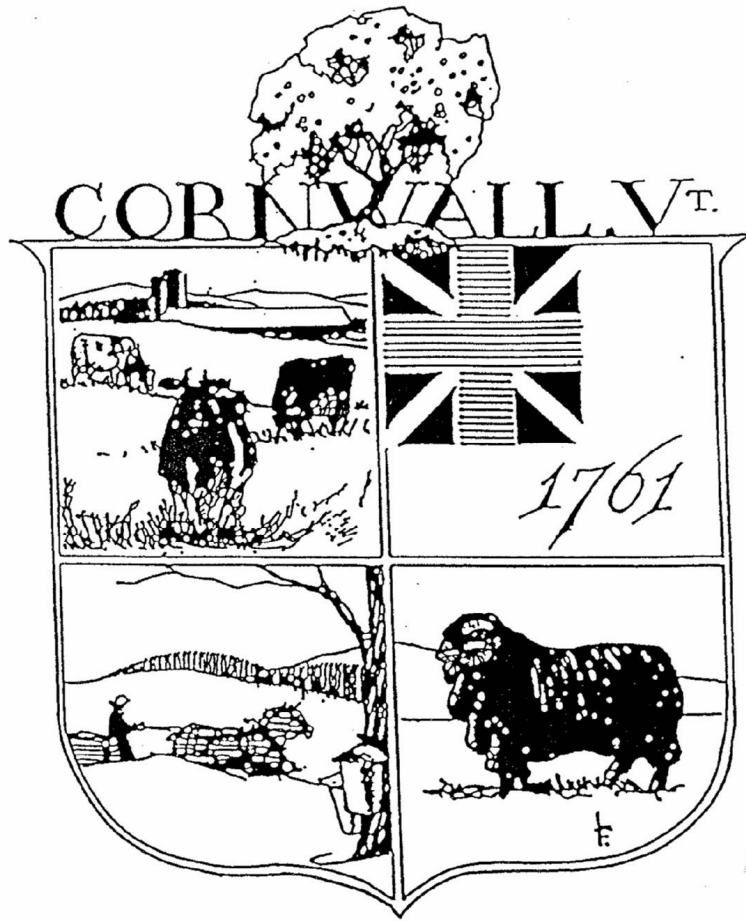


ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF  
**CORNWALL, VERMONT**



For Year Ending December 31, 2013

*Please bring your copy of the Town Report to the Town Meeting on  
March 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm  
At the Cornwall Elementary School*



## TOWN CALENDAR 2014

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

? *Spring 2014 Newsletter*

#### 1 DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

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

### MAY

#### 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

- 3 Green Up Day
- 5 // 19 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 6 & 20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Handcrafter's Gathering 6-9 pm
- 15 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
- 15 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 21 Planning Commission 7 pm

### JUNE

- 2 // 16 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 3 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 10 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 18 Planning Commission 7 pm
- No Emergency Management Mtg.*
- 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm

### JULY

? *Summer 2014 Newsletter*

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

### AUGUST

- 4 // 18 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 5 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 20 Planning Commission 7 pm
- No Emergency Management Mtg.*
- 21 School Board Meeting 7 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 // 15 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 2 & 16 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 9 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- TAX BILLS MAILED**
- 17 Planning Commission 7 pm
- 18 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
- 18 School Board Meeting 7 pm

### OCTOBER

? *Fall 2014 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
- Emergency Management TBD*
- 16 School Board Meeting 7 pm

### NOVEMBER

#### 1 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

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

### DECEMBER

- 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.*
- 18 School Board Meeting 7 pm

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### JANUARY 2015

? *2014-2015 Winter Newsletter*

- 5 // 19 Fire Dept. Mtg. 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 6 & 20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 15 Emergency Management TBD*
- 15 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 21 Planning Commission 7 pm
- 26 Town Warning Petitions Due**

### FEBRUARY 2015

- 2 // 16 Fire Dept. Meet 7 pm // Train 6:30 pm
- 3 & 17 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
- 10 Handcrafters Gathering 6-9 pm
- 18 Planning Commission 7 pm
- 19 Emergency Management 5:30 pm
- 19 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 25 Voter Registration Due for March 3**

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**TOWN MEETING 2015:** March 2, 6:30 pm; **VOTING:** March 3, 7 am – 7 pm

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# Annual Report

# Town of Cornwall

## 2013

### **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 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

### **Absentee Ballot Voting**

**Request a ballot by 5:00 pm, Monday, March 3, 2014**

### **Pre-Town Meeting Dinner**

**Provided by the Cornwall Farm 2 School Program**

At the Cornwall Elementary School

From 5:00 – 6:15 pm

### **Town Meeting**

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm

At the Cornwall Elementary School

### **Election Day**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Cornwall Town Hall

Polls open from 7 am – 7 pm

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

# Town of Cornwall 2013

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **FRANCES BOARDMAN**

Frances Towle Boardman, age 102, died Friday, November 22, 2013. Mrs. Boardman was born in Cornwall on November 14, 1911, the daughter of Loyal and Anna (Ringey) Towle. She grew up in Cornwall where she received her early education, and graduated from Middlebury High School.

