500.00	1,595.48	1,500.00	2,826.44	2,400.00	2,194.79	2,400.00	914.98	2,400.00
Town Treasurer	1,500.00	1,687.06	1,500.00	2,566.05	1,500.00	1,778.65	1,500.00	1,136.86	2,400.00
Selectboard	500.00	372.10	300.00	18.13	300.00	85.20	300.00	641.45	300.00
Tax Collector	200.00	87.95	200.00	88.00	100.00	44.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grand List Maint.	7,000.00	4,747.54	6,000.00	3,736.22	6,000.00	5,136.62	6,000.00	1,586.83	10,200.00
Zoning Administrator	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	185.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Planning Commission	1,200.00	1,412.93	850.00	298.74	1,000.00	347.39	2,000.00	55.92	1,000.00
Board of Zoning Adj.	400.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	130.50	500.00	54.38	200.00
Town Office/General	2,000.00	2,481.61	2,000.00	2,893.21	2,500.00	1,854.63	2,500.00	2,266.00	2,500.00
Copier/Printer/Scanner	2,800.00	2,981.01	3,000.00	3,151.28	3,200.00	3,325.26	3,000.00	1,835.93	3,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	2,637.36	2,000.00	2,299.62	2,000.00	2,050.68	2,000.00	1,197.27	2,000.00
Vote Tabulator	0.00	1,963.70	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,487.75	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Emergency Mngt.	1,000.00	656.17	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,011.16	1,000.00	277.35	1,000.00
Totals	20,200.00	20,622.91	18,650.00	17,877.69	22,300.00	20,631.63	21,400.00	9,966.97	27,700.00

# Selectboard's General Fund Budget, continued

	2008/2009	2008/2009	2009/2010	2009/2010	2010/2011	2010/2011	2011/2012	2011/2012 Thru	
General Expenses	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	02/07/12	Pro. Budget
Town Reports	2,500.00	2,341.40	2,700.00	2,821.23	2,700.00	1,781.79	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Town Newsletter	1,500.00	1,278.00	1,000.00	2,110.47	1,600.00	2,497.19	2,000.00	1,078.00	2,000.00
Social Security	3,700.00	4,658.06	4,500.00	4,543.39	4,800.00	4,658.41	4,000.00	1,860.79	4,800.00
Retirement	1,000.00	652.13	1,370.00	1,381.24	1,385.00	1384.96	1,385.00	1,042.16	1,553.00
Health Promotion	0.00	96.00	300.00	45.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	0.00	150.00
Legal Services	3,000.00	1,488.72	3,000.00	10,780.69	10,000.00	7,569.74	10,000.00	9,303.05	10,000.00
Sheriff's Patrol	5,000.00	4,573.56	5,000.00	4,547.06	5,000.00	4,757.50	6,000.00	2,980.25	6,000.00
Dog Control	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,118.00	2,500.00	600.00	2,500.00	300.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	678.00	1,000.00	222.24	1,000.00	118.53	1,000.00	3,762.25	1,000.00
Records Restoration	4,500.00	4,165.00	2,250.00	2,710.00	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00
Water Contamination	1,500.00	554.24	750.00	716.44	750.00	564.28	750.00	485.60	750.00
LF Insect Control	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Fin. Records Review	5,000.00	4,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Totals	28,200.00	25,235.11	29,870.00	36,995.76	39,735.00	30,082.40	38,135.00	23,212.10	35,553.00
Town Buildings									
Town Hall	18,800.00	16,685.54	18,800.00	15,838.22	20,000.00	21,575.25	18,200.00	5,615.06	18,300.00
Town Garage	14,600.00	13,351.68	15,800.00	15,122.04	16,300.00	13,073.22	15,800.00	3,854.51	20,000.00
Sand & Salt Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Station, No. Bing.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
#5 School, So. Bing.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Douglas Pond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Two Acres, Sch. Rd.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lavalley Building	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	33,400.00	30,037.22	34,600.00	30,960.26	36,300.00	34,648.47	34,000.00	9,469.57	38,300.00
Parks & Cemeteries									
Cemeteries Maint.	3,000.00	1,805.00	2,000.00	730.20	1,000.00	1,278.24	3,000.00	115.00	3,000.00
Cemeteries Mowing	2,000.00	2,660.00	3,000.00	2,965.00	3,000.00	2,860.00	3,500.00	2,917.00	4,000.00
Other Town Mowing	2,500.00	1,860.00	2,500.00	1,830.00	2,500.00	1,620.00	2,000.00	1,175.00	2,500.00
Totals	7,500.00	6,325.00	7,500.00	5,525.20	6,500.00	5,758.24	8,500.00	4,207.00	9,500.00
Insurance									
Officers & Prop.	15,000.00	14,698.39	15,000.00	17,674.00	18,400.00	20,894.00	24,000.00	17,642.00	20,000.00
Workmen's Comp.	365.00	262.18	365.00	343.00	450.00	337.00	400.00	355.00	400.00
Health	7,400.00	8,149.27	9,650.00	9,337.56	7,200.00	7,975.94	7,500.00	4,950.86	8,500.00
Unemployment	600.00	596.00	500.00	417.00	600.00	445.00	500.00	338.00	500.00
Totals	23,365.00	23,705.84	25,515.00	27,771.56	26,650.00	29,651.94	32,400.00	23,285.86	
Dabt Same									
Debt Service	0.00	1 226 54	2 500 00	2 016 10	1 000 00	2 527 50	4 000 00	1 252 00	0.00
Interest (Capital)	0.00	1,326.54	2,500.00	2,016.19	4,000.00	3,537.50	4,000.00	1,353.00	0.00
Interest (Tax Antic.)	2,000.00	1,487.25	2,000.00	271.52	2,000.00	44.25	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Totals	2,000.00	2,813.79	4,500.00	2,287.71	6,000.00	3,581.75	6,000.00	1,353.00	2,000.00
GRAND TOTALS	186,817.00	186,162.62	318,614.00	314,508.20	336,428.00	315,499.68	334,660.00	131,882.38	353,201.00

# **Town Clerk – Treasurer's Report**

Well it seems that we are having the winter that wasn't, although I may get into big trouble for saying that, if now all of a sudden we start to have unrelenting snow storms. As we work our way into 2012, I am thinking back to all the happenings in 2011.

Most importantly for me was the wonderful celebration we had on September 24 to commemorate the fact that our town has turned 250 years old. I really can't thank the folks who helped me put the event together enough. I hope that everyone who attended had a great time. We lucked out on the weather, but not so much on the mosquitoes at the end. A special thank you to: Bob & Joan Bingham, Nancy Kemp, Denise Goodnow, Janice Whittemore, Liz Marino, Meg Harris, Katie Gieges, Raph Worrick, Andrew Marks, Russ Collins, Ken Manchester, Stu Johnson, Cy Tall, Lisa Northup and all the Cornwall Fire Department Members, Julie Hogan, Magna Dodge, Gary Margolis, John Nordmeyer, Marley Nordmeyer, Bobbie Carnwath, Jack, Marci Lambert, Linda Punderson, Gayl Braisted Larry Clark, Arlyn Foote, the Cornwall Church for the use of the tent, the vendors that showed their talents and wares, Rusty and Barb Harding for opening the Blacksmith shop, Jack and Judy Watts for welcoming folks to their historic barns, to all the homeowners that allowed folks to pass by their homes on the driving tour, Sunrise orchards for apples and cider, Middlebury Bagel and Deli for donut holes, and the BAND that played for us including Kristin Bolton, Andrew Munkres, Eric & Roma Mortenson, Rodger Hamilton, Dave Henderson and others, Project Independence, Rodger Hamilton and Kristin Bolton for our song, Andrew Hirsch and the Cornwall sixth graders for putting on a most wonderful pageant on the birthday evening with exquisite between scenes music performed by Romy Munkres, AND to all others who helped behind the scenes or in conjunction with a committee member, I am most grateful to you all!!!!

There are still a number of 250<sup>th</sup> T-Shirts left, in many sizes and colors. They are only \$10.00 each and make great presents, so feel free to stop by the Town Hall to get yours. Also, we have cookbooks available for \$5.00 apiece. There are some really great recipes in there, so "really" it is a steal at just 5 bucks.

I took advantage of a number of educational seminars and meetings in 2011. With the changes that are continually taking place after the legislative sessions, I try to keep up to date on handling those changes. As you may have seen on the website or read in the Cornwall Connection email, the most recent change is that state payments are no longer allowed to be printed on the public tax bills. They will of course be on the tax bill that you receive in the mail in September, but the ones that will be sent to your escrow companies, etc. will not show any state payment. The escrow companies will be looking to you for a copy of the net bill, unless of course something changes between now and then.

I will be looking into updating our accounting software in 2012. We are still using One Write Plus software, which is no longer available. Thus, there are no updates to the software and I worry that should it have a major malfunction, we would be up the creek, even though backups are made regularly. Several suggestions have been made, and we can go with the company that took over for One Write, which is Peachtree, but I am seriously leaning toward the NEMRC system, which is a group of modules designed specifically for municipal government entities. It is quite a bit more expensive than the other options, but it integrates with the Grand List and Tax Administration modules that we already use. The NEMRC program designers are right on top of

# Town Clerk – Treasurer's Report, continued

the many changes that come out of the legislature and can update their software to deal with new regulations very quickly. For example, within days of the recent court decision in regard to the net property tax payments, NEMRC provided an update so tax bills could be printed with and without state payment information. I will consider all the options very carefully before making a decision.

The 2012 tax bills will be sent out on or slightly before September 18, 2012. This will definitely be after the late filed Property Tax Adjustment forms have been filed and the final download has been received from the state on or about September 15. Once again, this is an effort to avoid printing multiple tax bills for the same property owner. It cuts down on the confusion for everyone, tax payer, escrow company and the town treasurer.

I am most appreciative to Peter McCormick for creating our new Town website. He did not particularly enjoy the other town website, and so took it into his own hands to make a change, and I must say it is a change for the better. He has also been very patient in teaching me the basics of posting and uploading documents to the website, and at this busy time for me, he has been willing to do most of the uploading for me. I am very pleased with the way our website looks and that it is very user friendly. We would appreciate knowing if there is information, listings or dialogues you would like to see on the website. Please check out the website if you have access at <u>www.cornwallvt.com</u>.

A reminder that we will be voting in three elections this year. Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary on March 6, the State Primary on August 28 and the General Election on November 6. If you have any question whether you are on the checklist, don't hesitate to give a call and check. Voter checklists will be posted at the town hall, town garage and the Cornwall School. We will use the vote tabulator for all federal and state elections, but we will have to count ballots for the town meeting election. Anyone interested in helping with that, please give a call. We will have a short get together with the Board of Civil Authority a couple weeks prior to each election to test the tabulator and go over election protocols.

I join with Stu in thanking everyone who sent best wishes for his hip replacement recovery or stopped by to check in on us. I thank Joan Bingham for being willing and able to cover for me in the office while I was out "taking care" of Stu. We both appreciated all of your get-well wishes and support during his recovery.

There are many people in the Town of Cornwall who make things happen, and our lives would be much more difficult and stressful without them, so I extend thanks to all those folks who are willing to help when they see the need. Very specifically, I would like to thank, Joan Bingham, Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf, Ken Manchester and Stu Johnson.

Oh by the way, please feel free to stop by the town hall and take a tour of the building if you haven't ever done so. There are folks who don't realize what a great second floor we have here. It gets used regularly for dances and meetings and such!!!

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy 2012.

Sue

# **Births**

Name David Wallace Stone Parents: Robert & Nicole Stone	<u>Date</u> February 4	<u>Place</u> Middlebury
Zia May Hamilton Parents: Gabriel & Chenoa Hamilton	May 17	Cornwall
Caleb Jeffrey Barth Parents: Joseph & Amy Barth	June 24	Cornwall
Soren Finlay Welz Parents: Matthew Welz & Kristin Stor	August 10	Middlebury
Austin Conrad Rheaume Parents: Steven & Kaitlin Rheaume	August 24	Middlebury
Nash Gallagher Benjamin Parents: Jordan & Erin Benjamin	October 22	Cornwall
Ethan Richard Quesnel Parents: Richard & Alice Quesnel	November 8	Middlebury

# Deaths

<u>Name</u> Paul M. Kemp	<u>Age</u> 73	<u>Residence</u> Cornwall	<u>Date</u> February 11	<u><b>Place</b></u> Cornwall
Margaret S. Clark	72	Cornwall	March 2	Middlebury
Christina M. Lambert	97	Panton	June 22	Panton
Arthur F. Blaise	83	Cornwall	October 6	Middlebury
Emily L. Bruso	93	Cornwall	November 1	Salisbury
Thomas E. Barrows	61	Cornwall	November 27	Cornwall
Justin C. Brande	59	Cornwall	December 15	Cornwall

# **Civil Marriages**

<u>Spouses</u> Steven C. Rheaume Kaitlin S. Mannigan	<u>Residence</u> Cornwall Cornwall	Date April 2	<u>Place</u> Cornwall
Jaime L. Schoenfeld Craig M. Hill	Doylestown, Pennsylvania Bensalem, Pennsylvania	April 30	Middlebury
Norman J. Grenier Patricia M. Hornbeck	Cornwall Cornwall	June 7	Salisbury
Jordan J. Benjamin Erin K. Bever	Cornwall Cornwall	July 3	Cornwall
Rayce W. Burnham Jessica L. Tarte	Cornwall Cornwall	August 20	So. Royalton
John H. Dawson Katherine A. Kerrigan	Cornwall Hanover, New Hampshire	September 17	Middlebury
Ana C. Guerrero Geoffrey W. Edwards	Brooklyn, New York Bow, New Hampshire	September 25	Middlebury
Heather E. Roberts Eric W. Meacham	Morrisville, North Carolina Morrisville, North Carolina	October 15	Cornwall



### Information and Services Available from the Town Clerk's Office

**Green Mountain Passports** - available to anyone who is a resident of Vermont and 62 years or older **OR** is totally disabled as a result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces **OR** is a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Passport holders are eligible for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state-sponsored events, as well as reduced prices on goods and services from several Vermont private businesses. The fee is \$2.00.

**Copies of Birth, Death, or Marriage Records on File** - used for a variety of purposes. Certified copies are \$10.00, uncertified copies \$1.00.

**Dog Licenses** - due by April 1st every year. Current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file. See further information elsewhere in this report.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses - All types of licenses are available.

**Copies of Zoning Regulations and Building Permit Applications** 

Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall

**Subdivision Regulations and Applications** 

Applications to the Board of Adjustment - for variance and conditional use

**Mobile Home Registration Forms** 

Minutes of Meetings - Selectboard, Planning Commission, Lemon Fair Insect Control District

Applications for Addition to the Voter Checklist

**Applications for Absentee Ballots** 

Petitions and information about running for and holding town office

**STATE tax forms** 

**Warnings and Notices of upcoming meetings** – Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.

**Renewal of Motor Vehicle Registrations** – renewals only. Must present DMV renewal form. \$3.00 Town Clerk fee, separate from the DMV renewal fee.

**Cornwall Connection – Enrollment in Town News and Emergency Alert Email List –** for municipal and emergency information i.e.: road closures, emergency/disaster information, town notices.

# **Property Transfers 2011**

- Donald Shall & Barbara Hofer to Stephen McKibben & Andrea Baier, .58 acre on Route 30
- 2. Robert Kirkpatrick & Joanne Franck to the Robert & Joanne Kirkpatrick Living Trust, house and 6 acres on Parkhill Road
- 3. Jeffrey & Marjorie Barth to Richard & Janice Potter, house and 10 acres on Parkhill Road
- 4. Roberta Carnwath, Trustee to Roberta Carnwath, house and .90 acres on James Road
- 5. Roberta Carnwath to Roberta Carnwath, Trustee, house and .90 acres on James Road
- 6. Laura Paquette to Lawrence & Marguerite Senecal, house and 2.64 acres on North Bingham Street
- 7. Richard Winslow to Deborah Jordan, shared driveway agreement/easement on West Street
- 8. Deborah Jordan to Matthew & Monique Bonner, house and 17 acres on West Street
- 9. Lawrence & Eileen Sims to John & Amanda Young, house and 5.5 acres on Orchard Run
- 10. John & Bonita McCardell to Brian & Anne Louise Collins, house and 53.42 acres on Tulley Road
- 11. Marianne Doe & Albert Lawton to Marianne Doe & Albert Lawton, Trustees, house and 14.42 acres on Cobbs Corners Road
- 12. Joseph Gleason to Thomas Vanacore & Company, house and 2.50 acres on Route 125
- 13. Joy Blix to Joy Blix, Trustee of the Revocable Trust, house and 19.4 acres on Lemon Fair Road
- 14. Mary Dodge & Michael Katz to Rebecca Dodge-Katz Esko, house and 58.10 acres on Sperry Road
- 15. Mark Dwire to Guy & Darcy Morter, house and 2.50 acres on Delong Road
- 16. John & Elaine Tavalozzi to Habitat for Humanity of Addison County, VT Inc., 13.18 acres on Delong Road
- 17. Lawrence Berno, Sandra Berno, Vaughn Berno, Laura Berno, David Berno, Kevin Berno & the estate of Paul Berno to Matthew Welz & Kristin Stor, house and 3.49 acres on Route 74
- 18. Eugene & Janice Ethier to Leo & Betty Lou Gorton, boundary adjustment on West Street
- 19. Leo & Betty Lou Gorton to Eugene & Janice Ethier, boundary adjustment on West Street
- 20. The estate of Mary Anne Oxford to Brian & Sigrid Howlett, house and 5 acres on Route 30
- 21. The estate of Margaret Payne Robbins to James Payne, 30.01 acres on West Street
- 22. The estate of Margaret Payne Robbins to Stephen Payne, Susan Bruce, David Payne, Bruce Payne & James Payne, 60.00 acres on West Street
- 23. William & Dorothy Ringey to Albert & Valerie Calzini, house and 1 acre on Douglas Road
- 24. Lisa Desjadon Richardson & Christopher Richardson to Green Tree Servicing, mobile home and 2.40 acres on Galvin Road
- 25. Leo and Betty Lou Gorton to United State of America Dept. of Agriculture, warranty easement deed on 43.586 acres on West Street
- 26. James & Ann Ross to Gale Burns, house and 13.30 acres on Cider Mill Road
- 27. Julia Telford to Dean Richmond, house and 33 acres on North Bingham Street
- 28. Gabriel Hamilton & Jonny Watson to Gabriel & Chenoa Hamilton & Jonny Watson, house and 6.72 acres on Delong Road
- 29. Doris Paquette to Roger Richmond, Dean Richmond & John Richmond, house and 251 acres on North Bingham Street

#### Property Transfers 2011, continued

- 30. Charlotte Phillips to the Barbara Cate Living Trust, covenant release on Snake Mountain Road
- 31. Robert Phillips to the Barbara Cate Living Trust, covenant release on Snake Mountain Road
- 32. Triple E Farms, LLC to Richard B. Marshak & Andrea Landsberg, 75.56 acres on Snake Mountain Road
- 33. Rachel Teachout to John Downey, house and 10.07 acres on Tulley Road
- 34. John Downey to John Downey, Trustee of the Downey Family Trust, house and 10.07 acres on Tulley Road
- 35. Margaret Keith to Eric & Susan Bechhoefer, house and 4.46 acres on Ridge Road
- 36. The Barbara Cate Living Trust to Valhalla Acres, LLC, house and 40 acres on Snake Mountain Road
- 37. James E. Payne to James E & Shelley A. Payne, 30.01 acres on West Street
- 38. Cynthia Aube, Trustee to Robin Aube & David Aube, 27.50 acres on Morse Road
- 39. Robin Aube & David Aube to Maurice & Barbara Laframboise, 27.50 acres on Morse Road
- 40. Vermont Investment Corporation to Willard T. Jackson, 84.75 acres between Route 30 and Cider Mill Road
- 41. Patricia Lafountain to Randy & Jean Quesnel, 36 acres from Weybridge farm on Snake Mountain Road
- 42. Willard T. Jackson to Middlebury College, house, buildings and 269.50 acres between Route 30 and Cider Mill Road

### **Dog Licenses 2011**

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January  $1^{st}$  of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April  $1^{st}$  of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April  $1^{st}$ , the owner has 30 days to apply for a license.

The current on time fee to register a dog is \$8.00 for spayed or neutered and \$10.00 for one that is **not** spayed or neutered. A **current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or on file before a dog can be registered.** 

Fees Received in Calendar Year 2011		
Total Number of Dogs Licensed	326	\$3,068.00
Kennel Permit	1	<u>56.00</u>
		3,124.00
Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2011		
To State		1,304.00
To Town		1,820.00
		\$3,124.00

GENERAL FUND		BUDGET	TAX RATE
Selector's Budget		\$334,660.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.		59,700.00	
Cornwall Free Library		3,000.00	
Cornwall Little League		500.00	
Charitable Agencies		20,610.00	
Hold Harmless		(41,712.00)	
(Surplus)/Deficit		(31,828.32)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		344,929.68	.18
HIGHWAY			
Highway		345,735.00	
Less State Aid		(60,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY		285,735.00	.15
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATH	E		0.0002
TOTAL MUNICIPAL		\$630,664.68	.33
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HOMESTEAD RATE	(Calci	ulated by the State)	1.5144
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE	(Calci	ulated by the State)	1.4102
GRAND LIST 2011-2012		\$192,720,000.00	

# 2011 - 2012 Voted Budget



Fire Department and community volunteers clearing the school roof after the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 heavy snow fall.

