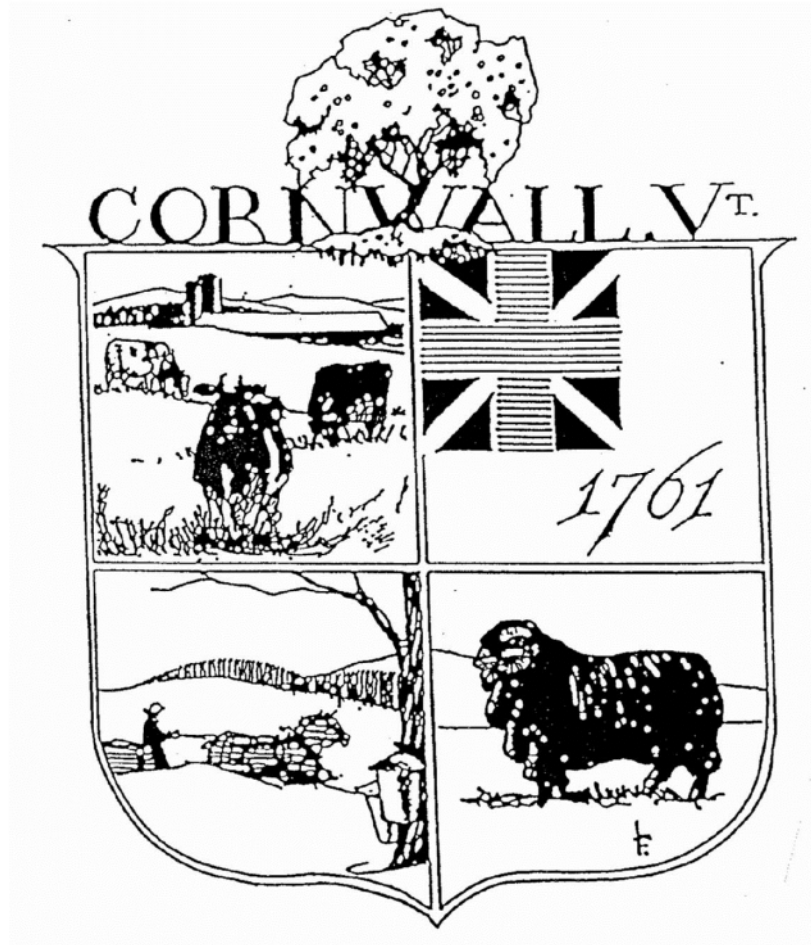


ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
CORNWALL, VERMONT



For Year Ending December 31, 2012

*Please bring your copy of the Town Report to the Town Meeting on
March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
At the Cornwall Elementary School*

TOWN CALENDAR 2013

MARCH

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

APRIL

- ? *Spring 2013 Newsletter*
- 1 DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE**
- 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
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm

MAY

- 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE**
- 4 Green Up Day
- 6 & 20 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7 pm//Train 6:30 pm
- 7 & 21 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

JUNE

- 3 & 17 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 4 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 11 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 19 Planning Commission 7 pm
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 20 School Board Meeting 7 pm

JULY

- ? *Summer 2013 Newsletter*
- 1 & 15 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 2 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*

AUGUST

- 5 & 19 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 6 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 15 School Board Mtg. 7 pm
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 21 Planning Commission 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 & 16 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm //Train 6:30 pm
- 3 & 17 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 10 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- TAX BILLS MAILED**
- 18 Planning Commission 7 pm
- 19 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
- 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm

OCTOBER

- ? *Fall 2013 Newsletter*
- 1 & 15 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 7 & 21 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7 pm//Train 6:30 pm
- 8 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 16 Planning Commission 7 pm
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 17 School Board Meeting 7 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE**
- 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 School Board Meeting TBD
- 21 Emergency Management TBD

DECEMBER

- 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
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm

JANUARY 2014

- ? *2013-2014 Winter Newsletter*
- 6 & 20 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7 pm//Train 6:30 pm
- 7 & 21 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
- 23 Town Warning Petitions Due

FEBRUARY 2014

- 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
- No Emergency Management Mtg.
- 20 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 26 Voter Registration Due for 3/3

TOWN MEETING 2014: March 3, 6:30 PM; VOTING: March 4, 7 AM ó 7 PM

Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

Voter Registration

If you want to participate at Town Meeting and vote at the Town Meeting election,
but are not on the checklist,
register to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Absentee Ballot Voting

request a ballot by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2013

Pre-Town Meeting Dinner

Provided by the Cornwall Farm 2 School Program

At the Cornwall Elementary School

Starting at 5:00 ó 6:15 p.m.

Town Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

At the Cornwall Elementary School

Election Day

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the Cornwall Town Hall

Polls open from 7 a.m. ó 7 p.m.

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

Town of Cornwall 2012

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TOWN REPORT DEDICATION TO

JUNIUS CALITRI

Junius Calitri of Cornwall died on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at the age of 95. Junius Brunus Calitri was born on Nov. 18, 1917, in Bronx, N.Y. His parents, Antonio Calitri and Esther (Leinkram) Calitri were innovators in the development of foreign language programs in public education systems of New York. Junius received his Bachelor's Degree from New York University in 1939, and his Master's Degree from Columbia University in 1947. He was married to Klara (Feiner) Calitri in 1943. A world-class swimmer, Junius was the National Junior Swim Champion while at Dee Witt Clinton High School and Captain and coach of his swim team during his time at N.Y.U. He was invited to Tel Aviv to compete in the second Maccabiah Games in 1935, and was also selected for a spot on the United States Olympic Team for the games of 1940. Junius set many records in freestyle while at N.Y.U., some of which stood until the 1980s. Junius started early in public service; he was a Life Guard during the summer, and won the New York City Life Guard Championship in 1939. After moving to Vermont, Junius participated in and won several Master's swimming events. Ever the athlete, Junius was also a tennis enthusiast and continued to play until the middle of his ninety-fourth year. During World War II, Junius was the Chief Ground School Instructor for the Army Air Force in Burlington. After the war, Junius taught physical education and science, settling in Putnam Valley, N.Y., in 1947. He became principal and then superintendent of the Putnam Valley Central Schools, where he was respected as a progressive, compassionate educator. After his retirement in 1974, Junius served as Superintendent for the Garrison School District in Garrison, N.Y., for several years, then retired to Vermont in 1980 and became a negotiator for the Vermont School Boards Association. Always civic-minded, Junius was president of the Vermont School Boards Association for several years, served as a member of the Cornwall School Board and as a representative for the School Boards Association to national events, and was an active participant until his death. Junius worked with the Counseling Service of Addison County for many years as its past president and current vice-president. Junius was always proud of his family, and had a wide circle of friends. He was ever ready to give counsel, share a joke, or join in lively discussions.

Junius served the town in several capacities during his time in Cornwall. He started as a Justice of the Peace from 1983 to 1985. He was appointed as Zoning Administrator from 1987 to 1997. He ran for School Director in 1995 and continued to serve until his death in December. Cornwall is honored to dedicate this year's report to Junius. He will be greatly missed by our community and we appreciate his many years of service to Cornwall.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES BOARDMAN

Charles Henry Boardman, age 98, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. Mr. Boardman was born in Middlebury on Nov. 22, 1914. He was the son of Benjamin and Mabel (Vancelette) Boardman. He received his early education in local Cornwall schools and graduated from Middlebury High School. He continued his education at Vermont Agricultural School in Randolph. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in July 1942. He was discharged as a Captain in February 1946. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and began a career with the United States Postal Service that spanned more than 25 years. During this time, he also worked the grill on weekends at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. Charlie's passions were his home and his family. His love of the land was evident in his immaculate garden and the great care he took of their home. He loved the outdoors, spending free time fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and camping with family and friends. Throughout his married life, he took great advantage of his wife's amazing cooking, thoroughly enjoying every meal to its fullest. In his later years, he enjoyed bird watching, reading, and watching nearly every game of his favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox. Mr. Boardman also enjoyed helping his neighbors and serving his community. He was always willing to lend a hand. His passion was organizing, supporting and improving local volunteer fire departments. He was a charter member of the Cornwall Fire Department, serving as secretary and captain. He was a charter member of the Addison County Firefighters Association. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #27 in Middlebury. He was a communicant at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury and a 25-year member of the Knights of Columbus.

As stated above, Charlie was a Charter Member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept. His dedication to helping others will be well remembered. His wonderful smile and gentle demeanor will be missed by all who knew him.

Auditors' 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, 2011 through June 30, 2012. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these records present a fair and accurate accounting of Cornwall's financial activities.

The big state-wide "auditor" news of the year was the embezzlement of funds from the Town of Weybridge. This news further highlighted the need for attention to detail and thorough oversight at the local level. We have full confidence in Sue and that the records and books for the Town are in good standing, however, with this in mind we firmly believe that the oversight continues.

In order to facilitate our role, as well as in our continued support of Sue, we fully endorsed her pursuit of new software for the Treasurer's Office. Aside from the fear that the old software would simply stop functioning on any given day, the new software provides more features including support for multiple users and external reviews.

This past year was the "lull" year between outside reviews and audits. The current fiscal year, the year ending June 30th 2013, will receive a full audit from Telling and Associates, CPA, PC. We continue to believe that the current arrangement for external inspection is sufficient to protect the town and its assets, and do not recommend any change in its scheduling at this time.

We would, as always, like to thank Sue for all of her outstanding work putting the majority of this report together. Without her, this report would certainly not exist in its current form. We would also like to congratulate her on her 10 years of service as Town Clerk, and her 12 years of service as Town Treasurer. We have enjoyed working with her over these past many years, and look forward to continuing into the future.

Shawn Fetterolf
Kate Gieges, Chair
Ken Manchester



Driveway damage, May 29, 2012

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 4, 2013 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 5, 2013, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

5 years: Cemetery Commissioner

3 years: Road Commissioner; Two (2) Planning Commissioners; Selector; Lister; School Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds

2 years: Selector; School Director; Three (3) Library Trustees

1 year: Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Lister (to fill an unexpired term); Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Library Trustee

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus of \$74,745.71 for the fiscal year July 2011 to June 2012.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$446,897.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$373,800. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$313,800 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, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$5,000 to aid in the funding of a natural resources inventory as called for in the Cornwall Town Plan. This amount will supplement grant monies received and enable the Conservation Commission to contract a consultant to begin the inventory and complete the initial stage of GIS analysis. (A \$500 grant has been received from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation).

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will appropriate \$500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Little League to help pay its expenses from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

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 Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
f. Addison County Readers, Inc.....	250.00
g. Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,028.00
h. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc.....	950.00
i. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.....	2,300.00
j. Elderly Services, Inc.	800.00
k. Green Up Vermont, Inc.....	100.00
l. Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center.....	500.00
m. Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.	450.00
n. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
o. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
p. Northern Vermont RC&D Council.....	100.00
q. Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	750.00
r. Otter Creek Childcare Center.....	1,000.00
s. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.....	60.00
t. Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
u. WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$21,853.00

ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of August 21, 2013 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2013, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2014. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2013, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2014 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%).

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for capital purchases should funds in the capital account be depleted.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the voters will instruct the Selectboard to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transport through Vermont.

WHEREAS, the oil industry appears to be planning to use an aging oil pipeline, built in 1950, to bring Canadian tar sands diluted bitumen through Vermont on its way to Portland, Maine for export; and

WHEREAS, the mining, drilling, and processing of tar sands requires a vast and destructive industrial operation that emits 3-5 times more carbon pollution per barrel than conventional U.S. crude oil, among many other problems; and

WHEREAS, pipelines carrying tar sands have a greater likelihood of leaks and spills because of the corrosive properties of tar sands, and such spills are more costly and difficult to clean up than conventional oil spills, as demonstrated by a 2010 tar sands spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River in Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and
2. That the Town encourages the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands, and support policies such as a Clean Fuels Standard to help keep such fuels out of the region's fuel supply; and
3. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills, along with clear guidelines for tracking the origins and chemical composition of pipeline contents and feed stocks.

ARTICLE 13: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

R. Bruce Hiland, Chair

David Sears

Abi Sessions

Judy Watts

Ben Wood

Elected Town Officers 2012

Moderator:	Term Expires 2013	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
Selector, 3 years:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015	Abigail Sessions David Sears R. Bruce Hiland
Selector, 2 years:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	Ben Wood Judy Watts
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2013	Stu Johnson
First Constable:	Term Expires 2013	Dennis Rheaume
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2013	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2013	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2015	Stephenie Pyne Liam English Susan Burdick
Town Agent:	Term Expires 2013	Benjamin Deppman
Grand Jurors:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013	Maurice Laframboise Vacant
School Directors, 3 years:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015	David Donahue (app.) Cynthia Peet Maureen Deppman
School Directors, 2 years:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014	Sarah Kemp John Eagan
Union High School Director:	Term Expires 2014	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015	Katie A Q Gieges Shawn Fetterolf Kenneth Manchester Jr.

Elected Town Officers 2012, *continued*

Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2013	Maurice Laframboise
	Term Expires 2014	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2015	Derwin Stevens
Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2013	Patricia McCormick
	Term Expires 2013	Kristina Simmons
	Term Expires 2013	Jonathan Newhard (app.)
	Term Expires 2013	Ginny Hiland
	Term Expires 2014	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2014	Judy English
	Term Expires 2014	Vacant
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2013	Patricia Anderson
	Term Expires 2014	Marc Ringey
	Term Expires 2015	Bruce Payne
	Term Expires 2016	Nancy Kemp
	Term Expires 2017	Joan Bingham
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2013	Geoff Demong
	Term Expires 2013	Holly Noordsy
	Term Expires 2014	Jim Bolton
	Term Expires 2014	Annie Wilson
	Term Expires 2014	Jim Duclos
	Term Expires 2015	Tracy Himmel Isham
	Term Expires 2015	Jean Terwilliger
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2015	Judy English
	Term Expires 2015	Ginny Hiland
	Term Expires 2015	Dee Hodges
	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2015	Gary Margolis
	Term Expires 2015	David Van Vleck
	Term Expires 2015	Judy Watts

Appointed Town Officers 2012

Board of Zoning Adjustment:	Term Expires 2014	Barney Hodges III
	Term Expires 2014	Annie Wilson
	Term Expires 2015	Joan Donahue
	Term Expires 2015	Cy Day Tall
	Term Expires 2015	Ingrid Jackson
Assistant Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2013	Joan Bingham

Appointed Town Officers 2012, *continued*

Assistant Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2013	Joan Bingham
Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2015	Jim Duclos
Health Officer:	Term Expires 2014	David Anderson
Assistant Health Officer:	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013 Term Expires 2013	Robert Bingham Jonathan Newhard Michael Heinecken
Addison County Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates: Alternates:	Marc Cesario Eric Severy Marjorie Drexler
Solid Waste Management Board:	Representative: Alternate:	Michael Hennessey Gregory Dennis
Cemetery Sextons:	Central: Evergreen: Fair: South:	Vacant Richard Bruso Bruce Payne Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Marc Lapin Lawrence Pyne Brian Howlett Mary Dodge Michael Sheriden
Emergency Management Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fire Warden:		Larry Clark
Green-Up Coordinator:		Vacant
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Town Service Officer:		Barbara Laframboise
Tree Warden:		Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:		Jon Isham

Selectboard Report

Since our last Town Meeting your Selectboard has:

ÉCarried out the respectful dismantling of the Lavalley building. This was the final chapter in a prolonged demonstration of the democratic process at work, albeit slowly. We preserved worthy items connected to Cornwall's history, sold remaining items and construction materials which could be used by others and spent less than voters approved for this effort.

ÉLearned the difference between "nuisance" mosquitoes and their far more dangerous cousins who can carry EEE (eastern equine encephalitis) and West Nile viruses. Available evidence strongly suggests this is a problem to be controlled, not solved, and is unlikely to be going away. The Lemon Fair Insect Control District reports that it is cooperating effectively with the State Department of Health in planning for the continuing battle against both types.

ÉStarted fact-finding and strategizing regarding a Vermont Gas proposal to build a natural gas pipeline from southern Middlebury through Cornwall and Shoreham to the International Paper plant in Ticonderoga, NY. This project is a consequence of the southward extension of Vermont Gas's pipeline to serve Middlebury. The pipeline through Cornwall is budgeted at \$70 million, financed entirely by International Paper and, as proposed, serves only the IP plant. Specifically, it will not provide natural gas service to any other locations along its route. At this writing Vermont Gas intends to apply to the State of Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good by July and hopes to complete construction during 2015. Because project plans are fluid and, in particular, no specific route through Cornwall has yet been proposed we strongly encourage you to pay close attention to local media for current information. As specifics are provided to the Town we will post the information on <http://cornwallvt.com>.

ÉProperly staffed our Capital Budget and Planning Committee and moved forward in improving capital expense planning by including town buildings. In a related action we returned the #5 Schoolhouse on S. Bingham Street to its rightful owners, our School District.

ÉApproved the accelerated acquisition and installation of up-to-date accounting software and hardware for the Town Clerk/Treasurer's office thereby enabling improved accounting consistent with statewide standards and providing a better audit trail.

ÉSupported the Highway Commissioner at the Battle of Clark Road, where the culvert and road were washed out by heavy rains on May 29. This was a dark comedy pitting Cornwall against two State departments and a Federal agency. Stu Johnson's campaign for common sense prevented the installation of a culvert large enough to accommodate a bull moose at full gallop.

ÉMade absolutely NO progress on our problematic salt pollution situation. The Town is currently obliged to pump 24/7 from the well at the Town Shed on the premise that this relieves chloride pollution alleged to stem from salt storage that ended 20+ years ago. This is expensive and the underlying "science" that informed the original agreement is questionable.

During the year we confirmed the good sense of collaboration with neighboring towns. Our new Shoreham/Cornwall co-owned excavator is serving both towns well and efficiently. We continue our practice of meeting jointly with other Town boards/commissions in the pursuit of informed, effective governance.

The accompanying proposed General Fund and Highway Budgets of each representing about 10% of your total real estate tax bill of are our prudent estimate of necessary costs to operate Cornwall

Selectboard Report, *continued*

from July 2013 through June 2014. Most expense categories are level funded or reduced. Compensation adjustments are minimal and are based upon information from comparable towns collected by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). Road maintenance material costs continue to increase. For the first time Town buildings (i.e. Town Hall, the Town Garage and materials shed) are now included in the capital planning/budgeting process. Consequently we have added \$100,000 to the Capital Budget in anticipation of improvements and construction expenses expected in the next few years. The necessary first step, an engineering assessment of the structures to develop specific plans and cost estimates, is underway.

R. Bruce Hiland, Chair; Judy Watts, Vice Chair; Ben Wood, David Sears, Abi Sessions



Clark Road washout, May 29 storm.

Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	2009-10 Budget	2009-10 Act.	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Act.	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Act.	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 thru 1/15/13	2013-14 Proposed Bdgt
Fixed Appropriations									
Humane Society	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
County Tax	12,500	11,969	12,200	10,927	10,700	11,165	11,600	9,702	11,000
Regional Planning	1,288	1,287	1,307	1,307	1,307	1,307	1,280	1,280	1,316
Otter Creek Cons.	130	121	130	121	122	121	122	121	122
VT Trails	30	30	30	30	35	35	35	35	30
MVAA	2,446	2,446	2,452	2,452	2,500	2,452	2,370	0	0
VLCT	1,604	1,604	1,850	1,850	1,889	1,889	1,967	1,967	1,984
Capital Fund Equip	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Capital Fund Bldg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Totals	138,498	137,958	138,469	137,187	137,053	137,469	147,874	143,105	244,952
Salaries									
Auditors	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Selectboard	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,400	3,400	3,400
Town Clerk & Treas.	34,281	34,267	34,624	34,624	34,972	34,968	38,824	22,647	39,795
Listers	15,000	13,508	15,000	10,065	14,000	6,953	12,000	2,535	7,000
Custodian	100	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200
Asst. Town Clerk	3,000	2,625	3,000	3,450	2,850	3,720	2,850	840	3,500
Planning Commission	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Town Secretary	3,000	1,211	2,500	1,470	1,500	1,005	1,500	784	1,500
Totals	58,381	54,610	58,324	52,609	56,522	49,646	60,774	32,206	57,395
Meetings									
Town Meeting	100	100	150	100	150	0	100	0	100
Elections	1,000	422	2,000	1,249	500	668	2,000	625	500
Totals	1,100	522	2,150	1,349	650	668	2,100	625	600
Office Expense									
Town Clerk	1,500	2,826	2,400	2,173	2,400	1,848	2,400	1,226	2,400
Town Treasurer	1,500	2,566	1,500	1,757	1,500	1,886	2,400	923	2,400
Selectboard	300	18	300	85	300	641	300	0	300
Tax Collector	200	88	100	44	100	45	100	278	100
Grand List Maint.	6,000	3,736	6,000	5,137	6,000	4,163	10,200	670	8,000
Zoning Administrator	100	0	100	185	100	0	100	0	100
Planning Commission	850	299	1,000	347	2,000	56	1,000	370	1,000
Board of Zoning Adj.	200	0	200	131	500	54	200	35	200
Town Office/General	2,000	2,893	2,500	1,816	2,500	2,898	2,500	1,260	2,500
Copier/Printer/Scanner	3,000	3,151	3,200	3,325	3,000	3,091	3,000	1,588	3,200
Postage	2,000	2,300	2,000	2,051	2,000	1,732	2,000	787	2,000
Vote Tabulator	0	0	2,000	2,488	0	556	2,500	1,930	0
Emergency Mngt.	1,000	0	1,000	1,011	1,000	312	1,000	91	1,000
Totals	18,650	17,878	22,300	20,549	21,400	17,283	27,700	9,157	23,200

Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

	2009-10 Budget	2009-10 Act.	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Act.	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Act.	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 thru 1/15/13	2013-14 Proposed Bdgt
General Expenses									
Town Reports	2,700	2,821	2,700	1,782	1,800	1,694	1,800	0	1,200
Town Newsletter	1,000	2,110	1,600	2,497	2,000	1,819	2,000	970	2,000
Social Security	4,500	4,543	4,800	4,658	4,000	3,526	4,800	1,396	5,000
Retirement	1,370	1,381	1,385	1,385	1,385	1,399	1,553	776	1,600
Health Promotion	300	45	300	150	300	0	150	0	0
Legal Services	3,000	10,781	10,000	7,570	10,000	10,255	10,000	4,187	10,000
Sheriff's Patrol	5,000	4,547	5,000	4,758	6,000	5,004	6,000	2,874	6,000
Dog Control	2,000	1,118	2,500	600	2,500	700	1,500	350	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	222	1,000	109	1,000	4,386	1,000	40	1,000
Records Restor./Micro.	2,250	2,710	3,700	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
Water Contamination	750	716	750	564	750	636	750	351	750
Lemon Fair Insect Ctrl	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	0	6,000
Fin. Review/Audit	0	0	0	0	2,400	2,400	0	0	5,000
Totals	29,870	36,996	39,735	30,073	38,135	34,819	35,553	10,945	41,050
Town Properties									
Town Hall	18,800	15,838	20,000	17,836	18,200	7,974	18,300	3,975	18,300
Town Garage	15,800	15,122	16,300	13,073	15,800	8,948	20,000	10,669	20,000
Sand & Salt Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas Pond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two Acres, School Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34,600	30,960	36,300	30,909	34,000	16,923	38,300	14,644	38,300
Parks & Cemeteries									
Cemeteries Maint.	2,000	730	1,000	1,278	3,000	2,865	3,000	0	3,000
Cemeteries Mowing	3,000	2,965	3,000	2,830	3,500	3,702	4,000	2,230	4,000
Other Town Mowing	2,500	1,830	2,500	1,650	2,000	2,610	2,500	1,740	2,500
Totals	7,500	5,525	6,500	5,758	8,500	9,177	9,500	3,970	9,500
Insurance									
Town Officers & Prop.	15,000	17,674	18,400	20,894	24,000	17,993	20,000	21,064	22,000
Worker's Comp.	365	343	450	337	400	577	400	334	400
Health	9,650	9,338	7,200	7,976	7,500	6,808	8,500	3,904	8,000
Unemployment	500	417	600	445	500	414	500	288	500
Totals	25,515	27,772	26,650	29,652	32,400	25,792	29,400	25,590	30,900
Debt Service									
Interest (Capital Items)	2,500	2,016	4,000	3,538	4,000	2,430	0	0	0
Int. (Tax Anticipation)	2,000	272	2,000	44	2,000	0	2,000	0	1,000
Totals	4,500	2,288	6,000	3,582	6,000	2,430	2,000	0	1,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$318,614	\$314,508	\$336,428	\$311,669	\$334,660	\$294,207	\$353,201	\$240,242	\$446,897

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

In thinking about the accomplishments of the last year in the Clerk and Treasurer’s office, I was amazed to realize that I have been your Town Clerk for a decade this year and Town Treasurer for 12 years. It hardly seems possible that 10 years have slipped by so quickly. In reflecting on that time, I have thoroughly enjoyed both jobs and have learned a great deal over those years, not only from the seminars and meetings I attend, but from you, the townspeople of Cornwall. I very much enjoy the job, and look forward to the next 10 years with great anticipation.

2012 in the Town Clerk’s realm was a busy election year. I am once again thankful that the town opted to allow for the acquisition of the vote tabulator. The tabulator made a huge difference in the time spent counting after the two federal elections last year. In years past, the Board of Civil Authority and I would have been here until the wee hours of the night, but with the use of the tabulator, I could send the BCA home between 8 & 8:30pm., and I was home shortly after 9pm.

With the blessing of the Selectboard, I ordered and received a new computer at the very end of 2012. The previous machine was more than 5 years old, so it was time. As you will read in the Treasurer’s report, the upgrade was also required for implementation of new accounting software.

I have been attending the quarterly Community Advisory Board Meetings at the State Police barracks in New Haven. This meeting is an opportunity for community members to hear what the State Police have been investigating over the past quarter and to ask questions or make the police aware of specific problems within the town. I completed the requirements to recertify as a Certified Vermont Municipal Clerk in 2012. Recertification is required every 5 years. I am budgeting to have approximately 10 land record books microfilmed in the new fiscal year. I feel it is very important to have a copy of our land records held off site to be prepared should the unexpected happen here at the town hall.

2012 in the Town Treasurer’s office was essentially business as usual. Being that I am not a trained numbers person, I am continually learning better ways to handle the financial work of the town. After learning of the embezzlement issue in Weybridge in 2012, I decided to take the bull by the horns and once again with the blessing of the Selectboard, I will be installing new accounting software in 2013, with an implementation date of July 1, 2013. Although this is an unanticipated expense for the Treasurer’s office, I believe it is very important for two reasons. First, the One Write Plus program we are currently using is so antiquated that there are no updates and much of the payroll calculations are done by hand. It is also very difficult to train anyone in the use of the program. The NEMRC system that we will be installing is used by a high percentage of the towns and cities around Vermont, and will allow for someone besides myself to perform the functions of the software and to reconcile the bank statement or do some of the other tasks, eliminating any appearance or possibility of fraud. I feel it is very important to tackle this problem head on, and although I will be over spending my budgets, it will be well worth it in the end. I also completed the requirements to recertify as a Vermont Certified Municipal Treasurer as well in 2012.

I welcome any and all feedback and questions or concerns. I am still making coffee on a daily basis, so stop in for a cup if you wish.

I thank Joan Bingham, my assistant Clerk for her service to the town (which will be 33 years this year. at least in the Clerk’s office). I also thank Katie Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf and Ken Manchester, the Auditors and Stu Johnson and Ken Manchester for their help around the town hall and the town in general.

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Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mason Carroll Montgomery <i>Ross & Anne (Morris) Montgomery</i>	February 26	Burlington
Mason Tate deVos <i>Jesse deVos & Kimberley Volk</i>	June 10	Middlebury
Ella June Powers <i>Adam & Stephanie (Brown) Powers</i>	September 13	Middlebury
Ava Marie Paquette <i>Matthew Paquette & Alexandria Spooner</i>	October 29	Middlebury
Easton Lee Patrick Csaszar <i>Michael & Casey (Dougherty) Csaszar</i>	November 16	Middlebury

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Dorothy G. Lincoln	89	Cornwall	January 4	Middlebury
Jean A. Clark	62	Cornwall	March 29	Cornwall
Todd R. Patch	42	Cornwall	April	Cornwall
Annette B. Boise	78	Cornwall	May 25	Middlebury
Junius B. Calitri	95	Cornwall	December 16	Burlington
Charles H. Boardman	98	Cornwall	December 31	Middlebury

Civil Marriages

<u>Spouses</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Katherine B. Wright David M. Lafleche Sr.	Cornwall Cornwall	April 21	Cornwall
Kirsten A. Stor Matthew D. Welz	Cornwall Cornwall	July 20	Cornwall
Jennifer M. Griggs Clay J. Landry	Boise, Idaho Boise, Idaho	August 25	Cornwall
Evis Mezini David R. Kauchak	Cornwall Cornwall	December 7	Cornwall
Katie A. Curtis Bernard L. Charland	Cornwall Cornwall	December 8	Cornwall

Dog Licenses 2012

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st, 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 2012

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	312	\$2,746.00
Kennel Permit	1	<u>52.00</u>
		2,798.00

Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2012

To State	1,248.00
To Town	<u>1,550.00</u>
	\$2,798.00

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 of 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 of Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.

Renewal of Motor Vehicle Registrations of 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 2012

1. William Porter & Martha Alexander to Joan Lynch, house and 3 acres on South Bingham Street
2. Ronald & Claire Stevens to Stevens Family Trust, Ronald & Claire Stevens, Trustees, house and 81.40 acres on Route 30
3. Foote Farm Vermont LLC to Gregory Dennis, Lot #17, 2.80 acres in the Foote Farm Vermont P.U.D. on Route 125
4. Herbert F. Dalton Jr. to Eugene & Lillian Devlin, house and 1.50 acres on Route 30
5. Eugene & Janice Ethier to Eugene, Janice, Matthew, Nathan & Jesse Ethier, 45 acres and farm buildings on West Street
6. Estate of Peter J. Holm to Elisabeth Holm, 2.7 acres on Route 30
7. Donald Shall & Barbara Hofer to Stephen McKibben & Andrea Baier, 0.58 acres on Route 30
8. William Eagan Jr. to William Eagan Jr. & John Eagan, Lot #7, 2.30 acres in the Foote Farm Vermont P.U.D. on Route 125
9. Estate of Bernard Rabinovitch to the Bernard Rabinovitch Revocable Trust, house and 10.05 acres on Route 30
10. Bernard Rabinovitch Revocable Trust to Stephen McKibben & Andrea Baier, house and 10.05 acres on Route 30
11. Marie Sperry, Trustee of the Sperry Family Revocable Trust to Gail Sperry, 2.71 acres on Ridge Road
12. Green Tree Servicing LLC to Stewart Jr. & Jill Hobbs, mobile home and 2.50 acres on Galvin Road
13. Joy R. Blix, Trustee to Joy R. Blix, house and 19.4 acres on Lemon Fair Road
14. Thomas & Doris Bechtel to Booth & Naomi Hodde, house and 10.50 acres on Cobbs Corners Road
15. Adam & Rise Wilson to Rene Langis & Alicia Romero, house and 2.38 acres on Foote Farm Road
16. Timothy Fisher to Timothy Fisher, Trustee of the Timothy Fisher Revocable Trust, house and 37.32 acres on Fisher Road
17. Alexander Chapin to William Amidon & Susan Parsons, house and 0.6 acres on Cross Street
18. Estate of Katharine Johnson to William Johnson Jr., house and 52 acres on Sperry Road
19. William Johnson Jr. to William Jr. & Sharon Johnson, house and 52 acres on Sperry Road
20. Estate of Arthur Blaise to Brian Blaise & Elsie Johnson, house and 0.70 acres on Rte 30
21. Eugene & Janice Ethier to SD Ventures, easement/ROW on West Street
22. SD Ventures to Eugene & Janice Ethier, easement/ROW on West Street
23. SD Ventures to United States of America, USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service, easement on the acreage west of West Street
24. Holmgard LLC to Elisabeth Holm, 26.58 acres on Route 30
25. Lucille & Robert Williams Revocable Trust to Kevin & Deborah Williams, 31.53 acres on Route 30
26. Aaron & Laurel Coburn to Paul & Deborah Zeno, house and 1 acre on Route 74

Property Transfers 2012, *continued*

27. Bonnie Parenteau for Dorothy Lincoln to Adam & Stephanie Powers, house and 1.10 acres on South Bingham Street
28. Frank & Helen Connolly to Richard Carpenter, house and 1 acre on Route 30
29. Brian, Kelly & James Gill to Robert Burton Jr., 1 acre on Route 30 adjacent to the Cornwall Country Store
30. Kevin K. Lehman to Tanya K. Lehman, 4 acres on West Street
31. Gordon & Theresa Reginbald to Bryan & Ashley Clark, house and 0.8 acres on Delong Road
32. Jocelyn Burchfield Trust to Jeffrey Taylor & Anna Benvenuto, house and 13.50 acres on North Bingham Street
33. Lucas Reynolds to Thomas Fitzpatrick, 12.8 acres of swamp land
34. Nancy M., Catherine, Donald, Gary & Lesley Wright to Nancy M. & Gary T. Wright, house and 1.80 acres on Ridge Road
35. Nancy M. & Gary T. Wright to Churchill Franklin, Trustee of the Breadloaf View Farm Realty Trust IV, house and 1.80 acres on Ridge Road
36. William & Eileen McQuillan to Patrick McQuillan, 21.81 acres on Sperry Road and North Bingham Street
37. Town of Cornwall to Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, fire station and 0.2 acres on North Bingham Street
38. Richard Bruso to Richard Bruso, Trustee of the Revocable Trust, house and acreage on Delong Road
39. Richard Bruso to Richard Bruso, Trustee of the Revocable Trust, house and acreage on South Bingham Street
40. Larry S. Novins to Eleanor W. Smith, house and 10 acres on West Street
41. David J. Littlefield, Trustee of the Jean Littlefield Revocable Trust to Janet Franklin, Trustee of the Breadloaf View Farm Realty Trust V, house and 28 acres on Sperry Road
42. Robert Burton Jr. to Edward & Thora Pomicter, 4.6 acres on Fisher Road
43. Benjamin Deppman to Maureen Deppman, house and 6.06 acres on Route 74
44. Monica McKenna, Trustee of the Monica McKenna Trust to James C. Arnold, house and 10.07 acres on Cobbs Corners Road
45. Mary C. Cobb to Frederick Fritz, house and 0.40 acres on Route 125
46. Adam Pelkey & Sarah Miner to Adam & Sarah Pelkey, house and 5.02 acres on North Bingham Street
47. James C. Arnold to Monica M. McKenna, house and 59.57 acres on Andrus Pitch
48. JBP Properties LLC to Sunrise Orchards, Inc., 56.90 acres on Robbins Road & Route 30
49. Joshua & Nicole Ranney to James B. III & Christiana Hodges, house and 9.90 acres on North Bingham Street
50. Paul Vaczy & Barbara Karle to The Oxford Company LLC, house and 1.57 acres on Route 30
51. Marie Sperry, Trustee of the Sperry Family Revocable Trust to Brian Sperry, 79.65 acres on Ridge Road

2012 -2013 Voted Budget

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET	TAX RATE
General Fund	\$353,201.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	59,700.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	3,000.00	
CVFD North Bingham Bldg Repair	100,000.00	
Removal of Lavalley Building	25,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	20,610.00	
Hold Harmless	(41,091.00)	
FY 2011-2012 Surplus	(50,000.00)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	470,420.00	0.24
HIGHWAY		
Highway	361,635.00	
State Aid	(60,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	301,635.00	0.15
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE		0.0005
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$772,055.00	0.39
HOMESTEAD RATE	(Calculated by the State)	1.5347
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE	(Calculated by the State)	1.4076
GRAND LIST 2012-2013	\$1,941,703.00	

Combined Balance Sheet
General Fund/Highway Department

Governmental Fund Type
December 31, 2012

ASSETS:

Cash	\$432,291.05	
Cash Designated	219,020.21	
Accounts Receivable	52,163.17	
Total Assets		703,474.43

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	2,804.00	
Deferred tax revenue	48,234.18	
Due to other Governmental Units	3,737.48	
Total Liabilities		54,775.66

FUND BALANCES:

Encumbrances	510,493.31	
Total Fund Balance		510,493.31

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	138,205.46	
Total Excess of Revenue over Expenditures		138,205.46

Total Liabilities, Fund Balance & Excess Revenue		\$703,474.43
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Year Ending June 30, 2012

Revenues

Property Taxes.....	\$2,985,752.76
Property Tax Adjustments	15,179.38
Delinquent Taxes	47,213.07
Delinquent Tax Fees and Interest	8,691.66
Certificate of Compliance & Occupancy Letters.....	700.00
Planning Commission Fees	180.00
Town Clerk Fees	15,887.50
Building Permits.....	860.00
Dog Licenses Town	1,518.00
Dog Licenses State	1,236.00
Wildlife Licenses	1,185.00
Civil Marriage Licenses	285.00
Town Hall Rent	472.00
Interest	457.27
Class 2 State Paving Grant.....	115,288.68
Judicial/Local Fines	5,063.41
State of Vermont/Highway Aid.....	63,834.09
State of Vermont/Hold Harmless	41,712.00
State of Vermont/Reappraisal	5,814.00
State of Vermont/PILOT.....	6,294.00
Grant Money ó Planning Grant & VLCT Equipment Grant	5,030.15
Miscellaneous.....	3,150.50
Grand List Education Funds.....	778.30
Capital Fund Allocation	30,088.58
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement.....	2,366.10
Insurance Payment.....	1,516.24
Reimbursement from other Towns	3,927.50

Total Revenues **3,364,481.19**

Expenditures

General Government.....	186,097.10
Highway Department.....	462,377.30
Other Fees (Wildlife, Marriage)	1,353.50
Addison County Sheriff	5,003.93
Cornwall School Assessment	2,406,394.34
Delinquent Tax Salary	3,149.48
Zoning Administrator Salary.....	1,200.00
Voted Transfer.....	83,710.00
Purchase of ½ Excavator (repaid by Municipal Equipment Grant).....	15,937.50
Planning Commission Town Plan Update	4,512.33
Capital Budget Expenditures/Balance Transfer to Fund Account.....	120,000.00

Total Expenditures..... **3,289,735.48**

Accounts Payable at June 30 **(2,804.00)**

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures..... **74,745.71**

Fund Balance June 30, 2012 **435,747.60**

Fund Balance December 31, 2012 **\$510,493.31**

Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2012
General Fund
Tax Anticipation & Short Term Debt

As of June 30, 2012, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short-term debt.

Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2012
Highway Department
Short Term Debt

As of June 30, 2012, the Cornwall Highway Department had no short-term debt.

Statement of Long Term Debt
December 31, 2012
General Fund

As of December 31, 2012, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no long-term debt.

Statement of Long Term Debt
December 31, 2012
Highway Department

2009 Plow Truck	April 7, 2009	Amount Borrowed:	\$135,000.00
Balance:	December 31, 2011	Amount:	59,480.04
Principal Payment	May 18, 2012	Amount:	15,000.00
Interest Payment	May 18, 2012	Amount:	1076.52
Principal Payment	November 20, 2012	Amount:	15,000.00
Interest Payment	November 20, 2012	Amount:	815.43
Balance:	December 31, 2012	Amount:	\$29,480.04
Maturity Date	November 20, 2013		

2002 Komatsu Excavator (Joint purchase with the Town of Shoreham)

Purchased:	February 21, 2012	Amount Borrowed:	\$16,700.00
Balance Due	December 31, 2012	Amount:	\$16,700.00

Payments of \$3,340.00 will be made on June 30, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017. There is no interest on this Municipal Equipment Loan through the State of Vermont.