She was well known for her many years as a cook at the Cornwall Elementary School. On June 9, 1946, she married Charles Henry Boardman. Charlie and Frances were lifelong residents of Cornwall. Mr. Boardman predeceased her on December 31, 2012.

Frances will be long remembered for her love of family and friends. Her kitchen door was always open and guests would have ample choices of homemade treats to enjoy, the most popular being her donuts.

She was an active supporter of the Cornwall Fire Department, and other local clubs and organizations. In thanks for her contributions to her community, the Town of Cornwall honored her on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, proclaiming the day as “Frances Towle Boardman Day!” She was a passionate Boston Red Sox fan, rarely missing a televised game. We will miss her smiling face and cheerful disposition.

### **DERWIN STEVENS**

Derwin H. Stevens, 78, died Oct. 21, 2013. Born in Cambridge, Mass., he lived in Cornwall for the past 13 years. He and his wife moved here after living and working in the mid-Hudson Valley of New York for over 30 years.

He was a professor emeritus of physics at the State University of New York Ulster, a community college in Stone Ridge, N.Y. His passion was teaching with a desire to help students treat “physics as inquiry,” not looking to textbooks for *the* answer but seeking instead to explain actual data collected or observed.

Everyone who met him quickly recognized his insatiable quest for knowledge about all things, scientific or otherwise. His academic achievements included bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physics and education from Harvard University and a master’s degree in physics from Bennington College. Prior to embarking on a teaching career, he worked in industry for several years.

Throughout his life he was an avid sailor, tennis player and bicyclist. For his 50th birthday, he cycled across the United States. Locally he was an active member of the Congregational Church of Middlebury, a Trustee of Public Funds for the Town of Cornwall and a member of the Cornwall Emergency Management Network. He also taught physics classes at Middlebury College on several occasions. He will always be remembered for his wit, easy smile and integrity.

## 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, 2012 through June 30, 2013. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these records present a fair and accurate accounting of Cornwall's financial activities.

2013 finally brought Sue the new financial software she'd been hoping for, and dreading a bit. Sue began using the NEMRIC financial program for 2013-14 fiscal year, while continuing data entry in the OneWrite software. This ensured a complete calendar year of records in the "old" system while starting the fiscal year in the new software. This was well planned, and a valuable effort.

The financials ending fiscal year June 30, 2013 were audited by Telling and Associates, CPA, PC. It is critical for long term financial integrity that the accounts and opening balances be entered correctly, and the 2013 audit provides those figures. Telling and Associates have also helped Sue with those entries and navigating the set up process.

The plan set in 2011 for periodic Accountant Reviews and Audits has been slightly adjusted because of the change in software. The schedule will continue with a Review for fiscal year 2015, and a Review or Audit in 2017.

2013 has been a full, and sometimes challenging, year for Sue, and we commend and congratulate her on the successful implementation of the new software. The year also brought a new computer that would support the software, along with the other constantly changing duties and expectations of a Town Clerk /Treasurer. All done while participating in committees, meetings, and being available to anyone who needs something. Thank you, Sue.

Town Auditors—  
Shawn Fetterolf  
Kate Gieges, Chair  
Ken Manchester



Field Equipment Fire, July

# Telling & Associates, CPA, PC

Certified Public Accountant  
5 Park Street · Middlebury, VT 05753

## Independent Auditor's Report

The Select Board  
Town of Cornwall  
Cornwall, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Cornwall, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Cornwall, Vermont, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## Independent Auditor's Letter, *continued*

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3–7 and 14 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Cornwall, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Telling & Associates, CPA, PC*

Telling & Associates, CPA, PC  
January 30, 2014  
License # 092-0000692  
Middlebury, Vermont