# Combined Balance Sheet General Fund/Highway Department

Governmental Fund Type December 31, 2011

ASSETS:		
Cash	\$374,780.18	
Cash Designated	132,108.92	
Accounts Receivable	60,642.42	
Total Assets	-	567,531.52
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	5,531.44	
Deferred tax revenue	59,766.23	
Due to other Governmental Units	3,458.31	
Total Liabilities		68,755.98
FUND BALANCES:		
Encumbrances	435,747.60	
Total Fund Balance		435,747.60
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	63,027.94	
Total Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	63,027.94	
Total Liabilities, Fund Balance & Excess Rev	\$567,531.52	



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#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ending June 30, 2011 Revenues

Revenues	
Property Taxes	\$2,783,519.69
Property Tax Adjustments	
Delinquent Taxes	41,256.90
Delinquent Tax Fees and Interest	
National Bank of Middlebury/Tax Anticipation	
Certificate of Compliance & Occupancy Letters	
Planning Commission & BZA Hearing Fees	
Town Clerk Fees	
Building Permits	
Dog Licenses Town	
Dog Licenses State	
Wildlife Licenses	
Civil Marriage Licenses	
Town Hall Rent	
Interest & Dividends	
Other Highway Income	
Judicial/Local Fines	
State of Vermont/Highway Aid	
State of Vermont/Hold Harmless	
State of Vermont/Reappraisal	
State of Vermon/PILOT	
Grant Money – Public Safety Town Hall Generator	
Miscellaneous	
Grand List Education Funds	
Transfer from Trustees of Public Funds Account	
Health Promotion	
Capital Fund Allocation	
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement	
Cornwall Bike Path Project	
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Total Revenues.	
Expenditures	105 450 21
General Government	
National Bank of Middlebury/Tax Anticipation	
National Bank of Middlebury/Interest	
Highway Department	
Other Fees (Wildlife, Marriage)	
Addison County Sheriff	
Cornwall School Assessment	
Delinquent Tax Salary	
Zoning Administrator Salary	
Voted Transfer	
Bike Path Project (80% reimbursed by the state)	
Planning Commission Town Plan Update	
Capital Budget Expenditures/Balance Transfer to Fund Account	120,000.00
Total Expenditures	2,975,570.71
Accounts Payable at June 30	5,531.44
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	
Fund Balance June 30, 2011	
Fund Balance December 31, 2011	\$435,747.60

#### Statement of Maturities June 30, 2011 General Fund Tax Anticipation & Short Term Debt

Line of Credit obtained:
Borrowed:
Paid Principal:
Paid Interest:
Maturity Date:

September 21, 2010 April 13, 2011 April 19, 2011 April 19, 2011 May 1, 2011 

 Line of Credit Amount
 \$150,000.00

 Amount:
 30,000.00

 Amount:
 30,000.00

 Amount:
 \$14.75

 Paid in Full
 \$14.75

## Statement of Maturities June 30, 2011 Highway Department Short Term Debt

As of June 30, 2011, the Cornwall Highway Department had no short term debt.

### Statement of Long Term Debt December 31, 2011 General Fund

As of December 31, 2011, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no long term debt.

#### Statement of Long Term Debt December 31, 2011 Highway Department

2009 Plow Truck	April 7, 2009	Amount Borrowed:	\$135,000.00
Balance:	December 31, 2010	Amount:	89,480.04
Principal Payment	May 09, 2011	Amount:	15,000.00
Interest Payment	May 09, 2011	Amount:	1,616.57
Principal Payment	November 16, 2011	Amount:	15,000.00
Interest Payment	November 16, 2011	Amount:	1,353.93
Balance:	December 31, 2011	Amount:	\$59,480.04
Maturity Date	November 20, 2013		

	FISCAL	FISCAL	FISCAL
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
General Fund	\$318,664	\$336,478	\$334,660
Enhancement Grant Matching Funds	0	10,000	0
(Surplus)/Deficit	(16,067)	(33,274)	(31,828)
Hold Harmless	(45,657)	(40,413)	(41,712)
Fire Department	62,050	58,800	59,700
Library	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cornwall Little League	500	500	500
Town Hall Generator	0	4,650	0
Town Garage Generator	0	3,300	0
Administrative Support	0	10,000	0
Outside Agencies	19,090	19,960	20,610
Highway	331,359	341,620	345,735
Less State Aid	(32,000)	(48,000)	(60,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	\$640,939	\$666,621	\$630,665
High School/Middle School	\$1,327,262	\$1,203,069	\$1,407,161
Elementary School	1,156,468	1,006,018	1,058,947
Less Anticipated Receipts	(323,103)	0	0
Total Estimated Education Spending	\$2,160,627	\$2,209,087	\$2,466,108
Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.3741	1.4058	1.5144
Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.3532	1.3401	1.4102
Local Agreement Rate	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$2,801,566	\$2,875,708	\$3,096,773
Grand List	191,046,000	191,453,049	192,720,000
Total Tax Rate Homestead Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	1.7043 1.6834	1.7460 1.6803	1.8446 1.7404

# **Comparative Statement of Taxes**

# **Miscellaneous Accounts**

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT	
Balance 6/30/2010	\$16,791.46
Interest 7/1/2010-6/30/2011	8.37
Balance 6/30/2011	16,799.83
Interest 7/1/2011 - 12/31/2011	4.22
Balance 12/31/2010	16,804.05
ESCROW ACCOUNT (Major Subdivisions)	
Balance 6/30/2010	89.22
Interest 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	0.00
Balance 6/30/2011	89.22
Interest 7/1/2011 - 12/31/2011	0.00
Balance 12/31/2011	89.22
MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	
Balance 6/30/2010	26,564.76
Interest 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	13.67
Expenditures 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011 (checks)	(21.00)
Income 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011 (Hydroseeder)	813.22
Balance 6/30/2011	27,370.65
Interest 7/1/2011 - 12/31/2011	6.87
Balance 12/31/2011	27,377.52
GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	
Balance 6/30/2010	87.92
Income 8/03/2010 (Inactivity Notice)	2.00
Interest 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011	0.00
Balance 6/30/2011	89.92
Interest 7/1/2011 – 12/31/2011	0.03
Income 11/18/2011 (Lister Education Funds)	389.15
Balance 12/31/2011	479.10
CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT	
Balance 12/31/2010	57,270.45
Balance 6/30/2011	57,270.45
Income 07/07/2011 (Balance Transfer from G.F.)	30,088.58
Balance 12/31/2011	87,359.03
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT GRAND TOTAL	
6/30/2011	101,620.07
12/31/2011	\$132,108.92

# **Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report**

# Taxes Collected from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011

Property	\$10,743.81	
Interest	1,093.43	
Collector's Fee	859.47	
Subtotal	12,696.71	
Over Payments	0.00	
TOTAL		\$12,696.71
Taxes Collected from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 201	11	
Property	\$6,073.21	
Interest	2,739.96	
Collector's Fee	485.85	
Subtotal	9,299.02	
Over Payments	1.02	
TOTAL		\$9,300.04
GRAND TOTAL		\$21,996.75

# **Delinquent Taxes Updated as of December 31, 2011**

N	N 2011	M 0011	NI 2010	14 2010	NI 2000	14 2000	NI 2000	N 2000	1 2005	
Name			1		Nov. 2009				Nov. 2007	2006&May 2007
Belanus, Steven	\$821.47	\$793.10	\$793.10	\$794.56		\$1,157.71	\$1,157.71	\$981.82		\$371.57
Brewer, Donna	\$1,224.89	\$933.76	\$933.76	\$1,082.47	\$1,082.48	\$1,056.75				
Cannon, Stephen N.	\$695.29									
Cobb, Joyce	\$849.86									
Dalley, Donna	\$1,209.14				\$1,103.47	\$1,103.47	\$1,707.31	\$63.92	\$1,477.88	\$1,182.57
Downs, Donald	\$43.51	\$42.01	\$42.01							
Downs, Francis & Patrick	\$136.62	\$131.90	\$131.91							
Downs, Patrick & Francis	\$8.70	\$8.40	\$8.40							
Eagan, William	\$756.20									
Ellison, Christina	\$696.19									
Field, Douglas & Lyons, M.	\$1,495.75									
Fitzpatrick, James & Carma	\$26.10									
Fitzpatrick, Liam	\$3.48									
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	\$86.15									
Foote, A.W. Estate				\$2,754.04	\$2,754.04	\$2,650.85	\$2,650.86	\$2,244.17	\$2,171.96	
Foote, Peter V.	\$120.09	\$115.94	\$115.94							
Gambardella, Mona	\$1,838.52	\$1,640.53	\$1,640.53							
Gardon, Vincent	\$1,232.20	\$1,189.65	\$1,189.65							
Hall, Mark	\$161.86	\$156.27	\$156.27	\$156.56		\$5.47				
Iocco, Gordon & Valerie	\$1,149.46	\$970.00	\$787.87							
Jackson, Thomas & Melissa	\$1,503.09									
Kerwin, Sharon	\$720.50	\$367.91								
Meyerson, Randy & Hilary	\$35.79									
Ranney, Joshua & Nicole	\$1,669.04									
Reginbald, Gordon & Theresa	\$300.97									
Trombley, Brian & Carrie	\$969.38	\$1,027.62								
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Totals	\$17,754.25	\$7,377.09	\$5,799.44	\$4,787.63	\$4,939.99	\$5,974.25	\$5,515.88	\$3,289.91	\$3.649.84	\$1,554.14
Grand Total	\$60,642.42		,		,					,
Grand Total			,	· · ·	,	· •	,			

# **Trustees of Public Funds**

As discussed in the 2010 Town Report, we voted to eliminate the Linsley School bequest from our portfolio. As the accounting below shows, a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,544.23 was sent to the School Board.

In addition, we voted to automatically reinvest CVPS dividends in CVPS stock instead of transferring the dividends to the General Fund.

In late June, we were requested by the Selectboard to return to the Town the entire Affordable Housing Fund, to be used for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity's development of a four-house site in Cornwall. The original \$75,000, invested in a CD, had grown to \$80,027.66. Because the CD had not matured, there was a penalty for early withdrawal.

#### Balances as of 6/30/2011 and Values as of 12/31/2011

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (from Foote Farm Sub-division Agreement)

Balance on 6/30/2010 (CD due 11/23/2013, 2.47%, National Bank of Middlebury)	\$78,043.57
Interest, 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011	1,951.60
Balance on 6/30/2011	79,995.17
Interest 7/1/2011 to 7/6/2011	\$32.49
Balance on 7/7/2011	80,027.66
Less penalty for early withdrawal	-\$949.96
Cashier's Check #82924 payable to the Town of Cornwall, dated 7/7/2011	-79,077.70
Balance as of 12/31/2011	0.00
SELECTPERSONS' ACCOUNT (360 original shares of CVPS stock in certificate form) [Original Cost, \$4,365.00]	
Stock Value 6/30/2010 (360 shares @ \$19.74/share, closing price)	7,106.40
Dividends 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011	331.20
Dividends transferred to General Fund	-331.20
	7,106.40
Change in Market Value	5,907.60
Stock Value on 6/30/11 (360 shares @ \$36.15/share, closing price) (83.1% gain)	13,014.00
Dividend 8/3/2011	\$82.80
Purchased 2.372 shares on 8/15/2011 (\$34.900/share)	-82.80
Dividend 11/2/2011	83.35
Purchased 2.374 shares on 11/15/2011 (\$35.115/share)	-83.35
	13,014.00
Change in Market Value	-211.42
Stock Value on 12/30/2011 (364.746 shares @ \$35.10 /share, closing price) (1.6% loss)	\$12,802.58

# **Trustees of Public Funds Report,** continued

#### **CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

Balance on 6/30/2010 (CD due 12/29/13, 2.32%, National Bank of Middlebury)	\$11,455.89
Interest 7/1/10 to 6/30/11	268.89
Value on 6/30/11	11,724.78
Interest 7/1/11 to 12/31/11	<u> </u>
Value on 12/31/11	<u> </u>

#### LINSLEY SCHOOL FUND

Balance on 6/30/2010 (CD due 7/24/2011, 1.73%, National Bank of Middlebury)	$1,516.09^{1,2}$
Interest earned from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011	26.46
Balance on 6/30/2011	1,542.55
Interest earned from 7/1/2011 to 7/23/2011	1.68
Matured on 7/23/2011	1,544.23
Withdrew via Cashier's check #84805, payable to the Town of Cornwall	-1,544.23
Value on 12/31/2011	\$0.00

#### LEMUEL AND VERA PEET BEQUEST

Balance on 6/30/2010 (CD due 7/24/2011, 1.73%, National Bank of Middlebury) Interest earned from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011	$49,020.32^{1,2} \\ 855.42$
Balance on 6/30/2011	49,875.74
Interest earned from 7/1/2011 to 7/23/2011	54.40
Matured on 7/23/2011	<u> </u>
Renewed CD, 7/23/2011 (CD due 7/25/2016, 2.23%, National Bank of Middlebury) Interest earned from 7/23/2011 to 12/31/2011 Value on 12/31/2011	49,930.14 <u>491.88</u> <b>50,422.02</b>
TOTAL ASSET VALUE ON 6/30/11	156,152.24
TOTAL ASSET VALUE ON 12/31/11	\$75,087.31

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet Gerlin, Trustee Maurice Laframboise, Trustee Derwin Stevens, Trustee and Chairperson . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents a portion of a \$ 50,014.57 CD, 20 months, 1.73%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These values differ slightly from those reported in the 2010 Town Report. They were adjusted to correct an accumulated round-off error involved with proportioning the income between the two accounts. The Linsley School fund was increased by \$0.44 while the Peet fund was decreased by the same amount.

	Highway Budg	get '08 - '10		
	2008/2009	2008/2009	2009/2010	2009/2010
Materials	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
Salt	10,000.00	9,811.54	13,200.00	9,865.39
Sand	12,000.00	11,653.50	12,000.00	15,139.69
Gravel	32,000.00	30,217.43	32,000.00	33,616.71
Paving	68,000.00	67,599.68	68,000.00	68,000.00
Crack Sealing	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	4,000.00
Chloride	16,000.00	18,381.24	16,000.00	19,663.74
Culverts	5,000.00	6,408.08	5,000.00	5,827.23
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Signs	500.00	161.40	500.00	291.45
TOTALS	145,900.00	144,232.87	153,100.00	156,404.2
Equipment	142,700.00	144,252.07	155,100.00	150,404.23
Parts/Repairs	10,000.00	12,303.29	12,000.00	10,624.61
Equipment Rental	4,500.00	4,300.00	4,000.00	4,397.15
Pick Up Allowance	2,500.00	2,499.96	2,500.00	2,499.90
Fuel	18,000.00	19,176.79	20,400.00	16,464.25
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	445.21	600.00	586.84
Equipment Purchase	16,000.00	15,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,200.00	512.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,000.00	1,351.61	1,200.00	1,200.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	574.00
Unplanned Maintenance	5,000.00	3,158.00	7,500.00	8,870.87
TOTALS	59,800.00	58,746.86	64,400.00	60,417.68
Administrative	•,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	00,710000	01,100000	
Administrative	1000.00	218.80	300.00	417.92
Personnel/Labor	77,000.00	80,518.36	82,200.00	83,766.80
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	5,890.00	6,175.06	6,288.00	6,423.92
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	6,935.00	7,587.43	5,000.00	5,639.00
Personnel/Retirement	2,600.00	1,565.20	3,288.00	3,370.28
Personnel/Health	14,800.00	16,173.86	16,783.00	16,449.72
TOTALS	108,225.00	112,238.71	113,859.00	116,067.64
Special Projects	100,22000		110,007100	110,00710
Douglas Pond/Delong Culverts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Cooperation	0.00	9,211.50	0.00	0.00
August 2008 Storm Damage	0.00	8,867.29	0.00	0.00
Better Back Roads/West Street	0.00	3,248.72	0.00	0.00
Swamp Road Stabilization	0.00	155,944.45	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	313,925.00	492,490.40	331,359.00	332,889.53
	515,725.00	472,470.40	551,557.00	552,007.5
<b>REVENUES</b> Equipment Purchase Refund	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00			0.00
Grant Money Equipment Rental Refund	0.00	128,808.98 4,650.00	$\begin{array}{c} 0.00\\ 0.00\end{array}$	0.0
FEMA Payment	0.00	4,630.00	0.00	0.00
Weybridge Payment	0.00	13,889.41	0.00	0.00
TOTALS WITH INCOME	313,925.00	317,863.51	331,359.00	332,889.53

Highway Budget '08 -'10

	Highway	Budget 10	- 13		
	2010/2011	2010/2011	2011/2012	2011/2012	2012/2013
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	thru 1/12/11	Pro. Budget
Materials					
Salt	14,800.00	15,872.30	14,800.00	6,791.14	14,800.00
Sand	15,000.00	9,321.13	15,000.00	7,437.04	15,000.00
Gravel	32,000.00	35,070.57	32,000.00	23,567.83	35,000.00
Paving	68,000.00	70,143.69	68,000.00	3,874.00	75,000.00
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	16,500.00	17,107.68	24,300.00	22,728.75	25,000.00
Culverts	7,000.00	7,810.40	6,000.00	7,103.15	7,500.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	500.00
Signs	500.00	538.85	600.00	1,025.37	600.00
TOTALS	160,200.00	159,664.62	164,700.00	76,727.28	177,400.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	12,261.69	12,000.00	6,376.31	12,000.00
Equipment Rental	4,000.00	4,466.11	5,300.00	4,545.00	5,500.00
Pick Up Allowance	2,500.00	2,499.96	2,500.00	1,458.31	3,000.00
Fuel	20,000.00	21,963.24	20,000.00	14,612.26	20,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	769.64	600.00	559.95	600.00
Equipment Purchase	14,000.00	6,174.70	10,000.00	469.98	10,000.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,200.00	723.20	1,200.00	147.00	1,000.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,200.00	1,231.56	1,500.00	714.65	1,500.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	390.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	2,695.96	7,500.00	1,561.61	7,500.00
TOTALS	64,000.00	53,176.06	61,600.00	30,445.07	62,100.00
 Administrative	,	,	,	,	,
Administrative	500.00	198.49	500.00	204.92	750.00
Personnel/Labor	86,000.00	85,674.10	87,000.00	55,718.55	90,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,580.00	6,590.78	6,655.00	6,624.94	6,885.00
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	5,300.00	3,716.00	5,300.00	4,773.00	5,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,440.00	3,409.86	3,480.00	2,605.95	3,500.00
Personnel/Health	15,600.00	16,331.78	16,500.00	12,410.86	16,000.00
TOTALS	117,420.00	115,921.01	119,435.00	82,338.22	122,135.00
Special Projects		;			,
West Street Culvert	0.00	5,565.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
August 2008 Storm Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Better Back Roads/West Street	0.00	6,050.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Swamp Road Paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	144,110.85	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	341,620.00	340,377.28	345,735.00	333,621.42	361,635.00
= REVENUES	,	,	,	,	,
State Aid Highway	0.00	15,863.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement	0.00	859.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Culvert & Paving Grant	0.00	5,008.90	0.00	115,288.68	0.00
Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro Seeder Payment	0.00	813.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payment From Other Towns	0.00	2,100.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
TOTALS WITH INCOME	341,620.00	312,132.65	345,735.00	217,932.74	361,635.00

Highway Budget '10 -'13

# **Highway Department Report**

So....I usually start this report with the highlights and save the Thank you's till the end. I'm going to mix it up a little here. The highlight for me was getting a new hip joint that works!!! But there's a bunch of thanks owed to a bunch of folks for all the help, support and good wishes. So thank you to all!! We were able to schedule the procedure for a slow time of year when there's not much going on.

#### Then came Irene.

Thankfully, Cornwall had minimal damage, mostly tree damage which was readily dealt with allowing us to join with other Addison County towns to help out in Hancock and Rochester as mentioned in the newsletters. Looking ahead in the wake of Irene, there have been and will continue to be a variety of discussions about Road, Bridge and Culvert standards. There is already talk of upgrading to at least a 50 year (Q50) standard from a Q25, seeing as we've had several Q25's in the last 5 years. We have been upgrading culverts as we go anyways, so it won't mean much. However, we are seeing more structural failures of the black plastic culvert that was hyped 20 years ago as a 50+ year product. The most cost effective replacement is still a little more expensive so that line has gone up some. The bigger increase is in paving. For several years I have suggested that we are under funding our paving line. We've been able to compensate for this using a combination of different products and state paving grants. Simple math would have us spending well over \$100K per year just to resurface what we have on a reasonable schedule to say nothing about ever paving over gravel. Combining some funds left from 2011 with the \$75K in this budget we will have the \$100K to use on sections of West Street this summer.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Cornwall and the Town of Shoreham are pushing the joint purchase of a used excavator. A Memorandum of Understanding has been worked out for the selectboards to approve. The plan will be to utilize a 5-year zero percent interest loan through the State for joint purchases between towns. Cornwall's 50% portion of the 25% down payment will come from the current year's operating budget line for new equipment. The subsequent payments will be paid proportional to each town's use of the machine. It is expected this will be less than the amount we've been spending on a rental over the last few years. So... while some savings are expected, the big advantage will be the availability and flexibility of having access to it virtually year round if needed.

The other thing we continue to struggle with is the life cycle of our plow trucks, the 2005 truck has had more than its share of down time over the last 6 years. The expense to the town has been limited because we purchased an extended warranty and then extended that out to the limit, which is expected to run out in August 2012. Dependability of a front line plow truck is the issue. Even with the 12 year old backup truck available, it has a noticeable impact on our effectiveness. Many towns are moving to a replacement schedule tied to the length of the warranty. As many towns are waiting for these off warranty trucks to come on the market to be put into service as 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> line trucks, so the 05's value is as high as it ever will be. So despite having been reliable this past fall and winter, the prevailing thought is to replace it next fall. The capital plan has been adjusted, as discussed elsewhere, to facilitate this change. Beyond that, it's the same old, same old.

# Highway Department Report, continued

Back to Thank you's, I appreciate Kate Gieges for her help when we need it and all the other EMAN stuff she does for the Town. A thanks to the folks at Shoreham Telephone for their ongoing cooperation. We'll see how that works, here in the future with the changing of the guard. And of course Susan, who takes all the verbal abuse from some, for what I do and don't do, and for putting up with all of it...and me!

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# **Tree Warden's Report**

I am pleased to report that I have been working closely with the Road Commissioner and his crew throughout the past year. We have had many productive and uncontentious discussions about the statutory definition of a shade tree and how that plays into the management of roadside vegetation. I am satisfied that his intentions to balance the issues of safety, i.e.: sight distance and clear zones, drainage, selective thinning and esthetics are well within the parameters of 'Treescaping' as promoted by the Vermont Woodlands Council and state forestry officials.