Comparative Statement of Taxes

	FISCAL 2010/2011	FISCAL 2011/2012	FISCAL 2012/2013
General Fund	\$336,478	\$334,660	\$353,201
Enhancement Grant Matching Funds	10,000	0	0
(Surplus)/Deficit	(33,274)	(31,828)	(50,000)
Hold Harmless	(40,413)	(41,712)	(41,091)
Fire Department	58,800	59,700	59,700
Library	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cornwall Little League	500	500	0
Town Hall Generator	4,650	0	0
Town Garage Generator	3,300	0	0
Administrative Support	10,000	0	0
Outside Agencies	19,960	20,610	20,610
Highway	341,620	345,735	361,635
Less State Aid	(48,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	666,621	630,665	772,055
High School/Middle School	1,203,069	1,407,161	1,418,758
Elementary School	1,006,018	1,058,947	1,070,728
Total Estimated Education Spending	2,209,087	2,466,108	2,489,486
Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.4058	1.5144	1.5347
Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.3401	1.4102	1.4076
Local Agreement Rate	0.0002	0.0002	0.0005
Total Taxes to be Raised	2,875,708	3,096,773	3,261,541
Grand List	\$191,453,049	\$192,720,000	\$194,170,300
Total Tax Rate Homestead	1.7460	1.8446	1.9252
Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	1.6803	1.7404	1.7981

Miscellaneous Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2011	\$16,799.83
Interest 7/1/2011-6/30/2012	8.40
Balance 6/30/2012	16,808.23
Interest 7/1/2012 - 12/31/2012	3.51
Balance 12/31/2012	16,811.74

ESCROW ACCOUNT (Major Subdivisions)

Balance 6/30/2011	89.22
Interest 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	0.00
Balance 6/30/2012	89.22
Interest 7/1/2012 - 12/31/2012	0.00
Balance 12/31/2012	89.22

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2011	27,370.65
Interest 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	10.82
Expenditures 7/2011-6/2012 Excavator/Hydroseeder	(16,241.50)
Balance 6/30/2012	11,139.97
Interest 7/1/2012 - 12/31/2012	5.99
Income from Equipment Loan	15,937.50
Balance 12/31/2012	27,083.46

GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2011	89.92
Income 11/18/2011 (Education Funds)	389.15
Interest 7/1/2011 ó 6/30/2012	0.15
Balance 6/30/2012	479.22
Interest 7/1/2012 ó 12/31/2012	0.12
Balance 12/31/2012	479.34

CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/2011	87,359.03
Balance 6/30/2012	87,359.03
Income 07/02/2012 (Balance Transfer from G.F.)	87,569.55
Expense 12/26/2012 (CVFD Utility Truck)	(372.13)
Balance 12/31/2012	174,556.45

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT GRAND TOTAL

6/30/2012	\$115,875.67
12/31/2012	\$219,020.21

Trustees of Public Funds

In late June 2011, 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.

As required by the merger of CVPS and Gaz Métro, our stock holding in the Selectpersons' Account was exchanged for cash. Early in 2013 the cash will be invested in a Certificate of Deposit.

Balances as of 6/30/2012 and Values as of 12/31/2012

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

Balance on 6/30/2011	\$79,995.17
Interest 7/1/2011 to 7/6/2011	<u>32.49</u>
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 7/7/11	<u>(79,077.70)</u>
Balance as of 6/30/2012	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

SELECTPERSONS' ACCOUNT (360 original shares of CVPS stock in certificate form) [Original Cost, \$4,365.00]

Stock Value on 6/30/2011 (360 shares @\$36.15/share, closing price)	\$13,014.00
Dividend 8/15/2011	82.80
Purchased 2.372 shares 8/15/11 @\$34.900/share (Total shares owned, 362.372)	(82.80)
Dividend 11/15/2011	83.35
Purchased 2.374 shares 11/15/11 @\$35.115/share (Total shares owned, 364.746)	(83.35)
Dividend 2/15/2012	83.89
Purchased 2.356 shares 2/15/12 @\$35.605/share (Total shares owned, 367.102)	(83.89)
Dividend 5/15/2012	84.43
Purchased 2.404 shares 5/15/12 @\$35.120/ share (Total shares owned, 369.506)	(84.43)
Change in Market Value	<u>7.39</u>
Stock Value on 6/26/2012 (369.506 shares @\$35.24/share)	<u><u>\$13,021.39</u></u>

On June 27, 2012 CVPS was merged into Gaz Métro and 369.506 shares of stock were exchanged for cash at a price of \$35.25/share

Balance on 6/30/2012	<u>13,025.09</u>
369.506 shares tendered to Transfer Agent on 11/2/2012	(13,025.09)
Check received on 11/8/2012 from Transfer Agent	<u>13,025.09</u>
Value on 12/31/2012 (Cash)	<u><u>\$13,025.09</u></u>

Trustees of Public Funds, *continued*

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Balance on 6/30/2011 (CD due 12/29/13, 2.32%, National Bank of Middlebury)	\$11,724.78
Interest 7/1/11 to 6/30/2012	<u>275.96</u>
Balance on 6/30/2012	12,000.74
Interest 7/1/2012 to 12/31/2012	<u>141.17</u>
Value on 12/31/2012	<u>\$12,141.91</u>

LINSLEY SCHOOL FUND

Balance on 6/30/2011	\$1,542.55¹
Interest earned from 7/1/2011 to 7/23/2011	<u>1.68</u>
Matured on 7/23/2011	<u>1,544.23</u>
Withdrew via Cashier's check #84805, payable to the Town of Cornwall	<u>(1,544.23)</u>
Balance on 6/30/2012	<u>\$0.00</u>

LEMUEL AND VERA PEET BEQUEST

Balance on 6/30/2011	\$49,875.74¹
Interest earned from 7/1/2011 to 7/23/2011	<u>54.40</u>
Matured on 7/23/2011	<u>49,930.14</u>
Renewed CD, 7/23/2011 (CD due 7/25/2016, 2.23%, Natl Bank of Middlebury)	\$49,930.14
Interest earned from 7/23/2011 to 6/30/2012	<u>1,055.66</u>
Balance on 6/30/2012	50,985.80
Interest earned from 7/1/2012 to 12/31/2012	<u>576.40</u>
Value on 12/31/2012	<u>\$51,562.20</u>

TOTAL ASSET VALUE ON 6/30/2012 **\$76,011.63**

TOTAL ASSET VALUE ON 12/31/2012 **\$76,729.20**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

¹ Represents a portion of a \$ 50,014.57 CD, 20 months, 1.73%

Highway Budget '09 -'11

	2009/2010 Budget	2009/2010 Actual	2010/2011 Budget	2010/2011 Actual
Materials				
Salt	\$13,200.00	\$9,865.39	\$14,800.00	\$15,872.30
Sand	12,000.00	15,139.69	15,000.00	9,321.13
Gravel	32,000.00	33,616.71	32,000.00	35,070.57
Paving	68,000.00	68,000.00	68,000.00	70,143.69
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,800.00
Line Striping	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	-
Chloride	16,000.00	19,663.74	16,500.00	17,107.68
Culverts	5,000.00	5,827.23	7,000.00	7,810.40
Bridge Repair	-	-	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	-	-	0.00	0.00
Signs	500.00	291.45	500.00	538.85
TOTALS	153,100.00	156,404.21	160,200.00	159,664.62
Equipment				
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	10,624.61	12,000.00	12,261.69
Equipment Rental	4,000.00	4,397.15	4,000.00	4,466.11
Pick Up Allowance	2,500.00	2,499.96	2,500.00	2,499.96
Fuel	20,400.00	16,464.25	20,000.00	21,963.24
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	586.84	600.00	769.64
Equipment Purchase	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	6,174.70
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	723.20
Lubricants/Fluids	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,231.56
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	574.00	1,000.00	390.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	8,870.87	7,500.00	2,695.96
TOTALS	64,400.00	60,417.68	64,000.00	53,176.06
Administrative				
Administrative	300.00	417.92	500.00	198.49
Personnel/Labor	82,200.00	83,766.80	86,000.00	85,674.10
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,288.00	6,423.92	6,580.00	6,590.78
Personnel/Workers Comp.	5,000.00	5,639.00	5,300.00	5,061.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,288.00	3,370.28	3,440.00	3,409.86
Personnel/Health	16,783.00	16,449.72	15,600.00	16,331.78
TOTALS	113,859.00	116,067.64	117,420.00	117,266.01
Special Projects				
	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTALS	331,359.00	332,889.53	341,620.00	330,106.69
REVENUES				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES				
TOTALS + INCOME	\$331,359.00	\$332,889.53	\$341,620.00	\$235,510.69

Highway Budget '11 -'14

	2011/2012 Budget	2011/2012 Actual	2012/2013 Budget	2012/2013 thru 1/15/13	2013/2014 Proposed Budget
Materials					
Salt	\$14,800.00	\$9,534.54	\$14,800.00	\$7,115.40	\$14,800.00
Sand	15,000.00	7,694.59	15,000.00	7,254.28	15,000.00
Gravel	32,000.00	39,030.77	35,000.00	29,581.50	40,000.00
Paving	68,000.00	35,501.48	75,000.00	78,653.43	85,000.00
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	24,300.00	28,880.52	25,000.00	15,738.30	25,500.00
Culverts	6,000.00	13,314.35	7,500.00	7,382.37	7,500.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	800.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Signs	600.00	1,055.37	600.00	593.43	600.00
TOTALS	164,700.00	139,611.62	177,400.00	150,118.71	192,900.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	11,553.03	12,000.00	8,576.58	12,000.00
Equipment Rental	5,300.00	4,545.00	5,500.00	1,899.76	3,000.00
Pick Up Allowance	2,500.00	2,499.96	3,000.00	1,750.00	3,000.00
Fuel	20,000.00	24,526.79	20,000.00	13,939.25	24,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	559.95	600.00	367.78	600.00
Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	9,414.01	10,000.00	889.98	7,500.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,200.00	616.75	1,000.00	50.55	750.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,500.00	1,722.35	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	1,561.61	7,500.00	428.63	6,000.00
Municipal Co-op	-	304.00	-	-	-
TOTALS	61,600.00	57,303.45	62,100.00	27,902.53	59,350.00
Administrative					
Administrative	500.00	339.92	750.00	60.00	500.00
Personnel/Labor	87,000.00	97,012.48	90,000.00	50,988.40	92,250.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,655.00	6,581.15	6,885.00	2,676.61	7,100.00
Personnel/Workers Comp.	5,300.00	4,773.00	5,000.00	5,391.00	5,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,480.00	3,656.36	3,500.00	1,820.98	3,700.00
Personnel/Health	16,500.00	16,371.17	16,000.00	8,371.40	13,000.00
TOTALS	119,435.00	128,734.08	122,135.00	69,308.39	121,550.00
Special Projects					
Swamp Rd Cl 2 Paving	-	144,110.85			
GRAND TOTALS	345,735.00	469,760.00	361,635.00	247,329.63	373,800.00
REVENUES					
Class 2 Repaving Grant	-	\$115,288.68			
Insurance Claim Mower	-	1,516.24			
Shoreham Payment	-	3,527.50			
Salisbury Payment	-	400.00			
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement	-	2,366.10			
TOTAL REVENUES		123,098.52			
TOTALS + INCOME	\$345,735.00	\$346,661.48	\$361,635.00	\$247,329.63	\$373,800.00

Highway Department Report

Another pretty good year has come and gone with some excitement and upgrades. Though I'd prefer to declare the co-purchase of the excavator with Shoreham as the highlight of the year, the flooding on May 29 has to take the cake. The south half of town received between 3 and 6 inches of rain in about 3 hours. Over 40 culverts overflowed with the 2 culverts on Clark Road washing away entirely, closing the road. That was just the start of the fun because after that FEMA showed up. I worked with VTrans and FEMA, so the county would reach the million dollar damage threshold, allowing FEMA to declare a disaster, which it was. For most of my 20 years, VTrans has harped at us if you do this, this, and that, when there is a declared disaster, FEMA will pay for the upgrade to meet standards. Well, either they forgot the "maybe" at the end or didn't know what they were talking about. Then ANR, DEC, fisheries, archeologists and others get involved and with their help they drive the price up, not to mention the blood pressure of the fat road commissioner. Anyways, in the end I convinced them we could make everyone happy for the money FEMA authorized even though those specifics didn't meet state standards. In other words we will remove the emergency repair, install the state spec culvert to suit ANR for the money FEMA put up for a 54" tube, and still expect to have some funds left over. With them accepting this plan, they save money, (though that didn't matter to them), and I saved dealing with a bunch of paperwork and bureaucrats. Lesson learned don't deal with FEMA unless you absolutely have to. How I feel for the folks dealing with Irene and Sandy aftermath and FEMA.

Back to the excavator, this has worked out to be a good thing for both towns, especially as we have the use of it anytime not just certain weeks and the machine is well suited for what we do. And using FEMA money we mostly paid for it this year with FEMA money in a way.

The other thing that has been quite an improvement is the roller contraption we built on the back of the grader. This was one of the best ideas I ever stole (from Addison). I'd bet in a few years there will be many more around.

To the budget, I have talked in newsletters about the struggle to get quality gravel. It appears Pike has a new plan to continue to produce the product we've been using. However, we anticipate as much as a 15 to 20% price increase, hence the budget increase. The asphalt line increase is partly anticipated price increases and partly an attempt to get us closer to a realistic number that allows us to get to all paved roads within the expected 10 year life cycle. It also gives us some flexibility as the Class II paving grants appear to be stretching out to every third or fourth year again. And then there's the discussion to be had about paving some more gravel roads, as use, gravel and chloride prices all increase. And fuel, who knows, we have been fairly consistent with annual consumption, just under 7000 gallons, so it's a matter of price. Beyond that we've tried to hold the line or decrease a few things.

With regards to the Capital Budget Equipment, this next fiscal year has us looking for a loader and/or a truck. We are looking for a return from lease loader that will be new except for the winter's work clearing parking lots at some mall, hospital or ski resort. Neighbor towns have had excellent luck and good deals with this arrangement. The truck may wait a bit as there are other brands entering the municipal market, so it will be interesting to see how that plays out both with pricing and service. Then again, the 2005 truck will be two years out of the warranty.

Highway Department Report, *continued*

Then there is the Capital Budget for Buildings. I've approached the career center about doing some concept design to work through several limited options to enlarge the garage which would provide secure storage for the larger pieces of equipment. They will also look at replacing, repurposing or stabilizing the existing sand/salt shed. Any fruition of these concepts are several years away.

Beyond that, it's business as usual, winter, spring, summer and fall. You know how it goes. Questions stop by or call.

Thank you! .same as the last 20 years.

Stu



A shot from Clark Road where the culverts washed out and took a ride in the May 29th storm.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

Taxes Collected from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012

Property	\$36,231.23
Interest	2,346.11
Collector's Fee	2,898.51
Subtotal	41,475.85
Over Payments	45.69
TOTAL	\$41,521.54

Taxes Collected from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Property	\$18,129.63
Interest	2,912.68
Collector's Fee	1,450.48
Subtotal	22,492.79
Over Payments	90.96
TOTAL	\$22,583.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$64,105.29

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxpayers at December 31, 2012

Due to last year's Supreme Court ruling on privacy issues, the delinquent taxpayer report will now only list those who are delinquent and the grand total of delinquencies.

Bassett, Larry & Karen *
Belanus, Steven *
Cannon, Stephen *
Cobb, Joyce
Dalley, Donna
Downs, Donald
Downs, Francis & Patrick
Downs, Patrick & Francis
Eagan Jr., William
Fitzpatrick, James & Carma *
Fitzpatrick, Liam *
Foote, Hilton W.

A.W. Foote Estate *
Foote, Peter V
Gambardella, Mona
Gardon, Vincent
Harding, Malcolm & Barbara *
Iocco, Gordon & Valerie
Kerwin, Sharon
Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas
Trombley, Brian & Carrie

* Paid after 12/31/2012

Total Delinquents: \$52,163.17

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department thanks the community for their continued attention to fire prevention and home safety efforts. We appreciate everyone that changes the batteries in their smoke detectors on an annual basis. This past year we had 67 calls. This number of calls has become our yearly average. We were used for 5 mutual aid calls to 4 other towns. The breakdown of calls is listed below. Our department trained a total of 255 hours this year.

We continue our annual appeal for new members for both the First Response and Fire Department. We have welcomed a few new members this year and are grateful for their participation. Membership 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.

We continue to make progress in the installation of 911 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 \$40. (Not including the time/labor to install.) We ask that if any resident installs their own sign, please call Dig Safe at 1-888-DIG- SAFE so as to not sever any fiber optic communications lines. The department also asks that residents who have an alarm system that rings into an alarm company, to contact us to arrange for us to have access to the property. 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.

Our fleet of vehicles includes our Engine 3 (2008), Engine 1 (2003), Engine 2 (1982), Tanker 2 (2007) and Tanker 1 (2007). The Department is set to receive a new 2012 Freightliner as a new Utility vehicle. We are going to be taking delivery on this vehicle by early spring. We continue to use the vehicle that the Bridport Fire Department has loaned us for a temporary Utility vehicle. Our budget for 2012-2013 has stayed the same for the third consecutive year.

A couple of major changes occurred this year for the department. One is very noticeable and one not quite as much. We take this opportunity to thank the community for your support in being able to replace our West Cornwall station. A lot of hours went into the replacement of the building, which has been completed well under budget. We have already noticed a significant savings in heat and enjoy the fact that the snow slides off the side of building and not in front for the trucks to have to drive over. We will have a public open house later in the spring to show you our new truck and new station.

The other change was that after many years, we have had to start paying for dispatch services for calls. The Addison County Sheriff's Department had dispatched us at no cost for many years because they were staffed 24/7. This change in dispatch took place with very little notice and we are now dispatched by the Shelburne Police Department. They have been the primary dispatcher for the county fire service for several years. The change over, with a few minor glitches initially, has gone well. It did require us to update/replace the majority (15) of our pagers for which we obtained a grant, along with a new base radio at our Route 30 station. We await reimbursement and anticipate receiving it by the time you read this report. (This is the reason for the large amount spent under the Communications line in our budget.)

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 2012 Calendar Year

Medical	31	False Alarms	7
Auto Accidents.....	5	Misc (Downed Power lines, etc).....	5
Carbon/Smoke detectors	1	Brush Fires.....	6
Structure.....	6	Mutual Aid*	<u>5</u>
Vehicle Fires	1	Total.....	67

*Mutual Aid to: Middlebury (2), Shoreham (1), Whiting (1) and Salisbury (1).

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, Chris Dayton, Dave Guertin, Charlie Bearor, Peter Conlon, Lawrence Pyne, Matt Severy, Luke Jerome, Robyn Berno, Bob Stone, Dave Fuller, Aaron Mathis, Kyle Cota, Norm Grenier and Rich Isenberg. Cadet: Josh Stearns. Medical: Chenoa Hamilton, Gail Isenberg*, and Heather Eagan*.

* Currently taking Emergency Medical Technician Course.

Update on Renovation to the North Bingham Street Station

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department recently completed a total renovation of its West Cornwall Station, located on North Bingham Street just off Route 74. The renovated station has two 14' doors and one 12' door to accommodate larger trucks, a new roof system which sheds snow to the sides of the building rather than in front of the doors as in the previous configuration, is highly insulated and has new energy efficient heating and lighting systems. An automatic alarm system protects the town's investment in the building and the vehicles within. We will be holding an open house in the spring to show the building to the public. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who contributed to the construction of this building. First and foremost, the townspeople of Cornwall who generously voted the funds to complete the work; we are pleased that we were able to complete this 2500 square foot building for about \$82,000.

The following businesses and individuals helped with the building process through volunteer work, in-kind donations of materials, and discounted pricing on services and materials. Their generosity and support saved the town and department a considerable amount of money and is greatly appreciated.

Bryant Lumber, Carrera Concrete, Casella Waste Management, Cornwall Highway Dept, Energy Alternatives, Freeguard Concrete, Fyles Brothers, Glen Peck Electric, Goodro Lumber, Green Mountain Door, Marshall's Alarm Service, Nop's Metal Works, Ramunto's Pizza, Rich Reichert, S&J Excavation, Shelburne Limestone

Many CVFD members assisted with the building. We would like to particularly recognize Assistant Chief David Berno for his efforts coordinating and executing this project.