## 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 3, 2014 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 4, 2014, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:
- 5 years:** Cemetery Commissioner
  - 4 years:** Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)
  - 3 years:** Three (3) Planning Commissioners; Selectboard; Lister; School Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds; Union High School Director
  - 2 years:** Selectboard; School Director; School Director (to fill an unexpired term); Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term); Three (3) Library Trustees
  - 1 year:** Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Two (2) Library Trustees; Trustee of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term)
- ARTICLE 2: In order to get the sense of the town, are the voters in favor of the construction of Phase 2 of the "Addison Natural Gas Project"?
- ARTICLE 3: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus of \$37,138 for the fiscal year July 2012 – June 2013.
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$487,511.
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$394,450. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$334,450 to be raised by taxes.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$56,600 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will exempt from property taxation the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Station located at 1952 Route 30 and the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Station located at 63 North Bingham Street for a period of five (5) years as permitted by Vermont Statute, Title 32; Section 3840.
- ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate \$15,000 to allow the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to purchase and install 9-1-1 signs for the remaining unmarked Cornwall residences.
- ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will appropriate \$500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Little League to help pay its expenses from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.
- ARTICLE 10: 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, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

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	4,000.00
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 Child Care Center	1,000.00
s. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	360.00
t. Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
u. WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$22,103.00

ARTICLE 12: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 10, 2014 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2014, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2015. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2014, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2015 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 13: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

R. Bruce Hiland  
Judy Watts  
Ben Wood  
David Sears  
Abi Sessions

## Elected Town Officers 2013

Moderator:	Term Expires 2014	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2015	Susan Johnson
Selector, 3 years:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	David Sears R. Bruce Hiland Abigail Sessions
Selector, 2 years:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015	Judy Watts Ben Wood
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2016	Stu Johnson
First Constable:	Term Expires 2014	Dennis Rheume
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2014	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2014	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	Liam English Susan Burdick Stephenie Pyne
Town Agent:	Term Expires 2014	Susan Johnson (appointed)
Grand Jurors:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014	Gregory Dennis (appointed) Jonathan Newhard (appointed)
School Directors, 3 years:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	Cynthia Peet Maureen Deppman Tammy Denton (resigned)
School Directors, 2 years:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015	John Eagan Kristianne Tolgyesi
Union High School Director:	Term Expires 2014	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	Shawn Fetterolf Kenneth Manchester Jr. Katie A. Q. Gieges
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2015 Term Expires 2016	Juliet Gerlin Derwin Stevens (deceased) Maurice Laframboise

## **Elected Town Officers 2013, *continued***

Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2014	Judy English
	Term Expires 2014	Ginny Hiland
	Term Expires 2014	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2014	Carol King (appointed)
	Term Expires 2015	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2015	Kristina Simmons
	Term Expires 2015	Vacant
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2014	Leo Audet (appointed)
	Term Expires 2014	Marc Ringey
	Term Expires 2015	Bruce Payne
	Term Expires 2016	Nancy Kemp
	Term Expires 2017	Joan Bingham
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2014	Jim Bolton
	Term Expires 2014	Jim Duclos
	Term Expires 2014	Sarah Pelkey (appointed)
	Term Expires 2014	Annie Wilson
	Term Expires 2015	Tracy Himmel Isham
	Term Expires 2015	Jean Terwilliger
	Term Expires 2016	Holly Noordsy
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 2013**

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

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 2014	Joan Bingham
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2014	Joan Bingham

## Appointed Town Officers 2013, *continued*

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 2014 Term Expires 2014 Term Expires 2014	Robert Bingham Jonathan Newhard Michael Heinecken
AC Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates:  Alternates:	Jim Duclos Holly Noordsy Stan Grzyb Colin Kriwox
AC 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:		Bethany Barry Mary Dodge Brian Howlett Marc Lapin Michael Sheriden
Emergency Management Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fire Warden:		Larry Clark
Green-Up Coordinator:		"T" Tall
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 addressed the following issues:

- International Paper/Vermont Gas Transmission Pipeline—Our first step was to determine the Town's reaction to Vermont Gas' proposal, i.e. to route a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline through Cornwall to serve the IP paper mill at Ticonderoga, NY. We quickly learned of the community's broad and intense negative reaction and consequently have worked to oppose the project by all appropriate means. Vermont Gas recently filed the formal project request with the Public Service Board, thus starting the PSB's quasi-judicial process to determine whether the project serves Vermont's "public good." Our next step is to make a judgment regarding the financial resources required to continue opposing the proposed project.

Vermont Gas and International Paper stand to make a great deal of money if allowed to proceed. Needless to say, both corporations have financial and manpower resources that dwarf Cornwall's and the motive to do whatever it takes to get their way. The ubiquitous and expensive Vermont Gas advertising and public relations campaign appears calculated to obfuscate and mislead. State officials appear indifferent to Cornwall's objections or are already effectively committed to proceed. The political allure of doing whatever it takes—including, as they say, "throwing Cornwall under the bus"—to "get gas to Rutland" seems irresistible to most elected officials outside our immediate area.