On another note, one of my father's imprints on my mindset is a profound respect for the American Chestnut. As a teenager, I witness the last pathetic attempts of the farm's old chestnut stumps to push suckers which soon succumbed to the virus that obliterated the species in the early  $20^{\text{th}}$  century.

Today, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) is beginning to make blight resistant strains of the chestnut available with the long term goal of reintroducing the chestnut throughout its native range. While never a dominant species around here, it was a native. I weakly recall someone telling me of a huge stump off of Peet Road. Some of the sills and posts in our house are chestnut. The TACF newsletter has mentioned a few surviving trees throughout the state. TACF has been selectively breeding stock for years and while I recognize the complicated F, N2 code stuff from college genetics, I don't begin to cipher it. Only to know they are way out there with their selection and breeding and hopefully have been able to produce a strain of chestnut with all the stature and traits of the original specimens, while developing the resistance needed to fend off the blight.

I would encourage anyone interested in the American Chestnut (you know the real chestnuts roasting on an open fire), TACF or its mission to check out their website (<u>www.acf.org</u>). Last year we ordered a couple chestnut trees from the Otter Creek Conservation District when they offered their tree sale in the spring. I'm not sure of the genetics behind them. TACF does have programs where you can get these new lines of plants and be a part of the reporting and information collection. There are several 'orchards' started around the state especially over in the upper valley area.

Anyways, I thought I'd mention it in case someone might be interested. One last thing, there is a large pile of bark mulch at the Town Garage available to anyone who wants it. If you are lucky, one of the road crew might be there with the loader.

# **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**

The Fire Department thanks the community for continued attention to fire prevention and home safety, which includes maintenance of smoke detectors. 2011 was one of the busiest years on record for the department. We were called out 70 times during the year. We were called for 8 mutual aid calls to 4 other towns. The breakdown of calls is listed below. Our department trained a total of 241 hours this year.

We continue to make progress in the installation of 9-1-1 signs. Even a few minutes in locating your residence could save your property and more importantly someone's life. Please contact us for details or send a check to Cornwall Fire Department 1952 Rte 30. The cost of the sign for materials is only \$30. (Not including the time/labor to install.) We ask that if any resident installs their own sign, to please contact Shoreham Telephone so as not to damage any communications lines. The department also asks residents, who have a monitored alarm system, to contact us to arrange for access to the property in the event the alarm is activated. This will save time and minimize damage if emergency access is needed. Please contact Chief Dennis Rheaume (462-3866) for further information and to provide us with the appropriate information.

We continue our annual appeal for new members for both our First Response and Fire Department. Although, both have a serious initial time commitment, we can help alleviate any concerns you might have. It is very rewarding and great way to volunteer to help your community. If you have any questions and are interested, please contact any officer or member listed below.

Our fleet of vehicles includes our Engine 3 (2008), Engine 1 (2003), Engine 2 (1982), Tanker 2 (2007) and Tanker 1 (2007). The Department was slated to receive \$200,000 from the Town's Capital Fund to replace one of the previously aging tankers. By carefully shopping, we were able to purchase (2) 2007 Freightliner chassis, one was retrofitted with a tank from one of the old tankers. Also, we purchased a new tank for the other 2007 chassis for a total of less than \$100,000. Our 1990 ambulance-box utility vehicle is no longer part of our fleet. The mounting repair bills and a blown engine made this a financial liability. As part of the Capital Fund, we are planning and designing a new utility vehicle to be ordered and received by late summer/early fall. In the meantime, the Town of Bridport has loaned us a vehicle that is being used for this purpose. Our budget for 2012-2013 has stayed the same.

After many years of use, the West Cornwall Fire Station has become a financial burden and is insufficient for the department. For example, the heating costs for the West Cornwall building are as much if not more than the much larger Route 30 station. Another example is the difficulty that is experienced when parking the newer trucks in the building. The department feels that it is crucial to continue utilizing a station in West Cornwall to decrease response time and increase fire safety. The initial plan was to replace the cement block building with a wooden frame structure, but state fire code requires that a sprinkler system be installed with any public wooden building. The lot that the current station sits on was given to the town for highway department use in the 1950's and has no water or septic on site, thus installing a sprinkler system would be very costly. The cost to modify the existing cement block structure is virtually the same as replacing it. You will notice two articles in the warning that relate to the West Cornwall Station. The department looks forward to an engaging discussion at Town Meeting.

Once again thanks to Sue Johnson for her assistance in being the voice on the radio during our calls. Also, thanks to Jean Cadoret for making the awesome homemade doughnuts for meeting and drill nights.

# **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, continued**

Breakdown of Calls for 2011 Calendar Year

Medical	30
Auto Accidents	14
Carbon/Smoke detectors	7
Structure	1
Vehicle Fires	3
False Alarms	3
Miscellaneous	4
Mutual Aid*	<u>8</u>
Total	70

\*Mutual Aid to: Middlebury (4), Whiting (2), and Weybridge (2).

Members: Chief, Dennis Rheaume; Assistant Chiefs, Dave Berno and Sean Stearns; Captains, Ken Manchester, Raph Worrick and Dave Sears; Lieutenant, Lew Castle; Firefighters, Shawn Fetterolf (on leave), Ed Peet, Lisa Northup, Adam Berno, Vaughn Berno, Steven Rheaume, Chris Dayton, Dave Guertin, Charlie Bearor, Peter Conlon, Lawrence Pyne, Matt Severy, Luke Jerome, Robyn Berno, Bob Stone, Aaron Mathis and Scott Patch. Medical, Chenoa Hamilton

Category	Sub-category	Budgeted 7/1/10- 6/30/11	Budgeted 7/1/11- 6/30/12	Year-to-year % Increase	Spent Year- to-date	Year-to-date % Spent	Proposed 7/1/12- 6/30/13	
Utilities								
	Heat	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	0.00%	\$1,358.61	30.19%	\$4,500.00	
	Electric	\$1,700.00	\$1,500.00	-11.76%	\$702.34	46.82%	\$1,500.00	
	Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$403.68	40.37%	\$1,500.00	
Insurance	•							
	Insurance Premiums	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	0.00%	\$7,105.00	44.41%	\$17,000.00	
Vehicles								
	Vehicles (Gas/Diesel/Oil)	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	-16.67%	\$94.33	3.77%	\$2,500.00	
	Truck Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%	\$1,964.79	32.75%	\$5,750.00	
Equipment								
	Communications Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%	\$2,202.00	55.05%	\$4,000.00	
	Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$500.00	500.00%	\$0.00	0.00%	\$500.00	
	Personal Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%	\$920.00	9.20%	\$8,000.00	
	Fire Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%	\$1,136.60	28.42%	\$4,000.00	
Training								
Ū	Fire Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$277.45	27.75%	\$500.00	
Operations	Dispatch						\$2,500.00	
	Association Dues	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	-33.33%	\$150.00	18.75%	\$600.00	
	Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%	\$1,488.08	37.20%	\$4,000.00	
	Department Office Equipment	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%	\$159.82	39.96%	\$350.00	
	Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$300.00	20.00%	\$1,500.00	
Medical					•		•	
	Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-33.33%	\$150.23	15.02%	\$500.00	
	Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$245.00	24.50%	\$500.00	
Totals		\$58.800.00	\$59,700.00	1.53%	\$18,657.93	31.25%	\$59,700.00	

# **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget**

# **Forest Fire Warden Report**

Anyone would agree that 2011 was a bad year for the State of Vermont....but the wild fire scene was about normal with 26 fires statewide, with all but two man made.

As I have lost my primary phone call person, I have to rely on my answering machine if I'm not home. I try to return all calls when I am able, or you can call the Town Clerk. We gave out 181 permits in 2011, down slightly because of the weather.

Please remember that permits are only good the day they are issued and that smoke and steam over a sugar house are normal!!!!!

Larry Clark

# **Conservation Commission Report**

The Cornwall Conservation Commission has continued to work to help the Planning Commission and town residents conserve our natural resources. Our current project areas are assisting the Planning Commission; conservation of Beaver Brook watershed and protection of water quality in the brook, its tributaries, and Lemon Fair River, into which Beaver Brook flows; maintenance and enhancement of Douglas Pond; and searching for grants to fund inventory work that will help us understand locations and values of features such as wildlife habitat and corridors, wetlands, and rare and uncommon natural communities and species.

The only subdivision application we were asked to advise on was the Habitat for Humanity development on Delong Road. We conducted a field visit, evaluated maps and plans, and provided our comments to the planners for their consideration. The Conservation Commission looks forward to continuing our work with the Planning Commission. An aspect of that in 2012 will be participating in the creation of the new town plan. Our commission was pleased to see the high level of interest expressed in the results to the town planning survey. Respondents indicated that they would like an inventory and map of ecologically significant natural areas for strategic land use (71 %) and would also like the CCC to work with land trusts and landowners to conserve lands (69.5%). In addition, they indicated a strong desire to protect the town's streams, ponds, rivers and wetlands (85%), groundwater resources (85%), wildlife habitat and movement corridors (81%), agricultural lands (81%), and scenic views (76%).

As part of our educational mission, in October we hosted an invasive species workshop and had a display at the town celebration. Through the town newsletter, we'll continue to alert townsfolk to educational opportunities and pressing environmental issues.

Current CCC members include Marc Lapin, Eric Mortenson, Lawrence Pyne and Mary Dodge. We would like to thank Pat D'Andrea for her past service; she was very helpful in consulting with the Planning Commission and in assisting with the invasive species outreach. Now we are looking to fill this vacancy, so please contact Marc Lapin (lapin@middlebury.edu) or Mary Dodge (mdodge@middlebury.edu) if you would like to learn more about how you can help with conservation work in Cornwall.

Marc Lapin, Chair

# **Health Officer's Report**

Cornwall residents are encouraged to visit the Vermont Department of Health web pages (http://healthvermont.gov) for a wealth of information on an array of public health issues. Once there, click on the "Quick Link" for "Town Health Officers" for an explanation of the role the Town Health Officer and a description of Town Health Officer Law. Town residents may also follow the Health Department on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HealthVermont) and Twitter (twitter.com/#!/healthvermont).

During 2011, the Town Health Officer responded to one public health complaint. The complaint was resolved with the assistance of the Agency of Natural Resources, Compliance and Enforcement Division. In general, a complaint submitted in writing to the Health Officer greatly facilitates a review of the matter. Some individuals making complaints have asked that their name be kept confidential. This is not possible since Health Officer notes, correspondence and other records are subject to access, upon request, under public records law.

Again this year a pool in Cornwall tested positive for West Nile Virus. Town residents were informed through "Cornwall Connection" and the Town newsletter.

Two animal bites were brought to the attention of the Health Officer. Reports were prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Community Public Health. In such cases, the concern is for the general health of the bite victim and the possibility of rabies. It should be noted that, under Vermont law, residents or visitors to the Town of Cornwall bitten by a domestic pet off the premises of the owner and requiring medical attention for the attack, may file a written complaint with the Town of Cornwall Selectboard. Within seven days, the Selectboard is required to investigate the charges and hold a hearing on the matter.

In March, the Health Officer participated in a two-day "Scenario-Based Executive Level Training" sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The course, "FEMA G-393, Mitigation for Emergency Managers," was completed in October. The final training program for the year was the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference in November.

The Town continues to pump water from the well at the Town Garage as part of an on-going effort to address salt contamination. The discharge permit issued by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources requires quarterly testing of the water being discharged for levels of sodium and chloride. All 2011 test results were well within the limits set by the Vermont Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency except the March results that showed somewhat elevated levels of sodium and chloride. It should be noted that the Health Officer contacted a Professor of Geology and Chemistry at Castleton State College who conducted a review of the current pumping program and its history. In short, she reaffirmed our existing approach. There was no charge for this service.

Respectfully Submitted, David L. Anderson, Health Officer

# **Energy Coordinator's Report**

Last year at town meeting we showed our support for the Property Assessed Clean Energy program or PACE. This program will allow homeowners to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects thru a special assessment charged as a new line item on their property tax bills. This PACE program enables those who are interested in implementing these projects to access long term financing. The program is a voluntary one and has no cost to those who choose not to participate. I'm working with the Selectboard, helping figure out the details of implementing this program and the state is getting the financing, legal and other requirements in place that should have the program up and running this year.

The attics of both the Town Garage and the Town Hall could both benefit from air sealing and more insulation. In the energy audit that was done on the town garage one of the measures recommended was for air sealing and insulating the attic with 12 inches of cellulose at cost of \$5,963.00 with a simple payback (R.O.I.) of 7.4 years. While no action has been taken this year, I hope to help move this forward in 2012.

I will continue to offer preliminary energy assessments for those who would like to improve their homes energy efficiency. In addition, I have continued working with the ACORN Energy Coop to promote renewable energy and efficiency. This year we completed our first Group Net Metering Project.

No expenses actual or proposed.

Gary Barnett, Energy Coordinator

# **Cemetery Commission Report**

The Cemetery Commission met twice this year to make arrangements for mowing, to assess the repairs made last year and to make arrangements for future headstone repairs. During this past year, Kuhn Memorials made repairs to some stones in South and Fair Cemeteries. As part of this ongoing project, we plan to continue that work this summer in South, possibly using the services of a company in West Rutland (Bowker). We still hope to repair the most damaged headstone which memorializes Deacon John Beecher in South Cemetery. Markers indicate that he is a Revolutionary War veteran and thus we might be able to receive funding from the state; however, we have been unable to locate records for proof even from family members that we contacted.

In late summer, we met for a chat with the Selectboard, as did all town committees. Expenses for 2010-2011 were \$2,830.00 paid for mowing and \$1,278.24 to Kuhn Memorials for headstone repairs. Thus far this fiscal year, mowing expenses were \$2,917.00 and \$115.00 was spent to clean up debris in West Cemetery. Anticipating the need for more headstone repairs, the Cemetery Commission requests \$3,000.00 in next year's budget for maintenance and \$4000.00 for mowing.

Nancy Kemp, Chair Pat Anderson Joan Bingham Bruce Payne Marc Ringey

# Listers' Report

The new Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Cornwall is 98.04%. The CLA is the average ratio of the fair market appraisal to the selling price of a property in Cornwall. The closer the CLA is to 100%, the closer is the match between the selling prices and the appraisal of properties in the town. That the CLA has again approached 100% is indicative of improved real estate sales in Addison County for 2011. The number, median price and total dollar volume of sales throughout the state were up only slightly. Yet in Addison County, the average price was up 20%, median price 9.5% and total sales dollars 42%. So for now it appears that appraised values of properties in Cornwall are in line with selling prices.

In 2011 the listers inspected and appraised 14 new buildings and/or reconstructions. There was one grievance. Because the listers were unable to meet the expectation of the property owner with regard to the value of the property, the Board of Civil Authority reviewed the case and made a determination of value, also disputed by the owner. The case now goes before the State Court for a hearing.

New appraisal notices for 2012 will be sent in the spring, and all property owners will have until June 18, 2012, to grieve their appraisals. However, the listers encourage property owners to ask questions well before then as many situations can be resolved without going through the grievance process.

Other responsibilities fulfilled by the listers in the past year included updating town maps to reflect changes in ownership; confirming which sales are legitimate to use in determining the Common Level of Appraisal; and continued training, including a three-day class on Residential Data Collection where the listers learned more about generation of a property value dependent upon grading factors as well as the quality and condition of a building.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Viko Sue Burdick Stephenie Pyne

# **Planning Commission Report**

While local realtors report a small up tick in sales activity, Cornwall did not experience an increase in subdivision activity.

A total of three (3) subdivision applications were adjudicated in 2011. The total was comprised of two (2) major applications and one (1) minor application. This compares with the following previous activity:

Year	<b>Applications</b>
2008	8
2009	2
2010	5

During the year the Planning Commission decided that the Zoning Administrator should hear and decide all boundary line adjustments, as the Town regulations permit.

Two members of the Planning Commission are standing for re-election this year: Jean Terwilliger and Tracy Himmel Isham. Other members of the Commission are: Annie Wilson, Jim Duclos, Holly Nordsy, Geoff Demong, and Jim Bolton.

Many thanks to all of those residents who took the time to respond to the survey we sent out this fall. We are in the process of tabulating the data from those surveys and 2010 census data to form the basis for the update of the *Town Plan*. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission is assisting this effort. The new *Plan* will be released later this year.

**Cornwall Planning Commission** 

# **Zoning Administrator's Report**

Once again this year the economy had a negative effect on development in Cornwall with only fifteen zoning permits being issued. There were no new house starts, and only four new structures permitted. The balance of zoning permits issued were for additions to existing residences.

There were sixteen Certificates of Zoning Compliance issued, a few were for property transfers, but the bulk were for refinancing.

The number of Certificates of Occupancy issued continues to lag behind the number of zoning permits issued. Cornwall Zoning Regulations require that "upon completion of any work or change of use requiring a permit under these Regulations and prior to its occupancy, the permittee shall request a Certificate of Occupancy from the Zoning Administrator...Upon determining that the structure conforms to the provisions of these Regulations the Zoning Administrator shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy." My goal for 2012 is to better educate permittees of this regulation. In the past I have given verbal notice, but this clearly isn't working. I intend to give written notice of this regulation with every permit issued from this point on, and to send a notice to all recipients of permits in 2010 and 2011 who have not yet complied.

# **Zoning Permits Issued**

2/16/2011 David and Magna Dodge, 99 Sunset Orchard Rd, Addition to residence
2/28/2011 Sherrill Given, 3043 Route 30, Replace mobile home with larger one.
3/1/2011 Christine Chapline and Denry Sato, Addition to residence
3/24/2011 Peter Neissa, 2011 North Bingham, Garage
5/5/2011 Nobuo Ogawa, 1390 Route 125, Remodel residence with additions
5/11/2011 Benjamin and Maureen Deppman, 2020 Route 74, Residential addition
5/27/2011 Colin Kriwox and Sarah Murray, Route 74 and Clark Rd., Garage (temp. dwelling)
6/16/2011 Linda Cohoes, 22 Slade Road, Addition to residence
6/30/2011 Town of Cornwall (CVFD), 63 North Bingham St., Fire Station
8/11/2011 David and Magna Dodge, 99 Sunset Orchard Rd., Utility shed
8/11/2011 James and Helen Wright, 99 Ledgemont Lane, Garage addition
9/2/2011 Nigel Ross Cheetham, 1787 Sperry Rd., Residential addition
10/5/2011 Mark Bellinger and Emily Bridges, 1484 Route 30, Residential addition
10/19/2011 Eric and Roma Mortensen, 314 Douglas Rd. Garage
12/6/2011 David Arram Sandler, 89 Ridge Rd., Screen porch addition

# **Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued**

1/26/2011 James Gill, 813 Delong Rd.
3/10/2011 Lawrence and Eileen Sims, Orchard Run
3/17/2011 Deborah Jordan, 1104 West Street
3/21/2011 Laura Paquette, 380 North Bingham St.
4/6/2011 John and Bonnie McCardell, 461 Tulley Rd.
6/30/2011 Mark Dwire, 339 Delong Rd.
7/12/2011 Family of Irene Berno, 1635 Route 74
9/15/2011 Paul and Doris Seiler, 438 Wooster Rd.
9/15/2011 James and Ann Ross, 1019 Cider Mill Rd.
10/11/2011 Shoreham Telephone, Rt. 30

# Zoning Administrator's Report, continued

10/12/2011 Margaret Keith, 40 Ridge Rd.
10/20/2011 Patricia and Thomas Morrow, 1131 South Bingham St.
11/10/2011 Jerrod and Janice Rushton, 268 West Street
11/10/2011 Willard Jackson, 1148 Cider Mill Rd.
12/14/2011 William Porter and Martha Alexander, 1363 South Bingham St.
12/29/2011 Aaron and Laurel Coburn, 2099 Route 74

#### **Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

6/14/2011 Ross and Amy Gregory, Sperry Road 8/8/2011 Linda Cohoes, 22 Slade Road 9/12/2011 Henry Hopkins, 188 James Road 9/12/2011 Henry Hopkins, 188 James Road 12/15/2011 David and Magna Dodge, 99 Sunset Orchard Rd. 12/15/2011 David and Magna Dodge, 99 Sunset Orchard Rd.

#### Notifications of Intent to Build a Farm Structure Received

5/15/2011 Foster Brothers Inc., James Rd. Landing for parking farm equipment 8/24/2011 Richard Bruso, 286 South Bingham, Horse run-in shed 10/12/2011 Tom and Marjorie Moureau, 458 Swamp Road, Horse run-in shed

#### **Other Decisions**

5/4/2011 Colin Kriwox, Denial of Zoning Permit (overturned by ZBA on appeal) 5/11/2011 Town of Cornwall (CVFD) Denial of Zoning Permit (overturned by ZBA on appeal) 11/9/2011 Marie Sperry, 1332 Ridge Road, Boundary Line Adjustment (approved)

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of January, 2012 by James Duclos, Zoning Administrator



A tractor trailer overturned at the new Rt 125/West St intersection. July, 2011.

# **Board of Zoning Adjustment Report**

The Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment (CZBA), established through appointment of its members by the selectboard, consists of five members:

Barney Hodges III - Chairman	Cy Tall - Secretary	
Joan Donahue	Ingrid Jackson	Annie Wilson

The CZBA hears appeals, requests for variances, and warns public hearings when necessary, on issues referred to them by the Zoning Administrator. The CZBA also hears cases for Conditional Use Permits. Businesses and homeowners apply to the CZBA for a Conditional Use Permit. The CZBA reviews the application, warns a hearing, and hears the applicant and public in a public format. From the hearing, the CZBA determines the effect the proposed use may have on the community based on criteria and guide-lines set forth in the zoning regulations.