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/11– 6/30/12 Budget	7/1/12– 6/30/13 Budget	FY12– FY13 % Increase	FY13 spent: 12/31/12	FY13 % Budget: 12/31/12	7/1/13– 6/30/14 Proposed	FY13– FY14 % Increase
Utilities							
Heat	\$4,500	\$4,500	0.0%	\$4,409	98.0%	\$4,500	0.0%
Electric	1,500	1,500	0.0%	627	41.8%	1,500	0.0%
Telephone	1,000	1,000	0.0%	564	56.4%	1,000	0.0%
Insurance							
Insurance Premiums	16,000	16,000	0.0%	6,368	39.8%	16,000	0.0%
Vehicles							
Vehicles (Gas/Diesel/Oil)	2,500	2,500	0.0%	631	25.2%	2,500	0.0%
Truck Maintenance	6,000	6,000	0.0%	6,439	107.3%	6,000	0.0%
Equipment							
Communications Equip.	4,000	4,000	0.0%	10,518	263.0%	4,000	0.0%
Personal Equipment	10,000	10,000	0.0%	126	1.3%	10,000	0.0%
Fire Equipment	4,000	4,000	0.0%	937	23.4%	4,000	0.0%
Training							
Fire Prevention	500	500	0.0%	0	0.0%	500	0.0%
Fire Training	1,000	1,000	0.0%	214	21.4%	1,000	0.0%
Operations							
Association Dues	800	800	0.0%	165	20.6%	800	0.0%
Building Maintenance	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2,873	71.8%	4,000	0.0%
Department Office Equip.	400	400	0.0%	127	31.8%	400	0.0%
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	0.0%	746	49.7%	1,500	0.0%
Medical							
Equipment	1,000	1,000	0.0%	696	69.6%	1,000	0.0%
Training	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,800	180.0%	1,000	0.0%
Totals	\$59,700	\$59,700	0.0%	\$37,238	62.4%	\$59,700	0.0%

Notes for Current Budget -

We have a communications grant of \$8000 on the way for pager purchases.

4 Members are currently in medical training which is unusual for one year.

Propane was pre-purchased this year, so that is why the year to date is high.

Turnout gear is on order from the Personal Equipment Budget.

Forest Fire Warden Report

The spring of 2012 started out dry, no snow to speak of, and lots of burning to do. Many people burned carefully, but a few had problems.

Our fire department kept fire damage to a minimum and finally the grass grew and kept damage down all summer.

State wide, Vermont had 95 fires burning 358.5 acres. 93 of these were human caused, 2 were caused by lightning.

Sue Johnson and I issued 209 fire permits this year. Remember, you must get a permit the day of your fire.

Larry Clark, Fire Warden

Conservation Commission Report

Cornwall Conservation Commission is pleased to report on the variety of activities we've been engaged in this past year. Much of our time has been spent preparing for a town-wide natural resources inventory, and in this case preparation has meant looking into funding sources needed to accomplish the inventory. To explain, natural resources inventory has been called for since the adoption of the 2005 Town Plan; its purpose is to provide the town with comprehensive and consistent information about valuable ecological features. Inventory results will help landowners and planners protect publicly valued places and prevent the degradation of environmental quality. Information is gathered about wildlife habitat and travel corridors; rare and uncommon species and natural communities; wetlands and riparian areas of special importance for water quality protection; and habitats for species of greatest conservation need (which have been identified by the state Fish and Wildlife Department). Professional consulting ecologists coordinate and conduct the most comprehensive, specific, and accurate inventories, and we plan to contract with an experienced consultant. Town residents can be involved in numerous ways, from providing basic information about special places that they know to assisting with on-the-ground evaluation of selected sites. Site visits are conducted only with landowner permission. The results of the inventory will be presented to the town via public meetings, a written report, maps, and GIS layers. While we hope to secure the majority of the cost for the inventory through grants, matching funds from the town are frequently requested by granting agencies, and even when not requested are beneficial for showing a town's support for the project. Our request for the town contribution comes before you in the form of an article to be voted on. As of the date that the Town Report goes to press, we have been granted \$500 by the Ben and Jerry's Foundation. By the time Town Meeting comes around, we will know if we have received any funding from South Lake Champlain Fund, from whom we've requested \$10,000. In 2013 we will apply to the state for a Municipal Planning Grant, and we continue to pursue more opportunities from private foundations.

On other fronts, last spring the Conservation Commission helped coordinate volunteers for the planting of 350 dogwood, elderberry, and willow seedlings in a field adjacent to Cornwall Swamp; the planting will improve buffering and connectivity to provide stronger conservation of the swamp, which you may know is recognized as a National Natural Landmark! The seedlings were donated by the Agency of Natural Resources. Additionally, we continue to work with the Planning Commission to provide assistance with review of subdivision applications. For outreach and education activities we have two events planned. On Saturday, March 9th, Addison County Forester Chris Olson will lead a Winter Tree Identification and Tracking Walk. And later in the spring commission members Brian Howlett and Lawrence Pyne will lead residents on an exploration of Otter Creek by canoe and kayak. Look for details on the Cornwall website for the scheduling of that based on snowmelt and water levels.

Your Conservation Commission members are happy to respond to any natural resources conservation and education questions or requests. Current members are Mary Dodge and Marc Lapin (co-chairs), Lawrence Pyne, Brian Howlett, and a big welcome to Michael Sheridan who joined us this winter. Thanks to Eric Mortenson for his past service to the commission.

Marc Lapin, Mary Dodge, Lawrence Pyne, Brian Howlett, Michael Sheridan

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.

Again this year, a pool of water in Cornwall tested positive for West Nile Virus. Of greater concern was the report of Vermont's first cases (2) of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in humans. Based on this information, the State decided to use an aerial spray to treat the mosquitoes that carry the disease. A map of the area treated can be found on the town's website (www.cornwallvt.com) under the links header.

While the spraying has been judged to be somewhat effective, EEE will remain a serious health threat. All Vermont residents, especially those in Addison and Rutland counties, should follow Health Department recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to this disease which is often fatal. Please go to the town's website under the links header for information on EEE (www.cornwallvt.com).

When the decision was made to spray parts of Cornwall and Whiting for EEE, it was necessary to share information about the nature and timing of the spraying very quickly. The "Cornwall Connection" email notification system proved to be of great value. I would also like to offer special thanks to Sue Johnson, Deputy Health Officer, for all of her telephone calls to Cornwall residents impacted by the spraying program.

Three 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 September, the Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer participated in a Town Health Officers' Workshop. The program was co-sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont Department of Health.

Cornwall 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 2012 test results were within the limits set by the Vermont Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency except the December results that showed a somewhat elevated chloride level.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Anderson, Health Officer

Energy Coordinator's Report

Two years ago 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. Things sure do take some time moving thru the bureaucratic maze but it looks like this Pace program will actually become operational in 2013.

Cornwall will be participating in the Vermont Homer Energy Challenge, Efficiency Vermont, in partnership with the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, is seeking local organizations to champion the Challenge in their communities and to sign up to participate. Under the Challenge, local organizations will foster public awareness about energy saving opportunities in the home and will set a target of weatherizing 3% of the homes in their community over the course of a year, for Cornwall, with approximately 700 homes this would mean approximately 20 homes would need to participate to meet this goal. If you have been thinking about weatherizing your home now would be a good time to start and you could finance it thru the PACE program!

The attics of both the Town Garage and the Town Hall could both still 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 \$5963.00 with a simple payback (R.O.I.) of 7.4 years. While no action has been taken yet, perhaps 2013 will be the year of implementation.

No expenses actual or proposed.

Gary Barnett, Energy Coordinator

Cemetery Commission Report

The Cornwall Cemetery Commission oversees the mowing and repairs of our public cemeteries. Last August we met at the Fair Cemetery with Bowker Memorials of West Rutland. An assessment was made and several gravestone bases were in need of repair. A deposit was made to them and the work will be completed in the spring of 2013. South Cemetery will be next for an assessment. Each year we will continue to do these repairs as the budget allows.

Expenses for 2012:

West Cemetery clean-up of brush and debris	\$ 115.00
Deposit with Bowker Memorials	\$2,750.00
Mowing Expenses for July 2011 ó June 2012	\$4,222.00

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

Listers' Report

Listers in Vermont are elected officials who are responsible for determining the valuation of what is known as the Grand List, the list of all properties and their valuations in a town. This list is the basis for the property tax bills which are sent out to all property owners. Cornwall has three Listers; it is their job to appraise all property in town in compliance with applicable Vermont State Statutes. Property is to be valued as accurately and equitably as possible. The Listers also maintain property record cards, assessment history information, tax maps which are updated to reflect survey changes, and provide specialized reports as needed.

An analysis of sales data for 2012 shows that the real estate market has been slowly improving as it has for the past several years and that the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Cornwall stands at 105.52% with 100% being a perfect congruence between the average appraisal and the actual average sales price. This indicates, then, that actual selling prices in Cornwall during the year were slightly more than the appraised value.

Most activities for Listers are determined by state statute as follows:

April 1 - All taxable real property in town is assessed.

April 15 - Last day to file the HS-122 Homestead Declaration form which entitles owners to be taxed at the Homestead School Tax Rate, i.e. the rate for a primary residence. This form can be completed online at www.state.vt.us/tax

May 1 - Notices of eligibility for Disabled Veteran exemptions are due in the Lister's office. Veterans who are residents and who are 50% or more disabled qualify for a \$40,000 reduction on the assessed value of their property. This benefit extends to the widows or widowers of qualified veterans.

May-June - Assessments for the year are finalized by the Listers and the Abstract of the Grand List is lodged by June 4. At this time, notices are mailed to all taxpayers WHO HAVE HAD CHANGES in their assessed value. Within 14 days, any taxpayer who wishes to appeal or grieve an assessment must contact the Lister's Office in writing to set up an appointment to present their grievance. Grievances are not limited to taxpayers with assessment changes. Any taxpayer may grieve in any year.

June/July/August - Grievance hearings begin 14 days after change notices are mailed and conclude 14 days later. Results of such hearings will be mailed to the property owner by letter. Appeals will be heard by the Board of Civil Authority. The state mandates specific deadlines, but towns may establish deadlines that are earlier. Cornwall Listers will set the schedule in March and publish them in the town Newsletter.

August - Tax bills are mailed to property owners as of April 1.

September - Deadline for submitting applications to the land use program. During the past year, Listers conducted 46 reappraisals of properties. There were 3 grievances, of which 1 went to the Board of Civil Authority for resolution. The Listers also attended several workshops conducted by the state to learn better the ins and outs of the Lister's job.

Listers' Report, *continued*

In closing, we would like to thank Paul Viko, who moved out of town this past spring, for his good work over the past many years. He will be missed.

Sue Burdick, Stephenie Pyne, Liam English

Planning Commission Report

Cornwall continues to see very few subdivision applications. A total of two (2) subdivision applications were adjudicated in 2012, all of which were minor subdivisions. This compares with the following previous activity:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applications</u>
2008	8
2009	2
2010	5
2011	3

However, there are quite a few previously approved applications - notably two (2) large (multi-lot) major subdivisions - with unsold lots.

Development of a new Town Plan consumed most of the CPC's time in 2012. As of this report, the Plan is ready for forwarding to the Selectboard for their public hearings, revision, and eventual formal adoption. It is a long process but it is very important in that the Town Plan is the only document that has legal standing in certain state-level review and approval processes that can affect Cornwall (e.g. natural gas pipeline route).

In the Town Plan, a goal was again set to complete the inventory of Cornwall's natural resources. This is a project that will be directed by the Conservation Committee and is very important in that it will identify valuable ecological features, which in turn provides landowners and the CPC with an important tool in evaluating our town zoning and subdivision regulations and subdivision requests. The Conservation Committee has secured some grant funds for this effort but will also need funding from the Town. The CPC fully endorses this request.

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

Many thanks to those who provided inputs to the Plan and participated in the public hearing especially Claire Tebbs of the Regional Planning Commission, who has spent many hours supporting the CPC.

Respectfully,

Tracy Himmel Isham, Co-Chair
Jim Bolton, Co-Chair

Zoning Administrator's Report

Despite the continuing sluggish economy we are experiencing, the Town of Cornwall saw an eighty percent increase in Zoning Permits with twenty-seven being issued in 2012. Most notable is the fact that there were four permits issued for new single-family residences, and one to convert a barn to a residence as well. This more than doubles the combined new home starts since 2007! It will be interesting to see if the trend continues in 2013.

With home mortgage rates continuing to drop, and with home sales beginning to pick up a bit there was a large demand for Certificates of Zoning Compliance again this year with thirty-three being issued.

There still remains a problem with zoning permittees not requesting a Certificate of Occupancy when their projects are completed. It's my intention to work on this again in 2013, and to attempt to catch up on the backlog of finished projects that have yet to receive their C of O's.

Zoning Permits Issued

01/31/12 Gregory Dennis, 130 Beaver Brook (Lot 17 Foote Farm)ô Single Family Residence
03/01/12 Gail Sperry, 1081 Ridge Rdô Single Family Residence
03/07/12 David Munson and Donna Quesnel, 110 West Stô Residential change of use (attic space to living space)
03/08/12 John B Eagan, 73 Hornbeam Hill Rd (Lot 7 Foote Farm)ô Single Family Residence,
03/24/12 Lynn B and William L Goldman, 1374 Ridge Rdô Screened Patio
04/02/12 Habitat for Humanity of Addison County, 362 Delong Rdô Single Family Residence
04/05/12 Matthew Bonner, 1104 West St., Swimming Pool accessory building
04/17/12 Robert and Nicole Stone, 734 Lemon Fair Rdô Screened Porch addition
04/23/12 Gale Burns, 1019 Cider Mill Rdô Garage/ Office addition
05/10/12 Matthew and Donna Severy, 605 Delong Rdô Shop addition
05/10/12 Booth and Naomi Hodde, 287 Cobbs Corner Rdô Addition to Residence
05/14/12 Michael Katz and Mary Dodge, 1712 Sperry Rdô Screened Porch addition
07/31/12 Richard Peter Bruso, 1519 Delong Rdô Sugar House with Woodshed
08/07/12 Jon Welkey, 915 Snake Mountain Rdô Open Shed Lean-to
08/10/12 Amanda Young, 99 Orchard Runô Shed addition to garage
08/16/12 W. Mark and Sarah Peluso, 50 Edgewood Rdô Shed addition to garage
09/19/12 Jon Welkey, 915 Snake Mountain Rdô Screened Gazebo
09/26/12 Otto and Anna Betz, 1520 Sperry Rdô Garage
09/28/12 Gene Devlin, 1634 Route 30ô Garage
10/04/12 Richard H. Potter, 187 Parkhill Rdô Garage/woodshed/barn
10/11/12 Brett Millier and Karl Lindholm, 825 Cider Mill Rdô Storage Barn
10/15/12 Rene Langis and Alucia Romero, 34 Foote Farm Rdô Sunroom addition
10/18/12 Stewart Hobbs, 1011 Galvin Rdô Convert barn to Residence
10/31/12 Amy S. Oxford, 4174 Route 30ô Change of Use (Residence to Rug Hooking School)
11/14/12 Timothy W. Fisher, 727 Fisher Rdô Storage Shed
12/10/12 George Dorsey, 457 Cider Mill Rdô Animal Shelter

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued

01/03/12 Norman Grenier, 351 South Bingham St

Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued*

01/12/12 Herbert and Karen Dalton, 1634 Route 30
02/06/12 Adam and Rise Wilson, 86 Estelle Rd
02/10/12 Thomas and Doris Bechtel, 287 Cobbs Corners Rd
02/15/12 Green Tree Servicing LLC, 1011 Galvin Rd
03/16/12 Anne Knowles, 101 South Bingham St
03/16/12 Alexander L. Chapin, 351 Cross St
04/20/12 Bonnie Parenteau (for Dorothy Lincoln), 156 South Bingham St.
05/02/12 Kevin Berno, 626 Swamp Rd
05/14/12 Frank and Helen Connally, 1439 Route 30
05/29/12 David and Diane Guertin, 1599 Route 30
06/07/12 Leo Hotte and Sandy LeGault, 421 North Bingham
06/19/12 Jordan and Margaret Young, 1042 Ridge Rd
06/29/12 William H. Burchfield Testamentary Trust, 1041 North Bingham St.
06/29/12 Gary Wright and Nancy Means Wright, 1777 Ridge Rd
07/02/12 Christopher and Rebecca Dayton, 770 Cider Mill Rd
07/02/12 William and Jane Mandigo, 144 Ledge Lane
07/16/12 Michael and Jennie Brinkman, 776 Ridge Rd
07/17/12 Margaret Paine and George Chapline, 1921 North Bingham St.
08/11/12 Larry S. Novins and Eleanor W. Smith, 1079 West St.
08/29/12 Jeffrey Murawski and Abbey Pope, 560 Rt. 30
08/31/12 David J. Littlefield, 346 Sperry Rd
09/07/12 Patricia Ross, 1155 Cider Mill Rd
09/12/12 Casey and Beth Rothschild, 1348 Peet Rd
09/19/12 Jordan M and Margaret L. Young, 1042 Ridge Rd
10/09/12 Woody and Ingrid Jackson, 1301 Cider Mill Rd
10/16/12 David Cobb, 1341 Route 125
10/17/12 John and Judith Watts, 1455 Cider Mill Rd
11/06/12 Paul Vaczy, 4174 Route 30
11/07/12 Roman Graf, 1512 Route 30
12/17/12 Abram W. Foote Estate, 314 Hamblin Rd
12/20/12 David and Patricia Anderson, 5774 Route 30
12/27/12 Donn Markus and Johanna Nichols, 297 South Bingham St

Certificates of Occupancy Issued,

02/02/12 Vincent J. Gardon and Amy J. Smith, 375 Douglas Rd
02/06/12 Adam and Rise Wilson, 86 Estelle Rd
04/03/12 Charles Grigg, 2504 North Bingham
09/12/12 Gregory Dennis, 130 Beaver Brook
11/01/12 John Eagan, 73 Hornbeam Hill Rd
12/29/12 Colin Kriwox and Sarah Murray, 1501 Rt. 74

Notification of Intent to build a Farm Structure Received

03/15/12 Cheryl and Mark Cesario, 1368 West St. Sign for farm store
05/01/12 Darcy Stone, 358 Swamp Rd. Outside housing for four horses and a goat

Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued*

06/20/12 Valhalla Acres LLC (John Welkey), 915 Snake Mountain Rdô Agricultural Barn
11/07/12 Maurice and Barbara Laframboise, 346 Morse Rdô Fill unused Manure Storage Pond

Other Decisions

3/1/2012 Brian, Kelly, and James Gill, 2155 South Bingham St., Boundary Line Adjustment of lands belonging to the Gills and those belonging to Robert Burton (Cornwall Country Store) on Route 30 in the Village of Cornwall.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of January, 2013 by James Duclos, Zoning Administrator

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 variance, and warns public notice 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 guidelines set forth in the zoning regulations.

In 2012 only one applicant came before the CZBA. Amy Oxford came to the board requesting a change of use and a Conditional Use Permit for a property she wanted to buy and develop a rug hooking business in. The property, then owned by Paul Vaczy, is located at 4174 Route 30, Cornwall, Vermont. The appeal was warned and a hearing was held on October 29, 2012. The Change of use and Conditional Use Permit were granted. A copy can be found at the town hall. Minutes and decisions for all of the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment's activities are available at the town clerk's office.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is as follows:

Meetings \$500.00

This annual report on the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment is respectfully submitted by,

Barney Hodges III, Chairman, CZBA
January 28, 2013

Emergency Management Network

The Emergency Management Network has had a pleasantly quiet year. Meetings have moved to every-other month, with a dedicated cadre of members discussing current and potential plans.

The Network strongly supported the addition of regular coffee and beverages at the Town Hall, as a move toward a community center, and as a benefit for the emergency shelter facility.

As for expenses, we acquired a few additions to the shelter inventory, and updated the brochures to include WVTM.FM as a resource for information during an incident.