That said, there are significant defects in the Vermont Gas request for a Certificate of Public Good that warrant challenge. Thus, our current assessment is that although the deck is stacked against us we have legitimate arguments that the project is not in Vermont's public interest. How we do this and how much we spend will be guided by your participation.

- Town Plan—In close cooperation with the Cornwall Planning Commission, we approved and forwarded to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission an update to our Town Plan. The proposed gas pipeline project highlighted numerous safety and environmental concerns and the CPC did an outstanding job drafting and incorporating the most protective language acceptable in a town plan document. The ACRPC approved the plan as submitted thus giving the plan legal standing. It remains to be seen whether the plan's provisions will be honored by the Public Service Board and other State agencies.
- Town Shed Salt Pollution—Former Selectboard chairman, John Roberts, organized a committee to research alternatives to the expensive 24/7/365 pumping at the Town Garage property. This has continued for 20+ years on the premise that an unprotected salt pile allowed sodium chloride to leach into the ground affecting some neighboring properties' water supplies. We hope to learn that current science and technology will provide a less costly solution.
- Capital Planning and Budgeting—We worked with Phelps Engineering and Millbridge Construction to complete a needs assessment covering Town Hall and the Town Garage and shed. That assessment provides a work plan for both maintenance and improvement projects for the next several years and is reflected in the updated Capital Budget and Plan approved this month.

## Selectboard Report, *continued*

- Animal (Dog) Control—A serious dog-caused accident injuring a resident brought shortcomings in our existing ordinance into clear focus. Efforts at resolving that particular incident and enforcing the existing ordinance demonstrated, once more, that making laws is far easier than enforcing them. While a committee is reviewing our current ordinance, recent discussion with area law enforcement officials raised troubling issues regarding the complications and cost of enforcement.
- Natural Resource Inventory—Encouraged by a modest commitment of Town funds the Cornwall Conservation Commission sought and raised additional grant money enabling it to proceed with the Natural Resource Inventory. The results of this research should pay handsome dividends over the years as Cornwall continues to protect its environmental integrity.

### **Budgets**

The accompanying proposed General Fund and Highway Budgets each represent about 10% of your total property tax bill and are our prudent estimate of the expenditures necessary for operating the town and its roads from July 2014 through June 2015. Most expense categories are level funded. The single largest increase is for legal fees anticipated in connection with the pipeline issue. Compensation adjustments are minimal and based upon information from comparable towns collected by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Road material costs continue their steady increase. The Capital Budget line items reflect, as they did last year for the first time, the inclusion of Town buildings together with equipment.

... and a Thank You to the many members of our community who have stepped forward in the past year to take on important town projects. Your contributions of time and expertise make our town work well and provide us all with a remarkable place to live.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

R. Bruce Hiland

Judy Watts

Ben Wood

David Sears

Abi Sessions

### **Results of Selectboard Post Card Survey Related to Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Project, as of February 6, 2014**