In 2011 only two applicants came before the CZBA. The first was a request in the form of an appeal for a front yard set back variance. The application was deemed complete and a hearing was warned for May 19, 2011. The application was submitted by Colin Kriwox and Sarah Murray for their property located at the corner of Clark Road and Route 74 Cornwall, VT. The variance was granted. Minutes for all hearings and the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment's findings and decisions are available at the town clerk's office.

The second application was from the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department looking to tear down and build a new fire station at their North Bingham Street location. This application also sought relief from setback requirements. The application was deemed complete and a hearing was warned for June 27, 2011. The application was submitted by The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department. The variance was granted. Minutes and decision for the above mentioned and all activities of the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment are available at the town clerk's office.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is as follows: Meetings \$200.00

This annual report on the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment is respectfully submitted by, Barney Hodges III, Chairman, CZBA



# **Emergency Management Network**

2011 will be the year that put local emergency management to the test. While here in Cornwall, we started out the year with the blizzard-that-wasn't, the rest of the state rang out the year with roads and houses in ruins from Irene.

The goals of local emergency management include encouraging residents to be prepared to take care of themselves and their families. In the "worst case scenario," people are encouraged to plan for up to three days without outside assistance. Here, in Cornwall, through both of 2011's significant weather incidents, people were ready and alert to the changing situations, checking on neighbors, offering help, and providing support. Elsewhere, those who had to pick up where Irene left off needed every bit of energy, cooperation, and encouragement they could generate. There's the potential for us to fall into the "cry wolf" mode, thinking that we do not need to plan and prepare, when in fact, we should view these as "practice" and use them as the basis for expansion and refinement of individual and community plans.

The events of last year have helped the Emergency Management Network identify gaps in current plans. One of these was having access to information when working from home. While the EM keeps the majority of response documents in a portable case, other members have only a copy of the town's Basic Emergency Operations Plan, and a collection of notes and drafts in various stages of correction. While we each worked from our homes during the blizzard, some found they did not have all the details that might have been useful. From this observation, the EM decided to make each EMN member, selectboard, and other key responders a folder of current relevant details. EMN members were provided a binder with copies the Basic Emergency Operations Plan and lists of contacts, resources, and procedures, as well as multiple copies of Cornwall maps. Selectboard members and others received similar collections based on the details they mostly likely need. There has also been attention focused on ensuring that the key players have all the information at home to check voice mails, forward phones, and contact others by phone or radio.

After the generator was installed at Town Hall, the EMN was able to pursue an agreement with the Red Cross to establish an emergency shelter. The site visit by the Red Cross staff included all the spaces at the Town Hall, as well as a visit to the Congregational Church to see its kitchen facilities. The Red Cross determined we could shelter up to 50 people at the Town Hall, upstairs and downstairs. By having a Shelter Agreement with the Red Cross, the costs, management, and responsibilities of running the shelter are borne by them. In reality, unless we had a very localized disaster, the Red Cross would establish shelters in larger towns, and we would be responsible for our own services. One of the goals of the EMN is to purchase supplies for a small-scale shelter that could operated in conjunction with a day- or "warming" shelter, some of which have been acquired in 2011.

In 2011, the EMN also provided CPR training, including a session of the new "Hands-only" CPR. Cornwall residents paid a reduced fee, and eight people—three couples and two siblings—from Cornwall participated. These types of classes, organized by the EMN, are open to other communities as well. In 2012, we will be offering these classes again, especially for those whose certification is up for renewal this spring.

# **Emergency Management Report,** continued

Throughout the year, contacts have been made with other groups and agencies in the region, either by the EMN directly or through participation with county groups. These have included discussion with providers of Meals on Wheels for Cornwall residents, receipt of N-95 masks and gloves from the Health Department, resource and HazMat information from the Solid Waste District, and disaster-crisis planning with Counseling Service staff. There are a lot of agencies which recognize that their services need to change when facing a disaster, and the conversation of "preparedness" is expanding across many fields.

The Emergency Management Network continues to meet on the third-Thursdays of (most) months. The meetings are open to all, and we are interested in any ideas or questions you have. I wish to thank the group for its support and dedication which has helped the town achieve such things as the generator grant awarded, establishing the protocols for an Emergency Operations Center, and providing consistency to the overall efforts.

Katie Gieges, Emergency Management Coordinator

# **Cornwall Free Public Library**

For information purposes to those who are new to Cornwall and a reminder to those that aren't so new to Cornwall, the Cornwall Free Public library is housed in the Cornwall Town Hall. We do not have an "official" librarian, but in my capacity as acting librarian, the library is open when the Clerk's office is open. Please feel free to stop by and "check out" what is new at the library.

Once again, the library continued to have a good show of support and use throughout the year. We continue to receive many donations in the form of books and audio books. We are happy to accept donations, but we ask that the material be reasonably recent, say within the last ten years or so. We do not have many patrons who are looking for 1950's textbooks.

I think we have finally done it!!!! We have bar-coded just about everything in the library and so after Town Meeting we will be moving to electronic check out of books and other library materials. For the near term, after we go live, I will be helping you to check out your books and materials. Once we have been using it for awhile, I will start to train my regular patrons on how to use the wand for signing things out. You will need a new library card, which also has a bar code on it, so anytime you would like to come in and get your new card, that would be fine.

As a reminder, the other use for the new library cards is the ability to access two downloadable audio book services. These services, made available through the Green Mountain Library Consortium, allow Cornwall library users to browse more than 3,000 current adult and children's audio books from home, and then download titles to a personal computer or directly to an MP3 player. Several new library cards have been issued to townspeople for this specific purpose. If you have an interest, stop by and you will be issued a card.

Once again, thanks go out to Patty McCormick for volunteering her time to sort through our donations and prepare them for shelving or for our book sale, which we will once again have this summer. Patty has also been working with the Vermont Book Shop to obtain current books for our shelves. We appreciate the Vermont Book Shop's willingness to help us in many ways.

# Cornwall Free Public Library Report, continued

The library has a drop down column on the new Cornwall website. You will find listings of new books and movies there, plus other important bits of information. Patty McCormick is updating the library section of the site on a regular basis.

After this year's town meeting election, we will still have 3 openings for library trustees. If you have any interest in being part of the library in any capacity, please give a call or stop by.

I thank my current trustees, Judy English, Patty McCormick and Kristina Simmons.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Johnson, Trustee and Librarian

# **Library Treasurer's Report**

Balance, 01-01-2011	\$3,972.10 (Chec	king Account)	
<b>INCOME:</b>		EXPENSES:	
Town Appropriation 2011	\$3,000.00	Supplies	\$527.80
Book Sale	374.50	Membership Dues	370.00
Donation 218.00		Wireless Internet set up	119.00
Sub-Total Income:	3,592.50	Phone Service	437.69
Less Expenses:	<u>(6,455.94)</u>	Books/Media	<u>5,001.45</u>
Balance 12-31-2011	\$1,108.66	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$6,455.94
Fund Balances 12-31-11 Foote, Morse & Ringey Com Interest earned 2011 Total	ubined CD (NBM)		\$4,570.93 <u>41.77</u> <b>4,612.70</b>
Drexler & Allison Combined Interest earned 2011 <b>Total</b>	l CD (NBM)		6,709.58 <u>38.21</u> <b>\$6,747.79</b>
Grand Total CD's			\$11,360.49

# **Green Up Vermont**

We had another successful Green Up Day in Cornwall, weighing in with: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a ton of miscellaneous solid waste; 13 tires; 1 wet cell battery; 1 cubic yard of scrap metal. Thank you again to everyone who participated last May.

Vermont is the only state with the Green Up tradition. The first Green Up Day was April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1970. It was started by then Gov. Deane Davis as a day for all Vermonters to go out and pick up trash from yards, roads, woods, waterways, and private and public areas alike. Green Up Day now always takes place on the first Saturday in May, after the snowmelt, when trash is visible everywhere.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment. The success of Green Up Vermont depends on two essential ingredients: the individuals who volunteer to make it all possible, and the financial support of the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of Green Up Vermont's budget. Appropriations from cities and towns usually cover another 14 percent. These funds pay for supplies including over 45,000 Green Up trash bags; promotion; education; and two part-time employees. As in previous years, Cornwall is asked to contribute \$100, a sum in proportion to its population, to help keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

The guide remains the same as in previous years.

For towns under 1,000 population	\$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000	\$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000	\$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000	\$200
For towns over 4,000 population	\$300

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 to help Green Up Cornwall. See you at the truck!

For more Green Up information contact Cornwall's Coordinator, Dena Greenman, at 462-3574 or see the state's Green Up Day website: www.greenupvermont.com

# **Capital Budget and Planning Committee Report**

When the Capital Budget and Planning Committee was first formed, Llyn Rice was key in developing the plan. Since his move to Middlebury in 2011, the committee has been struggling to pull things together. Llyn had a keen mind for this type of planning work and his strong ability with an excel spreadsheet has been hard to replace. The town is looking for folks who have an interest and ability in the area of capital planning to join the committee.

The two components of the Capital Program are: the Capital Budget, the proposed annual financial transactions, and the Plan, which looks at the next five years to project purchases and needs. The periods covered in this report are the Budget for FY 2013; July 2012 to June 2013, and the Plan beginning July 2013.

The first Capital Budget and Plan, effective July 2009, proposed that the town budget \$120,000 per fiscal year toward the systematic replacement of Highway and Fire Department equipment as it wears out. That figure was sufficient for the first two years, but as we progress through the third year, it is not going to be adequate. To compensate for the higher expenses, the proposed Capital Fund line in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 2012 is \$130,000.

In 2010, the same year the first \$120,000 was included in a Capital Fund, the Highway Department purchased a plow truck for \$135,000. A five-year loan was taken to pay for the truck; the first-year payments were made from the Budget fund, as well as a payment toward the new Fire Department tank truck. In 2011, the second year loan payments were made, as well as the balance toward the tank truck. This left a balance of \$87,528 to move into FY 2012

A review of the five-year Plan with the two Departments has brought the following situations: The demise of the Fire Department's Utility Vehicle means a replacement is needed, and it is looking like it will be more expensive than originally thought. The 2005 plow truck, which has had many mechanical repairs, is out of extended warranty in August 2012, and the Highway Department indicates that it is more important to purchase a new, and presumably more reliable, plow truck. This, though the Plan indicated the purchase of a Highway Department utility vehicle for this year. If a plow truck is purchased, the Highway utility vehicle remains on the Plan, but for 2016.

The initial budget figures for a Capital Fund are being increased by overall prices increases as well as industry mandates and safety protocols. The Fire Department Plan included the utility vehicle, but at almost half of what a replacement unit will cost. The responder gear slated for FY 2014 has also nearly doubled in costs.

On the Highway side, the move is toward replacing trucks on a seven-year schedule, rather than the current 15, coinciding with and depending on available extended warranties.

The Capital Program is moving toward including Town buildings in its Plan as well. As the Committee has gained confidence in the process and continues to collect data, repairs and renovations of town-owned buildings will be added to the schedule. Following that, the Program will begin to add major projects involving roads and bridges.

These adjustments and increases are detailed in a spreadsheet analysis, indicating the increase of \$10,000 to the Capital Fund Budget. Should the town also vote to add part of the surplus to the Capital Fund, it is our hope that the annual contribution will remain stable for a few years.

Sue Johnson, Acting Chair for the Capital Committee

# **Cornwall's Semiquincentennial Celebration**

Thank you to the participants of Project Independence along with Rodger Hamilton and Kristin Bolton for taking the time to write a song for the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the Town of Cornwall. It was most enjoyable to hear the song performed at the evening program and our heartfelt thanks goes out to all involved with its creation.

# **Cornwall, Jewel of Vermont**

By the Participants of Project Independence With Rodger Hamilton & Kristin Bolton

# <u>CHORUS</u>

O Cornwall, Cornwall, Jewel of Vermont You're everything "Community" a soul could ever want You're the Land of Milk and Honey, you're the "apple of my eye" And Vermont may be the State I'm in, but you're the reason why (Last Time Only:) Well, bless my soul, the State I'm in, and Cornwall, you're the reason why!

# VERSE 1:

Back before the Revolution and the days of Valley Forge Dame Diadamia Stebbens raised a toast " to good King George" But old George paid her back with a raider pack of Tories and Iroquois And there'd be no Cornwall now if not for the brave Green Mountain Boys!

#### **CHORUS**

#### VERSE 2:

Well now-a-days alpacas graze where once Merinos romped And planes restrain mosquitoes which once ruled old Cornwall Swamp But were old Diadamia here today, she wouldn't find it strange 'Cause when it comes to Cornwall, well some things will never change'

#### **CHORUS**

#### VERSE 3

And now we're farmers and professors, we're old families and new Diversity in unity, a potent people brew And out of all the ways we're different, one thing comes shining through That's pride in our community in everything we do

#### **CHORUS**

# Lemon Fair Insect Control District Annual Report 2010-2011

During the 2011 treatment season, the Lemon Fair valley was treated five times, and a portion of the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen (BLSG) was treated once. Total acreage treated for 2011 was 5,368. This included 1,732 acres in Weybridge and 112 acres in the BLSG. 3,524 acres were treated in Cornwall and Bridport.

Surveying and reporting from private citizens indicated that the nuisance level from flood plain mosquitoes this year was successfully contained. There were isolated reports from people living in wooded areas of nuisance level mosquitoes, particularly in July, but these were likely woodland mosquitoes issuing from areas we cannot effectively treat aerially. At the end of the season, Hurricane Irene hit and created flooded conditions. Some hatching occurred and there were reports of nuisance level mosquitoes. The Agency of Agriculture, however, stated it would not reimburse for treatment at this point in the season, and cooler evenings reduced mosquito populations.

The State Department of Health reported a finding of West Nile Virus in one mosquito pool in Cornwall and one pool in Brandon this year as well as the death of a bird in Middlebury. In addition, the Department reported the deaths of a number of emus on a Brandon farm in September of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), the first such case in Vermont. While these findings are not indicative of a significant threat level to humans, the State will continue to closely monitor disease bearing mosquitoes and keep us informed.

The LFICD began this season in a financially vulnerable position as a result of last year's low income from the State due to minimal treatment required last year. We end this season in better financial condition because of the degree of treatment conducted. We were fortunate in finding two replacement pilots for our regular pilot who left the area for a new job. Both pilots performed well and will be back with us in 2012.

The LFICD discovered that a Federal-State sponsored project, the Wetland Restoration Project (WRP), is seeking to purchase land in the Lemon Fair valley for wetlands preservation. As this could increase mosquito breeding habitat, the LFICD approached the WRP about monitoring their wetland set- asides for mosquito breeding. As a result, the LFICD is participating in a Federally-sponsored land management evaluation grant for this purpose in 2012.

The LFICD Board of Supervisors wishes to express its particular thanks to Tom Vanacore, our Field Coordinator, for his consistent and professional work, as well as his assistant Craig Zondag. We also thank all our volunteer dippers who faithfully monitor their "spots" after major rain events. We cannot do this job without the team- work and good will of all involved!

Tom Baskett (Chair) Liam English (Vice-Chair) Wendy Lynch (Secretary) Dinah Bain (Treasurer) Tom Maxwell and Bob Gerlin

# Lemon Fair Insect Control District Budget 2011-2012

A . <u>INCOME</u> :		
Carry over for 2011-12		\$46,333
Aerial Larvicide Application Services		
Estimated 4,000 acres @\$10.50	(2011 acreage=5,36	58) 42,000
Member town assessments:	Bridport/Cornwall	12,000
	Weybridge	10,000
<b>Total Income:</b>		<u>\$110,333</u>
B. <u>COSTS</u> :		
Fixed:		
Aircraft maintenance and support		\$3,500
Aircraft insurance		11,000
Winter hangar rental @ \$250/month	L	1,500
Materials storage, lot lease		1,600
Supervisory board insurance		3,100
Field Coordinator contract & workn	nan's comp	16,000
Assistant Field Coordinator		3,000
District cell phone		200
Legal fees and services		250
Administrative		350
Annual review of accounts		1,100
Licenses and permits		160
Miscellaneous		<u>300</u>
Total fixed costs		<u>\$ 42,060</u>
Variable (covered by State Agricultural	Agency reimbursem	ent):
Pilot fees @200/hr		\$5,500
Loaders (@\$20/hr)		900
Fuel		2,250
Total variable cost		\$ <u>8,650</u>
TOTAL COSTS		<u>50,710</u>
CARRY OVER		<u>\$59,623</u>

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission Report Annual Report – Year End June 30, 2011

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2011 fiscal year:

#### **Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping**

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

#### **Educational Meetings and Grants**

- Hosted an educational workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, presented at the Town Officers Educational Conferences (TOEC) and hosted monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Hosted a monthly Educational Series on locally available renewable energy and conservation options.

#### **Emergency Planning**

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts, including developing Basic Emergency Operations Plans.
- Presented a "Local Officials Guide to Post-Disaster Financial Recovery" to municipal clerks and treasurers.
- Assisted Towns impacted by tropical storm Irene apply for federal funding
- Established a "Local Emergency Managers Roundtable" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise statewide disaster plans.
- Working with UVM Extension to encourage bio-security within the dairy community.
- Conducted geomorphic assessments of rivers and helped communities incorporate the results into plans.

#### **Energy Planning**

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Hosted several regional town table events with town energy coordinators and other energy leaders.
- Co-sponsored a monthly energy series with the ACORN Energy Coop.

#### **Transportation Planning**

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

#### **Natural Resources Planning**

- The Natural Resources Committee is updating the Natural Resource section of the Regional Plan.
- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.
- Worked on a Forest Stewardship grant to assist municipalities and landowners.

#### **Brownfields**

• Implemented a program to assess Brownfields within the region.

# Addison County Solid Waste District Report

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, in Middlebury. The public is invited to attend.

# **District Mission**

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

# **District Office and Transfer Station**

<b>Telephone:</b> (802) 388-2333	Fax: (802) 388-0271	Website:
www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org		
E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org	<b>Transfer Station Hours:</b> M-I	F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM-4 PM	HazWaste Center Hours:	M-F, 8 AM–Noon & Sat, 9
AM–Noon		

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

# **2011 News Highlights**

Flood Relief. The District Transfer Station served as a central collection point for large volumes of storm debris generated by two flood events this year. In the aftermath of TS Irene, the District provided emergency mobile collection events for household hazardous waste in neighboring towns. Planning. The District is due to rewrite its Solid Waste Implementation Plan after the next revision of the VT Solid Waste Plan. Product Stewardship. The District is a founding member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, which works with manufacturers to promote shared responsibility for the environmental impacts of their products. Two recent successes of the Council were passage of the Electronic Waste ("E-Waste") and Mercury Lamp laws. VT's new E-Waste Law banned disposal of most E-Waste and allowed for free collection of computers, TVs, and peripherals from households, schools, small businesses and charities. The District now has an 8 lb-per-capita collection rate, which exceeds the State goal of 5.5 lbs/per capita. The Mercury Lamp Law will take effect in 2012, with free collection of most types of fluorescent bulbs to begin statewide on July 1, 2012. Business Assistance. The District offered waste audits and recycling bins to local businesses to help reduce the amount of waste generated, often at a cost savings. Businesses interested in composting organics should contact the District for a site visit to estimate the amount of organics generated and to discuss collection logistics. Illegal Dumping. Illegal dumping/burning complaints have declined by 30% this year. The District provided free disposal for 21 tons of waste collected on Green-Up Day.

# 2012 Budget

The District's 2012 Annual Budget is \$2,576,552, a 7% increase based on an estimated 6.9% increase in tonnage. The District will maintain the \$125/ton tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris at its Transfer Station. Several other rates will be reduced effective 1/1/12. Also beginning 1/1/12, Licensed Commercial Haulers will be able to bring their curbside recyclables to the Transfer Station for a rate of \$27/ton. There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2012. For a copy of the full 2011 Annual Report, please call the District, or visit the District website, *www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.* 

# **Vermont Department of Health Report**

The Vermont Department of Health is working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. We work to promote and protect your health and safety, prevent illness from spreading – and prepare and respond to public health events and emergencies.

For example, during 2011 the Health Department:

- Served more than half of all families with young children with healthy food packages, a debit card to buy local fruit and vegetables, nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support through our WIC program
- Promoted immunizations and worked to prevent the spread of infectious diseases like measles, pertussis and influenza
- Investigated cases of food borne illness and promoted safe food handling
- Supported community coalitions, health care, schools, workplaces and businesses to help make "the healthy choice the easiest choice"
- Worked with emergency response agencies and provided health and safety information before, during and after the floods
- Delivered more than 30,000 N-95 respirators and 240,000 pairs of gloves, and joined in local cleanup and recovery efforts
- Gave out more than 1,200 drinking water test kits to residents with private wells affected by flooding for free analysis at the public health laboratory

# Your Health Department district office is in Middlebury at 156 So. Village Green, Suite 102, 802-388-4644.

For more health information, news, alerts and resources, visit us on the web at healthvermont.gov, join us on facebook.com/HealthVermont or follow us on twitter.com/healthvermont.

Joanne Calvi District Director

> Route 125 Monday afternoon of our *not*-Blizzard, March 7, 2011.



# <u>Charitable and Service Organization Information</u> 2011

# Booklets containing all of the information provided by the various agencies will be available at the Cornwall Town Hall and at Town Meeting. The information provided here is merely a synopsis.

# Addison Central Teens & Friends, Inc. (ACT)

Addison Central Teens (ACT) teen center, *94 Main*, provides a safe and welcoming place for teens to socialize after school and throughout the year. The teens who attend the center make up a very diverse group representing all socioeconomic strata, academic and life ambitions, and the full spectrum of interests and experiences that encompass such a diverse group. Consequently, teens are exposed to experiences and ideas that they might not otherwise encounter, making friends with teens they might not befriend in school or their life outside the teen center. Likewise, the teens take part in activities and programs they may never have done before, from hiking, riding the Burlington Bike Path, yoga, swing dancing, cooking and baking, tie-dyeing, arts and crafts or discussing controversial topics in current society.