In the upcoming year, we will be offering another round of CPR and hopefully Basic First Aid class. The Red Cross Local Shelter Initiative is rolling, and we will be setting up a half-day training for Cornwall and area volunteers to help set up and manage these shelters. We are again looking into the options to obtain an AED for the Town Hall.

The Network members are eagerly pursuing the idea of a water source that would be located on the Town Hall property. Currently the water comes from a residence and gracious owners across the road, and is not supported by a back-up generator.

Remember í *during a disaster or local incident*

FIRE/MEDICAL Emergency: **9-1-1**

Local status and resource updates: dial **2-1-1**, or listen to **92.1FM WVTM**

Specific/Personal concerns/info: **462-2775** (or number listed on answering machine)

Sign up for the **Cornwall Connection EMail List**: community events, local news, and emergency alerts. Send a request to cornwallvt@shoreham.net.

Many thanks to the members and drop-ins at meetings, and to our community for being so engaged with the email list and efforts toward emergency preparedness, and to Sue for managing that list.

Katie Gieges, Emergency Management Coordinator

Emergency Manager — E-911 Coordinator *Plea*

Make sure your house is identified with its 9-1-1 number, reflective and visible on approach. This saves critical minutes in an emergency response, and is of great help to any service or delivery person trying to locate your home. Contact the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to arrange for a sign, or get advice on placement.

Thank you!

Cornwall Free Public Library

I will start out the library report with a boat load of Thank You's. We would like to thank the Holmes Family Trust for their donation of \$827.00 to the library. This enabled us to purchase a new computer, which is working wonderfully and is a great addition to the library. Thanks to all those that have donated books to the library, both for the shelves and for our book sale. Last year's book sale netted \$396.00, which pays for one order of new books, give or take. Thank you to the Library Trustees for their interest in improving our local library. In particular, thanks to Patty McCormick, who orders our new books and DVD's. Patty also sorts and organizes the donated books for the book sale. Her hard work is greatly appreciated.

We are nearing the completion of our first year of electronic check out and check in. Wow, what a difference that makes. It sure makes my life better, as far as the time it takes to deal with the circulated books.

I will remind folks that if there are books that you are interested in, but you don't find on the shelves, let us know. We are trying to keep our shelves current and full of books that people will read. Also, another reminder, if you are on the waiting list for a book at another library, come in and take a look here. I have had several people say that they had been waiting for a book for several months and it was right here on the shelf.

As you can see by the Treasurer's report, we have had to dip into one of our CD's to keep up with our expenditures. We are asking for a \$1000 increase in our appropriation this year which will allow us to keep purchasing current titles. We may have to decrease the number of books and DVD's we buy in order to stay within our budget, but we would appreciate your approval of our increased request.

Sue Johnson, Quasi Librarian & Trustee

Library Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance, 01-01-2012 \$1,108.66

INCOME:

Town Appropriation 2012	\$3,000.00
Book Sale	396.00
Transfer from CD	2,000.00
Holmes Family Donation	827.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>26.00</u>
Sub-Total Income:	6,249.00
Less Expenses:	(7,209.21)

EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$134.00
Membership Dues	245.90
New Computer	629.55
Phone Service/Public WiFi	804.04
Books/Media	<u>5,395.72</u>
Total Expenses:	\$7,209.21

Balance 12-31-2012	\$148.45
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Fund Balances 12-31-12

Foote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,612.70
Interest earned 2012	<u>31.89</u>
Total	4,644.59

Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	6,747.79
Interest earned 2012	18.20
Withdrawal with penalty	3503.25

Total	<u><u>\$3,262.74</u></u>
Grand Total CD's	<u><u>\$7,907.33</u></u>

Green Up Vermont

Overview: We had another successful Green Up Day in Cornwall, weighing in with 0.47 ton of solid waste; 13 tires; 1 cubic yard of scrap metal; and 1 appliance. As a county we picked up 18.34 tons of solid waste. Thank you to everyone who participated last May.

History: Vermont is the only state with the Green Up tradition. The first Green Up Day was April 18th, 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 Vermont is a nonprofit organization with 501(c) (3) status. Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Cornwall: Like most towns in Vermont, Cornwall participates in Green Up Day every May. Basically, we gather with neighbors and friends after the snowmelt and pick up a year's worth of trash along our roadsides. In some towns, it is a big event. In Cornwall in recent years, we have kept it simple: get your bags and gloves, fill them with trash, put your full bags in the town trucks, receive a sticker or a pencil. Easy. There has been some murmuring about ramping it up a bit here in Cornwall. Barbeques, breakfasts, music – sounds good to me! – but please, can someone else take over? Thanks.

The Finances: 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

Green Up Day 2013: May 4th

Submitted by Dena Greenman, 2012 Green Up Day Coordinator.

Please let me know if you would like to take over as coordinator (462-3574) or maybe I will come find you!

Capital Budget and Planning Committee Report

This report lays out the Capital Budget and Planning Committee's Capital Budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning in July 2013 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning in July 2014. After accounting for the current years expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2012 report the committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. Several changes to the original capital equipment budget over the last several years have resulted in a current Capital Fund balance of \$235,740.73. The changes include fewer pieces of equipment being purchased as projected, spending less on the items that were purchased and adding funds voted at last year's town meeting to help make the fund self-sustaining sooner than planned. This is the last year of loan payments for the 2009 plow truck that was purchased during the first year of the capital plan. The town has not needed to borrow any money since that time to pay for new equipment. This can be somewhat attributed to the fact that large equipment purchases tend to be done in stages, so we are not paying out the full amount at any one time which also leads to making purchases over several fiscal years allowing more funds to accumulate over time.

This year we are including budget sheets for highway and fire department equipment and building maintenance needs. The committee has started to work toward the inclusion of town buildings in a separate budget worksheet. To this end, a request for proposal letter has been sent to several area engineering firms asking for bids for an analysis of building maintenance needs and the costs associated with those needs so we can plan the capital building budget intelligently with reliable numbers. The committee is recommending that a new line item be added to the General Fund budget with the heading of Capital Fund Buildings. We are recommending that \$100,000 be budgeted for this first year. Some of these funds will be used for analysis of the buildings, and could be adjusted next year based on our long-term maintenance needs.

Cornwall is completing its fourth year of managing capital spending under a formally adopted Capital Budget and Program. The first Capital Budget and Program proposed that the town budget include a line item for \$120,000 in the fiscal year beginning in July 2009 (and subsequent years) to cover the orderly replacement of Highway and Fire Department equipment as it wears out. Starting in fiscal year 2012, the committee proposed that the amount to be budgeted be increased to \$130,000. This number seems to be working well for the current budget and plan. The committee hopes to begin the Capital Building Fund for fiscal year 2013.

During fiscal year 2011/2012, the capital fund made loan payments for the 2009 plow truck in the amount of \$32,472.00. The balance of the \$120,000 was held in the Capital Fund to be used for future purchases. To date in fiscal year 2012/2013, a loan payment for the 2009 plow truck has been made in the amount of \$15,815 and payments have been made toward the fire department utility truck in the amount of \$114,185, which expends the full \$130,000 budgeted for the current fiscal year. A small payment of \$372.13 was made to the fire department for the utility truck from the capital fund itself.

That is the first payment from the account, and any other payments required until June 30, 2013 will be coming from the Capital Fund account. The committee will need to remain aware and plan ahead should it become necessary to borrow money for future purchases. (See Article 11 in the Town Meeting Warning)

Capital Budget and Planning Committee Report, *continued*

The town buildings which the Committee plans to address are the town hall, the town garage and the salt/sand shed. The capital building fund will also address the salt abatement system at the town garage. The committee will also be working with the School Board to develop a plan for the elementary school although we believe that the school has its own capital plan and thus will probably not be a part of the town's plan. The committee believes that truly major tasks such as building new buildings, substantially re-purposing existing buildings or demolishing old buildings should be the subject of specific town votes, although the plan at this time includes funding for such projects. The committee will focus on recurring, large capital needs such as renewing or replacing heating systems, roofs, septic systems and the like. The committee will also look at tasks such as energy conservation improvements.

After the buildings' capital needs are resolved, the Committee will turn to the town's roads and bridges. This will cover major rebuilding projects including tasks such as paving gravel roads. For roads and bridges, the town will only include in its Capital Budget and Program that portion of the cost which the town will bear. State and federal sharing often represents a large portion of each project's cost.

Magna Dodge, Mary Conlon, Jake Chapline, Dennis Rheume, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson, Ben Wood



N. Bingham Street Fire Station 10 years ago, before first renovation including new doors.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Annual Report 2011-2012

The unusually dry 2012 pre-season was followed by a wet late April and May. This led to a number of larvicide treatments from April 28-June 1 that totaled 4,274 acres in the three mosquito districts: 1,572 acres in the LFICD; 1,118 acres in Weybridge; and 1,585 acres in the BLSG. There followed a lengthy dry down period and, despite occasional thunder storms, there was no further flooding or accumulation of pooled waters producing sufficient mosquito larvae to require treatment. By all reports, the mosquito presence this past season was at acceptable levels with the occasional exception of some densely wooded areas.

The dramatic event of 2012, however, was the appearance of EEE in two humans, the first such cases in Vermont history. Both humans died from their infection. The infected mosquito species was identified and located in the hard wood acidic swamps around Whiting and Brandon.

Informational town meetings were held in these towns by the Department of Health and Agency of Agriculture and a closely identified area was aerially treated for the EEE species on September 6-7.

As of this writing, the State Agency of Agriculture and Health Department are working on how to respond effectively to this new development and how to fit that response into their 2013 budget.

The LFICD is working with other districts, our legislators and the State Agency of Agriculture on responding to the new disease threat while also assuring that the larvicide program is maintained and funded.

Because there was sufficient treatment this season and resulting income from the State, the district requested \$3,000 from the town of Bridport this past year rather than the \$6,000 sought in the budget.

The LFICD Board of Supervisors wishes to express its thanks to Tom Vanacore, our Field Coordinator, as well as Craig Zondag the Assistant Field Coordinator for their hard work this year in surveying and monitoring conditions in the field and reporting field conditions to the State representatives.



North Bingham Street Station after the 2012 renovation.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission Report

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2012

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2012 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.
- Co-sponsored an Educational Series on locally available renewable energy and conservation options.
- Community outreach/advisor role for Environmental Seminar/College Class

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted quarterly "Local Emergency Managers Roundtables" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted local post-disaster recovery efforts following spring flooding.
- Assisted in development and final adoption of local Hazard Mitigation Plans

Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Conducted audits on municipal buildings and worked with municipalities to implement energy savings
- Worked with municipalities to generate local power for municipal use
- Conducted feasibility studies on electric car usage and natural gas as a vehicular fuel
- Installed 2 public electric vehicle charging stations.
- Supported the adoption of municipal PACE programs to support energy efficiency

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

- Implemented a program to assess Brownfields within the region.
- Completed and adopted the Natural Resource section of the Regional Plan and readopted the entire plan
- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.
- Developed a regional Forest Stewardship Plan to assist municipalities and landowners.

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 3d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

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

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website:

www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM-6 PM

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM-3 PM & Sat, 9 AM-1 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.

2012 Highlights

Planning. In 2012, District staff completed the third Implementation Report of its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The Report shows that in the past two years, the District has been able to continue and in some cases expand its diversion programs despite the economic downturn. The combination of a "pay-as-you-throw" pricing system for waste and the "single stream" collection of recyclables resulted in a 53.82% diversion rate, surpassing the State goal of 50%. The full Report is available on the District's website. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District strives to find new ways in which industry and government can partner to solve some of the most difficult solid waste issues that we face every day. Recently, the District helped to lead efforts to adopt two new extended producer responsibility laws for electronic wastes (such as televisions and computers) and for fluorescent light bulbs. VT now bans these wastes from landfill disposal and requires the manufacturers to pay to recycle them. The District Transfer Station is one of the statewide collection locations, offering free recycling for most electronics and bulbs. **Act 148 – State Universal Recycling Law.** The VT Legislature unanimously adopted Act 148 - the Universal Recycling Law - this year, the most significant change to VT solid waste law since 1987. Act 148 focuses on recyclables and organics by establishing new statewide mandates. Bans on disposal of certain recyclables, leaf & yard waste and food residuals will be phased in, as will mandatory recycling and food collection by haulers and facilities. Recycling containers will be required in publicly owned places. The District is in a strong position to transition to the new solid waste law, as most of the elements of the new law are systems already adopted and enforced by the District in our member municipalities. The District Transfer Station is equipped to serve as a hub for collecting and managing the increased types and volumes of materials collected by haulers and town drop-offs. As more information and data become available, the District will assist its member towns, haulers and the general public in comprehending and adapting to the new system.

Recycling Collection. On 1/1/12, the District Transfer Station opened its doors for the first time to accept single stream recyclables from licensed commercial haulers. As of October, 280 tons of single stream recyclables were received. **Illegal Dumping.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2012 to patrol and enforce its ordinance against illegal dumping and burning of waste. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 32 illegal burning & dumping complaints. On Green-Up Day, the District served once again as County Coordinator. In addition to assisting the many area volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter, the District provided free gloves, prizes and - most importantly - free disposal of the roadside waste. This year, the District

Addison County Solid Waste District Report, *continued*

subsidized disposal of 18.34 tons of trash, 14.17 tons of tires, 8 appliances, 10 propane tanks and other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit of \$5,916.

2013 Budget

The District's 2013 Annual Budget is \$2,667,844, a 3% increase over the 2012 Annual Budget. The District Transfer Station will reduce the tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris to \$123/ton. Several other rates will be reduced effective 1/1/13, including \$10/ton for single stream recycling from licensed commercial haulers. There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2013. For a copy of the full 2012 Annual Report, please call the District, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.



Another shot of the Clark Road washout.

Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2012

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)

As Addison Central Teens (ACT) has evolved and adapted over the past six years, it has developed two unique programs. The most important and well attended program that ACT offers is the drop in hours. However, we have also developed strong "special event" programming that attracts a diversity of teens and community members. These special events include approximately 5 dances, 9 to 12 DJ Skate Nights, and two clothing swaps. These special events served a diversity of teens and community members that may not utilize the drop in hours.

Since the Teen Center first opened its doors in September 2007, participation has been strong. Collectively in FY 2013 ACT served 248 individual teens. These 248 teens made 4,124 visits to the teen center. ACT averaged just under 23 teen visits a day to the drop in hours. In FY 2013, 12 individual resident teens from Cornwall made 55 visits to the teen center. Compared to FY 2012, Addison Central Teens served five more teens from Cornwall in FY 2013.

During the 2011-2012 academic school year ACT held 11 special events. Combined, these special events attracted 1,272 visits. Of the 1,272 visits to special, ACT welcomed 54 visits by Cornwall residents. Although most special events are only open to teens, ACT hosts a number of events that are open to and well attended by the general public. These include DJ Skate Nights, clothing swaps, community suppers and an annual fundraising event.

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

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)

Our mission is "to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County" by providing a variety of emergency and self-help programs. Services include emergency aid with heat, housing, food, and clothing. Self-help including funds for job related needs, training in job skills, budget counseling, and more. We strive to work in partnership with other organizations and to reduce duplication of efforts in order to ensure that our community is provided with the best services delivered in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

Accomplishments during the past year include increasing the amount of healthy, local produce available to low income households, and the distribution of this food at our own facility and also at other locations where low income people are served. Our director has been elected co-chair of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and has been working with a statewide group to rewrite the State of Vermont 5 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

RetroWorks, our charity resale store, has continued to increase its revenues, in support of our core poverty relief programs. Hope was accepted to the Performance Institute at the Marlboro College Graduate School and its staff and board are working to implement the practice of "Results Based Accountability" in our work.

During 2012, HOPE served 47 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.

Each Court Diversion client meets with a Review Panel consisting of volunteers from the community to discuss the crime and talk about ways to repair the harm that was created when the law was broken. A contract is developed tailored to the individual circumstances of the case. Typical contract conditions include community service at a local nonprofit site, restitution, education, a substance abuse assessment, counseling, etc. There is a program fee to help cover program expenses. Successful clients benefit from having their record sealed thus avoiding a criminal record.

Court Diversion averages 123 cases annually, and TASP averages 172. We currently have 63 community service sites throughout Addison County.

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

Addison County Home Health and Hospice

From children with complicated medical issues, to adults struggling to remain independent at home, to those approaching the completion of their lives, Addison County Home Health & Hospice (ACHHH) is here to help. Day in and day out our staff helps people recover from surgeries, manage long term chronic illnesses and advocate for those who are unable to do so for themselves.

For the past 45 years, ACHHH has been an integral part of the healthcare delivery system in Cornwall. We are committed to providing medically necessary services to all residents of Addison County regardless of their ability to pay.

Even with cuts in funding, declining reimbursements, and hardships accessing healthcare we assure you of our commitment to the residents of Addison County. Twenty-four hours a day, three-hundred sixty-five days a year the people of Addison County can rest easier knowing that ACHHH is here to serve their home health and hospice needs.

We depend on and greatly appreciate the contributions we received from towns in the county, like Cornwall, to offset the losses we experience from providing free or reduced fee services to residents. We are continually challenged by reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and depend on town funds to help us meet our mission.

Cornwall residents received 830 service visits. 336 skilled nursing, 190 physical, speech & occupational therapy, 15 medical social work, 194 home health aide, and 95 personal care attendant.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice is requesting \$1440.00 from Cornwall, 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 50,000 free books to children of Addison County. On average, it costs ACR \$30 per child per year for 12 books. In Cornwall, 20 children were served in 2012 and more than 200 free books have been delivered to them during that calendar year.

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.

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 7 bus routes: Middlebury Shuttle, Tri-Town Bristol Shuttle, Tri-Town Vergennes Shuttle, Snow Bowl Shuttle, Burlington LINK, 116 commuter and Rutland Connector.

Major Accomplishments and Plans: In April 2012, ACTR's county-wide shuttle bus system expanded by adding the 116 Commuter route from Middlebury to Burlington through Bristol, Starksboro and Hinesburg along the Route 116 corridor. These improvements benefit Cornwall residents who can take the bus from downtown Middlebury. In addition, the successful implementation of this expansion moves potential public transit services along Route 125 and 30 higher on ACTR's list of future projects.

ACTR is creating the first rural Transportation Management Assn. (TMA) model in Vermont to reduce single occupancy vehicle miles traveled.

ACTR is requesting \$1,028, an increase \$193.00 over 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 mental health and developmental disability services to people living in Addison County. Our skilled and dedicated staff members help 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.

As part of our continued dedication to our community's mental health and wellness, the Counseling Service will be providing a new educational opportunity in Addison County called Mental Health First Aid. The course consists of four three-hour sessions. If you are interested in enrolling in the course or would like more information, you can contact Sara Mason at 388-4021 or smason@csac-vt.org.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for Junius Calitri for his commitment and dedication as President and board member at the Counseling Service for the past 18 years.

CSAC provided 404 hours of service to residents of Cornwall in 2012.

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, 3 of whom were residents of Cornwall. Cornwall residents received a total of 1,164 hours of care, 451 meals, and approximately 468 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$17,460 for direct services to Cornwall residents.

Elderly Services operates a medical-model adult day care center serving approximately 145 clients weekly. Services include specialized Alzheimer's day care, professional nursing services, family/caregiver support, medical social work services, therapeutic activities, transportation and hot, delicious meals.

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

Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 5, 2012

Tropical Storm Irene created more work than usual for our coordinators across the state. Green Up Vermont partnered with the Irene Recovery Office on special Green Up to Recover projects. Some of the hardest hit towns reported having so many volunteers that they ran out of places to send them! We distributed an additional 20,000 Green Up Day bags for Irene-related clean ups.

Green Up Day celebrated 42 years in 2012. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. 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. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

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 www.greenupvermont.org 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 4, 2013, the first Saturday in May.