Perhaps the most important and influential experiences the teens have is in leadership and team work. At **94 Main** the teens create and direct much of the activities and programming, and are pivotal in the running of the center. In the process of creating and directing the activities and programming at the center, the teens take on and learn leadership roles, teamwork, compromise, planning and all the other skills of civic engagement, enabling them to be a participant in, rather than merely a consumer of, teen center services. Thus, the teen center not only provides teens with a safe place to be, and alternatives to less constructive recreation; it also enables teens to grow, develop tolerance for other views, and build the habits and skills that lead to engaged citizens. Since the Teen Center first opened its doors in September 2007, participation has been strong. In FY 2011, 294 individual teens made 3,901 visits to the teen center. Of that number, 16 teens were from Cornwall, making a total of 74 Cornwall teen visits last year.

ACT is requesting \$2,000, no increase over last year.

# Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)

Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), d.b.a. HOPE, strives "to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with opportunities for becoming more self-reliant through emergency, basic and enrichment programs delivered in an environment of recognition and respect." Services include, but are not limited to: Emergency food shelf; rent, utility and fuel assistance; emergency firewood; emergency medical and dental assistance and transportation to medical appointments; help for working person including tools and uniforms, and money for fuel and car repairs; specialized housing opportunities for persons with disabilities and special needs; clothing, furniture and essential household goods; training in basic job skills; assistance with emergency home repairs, accessibility, modifications, weatherization; holiday food baskets and programs for children; advocacy, information and referrals; specialized assistance and outreach for homeless persons.

During 2011, HOPE served 43 Cornwall residents.

HOPE requests \$3,750. No change from last year.

# **Addison County Court Diversion**

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Project, Inc. provides a community restorative justice response to low level crime and underage drinking. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the court Diversion program or the Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience.

95% of juveniles and 85% of adults completed the Court Diversion Program successfully in FY 2011. 80% of youth in TASP completed the program successfully. A recidivism study shows that 93% of Court Diversion clients were not rearrested – allowing them to have their record sealed.

During FY 2011 we completed a community needs assessment regarding existing services and needs in the local community justice continuum. During the upcoming year we are looking forward to expanding our services as a result, through the Department of Corrections. Reparative Boards and Circles of Support and Accountability are two specific programs we are looking into.

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Project requests \$350. No change from last year.

# Addison County Home Health and Hospice

The mission of Addison County Home Health & Hospice is to provide high quality, comprehensive community health care to residents of Addison County. Addison County Home Health and Hospice was founded in 1968 by a group of Addison County residents. For the past 43 years we have been providing high quality, comprehensive community health care services to residents of Addison County. Starting with 2 part-time nurses and an operating budget of \$12,000, today the Agency's budget is \$9.6M and we employ over 180 staff to meet the home care needs of the community. From 291 visits in our first year, this year we provided over 87,654 visits within Addison County. In FY 11 we provided approximately \$133,510 in free care.

The nature and complexity of home health care has changed greatly and the challenges have been many. Changing expectations about growing older, advances in technology, impending staff shortages and reductions in reimbursement are just a few of the challenges ahead. Through it all, our mission remains the same.

Thanks to the towns we serve and their commitment to that mission, we are able to continue with our ongoing philosophy of providing care to all clients regardless of their ability to pay. We are available to address the needs of our patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Cornwall residents received 703 service visits. 293 skilled nursing, 159 physical therapy, 4 medical social work, 186 home health aide, and 61 personal care attendant.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice is requesting \$1440.00 from Cornwall, no increase from last year.

#### Addison County Humane Society

As the only animal shelter in Addison County, we serve over 1,000 animals each year and offer programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs facing Addison County and the Town of Cornwall.

As you are well aware, the economy has had a negative impact on many of our community members and such is reflected in the increase in animals we have served year to date. In FY 2010, we took in a total of 604 animals at the shelter, however, as of September 30, 2011; we have already served 619 animals. Consequently, if our intake numbers continue at this rate, we project serving 1000 animals this year.

Specifically, for the Town of Cornwall during January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, we have successfully adopted two animals to residents of Cornwall. Unfortunately however, during this same time period, we have taken in nine animals from the Town of Cornwall. Of these animals, all of them were strays from Cornwall brought to our shelter. The average time each animal spent at the shelter was 60 days and the cost of sheltering these animals was \$450 per animal for a total cost of \$4,050. Cornwall has a contract with the Humane Society for animal control services which costs \$500 annually.

The Shelter is requesting \$500, no increase from last year

# Addison County Parent/Child Center

Since 1980, the Parent/Child Center has been committed to providing services to support all families in our community in getting off to a healthy start. While the PCC is probably best known for our work with adolescent families and young children, services are intended for any family who wants or needs them.

The PCC helps families assess their young child's physical and cognitive development and provides support services, if needed. We also offer consultation and support to families and child care providers around young children's social, emotional and behavioral development. Playgroups are offered around the county to promote social interactions – for children and parents. All families with newborns are offered Welcome Baby bags and visits to introduce them to available services. Follow up supports are available for those who request it.

Learning Together, our intensive in-house training program builds parenting and job readiness skills and serves as an alternative education site for Addison County high schools. The program focuses on young parents and other teens at risk of parenting too young. To complement our programs the Center also provides high-quality childcare to infants and toddlers. The Center has renovated a nine-resident boarding house in Middlebury which is the cornerstone of a First Time Renters program for youth to learn and practice the skills necessary to be successful tenants in our community.

All of these services are free for anyone and can be accessed by calling the Center at 388-3171.

The A. C. Parent/Child Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1600.00, no increase from last year.

# Addison County Readers, Inc.

Addison County Readers, Inc is a not-for-profit Vermont corporation formed in 2007 to support literacy in Addison County through activities such as distributing books, providing educational opportunities, and raising literacy awareness. ACR has affiliated with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide a free gift of a hardcover book each month mailed to the homes of all registered children in Addison County. All children below 5 years of age in Addison County are eligible to register with the Imagination Library program.

Since inception, the group has delivered approximately 28,000 free books to children of Addison County. On average, it costs ACR \$30 per child per year for 12 books. In Cornwall, 18 children were served in 2011 and more than 165 free books have been delivered to them during that calendar year. The program is promoted by providing registration brochures at day care providers, Head Start programs, state agencies, pediatricians, libraries, GED sites, home day care sites and playgroups. The goal is to reach the children most in need. ACR pays to have undeliverable books returned to them and those books are then shared freely with WomenSafe, John Graham Shelter, Vermont DCF, county Head Starts, Parent Child Centers, Mary Johnson Children's Center, libraries and others.

Financial support comes from donations, grants, local towns and elementary school PTOs along with committed funding from Wells Mountain Foundation of Bristol, Rotary Club of Middlebury, Friends of Ilsley Library, American Legion Post 27 of Middlebury and Lions Club of Middlebury. United Way of Addison County provides accounting support and logistical/data entry support is provided by Ilsley Library. New volunteers are welcome as are personal donations.

Addison County Readers, Inc. is requesting funding in the amount of \$250.00, no increase from last year.

#### Addison County Transit Resources

Mission: ACTR's mission is to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing public transportation services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone.

Services: ACTR'S primary constituents in Cornwall are Medicaid recipients, elders, persons with disabilities and disadvantaged individuals/families who have no ability to self-transport. Cornwall residents may also come to Middlebury and access 5 bus routes: Middlebury Shuttle, Tri-Town Shuttle, Snow Bowl Shuttle, Burlington LINK and Rutland Connector.

Major Accomplishments and Plans: FY11 ended on a high note for ridership and now with the first quarter of FY12 under our belt, we continue to see record breaking growth due to the expansion of shuttle bus service implemented in March 2010. FY11 Shuttle Bus ridership increased by 40.6% and FY12 is on track for another 32.5% increase.

The availability of more frequent shuttle buses benefits all Cornwall residents who utilize the ACTR shuttle bus system, including MUMS and MUHS students who travel around Middlebury and/or residents who can take the bus from downtown Middlebury.

In addition, the successful implementation of these expansions moves, potential transit services along Routes 125 and 30 higher on ACTR's list of future projects.

ACTR is requesting \$835.00, no increase from last year.

# **Champlain Valley Agency on Aging**

As our older population continues to grow, more and more seniors are looking to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for assistance.

With your past support, CVAA has been able to offer the following services to older residents of Cornwall: Case Management, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Meals, Transportation and the Senior HelpLine. Kelly Norris, CVAA's Case Manager for Cornwall, visits elders in their homes and helps to connect them with the services and benefits they need in order to maintain their independence. Older people are living longer than ever before, and as a result, they are facing more complex problems and greater challenges to their ability to live independently. The demand for home-delivered meals has grown significantly. Our Case Management caseloads have become more time consuming as Case Managers are frequently called upon to solve problems stemming from a crisis situation such as a serious illness, the death of a spouse, or the cumulative effects of confusion or isolation.

CVAA remains committed to providing the services that our eldest community members need in order to remain in their own homes. In turn, we hope that the leadership and citizens of Cornwall will continue to lend their financial support.

CVAA is requesting funding in the amount of \$950.00, no increase from last year.

# **Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.**

The Counseling Service of Addison County provides developmental and mental health services to the people of Addison County. Our skilled and dedicated staff helps individuals and families deal with the challenges they face. The Counseling Service is "people helping people" as they try to resolve life's conflicts, learn job skills, succeed in school; handle stress; contend with serious mental illness; find a caring home; fight drug abuse; build strong families; and face aging gracefully.

Our **Emergency Team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (388-7641)**. It serves people of all ages in Addison County who need its services, regardless of their ability to pay.

We work closely with the other human service agencies in the county, as well as area schools, the medical community, and departments of the State of Vermont. We thank you for your support of our Agency.

CSAC provided 755 hours of service to Cornwall residents in 2011.

CSAC is requesting funding in the amount of \$2300.00, no increase from last year.

#### **Elderly Services, Inc.**

Elderly Services is committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual's needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders' live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities. We want to invite residents of Cornwall to stop by to see our home, find out about volunteer opportunities and see if our services can benefit you or your family.

In the past year 181 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 6 of whom were residents of Cornwall. Cornwall residents received a total of 3,050 hours of care, 1,077 meals, and approximately 1,264 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$45,744 for direct services to Cornwall residents.

Project Independence offers a closely supervised, nurturing group program to women and men whose independence has lessened due to frailty, disability, chronic illness, or very advanced age. Hot meals, nursing, personal care, group activities and one on one caring make "Project" a daytime home away from home.

Elderly Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$800.00, no increase from last year.

# Green Up Vermont-Green Up Day, May 7, 2011

Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit <u>www.greenupvermont.org</u> to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont! www.greenupvermont.org • greenup@greenupvermont.org

# Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

Green-Up Vermont is requesting funding in the amount of \$100.00, no increase from last year.

# **Hospice Volunteer Services**

Our mission is to provide terminally ill people and their loved ones in Addison County with physical and emotional support. We train and coordinate the placement of hospice volunteers. We offer a variety of services to those who are grieving and we promote a healthy community understanding of death, dying, grief, and loss.

Bereavement support during times of loss can help community members endure the normal, yet difficult process of grief with greater ease and understanding. Support groups, one on one support, and Phoenix (a monthly, social gathering of widowed people) are available to Hospice patient's family members as well as anyone in our community dealing with loss.

Our Hospice Patient Care program provided 166 patients and their families from 21 different towns with the support of volunteers so far this year. Volunteers provided respite, companionship, emotional and spiritual support to hospice and palliative care patients and their families, making 1312 visits, driving 17053 miles, and providing 2408 hours of service.

Our Bereavement Care program offered 10 adult support groups, including a monthly support group for parents who have lost children, the monthly Phoenix gatherings and the annual Service of Remembrance, providing individual and group support to 820 people, as well as educators and clinicians seeking references.

Through Public Education and Outreach, HVS made 15 classroom visits, and served 262 local high school teens, providing grief support for death-related crises with a "Change & Loss" segment as part of the health curriculum. Several hundred community members attended 17 free education programs offered.

Hospice Volunteer Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$400.00, no increase from last year.

#### John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.

This year the John Graham Shelter located on Main Street in Vergennes, after 30 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals, completely upgraded its Main Street Shelter and can serve more people with better services.

Last year the John W. Graham Shelter provided nearly 5,000 bed nights of food, shelter and hope to more than 200 Addison County residents, many of them families with children. The Shelter has a twenty-five bed capacity, with separate bunk rooms for men and women, family rooms, and a handicapped accessible room with a bath. In addition to food and shelter, we also provide case management, on site mental health counseling, community dinners, transportation, and a full array of services. This year we also operated transitional apartments in downtown Vergennes and Bristol, and worked with dozens of private landlords to provide permanent housing to individuals and families at many scattered sites throughout the County. With the help of John Graham case managers and services, more than 150 people attained permanent housing and some got jobs, even in this difficult market.

People residing at the Shelter or its transitional housing meet regularly with trained Shelter staff to form a work plan to end their homelessness. Shelter case managers assist residents with referrals and services and during the past year, more than 180 people that we worked with found permanent housing and many also sought and found employment. Another fifteen families received assistance form the Shelter that prevented them from becoming homeless.

Now, in these difficult financial times, your ongoing support is needed more than ever!

The John Graham Emergency Shelter is requesting funding in the amount of \$1925.00, no increase from last year.

# Mary Johnson Children's Center

With approximately 50% of the 60 children attending the center receiving state subsidized childcare, the Center provides a safe and stable environment for children experiencing the challenges of living in financially stressed homes. Mary Johnson Children's Center operates early childhood programs at both its Water Street location and at the Middlebury Cooperative Nursery School in East Middlebury. The Center's school age programs operate in six county elementary schools. They operate from the end of the school day until 5:30 P.M. during the academic year, as well as full days during school vacation weeks. Additionally three of the programs operate for seven weeks each summer. The Center administers five county-wide state supported programs that serve families throughout the county: Referral Services, Subsidy Services, Resource Services, Protective Service/Family Support and The Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Mary Johnson Children's Center served 10 Cornwall children and 1 family child care home in 2011.

Mary Johnson Children's Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$700.00, no increase from last year.

# Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council

Northern Vermont RC & D Council is an organization with state-wide responsibility (given the recent closure of the George D. Aiken RC & D Council serving southern Vermont). The Northern Vermont RC & D Council is a 37 year old network of volunteers dedicated to identifying problems and designing solutions which fit the needs of its own communities. RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect natural resources in a way that will improve the area's economy, environment and living standards. We serve our clients by coordinating and facilitating technical and financial assistance to local communities who initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects.

Technical assistance through the RC&D is available, at no cost to the community. We are glad to be a part of the Vermont Portable Skidder Bridge Free Loan an Education Program, Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Grant Program, Better Backroads Grant Program and natural resources education initiatives which have had significant impact on communities in Vermont this past year. The RC&D can also assist with finding financial resources and grant requests to carry out planned projects.

The Northern Vermont RC & D Council is requesting \$100, no increase from the George D. Aiken RC & D Council request last year.

# **Open Door Clinic**

The Community Health Services of Addison County – also known as the Open Door Clinic (ODC) provides access to health care services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet our financial eligibility guidelines. It is our goal to provide quality health care, for patients seeking our assistance, until a permanent healthcare provider can be accessed through private or government assisted insurance programs.

During 2011 the ODC provided services to 25 Cornwall residents through 116 health care and case management services. The services provided by the ODC included free medications, x-rays, physical examinations, laboratory tests, acute and chronic disease management, vaccinations, HIV testing, and counseling services. This represents a total expense of \$30.00 per patient. The ODC also assists all patients with completing their applications for other programs such as the Catamount Health Insurance Program.

In July 2010, the ODC began to increase the level of support offered to our patients in order to enroll more in VHAP and Catamount. This is a time intensive process that includes multiple follow up contacts with the state Department of Health Access and the patients to advocate for the patient while urging the patient to send in completed paperwork and supporting documentation, this results in higher numbers of our patients enrolling in health insurance and remaining enrolled.

During this time of economic crisis, high unemployment rates, and decreasing resources, total number of patients seen at the ODC continue to increase. It is projected that many Vermonters with employee sponsored health insurance will lose their health insurance. The ODC is the only safety net providing free health care services in Addison County.

Funding that we receive from sources such as town allocations is vital for the ODC to continue our mission. We greatly appreciate the Town of Cornwall for your past support and thank you for considering our request for the FY2012/2013.

The ODC is requesting funding in the amount of \$750.00, no increase over last year.

# **Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District**

The OCNRCD contracts the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, holds public and sector meetings for the Otter Creek Watershed Plan, holds a Natural Resource Workshop for horse owners and sponsors a Tree Seedling Sale and maintains a listing of local contractors. The District also holds Conservation Field Days for an average 500 Addison County 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, supports scholarships for up to 5 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp, supports Envirothon and continues that outreach at Addison County Fair and Field Days and the Addison County Tour and Annual District Meeting. The District supports a technical staff of four employees who work in pond design, Land Treatment Planning, drinking water risk assessment and testing, nonpoint source reduction and watershed planning. The Long Range plan addresses continuing to support all existing programs, expanding them where feasible and supporting the capacity needed to do that.

In 2012 the District will be looking to continue to install rain gardens in addition to the Rain Garden at St. Stephen's church on the Green in Middlebury installed in 2006 and the Robbins' residence installed in 2008, and 8 installed in 2009 in Middlebury, Bristol, Ripton and Starksboro. This year the District installed rain gardens at he Cornwall School and renovated two rain gardens at the Bridport School in support of and with the support of United Ways

# Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District continued

Days of Caring. These rain gardens will recharge groundwater and reduce storm water surges in streams and rivers following storm events. They are planted with a variety of flowering shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. Visit them in the spring; note how this method of landscaping differs from the traditional and read the information sign. It is truly a model for landscaping that has measurable water quality benefits.

In 2011 Conservation Field Day at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site was held and 19 Cornwall students participated in this conservation education event.

4 Cornwall residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree Sale.

Cindy Watrous wrote Land Treatment Plans for 2 farms in preparation for implementing conservation practices on over 500 acres and wrote one nutrient management plan.

1 Cornwall resident received drinking water well sampling in conjunction with conservation support form the District.

The Otter Creek District created a scholarship to remember Middlebury resident and District Pond Consultant, Robert C. Collins. This scholarship is awarded to high school students continuing their education in agriculture or conservation of the working landscape.

Envirothon is an opportunity for high school students to test their knowledge of conservation issues and compete in Vermont and nationally. This year a team from Addison County participated in the event.

Meetings are the second Tuesday at the Farm Service Center meeting room on Exchange Street in Middlebury.

Cornwall appropriates \$121.11 to the District each year.

#### **RSVP**

#### How Cornwall Residents Benefit from RSVP's Services:

In FY11, **34 Cornwall residents volunteered 6,063 hours at 31 local non-profit agencies and schools.** Cornwall seniors took advantage of RSVP's **free income tax return preparation services**, enjoyed **delicious meals at the congregate meal sites** at which RSVP members volunteer, and appreciated the services provided by RSVP's **volunteer drivers** from Meals on Wheels and ACTR. Bingham Elementary School children received **Toys for Tots** in addition to **hats, mittens and scarves** that were hand-knitted and sewn by RSVP **Warm Hearts/Warm Hands** volunteers and greatly enjoyed having a Foster Grandparent in their classroom.

Cornwall residents took part in **free RSVP Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention classes** which are offered twice per week at 20 different locations throughout Addison County. In addition, any resident of Cornwall who has received assistance from a local service organization has benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. **Last year, 287 RSVP volunteers donated 44,510 hours (an estimated value of \$899,992) at 87 schools, social service agencies and non-profits in our community.** 

On behalf of our volunteers and non-profit partners, I would like to thank the residents of Cornwall for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call Serena Eddy-Moulton at 388-7044.

RSVP is requesting funding in the amount of \$360.00, no increase from last year.

#### **Vermont Adult Learning**

Vermont Adult Learning offers a wide variety of classes and individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals. Individuals improve their reading, writing and math skills, learn English as a second language, earn a GED, or obtain a high school diploma. Post-Secondary classes are available to students with a GED or diploma who need additional skill preparation for college readiness or employment purposes. Our programs are free and confidential.

Every student has an individual learning plan with a goal that includes transition plans, usually to either employment or further education. VAL also provides WorkKeys, a job skills assessment measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success. WorkKeys certification is a nationally recognized career readiness certificate. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences.

## Vermont Adult Learning, continued

58 VAL students received their high school credential: 41 received a GED, 12 received a high school diploma through the Vermont Adult Diploma Program and 5 received a high school diploma through the Vermont High School Completion Program.

In fiscal year 2011, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 355 residents in the past fiscal year, 7 were Cornwall residents.

We are grateful to the townspeople of Cornwall for supporting the services we provide.

Vermont Adult Learning is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00, no increase from last year.

# Vermont Trails & Greenways Council

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups - organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources.

The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all users. Here are a few of the groups represented in the Council today: walkers and joggers, cross-country skiers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, mushers, Off Road Vehicle users, paddlers, municipalities, community path organizations, local and regional planners, land trusts, conservation and recreation committees, guides and private individuals.

Some of the projects the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is currently working on are: Hosting the Vermont Trails Symposium, an Annual Trails Event that provides educational workshops on a variety of trails related topics; Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual; Providing community assistance; hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date; Advising the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System; Connecting members through a biannual newsletter.

Cornwall's appropriation to the Council is \$35.00, no change from last year.

#### **WomenSafe**

WomenSafe has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children since 1980. Our 24-hour hotline is staffed by trained volunteers and staff who offer crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. WomenSafe staff responded to 416 women, children and men who experienced stalking, physical, sexual and/or emotional violence 3,388 times – a 25% increase in meeting and hotline calls over last year. 240 supervised visits and monitored exchanges – a 35% increase over last year.

WomenSafe services provided at least 2 Cornwall residents services through our hotline, advocacy programs and inperson meetings.

Other notable 2011 facts: 1,047 local students in preschool through college participated in 77 presentations about healthy relationships, sexual violence prevention and bystander awareness – a 14% increase of students reached. 9,100 community members were reached through 44 outreach events – 28% increase over the prior year. 103 community volunteers donated more than 7.700 hours staffing our 24-hour hotline, assisting victims of domestic and sexual violence, doing outreach and education, and assisting in the office. 73% of paid staff time was dedicated to working with victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, their families, and friends; providing supervised visitation and exchange services; assisting with outreach and education; and related tasks in Addison County and Rochester communities.

# Our services are free and confidential. 24-hour Hotline: 388-4205 or 800-388-4205. The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: 388-6783.

WomenSafe is requesting funding in the amount of \$1000, no change from last year.

# Town Meeting 2/28/2011 Minutes

Prior to the Town Meeting being called to order, Cy Tall introduced Rep. Willem Jewett, who spoke to the crowd for a few moments to update the voters on what is happening in Montpelier. Rep. Jewett elaborated on his changing role in Montpelier. There was a question about distracted driving, and whether it would be on the agenda again this year. Rep. Jewett indicated that the distracted driving bill has been discussed three times, and he is not sure about a 4<sup>th</sup>. Joan Donahue asked about Healthcare reform and indicated that there is a perfect storm brewing with decreased reimbursement amounts and provider rate increases. Ms. Donahue wondered how small hospitals like Porter can survive until Single Payer gets organized. Rep. Jewett explained that the legislature is trying hard to buy back provider rate increases and increase reimbursement amounts.

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, February 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Cy covered the ground rules of the meeting. There were approximately 150 folks in attendance.

Cy Tall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ARTICLE 1:	Australian bal	vn officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by lot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, ornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:			
5 years: Cemetery Commissioner					
	4 years:	Cemetery Commissioner (to fill unexpired term)			
	3 years:	Three (3) Planning Commissioners; Selector; Lister; School			
		Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds; Cemetery Commissioner (to fill unexpired term); UD#3 School Director			
	2 years:	Selector; School Director; four (4) Library Trustees; Lister (to fill unexpired term); Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds			
	1 year:	Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of			
		Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; two (2) Grand Jurors; three (3)			
		Library Trustees			

No action was taken on this article. Cy encouraged everyone to vote by Australian Ballot the next day at the town hall.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the various town officers.

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports as printed in the town report. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus of \$31,828.32 for the fiscal year July 2009 – June 2010.

Raph Worrick moved that the surplus of \$31,828.32 be used to lower the 2011 tax rate for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

## ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$334,660.

Cindy Peet/T Tall moved and seconded that the General Fund budget of \$334,660 be approved as presented. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$345,735. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$285,735 to be raised by taxes.

Frank and Bonnie Keeler moved/seconded that the Highway budget of \$345,735 less state aid be approved as presented. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$59,700 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

It was moved and seconded to approve the CVFD budget as presented. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will appropriate \$3,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

It was moved and seconded that \$3000 be appropriated to the Cornwall Library. Jonathan Miller asked if there had ever been exploration in partnering with the Ilsley Library to become a satellite library. Sue Johnson indicated that there had been discussion when the Cornwall library was first reopened in 2004 with the Ilsley about lowering or abating the fee for use at the Ilsley, but there was no interest at that time. Sue indicated that Cornwall would be interested in having the discussion, although our small library is capable of providing most of the amenities available at the Ilsley. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate \$500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Little League to help pay its expenses from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

It was moved and seconded that \$500 be appropriated to the Cornwall Little League. Charlie Grigg suggested that the amount be doubled as the Little League was not able to put on the Town Meeting dinner. It was explained that the High School baseball team had done the dinner in the past. No action was taken on Mr. Griggs's suggestion. A resident asked how the team did last year and Peter Conlon indicated that the team had fun. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will appropriate \$15,000 to allow the Selectboard to arrange for the town owned Lavalley Store building to be demolished or removed from its present site and to recover, repurpose or recycle whatever may be of value.

It was moved and seconded to approve the article as presented. Beth Keefe indicated that a committee had worked on the Lavalley Store project for several years. She thanked those that helped to try and find a way to save the building. She hoped that the town would not celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> by tearing down a historic building. She wondered if the Selectboard had thought of any other options for the building other than removing it. Bruce Hiland spoke about the history of the building and the previous efforts to "save" the building. Mr. Hiland outlined concerns that the Selectboard has in regard to the store building. The store is close enough to the town hall to present a fire hazard as an unused/empty building. The water and septic plans presented by the current committee presume that safe water can be found on the property. Parking and traffic safety are other major concerns with a store being attempted at this location. It was pointed out that two previous attempts to open and

sustain a country store in Cornwall were not successful. The Selectboard's plan would dismantle the building for another purpose, not necessarily just bulldoze the building. One suggestion was to use some of the materials to construct a vegetable stand from the existing store building. Jack Watts, a fire protection engineer, does not believe that the Lavalley building is a fire hazard. He explained that there is a misconception that old wood burns faster than new wood. It is no more likely to be a fire hazard than a 10 year old home. He further explained that large pieces of wood will not ignite like smaller pieces of wood do. Tracy Himmel Isham indicated that the Planning Commission is working on an updated Town Plan. The commission will be doing a survey which will be sent to town residents and she suggested that the PC could ask specific questions about the fate of the building in the survey. Tracy Himmel Isham moved to table Article 9. The motion was seconded. Tracy Himmel Isham called for a paper ballot as there was no clear majority of the voters. The moderator explained that a Yes vote meant that the voter wished to table the article, and a No vote indicated a desire to continue the discussion. The results of the paper ballot were as follows: 53 nay, 73 yea and 2 spoiled. The motion to table carried.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters of the Town of Cornwall will designate the Town as a Clean Energy Assessment District pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §3261 (a) for the purpose of authorizing the Town to enter into written agreements with eligible owners of real property to incur indebtedness for or otherwise finance projects relating to renewable energy and energy efficiency undertaken by the owners of real property within the boundaries of the town, the costs of which to be levied as a special assessment on the real property owner's tax bill.

It was moved and seconded to approve the article as presented. Dave Sears asked for a condensed explanation of what the article was saying. Bruce Hiland explained that it is a mechanism to help property owners install energy efficient projects and incorporate their loan payment as part of their property tax bill. A resident wondered how the loan payment information would get on the tax bill. Bruce Hiland indicated that he did not know specifically the mechanism for how the amount will get added to the tax bill. Bruce also explained that the PACE lien will be junior to any existing mortgages. Gary Barnett, Cornwall Energy Coordinator spoke and indicated that part of the problem with the legislature approving these loans last year was that the PACE lien needed to be made junior to all other mortgages. They have taken care of this provision in the law this year. The bottom line of this article is that it will allow folks to put in energy saving projects at a reduced rate. Gary further explained that the debt goes forward with the property so that the benefit would stay with the property. Fred Greenman asked if the property owner could prepay the loan before any sale of the property? Gary indicated that there is no penalty for pre-payment of the loan. Sue Johnson asked how the loan money collected by the town will get to the lender. There is no clear answer to that question yet. Gary told the voters that approving this article does not obligate the town to do anything specific. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 11:	To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the
	listed organizations:

а.	Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$2,000.00
<i>b</i> .	Addison County Community Action Group, Inc.	3,750.00
	d/b/a/ HOPE	
с.	Addison County Court Diversion and	
	Community Justice Projects, Inc.	350.00
<i>d</i> .	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
е.	Addison County Humane Society	500.00
f.	Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00

g.	Addison County Readers, Inc.	250.00
h.	Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	835.0
i.	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc.	950.00
<i>j</i> .	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
<i>k</i> .	Elderly Services, Inc.	800.00
l.	George D. Aiken Resource Conservation &	
	Development Council	100.00
т.	Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
n.	Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.	400.00
0.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
р.	Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
<i>q</i> .	Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	750.00
r.	The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	360.00
<i>s</i> .	Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
t.	Women Safe, Inc.	\$ <u>1000.00</u>
ΤO	TAL:	\$20,610.00

It was moved and seconded to approve the article as presented. Sally Cadoret felt that this article should not be approved this year, the town needs a break. Laurel Coburn spoke to the fact that a friend was homeless and the John Graham Shelter helped. Laurel also rides the ACTR bus. Laurel's son received a book through the Addison County Readers. Kristin Bolton works for Elderly Services and indicated that their funding is being cut, and that the small donations from the towns help. The motion carried on voice vote.

# ARTICLE 12: To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to set the property tax rate and borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

It was moved and seconded to approve the article as presented. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 7, 2011 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2011, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2012. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2011, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2012 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

It was moved and seconded to approve the article as presented. T Tall asked why property taxes would be billed on September 7. Sue Johnson explained that September 7 is after the final date to file a Homestead Declaration. It saves on the number of revised bills that have to be distributed. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

The moderator explained that any business discussed under Article 14 is non binding and is informational only:

Dave Donahue thanked the Cornwall Fire Dept. for shoveling snow off the school roof. A round of applause was given.

Bruce Hiland expressed the town's thanks to Mike Quesnel for 19 years of service and to Joe Severy for 10 years of service as they both step down as Selectmen.

Bruce H. also thanked the CVFD for keeping the price down on their new truck. He indicated that some people were worried about overspending associated with the Capital Plan, yet the Fire Dept. spent approximately \$100,000 on their new truck, not the \$200,000 that was budgeted.

Frank Keeler said that as the Federal and State Governments are so out of control, that the Cornwall budget creators are owed a round of applause.

Tracy Himmel Isham expressed the town's appreciation and thanks to Mike Brinkman for 8 years of service on the Planning Commission and 6 years of service as the Zoning Administrator. Mike received a round of applause.

Peter Conlon, Cornwall's representative to the UD#3 board reminded folks to vote on the UD#3 budget tomorrow and that there were extra copies of the UD#3 annual report on the stage.

Raph Worrick spoke about membership in the CVFD. He indicated that the department had been in fairly good shape for a number of years, but membership has become low, particularly medical responders that are available during the day. They would like to see some young folks get involved, but anyone with an interest should talk to a fire department member. Raph did remind folks that there is a significant time commitment involved, but they do not need to be heroic.

Laurel Coburn had a question about the contested race for Planning Commission, but it could not be answered as there can be no politicking at the meeting.

Sue Johnson spoke about the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town. Many towns in Addison County are also celebrating and to that end there was a meeting to discuss what each town might be doing to celebrate. Sue asked for folks to contact her if they are interested in working on a Steering Committee to plan for Cornwall's celebration.

Sue Johnson explained that Maurice Laframboise received enough write-in votes last year to be elected for a 3 year term as a Trustee of Public Funds, contrary to what is indicated in the town report.

Sue Johnson also explained that there was a printing problem with the Town Official's ballot and that the boxes for the Planning Commission section do not line up correctly. She asked that voters be aware of the issue.

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Town Clerk

# WARNING ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 5, 2012

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in said Cornwall, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2012, immediately following the Cornwall Town Meeting which begins at 6:30 PM, to transact the following business:

- **ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- **ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town School District will approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011.
- **ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.
- **ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of  $\frac{\$1,337,935}{1,337,935}$  to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.
- **ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Cornwall Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

#### Polls will be Open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

- **ARTICLE 5:** To elect one Town School Director for a period of three years.
- **ARTICLE 6:** To elect one Town School Director for a period of two years.

#### **BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

David Donahue, Chair Junius Calitri Maureen Deppman Sarah Kemp Cynthia Peet

# **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School, affectionately referred to as the Cornwall School, is committed to providing a safe, civil, and healthy educational environment for the children of Cornwall. In an ongoing effort to communicate with parents and the community, the school maintains a website https://sites.google.com/a/addisoncentralsu.org/cornwall-school, imbedded in the Addison Central Supervisory Union's site. The weekly Cornwall School News and Activities & Events Calendar goes out to all families.

#### **Performance Targets/Power Standards:**

At Cornwall School it is the expectation that students will use the skills and knowledge addressed in the ACSU's seven performance targets throughout their educational experience. It is our vision that, when students leave us, they will function effectively in a greater community by exhibiting qualities of self-reliance, initiative, respect, and honesty, by making healthy choices, and by expressing a willingness to serve others. It is an expectation that students at Cornwall School will use technology throughout their educational experience to assist them in demonstrating proficiency in the performance targets. Students in our school will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

1. Reading: Read with understanding to analyze and interpret a variety of materials,

including literary and informational texts and electronic media.

2. <u>Writing</u>: Write with clear focus and organization and appropriate conventions for a variety of purposes and audiences.

3. <u>Mathematics</u>: Use accurate calculations and appropriate mathematical facts, models, strategies, properties, and relationships to solve and explain a variety of problems.

4. Science: Use scientific concepts, knowledge, methods, and skills to describe,

investigate, and explain the physical and natural world.

5. <u>Social Studies</u>: Acquire knowledge of geographical, historical, cultural, political, and economic events and relationships to understand local, national, and global issues.
6. <u>The Arts</u>: Use artistic concepts, knowledge, and skills to understand, explore, and

create art as a way of expressing oneself.

7. <u>Health/Physical Education</u>: Demonstrate knowledge and skills of health and fitness for lifetime wellness.

Vermont Integrated Instructional Model (VIIM):

We are in year four of the Vermont Integrated Instructional Model (VIIM) which is an innovative and integrated approach to teaching all students. At a universal level (100% of the students) it involves the following components:

Concept-based curriculumPositively stated expectations (PBS)Parent engagementCommunity engagementEffective academic instructionEffective classroom managementComprehensive local assessment systemsActive supervision and monitoringScaffolding instruction to meet the needs of all studentsActive supervision and monitoring

Systems for teaching, encouraging and reinforcing school-wide expectations

Targeted group interventions (10-20% of the students) involve the following components:Function based, systematized support available to allIncreased academic support and practiceSocial skills trainingSelf-management programsSchool-based adult mentorsAlternatives to school suspensionRe-teach and enrichSmall group instructionParent involvement and supportSelf-management programs

At the intensive individual interventions level (1-5% of the students) the following systems are in place:Intensive academic supportFunctional Behavioral AssessmentsIndividualized assessmentPersonalized Learning Plans

Individualized student plans – IEP, 504, EST, ELL Multi-agency collaboration Parent training and collaboration

The anticipated outcomes of the Vermont Integrated Instructional Model for Cornwall School are:

- ✓ Increased knowledge and skills in research-based practice elements of VIIM Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) and Response to Intervention (RtI).
- ✓ Sustained fidelity implementation.
- ✓ School-wide awareness and local capacity for data-based decision-making.
- ✓ Integrated continuum of prevention to intervention.
- ✓ Coordinated and collaborative policies, practices, and procedures.
- ✓ Improved family/school/community relationships.
- ✓ Staff engagement in developing school culture and individual student learning outcomes.

The anticipated outcomes for students at Cornwall School are:

- ✓ Students will demonstrate improved achievement results on both local and state assessments.
- ✓ Students with disabilities have increased access to challenging content areas.
- ✓ Students will increase the amount of time in general education classrooms and decrease the amount of time out of class.
- ✓ Students will experience a safer, healthier, learning environment.

This year we continue to focus Response to Instruction (RtI) and Positive Behavioral Support (PBS). We feel that focusing on these two components will have the biggest impact on learning and behavior for all students.

Response to Instruction (RtI) is a process for improving the educational outcomes of all students through:

- $\checkmark$  monitoring the progress of all students.
- $\checkmark$  using the data to make decisions about instructional needs and modifications.
- ✓ utilizing quick and efficient assessment procedures.
- $\checkmark$  applying this information for the management of early intervening services.

We are among more than 7,000 schools nationwide engaged in Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS). The program was developed at the University of Oregon and has been shown to work at all grade levels. According to the National Center on Positive Interventions and Behavioral Supports, schools nationwide that effectively adopt a PBS system are more likely to have environments that:

- $\checkmark$  engage more students in learning.
- ✓ prevent major behavior problems.
- $\checkmark$  are safer and inclusive.
- $\checkmark$  respond to student behavior effectively and positively.
- $\checkmark$  improve interventions for students with more significant mental health and behavior problems.
- $\checkmark$  enhance achievement for all students.

In October we were again recognized as a Gold Medal School for our efforts with PBS. This year the PBS theme is "Learn to grow, grow to learn." Maple leaves adorn a tree outside the office and they represent the recognition of students and staff who meet our school-wide expectations. Various milestones have been and will be recognized with class or all school celebrations. At the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year we celebrated over 4,000 "notes" of recognition for our students and staff.

There are also consequences--consequences as clear and consistent as the recognitions. We refer to these as Level I incidences. There is a progression of consequences tied to non-aggressive disciplinary incidents:

- 1. a verbal warning
- 2. contacting the student's parents
- 3. a conference with the parents
- 4. a disciplinary referral to the principal's office

PBS schools rely on data, tracked most easily in the form of office referrals, to develop and modify their PBS implementation plan. Using data helps schools stay abreast of trends or patterns in disciplinary incidents: When and where do most office referrals occur? What types of incidents are most common? Which teachers are referring the most students? Which students are most often referred? Are there gender or racial disparities in the referrals?

Attention is focused on creating and sustaining primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results (personal, health, social, family, work and recreation) for all children and youth by making problem behavior less effective, efficient and relevant, and desired behavior more functional.

One important aspect of PBS is the development and subsequent adoption of a mission statement or statement of expected behaviors. Ours is as follows:

At Cornwall School we know how to have fun while learning. We believe in REOOS: respecting our environment, ourselves, and others while being safe.

We spent a great deal of time at the beginning of the year, in all-school meetings, brainstorming with students to develop our behavioral expectations. We feel that including students in the process helps develop a greater sense of ownership on their behalf.

### **Grants:**

First-graders at Cornwall School received an ACEEF grant to purchase bird seed, a bird feeder, and binoculars. First-graders have a bird watching station outside their window and they record bird data all winter long.

#### **Special Activities/Events:**

The late winter and spring of 2011 brought many special activities and events to Cornwall School including:

All School Skating Author Natalie Kinsey Warnock residency DCF Challenge at the Ilsley Library Annual Tag Sale 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Variety Show Grandfriends Luncheon 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Bingo Night Spring into the Arts

Spring and the end of the school year also brings class field trips:

Kindergarten trotted off to VT Sun for swimming and the climbing wall.

Grades 1 and 2 went to Shelburne Farms to tend the flock.

Grade 3 went into Middlebury and toured various community buildings and establishments.

Grade 4 took their traditional Vermont Field Trip.

Grade 5 headed off to Petra Cliffs and Button Bay for an overnight camping adventure.

Grade 6 spent a week at Camp Keewaydin on Lake Dunmore.

We wrapped up the school year with our traditional "All-School Outing" heading over to NY on the ferry to Crown Point. The day was spent walking in the footprints of the British and American soldiers who defended their respected forts during the American Revolution. We also had a bird's eye view of the construction of the Champlain Bridge from the New York side of the lake.

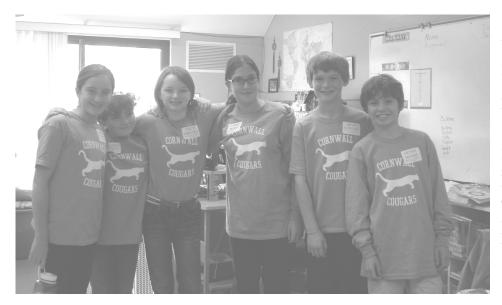
Fall and early winter find the school buzzing with activity both during the day and the evening, this year was no exception. Those events included:

Grade-level Parent Nights VSO Strings Kindergarten field trip to the Flynn Theater 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Gifts for Giving 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culture Night Bus Safety program Biking for Books (see photos below) Grades 1and 2 field trip to Shelburne Farms Author Ellen Miles presentation 6<sup>th</sup> grade pageant for Cornwall's 250<sup>th</sup>

One of the high points thus far has been the Winter Concert entitled "The Tacky Penguin Family Adventure." Produced by the extraordinary talents of our music teacher, Kendra Gratton, the students of Cornwall School performed for family and friends on December 7<sup>th</sup> on the stage at the Middlebury Town Hall Theater. Students sang, danced, and acted their way through another outstanding production to a packed theater full of family and friends.



Cornwall Students and the Hancock Relief Fund jar filled with \$1408.13 they collected in September.



ACSU & Regional Spelling Champions Isabel Rosenberg, Katherine Koehler, Lucy Groves, Sophie Marks, Silas Conlon, and Henry Hodde (left to right). They placed third in the VT State Team Spelling Championship in November.

### **Extended-Day Program:**

Through the efforts of our Extended-Day Program Team (Judy Larson, Jane Phinney, Marj Moureau, and Marci Lambert) we were able to provide over 100 hours of additional academic support for students after school. Students in grades 3-6 have an opportunity to stay after school three days a week for academic support around class work or special projects. During the 2011-12 school year, math and spelling interventions are also taking place during the Extended-Day Program as to not pull students out of class during the school day.

### Farm-to-School Initiative:

The Cornwall School Farm-to-School (or F2S) initiative adopted the theme "Grow to learn. Learn to Grow" and chosen the following goals for the 2011-12 school year:

- Improve farm/local connection in school lunches.
- Improve nutrition of school lunch and nutrition education.
  - Health classes at each grade level weekly.
- Integrate with curriculum without the addition of anything extra.
  - o Science
  - Social Studies
- Successful program will start one step/focus for year two, then add on an element each year.
- Get the kids excited about food.

A school garden was planted in the spring and we reaped the harvest all fall long. Many Cornwall School families contributed their time to building the raised beds and other planting areas. Families also committed to maintaining the garden a week at a time during the summer months.

The Cornwall School F2S Committee has also chosen various events during the course of the year to highlight the F2S initiative. They include the following: Harvest Fest, Grandfriends Luncheon, and the annual Town Meeting dinner. At Town Meeting 2011, the Cornwall School F2S committee hosted the annual Town Meeting dinner as a fundraiser for its programs.

As a culmination to a year-long focus (2010-11 school year) on F2S, Stephanie Gallas, our art teacher, facilitated the creation of a Farm-to-School mural that adorns our east entry hall. Every student at Cornwall School put paintbrush to canvas to create the beautiful mural adding color to that entry.