Green-Up Vermont is requesting funding in the amount of \$100.00, 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 2011, we took in a total of 641 animals at the shelter. As of September 30, 2012; we have served 386 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, 2012 through September 30, 2012, we have successfully adopted four animals to residents of Cornwall. During this same time period, we have taken in one stray animal from the Town of Cornwall. The average time each animal spent at the shelter was 60 days and the cost of sheltering these animals was \$475 per animal. 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

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 149 patients and their families from 20 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 1583 visits, driving 20,891 miles, and providing 2844 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 649 people, as well as educators and clinicians seeking references.

Through Public Education and Outreach, HVS made 9 classroom visits, and served 181 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 11 free education programs offered.

Hospice Volunteer Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$450.00, a \$50.00 increase over last year.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.

This year the John Graham Shelter located on Main Street in Vergennes marks 32 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals.

Last year the John W. Graham Shelter provided nearly 5,000 bed nights of food, shelter and hope to more than 200 people at our fully renovated Shelter building ; provided transitional housing to families at our own buildings and at many scattered sites, helping them move from homelessness to self-sufficiency; helped dozens of people find permanent housing and employment; hired a clinical psychologist as Program Director to improve counseling and services to homeless individuals and families, especially those struggling with mental health issues and addictions.

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 from 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 48% 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 four county-wide state supported programs that serve families throughout the county: Referral Services, Subsidy Services, Resource Services, Protective Service/Family Support. The Child & Adult Care Food Program provides training, support and financial reimbursement to home based childcare programs.

Mary Johnson Children's Center served 11 Cornwall children and 1 family child care home in 2012.

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

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in Vermont (we have expanded our service area with the closing of the George D. Aiken RC&D area that served south central and southern Vermont). By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, water quality improvement work through the portable skidder bridge free loan and education program, supporting local agriculture through our Fiscal Agent relationship with the Vermont Farmers Food Center, and watershed restoration work and road management grants through the Better Backroads grant program.

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 ó 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.

Between January 1 and November 7, 2012, the ODC provided services to 26 Cornwall residents through 146 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 \$28.84 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 FY2013/2014.

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 300 Addison County 5th and 6th 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.

Two Cornwall landowners planted trees along waterways supported in part by the District. 9 acres were planted with 1875 trees to result in a riparian forest buffer on a stream in the watershed. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program aims to increase water quality and compensate farmers for land taken out of production. A number of partners also contribute including Fish America.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District, *continued*

In 2012 Conservation Field Day at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site was held and 250 area students participated in this conservation education event.

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

Cindy Watrous wrote Land Treatment Plans for 1 farm in preparation for implementing conservation practices on over 744 acres and wrote one nutrient management plan. An Aerway was used on 203 acres in Cornwall, improving soil quality and incorporating manure.

1 Cornwall resident received drinking water well sampling in conjunction with conservation support from 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.

Cornwall appropriates \$121.11 to the District each year.

RSVP

How Cornwall Residents Benefit from RSVP's Services:

In FY12, **43 Cornwall residents volunteered at 42 local non-profit agencies and schools.** In addition, 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** from 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 25 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, 333 RSVP volunteers donated 54,960 hours (an estimated value of \$1,000,000) at 114 schools, social service agencies and non-profits throughout Addison County.**

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.

At our learning center, 36 students received their high school credentials: 20 received a GED, 9 received a high school diploma through the Vermont Adult Diploma Program (VADP) and 7 received a high school diploma through the Vermont High School Completion Program (HSCP).

In fiscal year 2012, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 308 individuals in the past fiscal year, 8 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 VTGC has identified Vermont's towns as the audience that can benefit the most from our work. We understand that Vermonters consistently do the best they can with what they have where they are, and we want to help by harnessing the expertise of the membership based trail organizations and sharing techniques and standards with towns to apply to local trails.

We also want to help promote your trail systems, if you are interested, through the VTGC website which is linked to a great on-line trail-based map program, Vermont Trail Finder. The Council is also a helpful tool for finding funding and professional support for your trails.

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 and the VTGC website.

Cornwall's appropriation to the Council is \$30.00, down \$5.00 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 440 women, children and men who experienced abuse directly, during 5507 meetings and phone calls - an 83% increase in hotline calls over last year. 286 supervised visits and monitored exchanges - a 19% increase over last year.

WomenSafe services provided at least 6 Cornwall residents services through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings.

Other notable 2012 facts: Advocates assisted with more than 135 Relief from Abuse Orders - a 12% increase from last year; 70 Community Presentations and Outreach events to 1689 adults - nearly 350% more adults reached than last year; 96 community volunteers donated more than 7,900 hours of a variety of services including staffing our 24-hour hotline, helping with special events, providing administrative support and building/grounds maintenance; 76% 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; providing 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 Minutes

March 5, 2012

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Prior to the Town Meeting call to order, State Representative Willem Jewett spoke to the assembled group in regard to happenings in Montpelier. Rep. Jewett called this session the ðIreneð session. He explained that the state has responded in a positive way to the needs of individuals, towns and cities. On another note, Rep. Jewett explained that Routes 17, 73, 74 and 125 are now referred to as the 4 fingers, meaning that they are all east-west roads and are all in need of serious maintenance, repair and repaving. Rep. Jewett and Lanpher will be keeping in touch with the VTrans paving department to keep these roads on the table.

Cy Tall thanked the folks who provided the dinner to benefit the farm to school program, specifically Amy Trubek and Brad Koehler. She also reminded folks about the silent auction going on.

Cy explained that the meeting would be operating under Robert's Rules of Order, and she asked that folks use the microphone in the front of the room if they wished to speak.

Bruce Hiland, Selectboard Chair, took a few moments to give a State of the Town address. In summary, he talked about governance, school consolidation, citizen participation, the surplus, the Lavalley Store and the Jackson gift to the college. The full presentation will be on record with the town meeting minutes.

The moderator called both the Town Meeting and School Meeting to order at 6:43 PM as warned with approximately 150 townspeople in attendance. Peter Conlon/Derwin Stevens moved to recess the School Meeting until the adjournment of the Town Meeting. The motion carried on voice vote.

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, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:*

5 years: *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)*

No action was taken on Article one as Australian ballot voting will take place tomorrow. Folks were encouraged to vote.

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.*

Bruce Byers/Gary Margolis moved the article. Dave Donahue asked for an explanation of the capital fund. Bruce Hiland explained that the capital fund program helps to flatten out the tax rate as the purchase of major equipment and repairs are planned and budgeted for over a six year period of time. Brian Kemp asked how much \$50,000 would lower the taxes. Sue Johnson could not give a figure, however, his point was that it is a small enough amount that perhaps all of the surplus should be added to the Capital Fund. Lawrence Groves felt that the Capital Fund has been given too much funding including an increase this year and that all of the

surplus should be returned to the taxpayers. There being no further discussion on the article, the vote was taken and the motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$353,201.

Derwin Stevens/Bill Johnson moved the article. T Tall asked if the \$6000 that is budgeted for the Lemon Fair Insect Control District would be paid if the Town of Bridport did not vote to appropriate the same amount to the District. It was explained that there is no specific proviso in place to prevent either town from paying if the other doesn't approve the expenditure. T Tall moved an amendment that stated that the payment of the \$6000.00 to the Lemon Fair Insect Control District be contingent on voter approval of the same amount in Bridport. The motion received a second. During discussion Bob Gerlin spoke and felt that \$6000 was a small amount even if Bridport failed to pass their budget item. He also explained that the District has the authority to levy taxes if necessary. He felt the amendment was unnecessary. Mr. Tall explained that he was just attempting to make sure each town was contributing an equal share. Charlie Grigg asked if there was any reason to believe that Bridport would not approve the \$6000. Bob Gerlin also pointed out that most of the funding for the district comes from the State of Vermont. Junius Calitri asked if the district could stop applying larvicide if one of the towns did not send the funding and the answer was no, as the towns are co-owners. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the moderator called for a vote on the amendment. The motion failed on voice vote. The discussion returned to the main article at which time Sue Johnson put forth the following amendment: And will the voters approve the property tax due dates of November 1, 2012 and May 1, 2013 with the taxes to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer for this and all subsequent money articles. The amendment was seconded. After the Moderator deemed that the amendment was germane, Sue explained that several articles had been eliminated from the warning this year because they were deemed unnecessary as the authorization already exists in statute. However, at a meeting that Sue attended it was pointed out that the voters should authorize the payment dates and whom to pay the taxes to, so that is the purpose of the amendment. Sue remarked that there will be an article specifically addressing this issue next year. With no further discussion, the moderator asked for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed on voice vote. There being no further discussion on the Article, the moderator called for a vote and the motion as amended carried on voice vote.

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.

Frank Punderson/Junius Calitri moved the article. There was no discussion on the highway budget. The motion carried on voice vote.

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.

John Roberts/Derwin Stevens moved the article. There was no discussion on the CVFD appropriation. The motion carried on voice vote.

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.

Derwin Stevens/Frank Punderson move the article. John Roberts asked for a brief overview of what is planned for the station. Raph Worrick, Sean Stearns and Dave Berno addressed the group and explained that the situation has become complicated by the State of VT adopting the NFPA ruling which requires that all fire stations/public buildings be required to install a sprinkler system. The North Bingham Street station has no water or septic on site, so putting in a sprinkler system is cost prohibitive. The two viable choices are to build a completely non combustible building, which is also very costly or to renovate the existing structure. The renovation would include removing the lean-to on the back of the building, adding a new section on the back, replacing the roof and changing the pitch so snow does not pile up in front of the building, increasing the height on two of the doors by two feet to accommodate the newer vehicles. There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote and the motion carried on voice vote.

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.

Frank Punderson/Derwin Stevens moved the article. Kate Gieges asked about the size of the lot. The lot is 75 X 100 feet. There being no other discussion, the moderator called for a vote and the motion carried on voice vote.

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.

Bill Johnson/Derwin Stevens moved the article. There was no discussion of the article. The motion carried on voice vote.

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.

Bill Johnson/Derwin Stevens moved the article. Jack Watts had 3 questions: first the amount requested last year for demolition was \$15,000 and this year it is \$25,000, why? Next, the building is on the national historic register and Jack wondered if the town would advertise the sale nationally? Third, what is the time frame for moving forward with the sale or dismantling? Bruce Hiland explained that the board does not know what it will actually cost to sell or dismantle the building, but will not spend more than is necessary. Bruce felt it would not be a good use of time or money to advertise nationally. The board wants to get the process underway soon in hopes of making progress within 6 months. Bruce explained that if the building does not sell, that the plan would be to save enough reusable material to build a small structure to be used as a farmer's market or for selling plants, etc. Beth Keefe felt that part of the historic nature of the building is its location. Ms. Keefe wondered if there were specific ideas on the surveys that were returned. She was encouraged to stop by the town hall and read through the surveys. Junius Calitri suggested that a wealthy historian might come along to save the building. Bonnie Keeler indicated that there is no time limit in the article for completion of the sale or dismantling. She would like there to be a one year time limit or have it completed by next year's town meeting. Bonnie Keeler moved an amendment to the article asking the voters to approve the time limit of one year for completion of the sale or dismantling of the Lavalley building. The amendment was seconded. Lawrence Groves suggested 6 months as a time frame for completion. Barney Hodges III felt that the amendment was not necessary. Mike Ringey asked if the building was considered a safety concern and Bruce Hiland indicated that he personally felt it was a concern, particularly since the building is unoccupied. The Selectboard will move with all deliberate speed on carrying out the will of the voters. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the moderator called for a vote and the amendment failed on voice vote. Joe Severy said that he liked the article as written and thought the Selectboard had gotten the wording correct. Joe Severy called the question. There was a second. This ended discussion on the article and the Moderator called for a vote on the article and the motion carried on voice vote.

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).

David Donahue/Bill Johnson moved the article. Beth Keefe asked why the building should be exempted from property taxes. Bruce Hiland explained that the town's septic system is connected to the mound on the DAR property. The town pays no rent for using the mound system located on the DAR property. There was a question about the amount of taxes that are being exempted. The amount was unknown. There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote and 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:

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
l. Green Up Vermont, Inc.....	100.00
m. Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.	400.00
n. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
o. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
p. Northern Vermont RC&D 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:.....	<u>\$20,610.00</u>

T Tall/Derwin Stevens moved the article. The moderator pointed out the information about each organization is printed in the Town Report starting on Page 56. Terry Aldrich asked why the Cornwall Little League was not included in the article for funding. Mike Ringey pointed out that the Cornwall Little League has merged with the Middlebury Little League. Peter Conlon the local Commissioner indicated that the Cornwall Little League did not need the money this year, so did not request the funding. He did indicate that the older children are playing with Middlebury, but the younger children were still playing in Cornwall. There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote and the motion carried on voice vote.

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

The moderator pointed out that the business discussed under Article 12 was non-binding.

Kristina Simmons indicated that there were a few dinners left and the silent auction was still taking place.

Dave Donahue, Chair of the Cornwall School Board, spoke briefly about the conversation going on with the education study groups around the ACSU district. Currently the study groups are being asked to look at the narrow question of administrative consolidation. The Weybridge school is being used as a model for the other study groups as they have completed their community focused information gathering. The Cornwall study group will be doing a survey and asking various questions of the townspeople that relate to the school. Dave encouraged folks to get involved in this important conversation.

Raph Worrick (CVFD) thanked the townspeople for their support during the evening and indicated that there were folks in the crowd that he did not recognize and wanted to encourage everyone and anyone who had an interest in joining the fire department to talk to any current member for more information. The department will take care of organizing training courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Cornwall Town Clerk

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 4, 2013

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 4, 2013, 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 March 5, 2012.

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: The total proposed budget of \$1,378,132 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend \$1,355,963, which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend \$22,169, which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town School District will authorize its Board of Directors to transfer \$1,501.92 remaining from the capital improvements project approved on March 1, 2010 to the Education Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 6: 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 5, 2013 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 7: To elect one Town School Director for a period of three years.

ARTICLE 8: To elect one Town School Director for a period of two years.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Maureen Deppman, Co-Chair

John Eagan, Co-Chair

David Donahue

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 Events Calendar goes out to all families.

Vision Statement:

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

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 curriculum	Positively stated expectations (PBS)
Parent engagement	Community engagement
Effective academic instruction	Effective classroom management
Comprehensive local assessment systems	Active supervision and monitoring
Scaffolding instruction to meet the needs of all students	
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 all	Increased academic support and practice
Social skills training	Self-management programs
School-based adult mentors	Alternatives to school suspension
Re-teach and enrich	Small group instruction
Parent involvement and support	Differentiated instruction

At the intensive individual interventions level (1-5% of the students) the following systems are in place:

Intensive academic support	Functional Behavioral Assessments
Individualized assessment	Personalized Learning Plans
Individualized student plans ó IEP, 504, EST, ELL	Parent training and collaboration
Multi-agency collaboration	

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 on 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:

- ✓ Monitoring the progress of all students.
- ✓ Using the data to make decisions about instructional needs and modifications.
- ✓ Utilizing quick and efficient assessment procedures.
- ✓ 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:

- ✓ Engage more students in learning.
- ✓ Prevent major behavior problems.
- ✓ Are safer and inclusive.
- ✓ Respond to student behavior effectively and positively.
- ✓ Improve interventions for students with more significant mental health and behavior problems.
- ✓ Enhance achievement for all students.

In October we were recognized as one of the first four Blue Ribbon Exemplar schools statewide for our efforts with PBS. This year the PBS theme is “Cooper says, ‘You’re doggone GREAT.’” Dog bones hang from leashes next to a doghouse outside the office. 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. As of the holiday break in December we have celebrated over 2000 “bones” of recognition for our students and staff.

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:
respecting our environment,
ourselves,
and others
while being safe.*

Special Activities/Events:

The late winter and spring 2012 brought many special activities and events to Cornwall School including:

Grandfriends Luncheon	6th Grade Science Fair	DCF Challenge at the Ilsley Library
Bingo Night	Flea Market Fundraiser	Farm to School Town Meeting Dinner
FOCS Silent Auction	Movie Nights	Spring Concert
Cirkus Smirkus Residency	100th Day Celebration	Gould & Stearn performance at MC
6th grade Commencement		

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 to the Echo Center.

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.

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	5th Grade Culture Night	Bus Safety program
Back to School Potluck Picnic		
Agriculture in Education Day at the Tunbridge Fair		VSO Drumschticks performance
Gifts for Giving		



ACSU & Regional Spelling Champions

Eben Jackson, Henry Hodde, Silas Conlon, Josh Kerr, Kate Wallace, and Malia Hodges.

(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, 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 2012-13 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.

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.

A yearlong focus on community service continued in late winter and spring collecting 390 pounds of food for Project Hope in January. Last February we decided to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by kicking off the 3rd 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. Ninety-five members of the Cornwall School community served a total of 440 hours of community service in the MLK Community Service Challenge. That far surpasses last year's total of 260 hours and 65 participants.

In February and March we participated in the Big Change Roundup for the Vermont Children's Hospital and Jump Rope for Heart. Those two efforts combined raised \$1290.72 for two very worthwhile causes. Animals were our focus in April and we donated dog and cat food to the Addison County Humane Society. To wrap up our yearlong community service focus we hosted the Middlebury Community Dinner and served 225 people. In June we were awarded the United Way 2012 Youth Volunteer Award for all of our community service efforts throughout the year.

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.

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 2012-13 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

TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Denise Goodnow	Principal
Linda Brown	Kindergarten
Lisa Beck	1st Grade
Susan Sears	2nd Grade
Janne Giles	3rd Grade
Dawn Mayer	4th Grade
Madeline Ward	5th Grade
Andrew Hirsch	6th 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*
Eva McDonough	Nurse*
Mark Pelletier	Speech/Language Pathologist*
Donna Severy	Administrative Assistant
Marci Lambert	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Judith Larson	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Jane Phinney	Instructional Assistant*
Susan Pratt	Cook/Food Service Manager
Jan Reynolds	Assistant Cook
Jonathan Orvis	Custodian*
Christine Orvis	Custodian*
Andrew Munkres	Bus Driver
Beth VanDusen	Bus Driver
* Part-time	

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	11	15	8	11	12	13	10	80
Grade								
	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Students	21	15	16	19	12	15	98	

STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION DISTRICT #3

- GRADE 7:** Rebekah Anderson, Bridget Audet, Jack Deppman, Skyeler Devlin, Jackson Donahue, John Eagan, Lucy Groves, Tulley Hescok, Samuel Hodges, Kayla Hoffman, Justin Holmes, Jesslyn Houchell, Brynn Kent, Katherine Koehler, Gabe Lamphere, Ezra Marks, Sophia Marks, Raven Payne, Isabel Rosenberg, Gaia Sheridan, Katalin Tolgyesi
- GRADE 8:** Asaiah Anderson, Joshua Bechhoefer, Jonathan Castle, Grace Dayton, Kyra Diehl, Adam Gill, Anna Hickley, Ronan Howlett, Phillip Jerome, Maverick Payne, Alec Poppenga, Roberta Poppenga, McKenna Poppenga, Jacob Pyne, Grace Usilton
- GRADE 9:** Claire Armstrong, Emma Donahue, Edward Eagan, Emily Fleming, Madelyn Gardner, Cole Gregory, Gretchen Groves, Sophia Hodges, Jackson Houchell, Faith Isham, Nora Keathley, Justin Northrup, River Payne, Ellie Severy, Greg Sutor, Burke Weekes
- GRADE 10:** Marvella Avery, Robert Avery, Zachary Bechhoefer, Emma Castle, Grant Durham, Mikaela Gardner, Ian Gill, Alexis Grant, Joseph Houchell, Abigail Lane, Anne Lindholm, Sophia Peluso, Lauren Poppenga, Keri Richmond, Julia Rosenberg, Evan Ryan, Mallissa Sumner, Bo Linh Tran, Maranda Weekes
- GRADE 11:** Kevin Galenkamp, Julian Hamilton, Tyler Hogan, Sonia Howlett, Luke Jackson, Katherine Knowles, Christopher Ryan, Joshua Stearns, Jonah Supernovich, Samuel Usilton, Lauren Weekes, Forrest Wright-Lapin
- GRADE 12:** Jacob Bourgeois, Kyle Cota, Brianna Cronan, Kenneth Dalley, Eleanor Eagan, Malcolm Groves, Sawyer Hescok, Christian Higgins, Cheri Karzmarczyk, Andrew Lane, Peter Lindholm, Isadora Marks, Akeem Pottinger, Colin Ryan, Marrott Weekes

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

We begin this annual letter by acknowledging the loss of long time school board member Junius Calitri who passed away in mid-December. He served on the Cornwall School Board for 18 years. Juni was an active member of the educational community at the local, district and state levels. We will miss his sage counsel, negotiating skills, incredible sense of humor, and commitment to the children and staff of the Cornwall School. We were blessed to work with Juni on the school board and have learned much from his expertise and insight. We thank him for his long service and care for our school. Dave Donahue, former board member, was appointed in December to serve out Juni's remaining term that ends this year. We know that Juni's shoes can never be filled, but we know that he would be pleased to have Dave back at the table representing the Cornwall School community.