### Volunteerism:

One program that relies entirely on community volunteers is the collaboration with the Four Winds Nature Institute in Chittenden. Four Winds offers natural science programs that help children and adults gain the background knowledge and science skills needed to understand the world around them. Four Winds' programs involve each learner in exploring and investigating nature in their community, making observations, asking questions, searching for answers, and making their own discoveries. This program would not be possible without the support of the dedicated parents who attend monthly training sessions and then deliver the lessons to the students.

School banking, in conjunction with the Middlebury National Bank, is also completely organized and staffed by parent volunteers. Every Wednesday students who have opened a School Banking account can make deposits into their account. Each student has their own passbook and is able to keep track of their savings.

Last February we decided to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by kicking off the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Community Service Challenge with our students. At an all-school-meeting on MLK Day we shared with our students a number of resources including his "I Have a Dream" speech, excerpts from children's books, and a song. In addition, we focused on his commitment to community service and issued the following challenge:

We have challenged all students and staff of Cornwall School to perform at least one act of community service between now and the end of the April vacation. Students and staff will have to report out to the school at All School Meetings when we come back from vacation. Reporting out may be in the form of videos, photographs, self-drawn pictures, or written descriptions. Community service acts can be individual, small group, or whole class.

The challenge extended until the April vacation and a visual tally was kept detailing the hours of community service and the many projects students and staff engaged in. By the time we came back from April vacation the staff and students of Cornwall School had performed over 275 hours of community service.

We kicked off the 2011-12 school year with a fundraiser for the Hancock Emergency Fund. We held a coin drop to benefit the Hancock Emergency Fund. I live in Hancock and the wrath of Hurricane Irene was felt by many of my neighbors. At an all-school-meeting, I shared some of their stories with the students and staff and we decided to collect spare change. Little did we know how quickly spare change could add up. When it was all said and done we collected \$882.13 in coins and another \$526.00 in cash! Shortly thereafter I attended a community meeting in Hancock where I presented the Hancock Emergency Fund committee with an oversized check for \$1408.13. They were overwhelmed and extremely thankful.

In October of 2011, our student participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. While students were out trick or treating on Halloween along with the candy bags they carried the UNICEF boxes. Over 40 students participated and all together they collected \$354.21. In November students brought in food items and local grocery stores donated turkeys so that we were able to put together five Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

Each month throughout the rest of the 2011-12 school year there will be a focus on whole-school community service projects. We believe that engaging students in community service projects fosters a sense of pride and belonging. The satisfaction and pride that come from helping others are important reasons to volunteer. When you commit your time and effort to an organization or a cause you feel strongly about, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless.

We were also very fortunate this fall to have had a group come on one of the United Way's Days of Caring and renovated our front flower bed to make better use of the rain water that accumulates. In addition, the Diversified Occupations program at the Hannaford Career Center spent every Friday morning in September and October weeding, raking, trimming, and pruning to beautify our school grounds.

Finally, we have welcomed to the Cornwall School community RSVP volunteer, Regina (Nan) Shea. Nan has been with us four days a week throughout the school year working in the kitchen, library, and with students on special projects. We greatly appreciate all her hard work!

### **Building Projects:**

With new windows, lights, and insulated roof space in 2010, we addressed energy efficiency issues on the building. This year we took a look at safety and security around the outside of the building and grounds. Outside lighting was installed on the "porches" so that entry and exit of the building could be done in a safe, well lighted environment. The east end of the building got a new sidewalk with a nonslip surface. Lastly, the entire parking lot is illuminated as we come and go once the sun goes down.

### Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS):

The Friends of Cornwall School, with support from Gilligan Fund grants, continue to offer a variety of after- school programs. So far this year students have had an opportunity to participate in after-school programs such as Girl Scouts. Upcoming after-school programs include yoga and crafts. Most of these opportunities are made possible by talented, dedicated parents and staff who volunteer their time. It would be helpful to continue to sustain the after school programs if there were a volunteer coordinator who

could make contact with teachers/instructors and do all the scheduling. If anyone is interested in coordinating our after-school program please let the school know.

### **Cornwall Community:**

We welcome volunteers that have time, a special talent, or an experience they would be willing to share. The Friends of Cornwall School meet on the first Tuesday of each month and hold several special events throughout the year. We welcome volunteers any time we can arrange for a productive learning opportunity. Residents are invited to keep informed about school matters by attending Board meetings the third Thursday of each month. You can also keep up with the latest Cornwall School news online at http://cornwall.addisoncentralsu.org.

The 2011-12 school year at Cornwall School has gotten off to a great start. I look forward to the rest of the school year with enthusiasm, knowing we will continue to do the good work that we do for the children of Cornwall.

Denise Goodnow Principal

Denise Goodnow	Principal
Linda Brown	Kindergarten
Lisa Beck	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Susan Sears	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Dawn Mayer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Janne Giles	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Madeline Ward	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Andrew Hirsch	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Patti Hunt	Learning Specialist
Lynda Burt	Literacy Support Specialist*
Linda Kautzman	Library Media Specialist*
Stephanie Gallas	Art*
Francis Paquette	Physical Education*
Kendra Gratton	Music*
Wendy Whaley-Sauder	Counselor*
Barbara Thompson-Snow	Nurse*
Mark Pelletier	Speech/Language Pathologist*
Donna Severy	Administrative Assistant
Marvella Avery	Instructional Assistant
Marci Lambert	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Judy Larson	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Marjorie Moureau	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Jane Phinney	Instructional Assistant*
Susan Pratt	Food Service Manager
Jonathan Orvis	Custodian*
Christine Orvis	Custodian*
Andrew Munkres	Bus Driver
Beth VanDusen	Bus Driver

## **Teaching & Support Staff**

\*Part-time

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	14	7	13	11	12	9	19	85
Grade		7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students		16	17	20	14	15	17	99

### **STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION DISTRICT #3**

- **GRADE 7:** Asaiah Anderson, Caroline Carrara, Jonathan Castle, Grace Dayton, Kyra Diehl, Adam Gill, Anna Hickley, Ronan Howlett, Phillip Jerome, Maverick Payne, Alec Poppenga, Roberta Poppenga, McKenna Poppenga, Troy Provencher, Jacob Pyne, Grace Usilton
- **GRADE 8:** Claire Armstrong, Emma Donahue, Edward Eagan, Emily Fleming, Madelyn Gardner, Colin Germain, Cole Gregory, Gretchen Groves, Sophia Hodges, Jackson Hounchell, Faith Isham, Justin Northrup, River Payne, Xavier Provencher, Ellie Severy, Greg Sutor, Burke Weekes
- **GRADE 9:** Marvella Avery, Robert Avery, Zachary Bechhoefer, Emma Castle, Grant Durham, Ian Gill, Alexis Grant, Katherine Holmes, Joseph Hounchell, Abigail Lane, Anne Lindholm, Sophia Peluso, Lauren Poppenga, Nathan Pyne, Keri Richmond, Julia Rosenberg, Evan Ryan, Mallissa Sumner, Bo Linh Tran, Maranda Weekes
- **GRADE 10:** Aaron Crapo, Alexandra Field, Julian Hamilton, Conor Higgins, Tyler Hogan, Sonia Howlett, Luke Jackson, Katherine Knowles, Christopher Ryan, Joshua Stearns, Jonah Supernovich, Samuel Usilton, Lauren Weekes, Forrest Wright-Lapin
- **GRADE 11:** Jacob Bourgeois, Kyle Cota, Brianna Cronan, Kayla Davis, Charles Dayton, Eleanor Eagan, Malcolm Groves, Sawyer Hescock, Christian Higgins, Andrew Lane, Peter Lindholm, Isadora Marks, Akeem Pottinger, Colin Ryan, Marrott Weekes
- **GRADE 12:** Tristan Cartwright, William Conlon, Zakary Crapo, Kenneth Dalley, Neil Guertin, Stuart Guertin, Calvin Hogan, Austin Kincaid, Benjamin Longchamp, Julian Marohnic, Johanna Rumbough, Flurin Seiler, Isaac Supernovich, Keith Swan, Emery Tillman, Griffin Wood, Christopher Young

## **CORNWALL SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Each year we begin this annual letter by thanking you, the community, for your generous support of the Cornwall School. We thank you because we know that while all of us struggle individually to "make ends meet" and to make our check books balance, we rarely hear complaints about the cost of educating the children in Cornwall. There are lots of different ways one could interpret this, but we choose to believe it is your recognition that our local elementary school is providing a top-notch education, and that to some extent, you get what you pay for! Thank you for supporting the Cornwall School and the education of our children.

We will use this "space" to address what we believe are the key questions and areas of interest based on the questions we have heard from residents this past year.

### Taxes

This past year taxes in Cornwall went up as you well know. We spent some time following up on this to get a better understanding of how the taxes could go up when our school budget went down. As you will recall, last year we actually reduced the budget by 2.21%.

The answer is that our property value went down as it did in most places. To get roughly the same dollars from less valuable property the tax rate has to go up. Add to that the state formula around per pupil spending, which went up for Cornwall last year due to a smaller than usual kindergarten class, and we were asked to come up with more dollars because of our per pupil spending.

The net result was a significant tax increase. We believe this is a by-product of a systemic problem. Last year despite many expenses outside of our control going up (health insurance, contracted salaries, electricity, oil), we worked diligently and with leadership from our school principal Denise Goodnow, the overall budget went down. To go through that painful process only to have taxes go up is frustrating to say the least.

### <u>Budget</u>

This year after several reviews of the budget we were able to reduce the budget increase to 2.93%. Each year certain costs, notably health insurance and salaries that are set by a negotiated contract, go up. These expenses comprise the largest part of our budget. To some degree these expenses are "beyond our control," though I expect they will get increased scrutiny during the next contract negotiation. This leaves us (the board and principal) with fewer places to look for "cuts." In order to achieve a roughly 3% increase in the budget, we will be reducing several staff positions. Despite these reductions we believe the Cornwall School will continue to provide an outstanding education.

### Enrollment

Last year we had a small kindergarten class enter so that "enrollment bubble" will be moving through the system for several more years. Because of the number of questions we (the board) heard from residents, at last year's Town Meeting we provided an "enrollment hand-out" that showed year by year enrollment estimates out through 2015-2016. The story the numbers told was one of small fluctuations and relatively stable enrollment. We continue to believe that to be the case.

Although we will graduate a 6<sup>th</sup> grade class with 19 students, we will welcome a kindergarten class with 15 students. Enrollment in a small school like ours will always be a concern, but based on the data we have at hand, we don't anticipate the kinds of enrollment challenges other schools in the Addison Central Supervisory Union are facing.

I would also note that more and more inquiries made to the school begin with statements about the high quality of the education and the high regard for the elementary school as a determinant in choosing where

to live. Hopefully, the positive reputation and high quality education offered will help to keep enrollment steady and strong.

### Program

Denise has done a great job of covering the program, especially the curriculum, in her Principal's Report. We'd like to highlight just a few specific programs that we think are important because they speak to the kind of experience kids are having at the Cornwall School, and to note a few test results.

With strong support from parents, staff, and local leaders, Cornwall has implemented a very successful "farm to school" program that incorporates locally produced foods, and teaches students about where their food comes from. And perhaps most importantly, as noted by the kids themselves... "the food is really good!"

In her report Denise noted the Extended Day Program. We want to mention the extended day program as an example of one way the school is identifying needs and responding. The program, as Denise notes, provides additional academic support to students who need help in a specific area. This is the second year we've had an extended day program. Already students who needed help at one point are no longer in need of that additional support. We look forward to assessing the program at year end.

In addition to a regular structured program like the Extended Day, the school is also very fortunate to have programs like an "author in residence" and various field trips around the state. Often times support for these programs is provided by something called "The Gilligan Fund." This fund was set up by the Gilligan Family to provide support to the school for items that fall outside the budget. We have used Gilligan money to support programs like Nordic skiing, for some field trips, for improvements to the playground, and other odds and ends (the Four Winds Program, VSO Performances, Instrumental Music Instruction). We mention this fund because it has helped our school to provide experiences for kids that many others schools can no longer afford, but that contribute significantly to the overall experience (and at no cost to taxpayers).

We were also excited that this year's Cornwall School Spelling Team took first place in the ACSU competition, first place in the regional competition, and finished third overall in the state.

Lastly, we want to briefly mention the NECAP test scores. As we have noted before, test scores tell only part of a story. The best way to get a sense for the kind of education the children in Cornwall are receiving is to visit the school. If you are interested in visiting, please contact Principal Denise Goodnow. To the extent that test scores tell part of the story, the Cornwall School test scores continue to tell a very positive one. Once again, Cornwall students outperform their ACSU counterparts in nearly every category (tied in one category), and exceed State averages in every category but one. The one area for improvement for the ACSU schools is science where both ACSU and Cornwall fall short of expectations. The complete NECAP test results are available on the ACSU website.

### ACSU updates

There are three topics we'd like to cover under Addison County Supervisory Union updates. The first is that we are in the middle of a Superintendent Search. If you have read the paper you have probably heard a good deal about last year's decision not to renew the Superintendent. This forced the ACSU Board to hire an interim Superintendent, Dr. Gail Conley, and to launch a search. The position is being advertised and applications are being received. As part of the process, there will be an opportunity for the public to meet candidates when the pool of applicants is down to a final group. Cornwall resident Peter Conlon is leading the search process.

A small committee was formed at the start of the year to look into creating a comprehensive K-12 foreign language program. Currently, foreign language starts in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The committee has reported back to the full ACSU board recommending that the ACSU move to implement a comprehensive foreign language program given the many benefits of studying a foreign language, not only direct, but also on other types

of learning and subject areas. The full report is available through the ACSU Central Office and on the ACSU website. The challenge will be to fund such a program and to find time in an already packed day to add a new subject.

The other initiative, and perhaps most important, is the ACSU Study Committee effort. The Study Committee was formed last spring, it has representation from each town in ACSU, and is charged with answering the following question: "is it in the best interests of the students and citizens of our community to reorganize our school districts as a Regional Education District (RED)?" Although this question appears narrow, the process to answer the question will include a significant "public engagement" phase during which many issues related to education will be engaged. The Study Committee will be looking to residents of Cornwall to form a "Cornwall working group" that will lead efforts to engage the entire Cornwall community in discussions about our school, its future, and the future of schools in the Addison County Supervisory Union.

There is lots of great information available about the Study Committee and its' work on the web. Please visit <u>http://www.acsustudycommittee.org/</u> to learn about the committee and contact Dave Donahue at <u>ddonahue04@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in being involved with the "Cornwall working group." It is especially important to involve residents who have concerns and/or new ideas!

#### **Facilities**

As some of you will recall, we have made significant investments in the Cornwall School building over the past few years, some grant funded some budget supported. I am pleased to say that the building appears to be holding up very well. The new interior lighting, doors, and windows have given a little more shine to a building that can look tired. The oven exhaust, air handler, and multi-purpose room heat were all needed improvements that are appreciated each and every day.

Although the roof is showing signs of its age, this is a cosmetic issue and not a structural one. Thus, it appears for the time being that we are in decent shape from a facilities standpoint. For all of you who own old or older homes, you know that "you don't know what you don't know." So while we are hopeful that things are in good shape, we are mindful that the facility will continue to be a priority, and we will seek grant funds whenever possible to make improvements.

Thank you for your time, interest, and consideration of this report, the school, and the education of the children and young adults in Cornwall!

Sincerely,

### CORNWALL SCHOOL BOARD

Dave Donahue (Chair) Junius Calitri Maureen Deppman Sarah Kemp Cindy Peet

# CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
100 RF	EGULAR PROGRAMS			
110	Salaries	394,441	404,889	425,293
112	Salaries - Aides	7,951	21,141	21,520
116	Early Separation	12,672	12,672	12,974
120	Substitutes	5,572	4,000	4,800
121	Salaries - Summer	1,313	1,500	800
210	Health Insurance	92,008	98,670	101,666
220	Social Security	30,859	33,981	35,602
230	Life Insurance	371	486	386
270	Course Reimbursement	6,013	2,500	2,000
280	Dental Insurance	2,871	2,884	3,611
290	Disability Insurance	1,110	1,335	1,489
320	Prof Ed Services	0	500	225
321	PreK Contracted Services	0	5,074	5,074
610	Supplies	5,390	4,800	5,050
640	Books & Periodicals	5,865	4,800	5,050
650	A.V. Materials	712	500	(
660	Manipulatives	232	800	820
670	Technology	6,321	6,000	6,000
730	Equipment	2,346	500	500
	1100 Total	\$576,043	\$607,032	\$632,860
1190 SH	IARED PERSONNEL			
120	Substitutes	345	375	375
220	Social Security	26	29	29
270	Course Reimbursement	430	0	(
320	Shared Personnel	55,722	57,814	58,33
610	Supplies	76	0	(
730	Equipment	575	0	(
	1190 Total	\$57,175	\$58,218	\$58,73
1200 60	ECIAL EDUCATION			
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1200 SF 110	Salaries	63.086	61.725	00.80.
110	Salaries Salaries - Aides	63,086 50,777	61,725 38,582	
110 112	Salaries - Aides	50,777	38,582	39,73
110 112 120		50,777 884	38,582 1,400	39,73 <sup>^</sup> 900
110 112 120 210	Salaries - Aides Substitutes Health Insurance	50,777 884 23,608	38,582 1,400 20,321	39,733 900 21,195
110 112 120	Salaries - Aides Substitutes	50,777 884	38,582 1,400	66,865 39,737 900 21,195 8,224 52

200	Dentel Leonnen ee	401	410	516
280	Dental Insurance	401 167	412 203	516
290 220	Disability Insurance	0		234
330	Other Special Ed Services	-	0	0
338 580	EEE Tuition	18,256 241	12,405 150	18,370 150
	Travel	354		
610 640	Supplies	334 165	1,000	1,000
730	Books & Periodicals	103	300 500	300 500
730	Equipment			
	1200 Total	\$167,818	\$146,040	\$159,242
2100 SU	<b>JPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR</b>			
320	Other Contracted Services	225	0	0
331	Occupational Therapy	234	400	250
	2100 Total	\$459	\$400	\$250
2105 CT	<b>JPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL</b>			
2105 SC 320	Contracted Speech	32,850	33,743	36,374
320	Psychological Services	844	0	0
331	Occupational Therapy	844 995	1,560	1,560
332	Physical Therapy	993 0	750	750
552	2105 Total			
	2105 Total	\$34,688	\$36,053	\$38,684
2120 GI	JIDANCE			
320	Shared Personnel	33,810	34,708	26,701
610	Supplies	180	0	100
	2120 Total	\$33,990	\$34,708	\$26,801
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2130 HI	EALTH			
320	Shared Personnel	21,446	21,752	14,812
610	Supplies	52	0	350
	2130 Total	\$21,498	\$21,752	\$15,162
2220 M	EDIA SERVICE			
110	Salary	29,623	29,981	31,722
110	Salary-Aide	4,325	3,668	3,778
210	Health Insurance	16,084	9,980	10,236
210 220	Social Security	2,449	2,574	2,716
230	Life Insurance	46	36	31
230 270	Course Reimbursement	0	0	0
280	Dental Insurance	402	247	516
200 290	Disability Insurance	136	99	111
321	Vermont Data Consortium	0	0	0
430	Equipment Repair	0	0	0
430 610	Supplies	453	500	460
640	Books & Periodicals	1,554	1,500	1,500
0-10		1,004	1,500	1,500

650	A. V. Materials	0	0	0
680	Technology	550	400	400
730	Equipment	0	0	0
901	Benefits Reimbursement	-6,446	0	0
	2220 Total	\$49,177	\$48,985	\$51,469
2310 BC	DARD OF EDUCATION			
119	Board Salaries	200	200	200
220	Social Security	15	15	15
250	Workers Compensation	4,775	5,062	5,062
260	Unemployment Insurance	1,102	1,189	1,237
310	Payroll Service	1,689	1,599	1,631
360	Legal Fees	588	600	600
370	Audit	0	3,200	0
810	Dues & Fees	1,268	1,050	1,050
890	Miscellaneous	115	0	0
895	Contingency	0	150	0
	2310 Total	\$9,753	\$13,065	\$9,795
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2320 AS	SSESSMENT			
331	ACSU Administration	61,670	61,461	64,446
333	ACSU Prof. Dev./Student Assessment	1,376	1,320	1,483
334	ACSU Technical Support	19,124	20,261	20,017
335	ACSU Student Information System	1,043	564	0
336	ACSU Insurance Pool	177	180	178
337	ACSU Advertising	2,364	829	574
339	ACSU Special Education Admin.	6,216	5,961	5,640
	2320 Total	\$91,970	\$90,576	\$92,338
2410 PR	RINCIPAL'S OFFICE			
110	Salary - Principal	73,136	73,136	73,136
111	Salary - Secretary	23,584	24,055	24,776
210	Health Insurance	11,710	12,454	12,936
220	Social Security	7,297	7,435	7,490
230	Life Insurance	226	362	228
240	Administrative Retirement	1,463	2,194	2,194
270	Course Reimbursement	724	0	0
280	Dental	698	488	516
290	Disability	209	241	256
431	Service Contracts	359	370	370
442	Copier Lease	3,596	3,600	2,500
530	Communications/Postage	320	450	450
580	Travel	348	200	300
610	Supplies	1,300	1,100	1,300
730	Equipment	445	500	500

810	Conferences & Dues 2410 Total	735 <b>\$126,151</b>	800 <b>\$127,385</b>	800 <b>\$127,752</b>
2600 OI	PERATIONS & MAINTENANCE			
110	Salary	25,768	23,461	24,042
210	Health Insurance	0	0	0
220	Social Security	1,971	1,795	1,839
330	Contracted Services	0	0	0
421	Disposal Services	2,030	2,000	2,000
424	Lawn Mowing	3,148	2,400	2,800
430	Repairs & Maintenance	14,955	12,000	8,500
431	Water Testing	770	800	800
521	Property/Liability Insurances	6,257	6,507	6,507
522	Volunteer Insurance	130	135	135
530	Communication/Telephone	976	1,100	1,100
610	Supplies	3,484	3,800	3,800
622	Electricity	9,933	8,700	12,000
624	Fuel Oil	13,386	12,226	14,000
730	Equipment	1,105	500	500
	2600 Total	\$83,913	\$75,424	\$78,023
2700 TH	RANSPORTATION			
510	Contracted Services	39,863	39,829	41,024
511	Fuel Surcharges	1,475	339	1,800
519	Field Trips	1,620	0	0
	2700 Total	\$42,958	\$40,168	\$42,824
2705 TH	RANSPORTATION - SPECIAL			
519	Field Trips	0	0	800
	2705 Total	\$0	\$0	\$800
5310 FC	OOD SERVICE			
930	Subsidy to Food Service	3,700	0	3,200
	5310 Total	\$3,700	\$ <b>0</b>	\$3,200
	Grand Total Budget	\$1,299,293	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935

#### CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-13 ESTIMATED FINANCE

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	Budget	Budget	Proposed	
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Change
Estimated Education Spending:				1
Elementary Budget	1,329,145	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	2.93%
Special Article - Ventilation/Air Exchange & Multipurpose Room Heat	26,131	-	-	
Total Estimated Expenditures	1,355,276	1,299,806	1,337,935	2.93%
Less Anticipated Receipts				
Special Education Block Grant	33,433	29,566	27,922	-5.56%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	58,794	54,457	98,563	80.99%
Small Schools Grant	74,786	77,786	79,912	2.73%
Interest Income	300	175	175	0.00%
Transportation Aid	31,442	22,741	16,742	-26.38%
Bus Reserve	632	-	-	
Education Reserve	6,600	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	18,899	2,668	6,508	
Total Estimated Receipts	(224.886)	(187,393)	(229,823)	22.64%
Estimated Education Spending	\$1,130,390	\$1,112,414	\$1,108,113	-0.39%
Tax Rate Estimates				
Equalized Pupils*	86.68	79.51	77.64	-2.35%
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,041	\$13,991	\$14,272	2.01%
Est. Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$13,041	\$13,991	\$14,272	2.01%
Adjustment for FY13 Spending above \$8,723/\$8,723 Base Per Pupil	152.63%	163,75%	163.62%	-0.08%
Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate**	\$0.86	\$0.870	\$0.890	2.30%
Adjusted Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1,313	\$1.425		2.22%
96 Elementary pupils	45.54%	42.94%	43.01%	0.16%
Estimated Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.598	\$0.612	\$0.626	2.38%
Estimated Estimatory component of Homesteau Tax Parte, Equanced	40.090	40.012	40.020	2.3070
Adjusted Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.503	\$1.486	\$1.541	3.70%
96 Secondary pupils	54.46%	57.06%	56.99%	-0.12%
Estimated Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.819	\$0.848	\$0.878	3.57%
Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized***	\$1.416	\$1.460	\$1.505	3.07%
Estimated Common Level of Appraisal****	100.74%	96.44%	98.04%	1.66%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate*****	\$1.406	\$1.514	\$1.535	1.39%
Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate**	\$1.35	\$1.360	\$1.380	1.47%
Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.340	\$1.410	\$1.408	-0.19%

 Equalized pupils are pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 average daily membership averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, and English proficiency.

\*\* As recommended by Tax Commissioner and pending legislative action

\*\*\* Under Act 130, effective in FY 2008-09, elementary and secondary schools calculate spending per pupil and equalized education tax rates separately and are pro-rated by % of equalized pupils to towns.

\*\*\*\* Common Level of Appraisal, as determined by the state, adjusts for property values reported at less than fair market value.

\*\*\*\*\* Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approx. \$10 on \$100,000 value.

## CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-11 FUND BALANCE

### **GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</u> Education Spending from Town & State	1,091,817.00		
Education Spending from State - Stimulus	38,573.00		
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	77,786.00		
State Aid - Transportation	29,012.00		
Interest Income	137.18		
Special Education - Block & Intensive	73,705.00		
Prior Year Adj - Unsued FY10 Board Encumbrance	14,152.42		
Prior year Adj-Workers Comp Ins	201.00		
Miscellaneous	2,154.66		
Total Revenu		\$1,327,538.26	
CENEDAL FUND EVDENDITUDEC			
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	575 ((( (1		
Regular Programs	575,666.61		
Shared Personnel	57,175.14		
Special Education	167,818.05		
Support Services	35,147.17		
Guidance	34,170.13		
Health Service	21,498.10		
Media Services	49,176.64		
Board of Education	9,753.25		
ACSU Assessments	91,970.00		
Principal's Office	126,150.52		
Operations & Maintenance	94,413.10		
Transportation	42,958.33		
Food Service Subsidy	3,700.00		
Prior Year Adj- Retro Pay	7,087.01		
Transfer to Energy Efficiency Capital			
Project	4,346.00		
Total Expenditure	es	(\$1,321,030.05)	
Excess Revenue over Expenditures			6,508.21
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2010			2,668.23
Ending Fund Balance June 30,2011			\$9,176.44
The Fund Balance is Reserved as follows:			
FY2011-12 Tax Reduction		2 660 22	
		2,668.23	
Net Unreserved General Fund Balance - June 30, 2011			\$6,508.21

### CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-11 FUND BALANCE (continued)

TRUST FUND Donald Murchie	Beg. Balance \$ 530.38	<u>Revenues</u> \$ 0.24	<u>Expenditures</u> \$ -	<u>End.</u> <u>Balance</u> \$ 530.62
ENTERPRISE FUND Food Service Food Service Grants	Beg. Balance 13,239.51 103.25 \$13,342.76	Revenues           36,819.84           517.00           \$37,336.84	Expenditures -41,015.46 -620.25 -\$41,635.71	End. Balance 9,043.89 0.00 \$9,043.89
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND Capital Improvements VT ARRA Energy Efficiency Project	Beg. Balance 3,904.42 0.00 \$3,904.42	<u>Revenues</u> 47,708.00 \$47,708.00	Expenditures -2,402.50 -47,708.00 -\$50,110.50	End. Balance 1,501.92 0.00 \$1,501.92
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND Education Reserve * Gilligan Fund JP Morgan/Wilson Foundation ACSU-VEHI Pathpoints ACSU-ACEEF ACSU Essential Early Education	Beg. Balance 31,090.12 14,750.20 777.37 0.00 0.00 0.00	Revenues           0.00           11,873.00           1,500.00           415.00           582.93           13,176.00	Expenditures 0.00 -10,821.28 -70.00 -415.00 -582.93 -13,176.00	End. Balance 31,090.12 15,801.92 2,207.37 0.00 0.00 0.00
ACSU Medicaid ACSU Title IIA ACSU IDEA - B Totals * Requires voter authorization to spend fund	0.00 0.00 0.00 \$46,617.69 ds	1,980.40 3,358.08 3,280.86 \$36,166.27	-1,980.40 -3,358.08 -3,280.86 -\$33,684.55	0.00 0.00 0.00 \$49,099.41

DEBT FUND	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>End.</u> Balance
Vt. Water Supply Planning Loan	\$3,262.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,262.60
Vt. Water Supply Construction Loan	\$11,712.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,712.10

### CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT

Amount of <u>Original Note</u>	Indebtedness July 1, 2012	Principal Payment <u>2012-13</u>	Interest Payment <u>2012-13</u>	Balance of Unpaid Principal <u>June 30, 2013</u>
Water Disinfection Planning* October 2007 \$7,238	\$3,263	\$0	\$0	\$3,263
Water Disinfection Construction* August 2008 \$11,712	\$11,712	\$0	\$0	\$3,263

\*Water disinfection planning and construction loans are anticipated to be forgiven by the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

## MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES FY 2010-2011

Medicaid money is available each year as a reimbursement for some school-based services provided to students eligible for special education. The amount of money in any given fiscal year varies widely and is very difficult to project due to this variation. Because of this, ASCU utilizes funds generated from the previous fiscal year. For example, the Medicaid money utilized in FY2011 was generated during the 2009–2010 school year.

For FY2011, ACSU spent \$188,308.58 in Medicaid money on the following: .5 FTE Medicaid Clerk, a portion of a 1.0 FTE integration consultant, a portion of 1.6 FTE English as a Second Language Teachers, transportation and facilities maintenance for the ACSU early education program, some summer services, along with other services (i.e tutoring) for at-risk students throughout the supervisory union. Various courses, conferences, in-service training, supplies, materials, and travel reimbursement were also included in the overall expenditures.

## ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge, and Union District #3

Dear ACSU Students, Parents and Citizens:

My year as your Supervisory Union Superintendent has been busy and interesting. Along with many other responsibilities, I have had the opportunity to attend approximately forty-five school board meetings since July 1, 2011. The discussions have almost always centered on what is best for our students, and are we making the best use of our resources.

Curriculum, student progress and behavior, teachers and teaching, buildings issues and transportation are routine topics for these meetings. During these next few months, our time and efforts will be focused more and more upon planning for next year.

I have been fortunate to serve our seven communities through this job of Superintendent. The faculty, staff and community volunteers have all made positive efforts to help our youth. Please join me in thanking our school directors for their great volunteer efforts to help our schools, our students and our community.

Dr. Gail B. Conley, Superintendent of Schools



Route 125 Monday afternoon of our not-Blizzard, March 7, 2011.

## **Union District #3 Director's Report**

On Town Meeting Day, voters in the towns that feed the union middle and high schools in Middlebury (the UD-3 school district) will see two main articles: the annual budget vote for the 2012-13 school year, and a proposal for a new metal roof for Middlebury Union Middle School.

The \$16.1 million budget proposal represents a 3.2 percent increase over the budget approved last March. The increase is due almost entirely to increases in pay and benefits for district employees, oil and electricity, and other fixed costs over which the board has little control. In fact the budget represents the elimination of the dance program at MUHS (not the after-school sport), and several sections of selected subjects, also at the high school.

The budgets do not include any new programs or added staff at either the middle school or high school. A detailed breakdown of the budget is available in the UD-3 annual report.

The roof plan – in the form a bond proposal for \$1 million – is a needed replacement of the roof at MUMS. When the building was constructed in the 1990s as part of a renovation and expansion at both schools, one unfortunate reduction was to put an asphalt shingle roof on the middle school. That roof is failing quickly. The bond vote would allow replacement of the MUMS roof with a standing seam system that will hopefully outlive us all. Otherwise, the building is in excellent condition and will serve the children of this area for generations to come. The board with the help of an architectural firm looked at several roofing options before agreeing that the added lifespan of a metal roof was worth the added investment.

UD-3 also holds a town-meeting style annual meeting to deal with other fiscal issues and elect officers as required by state law. This year's meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. One important question we are asking the voters is to set aside \$100,000 of last year's budget surplus into a capital fund that would be under the board's control. The remaining \$200,000 of surplus would be returned to the voters to reduce taxes. While a portion of the UD-3 surplus, when one has existed, has traditionally gone toward capital improvements such as paving, sidewalk work, energy efficiency, etc., it has always required waiting until the annual meeting to obtain voter approval. This change will allow the board to make such improvements in a more timely way by having a fund available to pay for them, without having to wait for the annual meeting or calling a special meeting.

If you have any questions about this or any other UD-3 issues, feel free to call me at 462-3134 or e-mail <u>peterc@shoreham.net</u>.

Peter Conlon, UD#3 Director

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board Cornwall School District

**2834 SHELBURNE ROAD** 

LOCATED AT:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cornwall School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Cornwall School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cornwall School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental and fiduciary fund of Cornwall School District, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report on our consideration of Cornwall School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considering in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 5 and 34 through 38 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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		Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduci	ary Fund Types	Totals
	General Fund	Revenue Fund	Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Funds	Expendable Trust Fund	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							-
Current Assets:							
Cash	\$27,814		-	\$11,074	\$5,506	\$531	\$44,925
Accounts Receivable	-	1,040	36,937	1,621	-	\$11,873	51,471
Loan Receivable							0
Prepaid Expenses	179						179
Due From Other Funds	2,329	33,297	-	-	-	\$3,929	39,555
Total Current Assets	30,322	34,337	36,937	12,695	5,506	16,333	136,130
Other Assets:							
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	\$9,628	-	-	9,628
Total Other Assets	0	0	0	9,628	0	0	9,628
TOTAL ASSETS	\$30,322	\$34,337	\$36,937	\$22,323	\$5,506	\$16,333	\$145,758
LIABILITIES & FUND EQU	ITY						
Accounts Payable	\$21,146			\$570	-		21,716
Due to Other Funds		\$1,040	\$35,435	\$3,080	-	-	39,555
Amt Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	\$5,506	-	5,506
Total Liabilities	21,146	1,040	35,435	3,650	5,506	0	66,777
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balance, Unreserved	6,508	_	-	_	_	_	6,508
Fund Balance, Reserved	2,668	33,297	\$1,502	-	-	\$16,333	53,800
Fund Balance, Restricted	_,	-	-	-		+	0
Retained Earnings	-	-	-	18.673	-	-	18,673
Total Fund Equity	9,176	33,297	1,502	18,673	0	16,333	78,981
TOTAL LIABILITIES &				·			· · · ·
FUND EQUITY	\$30,322	\$34,337	\$36,937	\$22,323	\$5,506	\$16,333	\$145,758

#### Cornwall School District Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types - Fund Base

June 30, 2011

A full copy of the audited financial statements is available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools

### FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES to Cornwall Students 2011-2013

		Anticipated *
<u>Service</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Writing Inservice	1,380	0
Reading Software	2,801	2,800
Progress Monitoring		
Software	1,326	1,300
Extended School Year		
Services	4,199	4,200
Total	\$9,706	\$8,300

Federal Funds Include: Title IIA and IDEA-B

In addition to the above, Cornwall received \$521 in Medicaid funds to help offset services to students at-risk of school failure.

\*These dollar amounts are anticipated. Actual amounts will not be determined until the summer of 2012 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS

BASED ON PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET									
	Professional Count	% of ACSU Budget	2012-13 ACSU Assessment	2011-12 ACSU Assessment	ACSU Incr/(decr)	2012-13 Special Ed Assessment	2011-12 Special Ed Assessment	Special Ed Incr/(decr)	Total Assess Incr/(dec)
Bridport	13.62	6.64%	\$72,162	\$69,860	\$2,302	\$6,315	\$6,776	(\$461)	\$1,841
Cornwall	12.17	5.93%	\$64,446	\$61,461	\$2,985	\$5,640	\$5,961	(\$321)	\$2,664
ID#4	42.29	20.61%	\$223,986	\$215, <b>6</b> 25	\$8,361	\$19,600	\$20,913	(\$1,313)	\$7,048
UD#3-MUHS	59.70	29.10%	\$316,253	\$300,132	\$16,121	\$27,674	\$29,109	(\$1,435)	\$14,686
UD#3-MUMS	37.90	18.47%	\$200,728	\$169,836	\$30,892	<b>\$</b> 17,5 <b>6</b> 5	\$16,472	\$1,093	\$31,985
Ripton	6.46	3.15%	\$34,234	\$32,677	\$1,557	\$2,996	\$3,169	(\$173)	\$1,384
Salisbury	11.92	5.81%	\$63,142	\$61,973	\$1,169	\$5,525	\$6,011	(\$486)	\$683
Shoreham	12.32	6.00%	\$65,207	\$63,817	\$1,390	\$5,706	\$6,189	(\$483)	\$907
Weybridge	8.80	4.29%	\$46,623	\$48,964	(\$2,341)	\$4,080	\$4,749	(\$669)	(\$3,010)
TOTALS	205.18	100.00%	\$1,086,781	\$1,024,345	\$62,436	\$95,101	\$99,349	(\$4,248)	\$58,188

# ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET

	2010-11 <u>Spent</u>	2011-12 <u>Budget</u>	2012-13 <u>Proposed</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Salaries	683,751	688,174	714,078
Health Insurance	103,208	105,263	124,623
Social Security	50,785	51,123	52,434
Life Insurance	2,161	2,786	2,895
Retirement	24,399	28,130	23,550
Workers Compensation	3,920	4,155	3,767
Unemployment	11,053	1,676	10,000
Dental	10,562	11,306	11,027
Disability	2,014	2,251	2,339
Inservice	0	1,100	1,100
Audit	2,809	2,830	3,090
Professional Services	51,537	5,315	5,295
Technology Support	4,761	5,044	4,934
Legal	5,419	2,500	3,000
Payroll/HR/Timeclock Software	3,663	4,685	1,928
CO Equipment Repairs	199	1,400	400
Copier Lease	5,785	6,285	6,475
Postage Meter Rental	1,049	1,514	1,514
Telephone	6,481	8,671	7,630
Postage	3,030	4,000	3,394
ACSU Schools Report	430	500	500
Star Awards	412	0	0
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	5,881	7,582	4,809
Superintendent-Overnight Stays	403	750	0
Office Supplies	9,905	14,000	9,000
Books	1,467	1,500	1,500
Central Office Software	304	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	3,824	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	9,983	9,500	9,000
Finance Overtime for Acctg. Software	2,921	1,563	0
Finance Temporary Acctg. Assistant	1,890	1,438	0
Social Security	636	230	0
Finance Professional Services	4,400	4,400	4,840
Finance Accounting System Support	13,082	18,226	16,634
Finance Office Server Software	10,400	10,154	10,154

## ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET, continued

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	Spent	Budget	Proposed
Finance Office Server Equipment	8,307	8,307	8,307
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	0	3,968	4,206
Technology Professional Services	4,712	3,000	4,000
Technology Equipment Repairs	376	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/Replacement Parts	2,025	2,500	2,500
Technology Office Software	573	2,000	2,000
Technology Books and Periodicals	1,177	1,000	1,000
Technology Server/ Networking Equip.	9,836	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	2,266	1,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,585	2,000	1,680
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
Total Administrative	1,073,381	1,049,826	1,083,604
MAINTENANCE			
Purchased Services	11,961	12,260	12,628
Monitoring System	162	182	187
Water & Sewer	780	913	940
Maintenance	890	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	8,638	5,000	3,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	2,594	2,580	2,729
Furniture/Equipment	0	607	750
Electricity	9,853	9,108	10,444
Total Maintenance	38,878	36,150	36,178
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,112,259	\$1,085,976	\$1,119,781

## PROPOSED 2012-13 REVENUE

GRAND TOTAL	\$1,085,976	\$1,119,781
Assessments	1,024,345	1,086,781
AS400 Budget Use/Setup Revenue	3,631	0
Grant Administration Fees	18,000	18,000
Prior Year Fund Balance	40,000	15,000

## ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION SPECIAL EDUCATION PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	Spent	Budget	Proposed
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Salaries	221,089	235,264	246,667
Health Insurance	33,212	39,741	45,965
Social Security	16,790	17,998	18,870
Life Insurance	609	960	1,006
Retirement	2,914	2,953	2,243
Workers Compensation	2,058	2,182	2,416
Unemployment	1,000	500	1,000
Dental	3,934	4,494	4,952
Disability	589	775	813
Professional Services	3,048	3,228	3,158
Audit	2,491	1,535	2,740
Payroll/HR/Timeclock Software	1,953	2,100	0
Legal	188	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repair	2,610	2,610	2,688
Liability Insurance	869	899	1,057
Advertising	172	150	150
Mileage Reimbursement	2,748	5,000	5,000
Office Supplies/Software	4,681	10,000	10,000
Equipment	963	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Dues	5,139	4,000	6,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$307,056	\$336,389	\$356,725

#### PROPOSED 2012-13 REVENUE

GRAND TOTAL	\$336,389	\$356,725
Assessments	99,349	95,101
Grants & Administration Fees*	217,040	261,624
Prior Year Fund Balance	20,000	0

\*IDEIA-B, Title 1, Diversified Occupations, Early Childhood/EEI Grant, Regional I-Team Grant, etc.

### ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2011

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in said Cornwall, Vermont on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. with approximately 100 people present.

David Donahue, Chair of the School Board called the meeting to order.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Dave Donahue had the School Board members introduce themselves. Dave opened the floor to nominations for a Moderator for one year. There was a motion from the floor to nominate Cy Tall. The motion was seconded. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town School District will approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Cornwall School District minutes from March 1, 2010 as printed. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of \$1,299,806 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Cornwall School District budget of \$1,299,806 as presented. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at the Cornwall Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian ballot. Polls will be open 7:00AM to 7:00 PM.

Dave Donahue mentioned the hand out that had been placed on each chair. It includes a correction to Cornwall's assessment and the Cornwall NECAP scores. Enrollment looks to be relatively stable after an unusually small Kindergarten class this year.

Maureen Deppman is the Cornwall board member that has been selected to be part of a study committee created to provide leadership to the seven communities of the ACSU as they explore options and make informed decisions about the future of the schools. The State of Vermont is responsible for initiating this work. The seven elementary school districts have voted to come together to study the possibilities and the potential benefits of changing the current governance structure to a K-12 Regional Education District. The study committee will engage members of the public in a way that fosters informed decisions and community ownership. They will develop a recommendation based on community input, as well as data and information collected by

professional analysts. The data should include, but may not be limited to educational, fiscal and demographic. The committee will report to the Commissioner of Education and ensure a community vote within a reasonable time period. There is a website where information can be obtained: <u>www.acsustudycommittee.org/.</u> The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the ACSU office at 6:00PM. Grant money is being used to fund the study, each local board has representation. Cornwall has one representative. Kristin Bolton asked if this a discussion about consolidation. Maureen explained that the study is looking at the governance issue, not specifically consolidation.

David Donahue indicated that the ACSU board had voted not to renew the Superintendents contract, so this will be a year of transition.

FOCS appreciated the response to the recent fund raising letter.

Denise Goodnow, the school Principal was introduced.

Dave also mentioned that the school budget is lean, but students are doing well. The board fell short of the challenges for change goal, so they will be sharpening their pencils for next year.

The small school grant that Cornwall receives may possibly be eliminated.

ARTICLE 5: To elect one Town School Director for a period of three years.

ARTICLE 6: To elect one Town School Director for a period of two years.

ARTICLE 7: To elect one Union District No. 3 Director for a period of three years.

Articles 5, 6 & 7 will be voted on by Australian Ballot tomorrow at the Town Hall. All were encouraged to vote.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:12 pm. The motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Johnson, Clerk

## NOTES

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