We also want to thank you, the community, for your generous support of the Cornwall School. We recognize that there is a cost to educating and supporting the children of Cornwall. We appreciate not only the continued monetary support from the community but also the time necessary to attend the many school sponsored events, volunteer in the classrooms, and lend a hand in the school yard. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such strong support from the community. We firmly believe that your involvement in our school is helping to provide a top-notch education. Thank you for supporting the Cornwall School and the education of our children.

Budget

This year after several reviews of the budget we approved a budget with a 3% increase. The major changes are due to adding a part-time aide, incorporating the latest ACSU assessments using the new allocation rate, adding First Aid Designee (FAD) time, adding support to the food services program, and assuming the cost of assessment and educational software that had previously been grant funded. Each year 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. In addition to those expenses increasing, we anticipate a reduction in state revenue for special education resulting in an overall 4.9% increase in Education Spending. Furthermore, due to a decrease in the equalized pupil count, Education Spending per Pupil will increase by 5.8%. We have reduced one special education assistant position and added a regular education part-time aide as noted above.

The total proposed budget of \$1,378,132 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. You will note that there are two separate votes on the budget this year. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's education spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted by an inflation factor.

Taxes

Overall, this budget generates a 7% increase in the equalized homestead tax rate. When prorated and combined with the tax rate generated by UD#3, the total equalized homestead tax rate is estimated to increase 5.5%. Finally, due to an increase in Cornwall's Common Level of Appraisal, the estimated actual homestead tax rate is expected to decrease by 2% or 3.1¢. This tax rate decrease equates to \$31 on \$100,000 of appraised property value.

Enrollment

This Fall we welcomed a kindergarten class of 11. The K-6 school enrollment is currently at 80 students with a projected enrollment of the same number of students for next year. Our enrollment data shows small fluctuations and relatively stable enrollment for the next few years. Enrollment in a small school like ours will always be a concern, but based on the data we have at hand, we do not

anticipate the kinds of enrollment challenges other schools in the Addison Central Supervisory Union are facing.

More and more inquiries made to the school begin with statements about the high quality of the education and the high regard for our teachers as a determinant in choosing the Cornwall School. Hopefully, the positive reputation and high quality education offered will help to keep enrollment steady and strong.

The Cornwall School now accepts admission of non-resident tuition students when space is available, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations governing tuition payment and non-discrimination. Our current tuition rate for FY 13 is \$12,016 and the tuition rate for FY 14 is calculated to be \$12,863.

Program

Denise has done a thorough job of covering the programs, especially the curriculum, in her Principal's Report. We would 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.

In October our school was recognized for our efforts with Positive Behavior Supports (PBS). Each year the School Support Team has a creative theme to recognize the students and staff that meet the school-wide expectations. The expectations are brainstormed with the students and adopted using their words. This year the PBS theme is "Cooper says, 'You're doggone GREAT.'" (Cooper is Ms. Goodnow's new dog!). As of December, 2450 bones of recognition had been celebrated for our students and staff.

In her report Denise noted the Extended Day Program. We want to mention the extended day program for grades 3-6 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 third year we have had an extended day program. The program allows for additional academic time without having to pull students out of class during the school day.

The Cornwall School is very fortunate to have the support of The Gilligan Fund. This fund was set up by the Gilligan Family to provide funding for programs outside of the school budget. The Gilligan Fund has supported such programs as Nordic skiing, various field trips, improvements to the playground, the Four Winds Program, VSO performances, instrumental music instruction, guest speakers, show chorus, yoga, library books, CPR training, swimming and more. We mention this fund because it has helped our school to provide experiences for kids that many other schools can no longer afford, but that contribute significantly to the overall experience (and at no cost to taxpayers).

With strong support from parents, staff, and local leaders, Cornwall has implemented a very successful "farm to school" program that incorporates locally produced foods, teaches students about where his/her food originates, and allows students and families to care for a school garden. Perhaps most importantly, as noted by a current fourth grade student, "the food is really great and I enjoy tasting new healthy foods! I only pack home lunch about twice a month!"

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 from last year continue to tell a very positive one. The most recent NECAP testing results will be available and ready to share in the next ACSU School report.

ACSU updates

There are two topics we would like to cover under Addison Central Supervisory Union updates. The first is that we are continuing the search for a Superintendent. If you have read the paper you have probably heard that the recent candidates interviewed in December for the Superintendent position decided to pursue other opportunities. Since this is an ongoing process we will have more information for you at Town Meeting.

The other initiative is the ACSU Study Committee effort. The Study Committee was formed with representation from each town in ACSU, and was 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 appeared narrow, the process to answer the question included a significant "public engagement" phase during which many issues related to education were engaged. The Study Committee looked to residents of Cornwall to form a "Cornwall working group" that led efforts to engage the entire Cornwall community in discussions about our school, its future, and the future of schools in the Addison Central Supervisory Union. The information gathered from the forums with Cornwall citizens was shared with the ACSU Study Committee.

The ACSU Study Committee completed the community forums in June with all towns but Salisbury having participated. (Salisbury undertook a later process). The forums were well attended, with the exception of Middlebury. Information collected at the forums was collected and summarized in a report which was disseminated at the June summit and which can be found at the study committee website.

The work of the study committee slowed down over the summer and fall, in part as a result of the general fatigue from the work which took place up to that point, and also because of the lack of any clear direction that emerged from the forums. Although suggestions were made as to how to improve the quality and cost of education, there was no clear call for any significant changes to the current governance structure. Without a clear mandate from the community to pursue a particular course of action, the committee was left wondering if it had any role to play going forward, and, if so, what that role should be.

As this report is being written in January the committee is considering taking a more active role as an advocate for a particular outcome. The members of the committee have gained a vast amount of knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the current governance structure, and of the options and tools available to make change, if change is desired. Specifically, the committee is considering whether to take a position in support of formation of a Regional Educational District and whether that question should be put before voters in a special ballot at some point over the next 12 months.

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. We had an assessment conducted through VSBIT's Physical Plant Management Program from which we will develop a capital plan. The air handling unit was recently repaired. The roof was also inspected and is showing signs of its age, this is a cosmetic issue and not a structural one. However, we do know that the wood trusses are not adequate to support solar panels. 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.

In June, the Selectboard was informed that the roof on the old #5 schoolhouse on South Bingham Street needed attention. Proceeding on the assumption that that building/property is owned by the Town, they started looking into the best way to address the roof repair problem. Given the nature and age of the building and the desire to respect both, they were drawn further into researching the building's history. Sue Johnson's trip into the vault yielded documents that very strongly suggest that the #5 schoolhouse belongs to the surviving school district. We have begun the process of acquiring title to the property and will keep the community informed of our next steps at a future school board meeting. Any sale of the building would require a vote of the district. Thank you for your time, interest, and consideration of this report, the school, and the education of the children and young adults in Cornwall!

CORNWALL SCHOOL BOARD

Maureen Deppman, Co-Chair

David Donahue

John Eagan, Co-Chair

Sarah Kemp

Cindy Peet



North Bingham Street Station just prior to the 2012 renovation.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS			
110 Salaries	\$411,906	\$425,293	\$451,185
112 Salaries - Aides	24,049	21,520	24,358
116 Early Separation	13,276	12,974	-
120 Substitutes	3,213	4,800	4,800
121 Salaries - Summer	675	800	800
210 Health Insurance	94,261	101,666	114,238
220 Social Security	32,120	35,602	36,807
230 Life Insurance	372	386	413
270 Course Reimbursement	5,646	2,000	2,000
280 Dental Insurance	3,271	3,611	3,576
290 Disability Insurance	1,149	1,489	1,334
320 Prof Ed Services	298	225	225
321 PreK Contracted Services	7,696	5,074	2,627
610 Supplies	4,679	5,050	5,800
640 Books & Periodicals	2,989	5,050	5,000
660 Manipulatives	204	820	800
670 Technology	6,064	6,000	6,536
730 Equipment	-	500	500
1100 Total	\$611,868	\$632,860	\$660,999
1190 SHARED PERSONNEL			
120 Substitutes	295	375	375
220 Social Security	23	29	29
320 Shared Personnel	60,496	58,331	49,323
1190 Total	\$60,814	\$58,735	\$49,727
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION			
110 Salaries	63,433	66,865	68,871
112 Salaries - Aides	47,675	39,737	31,818
120 Substitutes	265	900	900
210 Health Insurance	23,438	21,195	19,966
220 Social Security	8,520	8,224	7,772
230 Life Insurance	49	52	55
270 Course Reimbursement	360	1,200	1,200
280 Dental Insurance	489	516	511
290 Disability Insurance	203	234	210
338 EEE Assessment	12,405	18,370	19,976

	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14
360 Legal Fees	70	-	-
580 Travel	49	150	150
610 Supplies	1,139	1,000	750
640 Books & Periodicals	325	300	300
730 Equipment	103	500	250
1200 Total	\$158,523	\$159,242	\$152,729
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR			
322 Occupational Therapy	273	250	250
2100 Total	\$273	\$250	\$250
2105 SUPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL			
322 Occupational Therapy	273	1,560	850
323 Physical Therapy	400	750	850
327 Other Contracted Services	150	-	1,000
332 Shared Personnel - SLP	33,806	36,374	35,662
2105 Total	\$34,629	\$38,684	\$38,362
2120 GUIDANCE			
332 Shared Personnel	34,823	26,701	28,087
610 Supplies	-	100	100
2120 Total	\$34,823	\$26,801	\$28,187
2130 HEALTH			
332 Shared Personnel	21,954	14,812	16,113
610 Supplies	-	350	350
2130 Total	\$21,954	\$15,162	\$16,463
2220 MEDIA SERVICE			
110 Salary	30,512	31,722	32,674
112 Salary - Aide	3,668	3,778	3,891
210 Health Insurance	16,113	10,236	11,326
220 Social Security	2,401	2,716	2,797
230 Life Insurance	47	31	33
270 Course Reimbursement	420	-	-
280 Dental Insurance	699	516	307
290 Disability Insurance	143	111	99
299 Benefits Reimbursement	(6,522)	-	-
610 Supplies	267	460	350
640 Books & Periodicals	1,440	1,500	1,500
680 Technology	-	400	400
2220 Total	\$49,188	\$51,469	\$53,377

	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION			
119 Board Salaries	200	200	500
220 Social Security	15	15	38
250 Workers Compensation	4,253	5,062	5,384
260 Unemployment Insurance	857	1,237	578
291 Health Care Assessment	-	-	365
310 Payroll Service	1,658	1,631	-
311 Flex Spending Admin	34	-	-
360 Legal Fees	26	600	600
370 Audit	3,200	-	3,500
810 Dues & Fees	975	1,050	1,050
2310 Total	\$11,218	\$9,795	\$12,015
2320 ASSESSMENT			
331 ACSU Administration	61,461	64,446	64,824
333 ACSU Prof Dev/Student Assessment	1,320	1,483	2,062
334 ACSU Technical Support	20,261	20,017	24,577
335 ACSU Student Information System	564	-	185
336 ACSU Insurance Pool	180	178	265
337 ACSU Advertising	829	574	1,689
339 ACSU Special Education Admin	5,961	5,640	7,406
2320 Total	\$90,576	\$92,338	\$101,008
2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE			
110 Salary - Principal	73,136	73,136	75,330
111 Salary - Secretary	24,054	24,776	27,091
210 Health Insurance	12,325	12,936	14,537
220 Social Security	7,295	7,490	7,835
230 Life Insurance	301	228	304
245 Administrative Retirement	2,194	2,194	2,260
270 Course Reimbursement	50	-	200
280 Dental Insurance	556	516	511
290 Disability Insurance	148	256	229
431 Service Contracts	359	370	370
442 Copier Lease	3,589	2,500	3,400
530 Communications/Postage	370	450	450
580 Travel	-	300	300
610 Supplies	568	1,300	1,000
730 Equipment	102	500	500
810 Conferences & Dues	-	800	1,800

		ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14
890	Miscellaneous	575	-	-
	2410 Total	\$125,622	\$127,752	\$136,117
2600 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE				
110	Salary	24,404	24,042	24,759
220	Social Security	1,867	1,839	1,894
421	Disposal Services	2,055	2,000	1,904
424	Lawn Mowing	2,690	2,800	2,800
430	Repairs & Maintenance	3,216	8,500	8,500
431	Water Testing	848	800	800
522	Volunteer Insurance	143	135	134
523	Property/Liability Insurances	7,362	6,507	6,384
530	Communication/Telephone	1,024	1,100	1,100
610	Supplies	3,999	3,800	3,900
622	Electricity	10,900	12,000	11,400
624	Fuel Oil	12,350	14,000	13,500
730	Equipment	1,170	500	1,000
	2600 Total	\$72,028	\$78,023	\$78,075
2700 TRANSPORTATION				
518	Fuel Surcharges	2,267	1,800	2,317
519	Contracted Services	38,894	41,024	42,906
520	Field Trips	-	-	600
	2700 Total	\$41,161	\$42,824	\$45,823
2705 TRANSPORTATION - SPECIAL				
520	Field Trips	-	800	-
	2705 Total	\$0	\$800	\$0
5310 FOOD SERVICE				
918	Subsidy to Food Service	-	3,200	1,500
919	Paid Lunch Equity Subsidy	-	-	3,500
	5310 Total	\$0	\$3,200	\$5,000
	Grand Total Budget	\$1,312,677	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2013-14 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	Budget 2011-12	Budget 2012-13	Proposed 2013-14	Change
Estimated Education Spending:				
Elementary Budget	<u>\$1,299,806</u>	<u>\$1,337,935</u>	<u>\$1,378,132</u>	3.00%
Total Estimated Expenditures	1,299,806	1,337,935	1,378,132	3.00%
Less Anticipated Receipts				
Special Education Block Grant	29,566	27,922	29,749	6.54%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	54,457	98,563	55,406	-43.79%
Small Schools Grant	77,786	79,912	84,191	5.35%
Interest Income	175	175	175	0.00%
Transportation Aid	22,741	16,742	17,639	5.35%
Prior Year Fund Balance	2,668	6,508	28,917	344.32%
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>(187,393)</u>	<u>(229,822)</u>	<u>(216,077)</u>	-5.98%
Estimated Education Spending	\$1,112,413	\$1,108,113	\$1,162,055	4.87%
Tax Rate Estimates:				
Equalized Pupils *	79.51	77.64	76.93	-0.91%
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,991	\$14,272	\$15,105	5.84%
Est Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$13,991	\$14,272	\$15,105	5.84%
Adj for FY14 Spending above \$8,544/\$8,723/\$8,915 Base Per Pupil	163.75%	163.62%	169.44%	3.56%
Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate **	\$0.87	\$0.89	\$0.92	3.37%
Adj Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.425	\$1.456	\$1.559	7.05%
% Elementary pupils	42.94%	43.01%	42.13%	-2.05%
Est Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.612	\$0.626	\$0.657	4.86%
Adj Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.487	\$1.541	\$1.607	4.28%
% Secondary pupils	57.06%	56.99%	57.87%	1.54%
Est Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.848	\$0.878	\$0.930	5.89%
Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized ***	\$1.460	\$1.505	\$1.587	5.46%
Estimated Common Level of Appraisal ****	96.44%	98.04%	105.52%	7.63%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate *****	\$1.514	\$1.535	\$1.504	-2.02%
Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate **	\$1.36	\$1.38	\$1.41	2.17%
Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.410	\$1.408	\$1.336	-5.07%

* 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 other 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.

District: Cornwall County: Addison		T053 Addison Central		Enter your choice for FY14 base education amount. See note at bottom of page.	Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2014. See note at bottom of page.
				8,915	0.92
Expenditures					
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
		\$1,329,145	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,329,145	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	+	-	-	-
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$1,329,145	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$91,920	\$80,576	\$92,338	\$101,006
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$198,755	\$187,393	\$229,822	\$216,077
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	+	-	NA	NA
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	Total local revenues	\$198,755	\$187,393	\$229,822	\$216,077
15.	Education Spending	\$1,130,390	\$1,112,413	\$1,108,113	\$1,162,055
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	86.69	79.51	77.64	76.93
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
17.		\$13,040.96	\$13,990.86	\$14,272.45	\$15,105
18.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	NA	-	-	-
23.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	NA	-
24.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,549 +\$3,041	threshold = \$14,722 +\$3,991	threshold = \$14,841 +\$1,272	threshold = \$15,456 +\$1,105
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,041	\$13,991	\$14,272	\$15,105
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) ((\$15,105 / \$8,915)	152.633%	163.751%	163.619%	169.438%
Prorating the local tax rate					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (169.438% x \$0.920)	\$1.3126 based on \$0.90	\$1.4248 based on \$0.97	\$1.4562 based on \$0.89	\$1.5588 based on \$0.920
29.	Percent of Cornwall equalized pupils not in a union school district	45.540%	42.940%	43.010%	42.13%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (42.130% x \$1.58)	\$0.5978	\$0.6117	\$0.6293	\$0.6567
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.74%	99.44%	98.04%	105.52%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.657 / 105.52%)	\$0.5934 based on \$0.660	\$0.6343 based on \$0.67	\$0.6388 based on \$0.69	\$0.6223 based on \$0.92
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (169.438% x 1.80%)	2.75% based on 1.35%	2.95% based on 1.40%	2.95% based on 1.80%	3.05% based on 1.80%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (42.130% x 3.05%)	1.25% based on 1.80%	1.27% based on 1.80%	1.27% based on 1.80%	1.28% based on 1.80%
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Middlebury UHSD	54.46%	57.06%	56.99%	57.87%
36.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$9,151. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.94 and \$1.43. The tax commissioner has suggested allowing one year of inflation, resulting in a base amount of \$9,915 and base tax rates of \$0.92 and \$1.41. The administration also has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.89 and \$1.38 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,915. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-12 FUND BALANCE REPORT

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Education Spending Revenue from Town & State	\$1,112,413.00	
Education Jobs Fund Grant	19,488.00	
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	78,753.00	
State Aid - Small Schools Stability Grant	2,973.00	
State Aid - Transportation	18,846.00	
Interest Income	128.15	
Special Education - Block Grant	29,566.00	
Special Education - Intensive Reimbursement	73,043.00	
Miscellaneous	3,715.05	
Total Revenue		<i>\$1,338,925.20</i>

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Regular Programs	\$672,681.71	
Special Education	193,151.57	
Support Services	273.00	
Guidance	34,823.00	
Health Service	21,954.00	
Media Services	49,188.28	
Board of Education	11,218.23	
ACSU Assessments	90,576.00	
Principal's Office	125,622.08	
Operations & Maintenance	72,028.27	
Transportation	41,160.43	
Total Expenditures		<i>(\$1,312,676.57)</i>

Excess Revenue over Expenditures	26,248.63	
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2011	9,176.44	
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2012	<u><u>\$35,425.07</u></u>	

The Fund Balance is committed as follows:

FY 2012-13 Tax Reduction	6,508.21
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General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance - June 30, 2012

\$28,916.86

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-12 FUND BALANCE REPORT

(continued)

<u>TRUST FUND</u>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Donald Murchie	\$530.62	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$530.86
<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Food Service	\$9,043.89	\$40,188.71	(\$45,626.88)	\$3,605.72
<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Capital Improvements	\$1,501.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,501.92
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Education Reserve*	31,090.12	-	-	31,090.12
Gilligan Fund	15,801.92	11,848.00	(12,515.13)	15,134.79
JP Morgan/Wilson Foundation	2,207.37	1,500.00	(285.64)	3,421.73
ACSU VEHI Pathpoints	-	737.97	(737.97)	-
ACSU Act 230	-	250.00	(250.00)	-
ACSU Essential Early Education	-	9,119.00	(9,119.00)	-
ACSU Medicaid	-	2,260.65	(2,260.65)	-
ACSU IDEA-B EYS ARRA	-	4,198.62	(4,198.62)	-
Totals	\$49,099.41	\$29,914.24	(\$29,367.01)	\$49,646.64

* Requires voter authorization to spend funds

<u>DEBT FUND</u>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
VT Water Supply Planning Loan	3,262.60	-	-	3,262.60
VT Water Supply Construction Loan	11,712.10	-	-	11,712.10
Totals	\$14,974.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,974.70

AUDIT

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 563 (17) requires School Boards to employ public accountants to audit their financial statements at least every three years. Cornwall's FY 2011 records were audited and the audit report is available at the office of the Superintendent.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT

<u>Amount of Original Note</u>	<u>Indebtedness July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Principal Payment 2013-14</u>	<u>Interest Payment 2013-14</u>	<u>Balance of Unpaid Principal June 30, 2014</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	\$11,712

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

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES FY 2011-2012

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 FY2012 was generated during the 2010–2011 school year. For FY2012, ACSU spent \$242,946.68 in Medicaid money on the following:

Medicaid Claims Administration, a portion of a 1.0 FTE Integration Consultant, a portion of 1.6 FTE English as a Second Language teachers, a portion of 1.3 FTE School Psychologists, facilities maintenance for the ACSU Early Education program, some summer services, along with other services for at-risk students throughout the supervisory union. Various courses, conferences, in-service training, supplies, materials, consortium fees, and travel reimbursement were also included in the overall expenditures.

**FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES
to Cornwall Students
2012-2014**

<u>Service</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Anticipated *</u> <u>2013-2014</u>
Extended School Year Services	\$2,922	\$4,000
Empowering Writers Material	2,630	0
Total	\$5,552	\$4,000

Federal Funds Include: Title I, Title IIA, IDEA-B and Medicaid

In addition to the services shown here, federal funds also pay for:

- 1) a portion of the salary and benefits of three elementary level Teacher Leaders in the areas of Math (.5 FTE), Literacy (.5 FTE) and Science (.2 FTE);
- 2) academic software; and
- 3) off-setting the cost of in-service training in the areas of Math, Reading and Writing.

*These dollar amounts are anticipated. Actual amounts will not be determined until the summer of 2013 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

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:

As I complete my second year as Interim Superintendent, I can report that our Addison Central Supervisory Union schools continue to provide a very positive and broad educational program for all of our students. Pressures from tight budgets and declining enrollments have not “derailed” or reduced the quality of our educational opportunities. However, these pressures will be a major factor in our future.

The ACSU central office continues to provide excellent support for our eight district school boards and to the teachers and administrators of our nine schools. In the immediate future, we will be adopting the change to the common core curriculum for all of our students and teachers as well as the state mandated change of transferring all of our special education staff to central office contracts. We will continue to provide support and leadership to our dedicated teachers through positive professional contract negotiations. Our present contract expires on June 30, 2013.

A thank you to our volunteer school board members and to our entire educational and support staff is due. I appreciate my two years of work for the students of the Addison Central Supervisory Union.

Dr. Gail B. Conley,
Superintendent of Schools

UD #3 SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The UD-3 school board is proposing a budget for the next school year of roughly \$16.5 million, or about a 2.7 percent increase over the budget that was approved last year on Town Meeting Day. This money covers the operation of Middlebury Union Middle School and Middlebury Union High School, plus the two schools' portion of the Addison Central Supervisory Union budget.

All of the details of the budget are available in the UD-3 annual report, upon request from the ACSU office.

Broadly speaking, the budget increase was driven by an expected 14 percent increase in health insurance costs, the first year's bond payment for the roof project at MUMS, higher heating fuel costs and special education. To offset that, some cuts were made, including reductions in driver's ed, the elimination of a part-time foreign language position at the high school and the elimination of an aide position at the high school. The new roof and insulation at MUMS should also result in some operational savings there.

I also serve as a UD-3 delegate to the ACSU board, which oversees the superintendent's office. I have been particularly busy – but not very successful – as head of the superintendent screening committee as the ACSU board works to replace our current superintendent, Gail Conley, who, sadly, plans to go back into retirement after graciously extending his stay with ACSU for an extra year.

As you may have read, the screening committee was unsuccessful in the last school year in finding a suitable candidate after two searches. Then this fall, we found two excellent candidates, but both withdrew from consideration after a full day of interviews in the district. Strong superintendents are in very short supply in Vermont, and the complexity of our supervisory union does not help in drawing the best candidates. At this writing on Jan. 12, the ACSU board is getting ready to decide the next step.

Whatever the result, day-to-day the supervisory union is run by a top-notch group of principals and central office staff – which, ironically, only raises the bar higher for finding the right superintendent.

I encourage folks to participate in all school district discussions, to contact me about issues of concern with MUMS/MUHS, or attend our meetings. The UD-board usually meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. with the second of the meetings focusing on a program or issue at schools rather than standard meeting business.

Peter Conlon,
Cornwall UD#3 School Director

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

	2011-12 <u>Spent</u>	2012-13 <u>Budget</u>	2013-14 <u>Proposed</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>			
Salaries	699,868	714,078	722,338
Health Insurance	96,929	124,623	141,959
Social Security	53,208	52,434	54,547
Life Insurance	1,517	2,895	2,900
Retirement	18,442	23,550	13,384
Workers Compensation	4,037	3,767	4,184
Unemployment	1,322	10,000	5,000
Tuition Reimbursement	3,468	0	1,788
Dental	8,987	11,027	10,826
Disability	1,896	2,339	2,186
Inservice	0	1,100	1,100
Audit	2,830	3,090	3,245
Professional Services	20,090	5,295	4,957
Technology Support	5,044	4,934	6,144
Legal	12,121	3,000	6,000
Payroll/HR/Time clock Software	5,378	1,928	600
CO Equipment Repairs	199	400	200
Copier Lease	5,714	6,475	5,154
Postage Meter Rental	1,550	1,514	1,581
Telephone	7,890	7,630	7,614
Postage	3,986	3,394	4,066
ACSU Schools Report	210	500	300
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	5,054	4,809	5,155
Office Supplies	6,999	9,000	7,139
Books	689	1,500	1,000
Central Office Software	1,579	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	4,766	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	7,935	9,000	9,000
Finance Professional Services	4,400	4,840	4,488
Finance Accounting System Support	16,882	16,634	25,629
Finance Office Server Software	10,229	10,154	14,605
Finance Office Server Equipment	8,307	8,307	11,949
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	4,265	4,206	4,206
Technology Professional Services	7,318	4,000	4,000
Technology Equipment Repairs	549	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/Replacement Parts	1,817	2,500	2,500

	2011-12 <u>Spent</u>	2012-13 <u>Budget</u>	2013-14 <u>Proposed</u>
Technology Books and Periodicals	1,260	1,000	1,000
Technology Server/Networking Equip.	4,543	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	1,284	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,285	1,680	2,331
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
Purchased Services	10,518	12,628	9,800
Monitoring System	162	187	165
Water & Sewer	453	940	466
Maintenance	267	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	4,175	3,000	3,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	2,624	2,729	2,586
Furniture/Equipment	0	750	750
Electricity	9,348	10,444	9,535
Telephone System Equipment/Legal Fees	1,010	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,079,401	\$1,119,781	\$1,146,877

PROPOSED 2013-14 REVENUE

Prior Year Reserved Fund Balance	15,000	25,000
Grant Administration Fees	18,000	18,000
AS400 Budget Use/Setup Revenue	0	3,300
Assessments	1,086,781	1,100,577
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,119,781	\$1,146,877

ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	<u>2011-12 Spent</u>	<u>2012-13 Budget</u>	<u>2013-14 Proposed</u>
Salaries	189,587	246,667	254,901
Health Insurance	26,298	45,965	40,219
Social Security	14,344	18,870	19,500
Life Insurance	480	1,006	1,030
Retirement	2,583	2,243	6,034
Workers Compensation	2,279	2,416	2,879
Unemployment	691	1,000	1,000
Dental	3,384	4,952	4,008
Disability	468	813	776
Professional Services	3,228	3,158	3,932
Audit	1,535	2,740	2,795
Legal	144	1,000	1,000
Copier/Equipment Repair	2,548	2,688	2,315
Liability Insurance	1,016	1,057	1,114
Advertising	234	150	150
Mileage Reimbursement	2,497	5,000	5,000
Office Supplies/Software	7,841	10,000	10,000
Equipment	238	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Dues	2,600	6,000	6,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$261,995	\$356,725	\$363,653

PROPOSED 2013-14 REVENUE

Prior Year Fund Balance	0	0
Grants & Administration Fees*	261,624	237,920
Assessments	95,101	125,733
GRAND TOTAL	\$356,725	\$363,653

*IDEA-B, Title I, Diversified Occupations,
Early Children/EEI Grant, Regional I-Team Grant, etc.

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS
BASED ON PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET**

	Professional Count	% of ACSU Budget	2013-14 ACSU Assessment	2012-13 ACSU Assessment	ACSU Incr/(decr)	2013-14 Special Ed Assessment	2012-13 Special Ed Assessment	Special Ed Incr/(decr)	Total Assess Incr/(dec)
Bridport	13.33	6.55%	\$72,088	\$72,162	(\$74)	\$8,236	\$6,315	\$1,921	\$1,847
Cornwall	12.00	5.89%	\$64,824	\$64,446	\$378	\$7,406	\$5,640	\$1,766	\$2,144
ID#4	42.05	20.65%	\$227,269	\$223,986	\$3,283	\$25,964	\$19,600	\$6,364	\$9,647
UD#3-MUHS	59.88	29.40%	\$323,570	\$316,253	\$7,317	\$36,965	\$27,674	\$9,291	\$16,608
UD#3-MUMS	38.16	18.74%	\$206,248	\$200,728	\$5,520	\$23,562	\$17,565	\$5,997	\$11,517
Ripton	6.50	3.19%	\$35,108	\$34,234	\$874	\$4,011	\$2,996	\$1,015	\$1,889
Salisbury	12.33	6.06%	\$66,695	\$63,142	\$3,553	\$7,619	\$5,525	\$2,094	\$5,647
Shoreham	12.00	5.89%	\$64,824	\$65,207	(\$383)	\$7,406	\$5,706	\$1,700	\$1,317
Weybridge	7.40	3.63%	\$39,951	\$46,623	(\$6,672)	\$4,564	\$4,080	\$484	(\$6,188)
TOTALS	203.65	100.00%	\$1,100,577	\$1,086,781	\$13,796	\$125,733	\$95,101	\$30,632	\$44,428



The back of the North Bingham Street Station just prior to the 2012 renovation. The back of the building did not get a makeover 10 years prior.

UNION DISTRICT #3

PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET-COMPOSITE

	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Proposed	Change	Percent Change
MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS					
Regular Programs					
High School	4,075,096	4,021,802	4,160,080	138,278	3.44%
Middle School	2,433,312	2,269,521	2,342,522	73,001	3.22%
Course Accounts					
High School	300,194	328,972	344,724	15,752	4.79%
Middle School	72,728	107,333	99,819	-7,514	-7.00%
Special Education					
High School	1,377,404	1,578,409	1,459,027	-119,382	-7.56%
Middle School	943,875	851,352	902,609	51,257	6.02%
Technical	24,221	24,157	21,039	-3,118	-12.91%
Athletics/Co-Curricular					
High School	545,316	555,717	595,255	39,538	7.11%
Middle School	93,867	113,150	105,938	-7,212	-6.37%
Support Services					
High School	30,820	48,511	36,479	-12,032	-24.80%
Middle School	151	10,000	66,650	56,650	566.50%
Guidance/School to Work/Prevention					
High School	509,375	520,142	554,607	34,465	6.63%
Middle School	247,357	254,876	262,485	7,609	2.99%
Health Services	192,885	200,179	226,879	26,700	13.34%
Media					
High School	176,506	180,139	158,003	-22,136	-12.29%
Middle School	91,719	95,864	107,978	12,114	12.64%
Board of Education & Treasurer	84,518	135,962	122,266	-13,696	-10.07%
Central Office Assessments	695,090	740,670	826,173	85,503	11.54%
Administration					
High School	467,415	520,338	529,003	8,665	1.67%
Middle School	400,659	398,092	441,893	43,801	11.00%
Buildings and Grounds					
High School	1,324,681	1,276,878	1,352,206	75,328	5.90%
Middle School	593,510	588,612	564,646	-23,966	-4.07%
Transportation	685,008	685,096	679,464	-5,632	-0.82%
Short and Long Term Debt	500,111	504,407	534,111	29,704	5.89%
Computer Services	79,899	94,245	91,662	-2,583	-2.74%
UNION DISTRICT #3 TOTALS	15,945,717	16,104,423	16,585,518	481,095	2.99%

UNION DISTRICT #3
2013-14 ESTIMATED FINANCE

	Actual 2011-12	Budget 2012-13	Proposed 2013-14	
<u>Estimated Education Spending:</u>				
Middle and High School Budget	15,608,111	16,104,423	16,585,518	2.99%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Base Payment	553,313	529,538	527,489	-0.39%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Tuition Assessment	629,964	630,138	650,516	3.23%
Special Article - Education Reserve	253,112	-	-	
Special Article - Capital Reserve and Replacement Fund	-	100,000	100,000	0.00%
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$17,044,500	\$17,364,099	\$17,863,523	2.88%
<u>Less Anticipated Receipts:</u>				
Special Education Block Grant	330,555	328,542	330,564	0.62%
Special Education Intensive	754,233	815,013	771,823	-5.30%
Special Education Extraordinary	439,905	299,823	272,502	-9.11%
Interest Income	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Transportation Aid	164,935	206,104	173,621	-15.76%
Shared Maintenance Reimbursement	5,536	5,498	5,894	7.21%
Rental Income	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Driver Education Grant	8,875	8,875	8,875	0.00%
Tuition	-	-	126,000	
Fund Balance	253,112	201,316	314,026	55.99%
Total Estimated Receipts	(1,969,151)	(1,877,171)	(2,015,305)	7.36%
Estimated Education Spending	\$15,075,349	\$15,486,928	\$15,848,218	2.33%
<u>Tax Rate Estimates</u>				
Equalized Pupils*	1,031.99	1,025.35	1,017.84	-0.73%
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,608	\$15,104	\$15,570	3.09%
Est Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$14,608	\$15,104	\$15,570	3.09%
Adj for Spending above \$8,544/\$8,723/\$8,915 Base Per Pupil	170.97%	173.15%	174.65%	0.87%
Estimated Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate**	\$0.87	\$0.89	\$0.920	3.37%
Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized***	\$1.487	\$1.541	\$1.607	4.27%

* Equalized Pupils are average daily membership for secondary students averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, English proficiency and secondary students as provided by the State of Vermont.

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

*** Actual member town homestead education tax rates will be elementary and secondary equalized homestead education tax rates pro-rated by percent of equalized pupils and adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal. Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approx. \$10 on \$100,000 value.

ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 5, 2012

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in said Cornwall, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Dave Donahue, School Board Chair took the School District Meeting out of recess at 7:35 P.M. with approximately 70 townspeople in attendance.

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

Dave Donahue asked for nominations for Moderator for a term of one year. Bruce Hiland nominated Cy Tall, this was seconded. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and a vote was called for. Cy Tall was elected as Moderator on voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: *To see if the Town School District will approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011.*

Joan Donahue/Bill Johnson moved the article. The minutes can be found on Pages 97 & 98 of the Town Report. There was no discussion on the article. The moderator called for a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

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.*

The article was moved and seconded. Dave Donahue spoke about the budget and how the board was able to keep the budget to a minimal increase. He also spoke about test scores and the school's good reputation. He introduced Denise Goodnow, the school Principal. There was no further discussion. After pointing out that Mr. Donahue had been speaking to Article 4, the moderator called for a vote and the motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of \$1,337,935 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.*

Bruce Hiland/Barney Hodges moved the article. Laurel Coburn asked why the support services amounts for speech, occupation, and physical therapy were so far apart. Denise Goodnow explained that there are many student plans that include speech therapy, and there are very few plans that include occupational or physical therapy.

Justin Holmes (questioner) and Jackson Donahue students at the Cornwall school asked why the school leases a copier rather than purchasing one. They felt the cost would be significantly less if the school were to purchase a copier. Denise Goodnow explained that through the lease all technical support, toner and other supplies and the cost for an unlimited number of copies is included in the lease agreement. If the machine was purchased, the tech support would end after a period of time and supplies would have to be purchased. Denise also explained that the cost of a copier similar to what they were currently using would be more than the students had quoted (\$4000).

Jean Terwilliger asked what positions had been eliminated to lower the budget. Denise explained that the school counselor's time has been reduced from 2 days to 1 ½ days, the nurse's time has been reduced from 1 ½ days to 1 day and a planned instructional aide position was eliminated.

Lisa Roberts asked if there was any talk about combining schools with neighboring towns. David Donahue explained that there is very preliminary conversation with Weybridge and this conversation centers around administrative personnel primarily. There is also county wide discussion about shared services.

Laurel Coburn asked about the amount of \$5074 budgeted for contract services for Pre-K, which began last year. Denise explained that towns in the ACSU have entered into a contract with the Mary Johnson Children's Center and this payment to the center is based on a head count. This funding supplements the cost for the Cornwall children that attend the center. There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote. The motion carried on voice vote.

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.*

Once again, the moderator reminded folks that no binding action could take place under Article 5.

David Donahue let folks know that John Eagan was a write-in candidate for the 2 year School Board position.

David also indicated that the search for a new ACSU Superintendent continues.

Bruce Hiland and Junius Calitri both expressed their appreciation for the job that David Donahue has done as the School Board Chair. David will be stepping down from the position after this meeting. Junius indicated that the town is **VERY GRATEFUL** for the service that David has given to the town.

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

No action was taken on this article as voting will take place tomorrow.

ARTICLE 7: *To elect one Town School Director for a period of two years.*

No action was taken on this article as voting will take place tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson,
Cornwall Town Clerk

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT - MARCH 5, 2013

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name.

For Moderator, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

CY DAY TALL



☐ Write-in

For Select Board, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

ABIGAIL SESSIONS



☐ Write-in

For Select Board, For 2 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

BEN WOOD



☐ Write-in

For Road Commissioner, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

STU JOHNSON



☐ Write-in

For Litter, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

STEPHENIE PYNE



☐ Write-in

For Litter, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

WILLIAM D. (LIAM) ENGLISH



☐ Write-in

For First Constable, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

DENNIS RHEAUME



☐ Write-in

For Second Constable, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

LUCIUS C. JEROME



☐ Write-in

For Collector of Delinquent Taxes, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

RODNEY CADORET



☐ Write-in

For Grand Juror, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **TWO**

☐ Write-in

☐ Write-in

For Elementary School Director, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

TAMMY DENTON



☐ Write-in

For Elementary School Director, For 2 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

KRISTIANNE G. TOLGYESI



☐ Write-in

For Auditor, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

KATIE A. Q. GIEGES



☐ Write-in

For Trustee of Public Funds, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

MAURICE LAFRANCOISE



☐ Write-in

For Library Trustee, For 2 Years

Vote for not more than **THREE**

PATTY MCCORMICK



KRISTINA SIMMONS



☐ Write-in

☐ Write-in

☐ Write-in

For Library Trustee, For 1 Year

Vote for not more than **ONE**

GINNY HILAND



☐ Write-in

For Planning Commission, For 3 Years

Vote for not more than **TWO**

GEOFFREY DEMONG



HOLLY NOORDSY



☐ Write-in

☐ Write-in

For Cemetery Commission, For 5 Years

Vote for not more than **ONE**

☐ Write-in