Cards mailed: 485  
Cards returned: 298  
Return rate: 61%

Opposed: 215  
In favor: 71  
Misc: 12



## Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Act.	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Act.	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Act.	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 thru 1/21/14	2014-15 Proposed Bdgt
<b>Fixed Appropriations</b>									
Humane Society	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550	\$500	\$0	\$550
County Tax	12,200	10,927	10,700	11,165	11,600	9,702	11,000	7,840	10,000
Regional Planning	1,307	1,307	1,307	1,307	1,280	1,280	1,316	1,315	1,387
Otter Creek Cons.	130	121	122	121	122	121	122	121	122
VT Trails	30	30	35	35	35	35	30	30	30
MVAA	2,452	2,452	2,500	2,452	2,370	0	0	0	0
VLCT	1,850	1,850	1,889	1,889	1,967	1,967	1,984	1,984	2,182
Capital Fund Equip	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	14,708	130,000
Capital Fund Bldg	0	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	1,200	100,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>138,469</b>	<b>137,187</b>	<b>137,053</b>	<b>137,469</b>	<b>147,874</b>	<b>143,655</b>	<b>244,952</b>	<b>27,198</b>	<b>244,271</b>
<b>Salaries</b>									
Auditors	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	0	600
Selectboard	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	3,400
Town Clerk – Treas.	34,624	34,624	34,972	34,968	38,824	38,824	39,795	23,214	40,790
Listers	15,000	10,065	14,000	6,953	12,000	8,070	7,000	803	7,000
Custodian	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200
Asst. Town Clerk	3,000	3,450	2,850	3,720	2,850	2,640	3,500	1,890	3,500
Planning Commission	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	1,400
Town Secretary	2,500	1,470	1,500	1,005	1,500	1,676	1,500	721	2,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58,324</b>	<b>52,609</b>	<b>56,522</b>	<b>49,646</b>	<b>60,774</b>	<b>56,610</b>	<b>57,395</b>	<b>32,206</b>	<b>58,890</b>
<b>Meetings</b>									
Town Meeting	150	100	150	0	100	149	100	0	150
Elections	2,000	1,249	500	668	2,000	1,027	500	0	2,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,150</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>									
Town Clerk	2,400	2,173	2,400	1,848	2,400	1,695	2,400	837	2,400
Town Treasurer	1,500	1,757	1,500	1,886	2,400	8,684	2,400	716	2,400
Selectboard	300	85	300	641	300	268	300	138	300
Tax Collector	100	44	100	45	100	324	100	46	100
Grand List Maint.	6,000	5,137	6,000	4,163	10,200	4,220	8,000	3,406	6,000
Zoning Administrator	100	185	100	0	100	230	100	0	200
Planning Commission	1,000	347	2,000	56	1,000	422	1,000	0	1,000
Board of Zoning Adj.	200	131	500	54	200	35	200	0	200
Town Office/General	2,500	1,816	2,500	2,898	2,500	3,442	2,500	519	2,500
Copier/Printer/Scanner	3,200	3,325	3,000	3,091	3,000	3,183	3,200	1,871	3,200
Postage	2,000	2,051	2,000	1,732	2,000	1,525	2,000	1,106	2,000
Vote Tabulator	2,000	2,488	0	556	2,500	1,930	0	0	2,500
Emergency Mngt.	1,000	1,011	1,000	312	1,000	256	1,000	294	1,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>20,549</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>17,283</b>	<b>27,700</b>	<b>26,214</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>8,933</b>	<b>23,800</b>

## Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

	2010-11 Budget	2010-11 Act.	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Act.	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Act.	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 thru 1/21/14	2014-15 Proposed Bdgt
<b>General Expenses</b>									
Town Reports	2,700	1,782	1,800	1,694	1,800	1,219	1,200	0	1,500
Town Newsletter	1,600	2,497	2,000	1,819	2,000	2,116	2,000	1,382	2,000
Social Security	4,800	4,658	4,000	3,526	4,800	4,840	5,000	1,965	5,000
Retirement	1,385	1,385	1,385	1,399	1,553	1,553	1,600	796	1,650
Health Promotion	300	150	300	0	150	45	0	0	100
Legal Services	10,000	7,570	10,000	10,255	10,000	9,933	10,000	2,975	50,000
Sheriff's Patrol	5,000	4,758	6,000	5,004	6,000	5,364	6,000	3,471	6,000
Dog Control	2,500	600	2,500	700	1,500	700	1,000	250	2,500
Miscellaneous	1,000	109	1,000	4,386	1,000	300	1,000	159	1,000
Records Restor./Micro.	3,700	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,250	1,500
Water Contamination	750	564	750	636	750	470	750	371	750
Lemon Fair Insect Ctrl	6,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	6,000
Fin. Review/Audit	0	0	2,400	2,400	0	0	5,000	4,000	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39,735</b>	<b>30,073</b>	<b>38,135</b>	<b>34,819</b>	<b>35,553</b>	<b>32,540</b>	<b>41,050</b>	<b>16,619</b>	<b>78,000</b>
<b>Town Properties</b>									
Town Hall	20,000	17,836	18,200	7,974	18,300	8,445	18,300	5,960	18,000
Town Garage	16,300	13,073	15,800	8,948	20,000	20,157	20,000	4,422	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36,300</b>	<b>30,909</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>16,923</b>	<b>38,300</b>	<b>28,602</b>	<b>38,300</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Cemeteries</b>									
Cemeteries Maint.	1,000	1,278	3,000	2,865	3,000	0	3,000	0	2,000
Cemeteries Mowing	3,000	2,830	3,500	3,702	4,000	3,010	4,000	2,900	5,000
Other Town Mowing	2,500	1,650	2,000	2,610	2,500	2,650	2,500	1,850	3,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>5,758</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Insurance</b>									
Town Officers & Prop.	18,400	20,894	24,000	17,993	20,000	21,074	22,000	21,391	22,000
Worker's Comp.	450	337	400	577	400	334	400	345	400
Health	7,200	7,976	7,500	6,808	8,500	8,130	8,000	5,427	8,500
Unemployment	600	445	500	414	500	288	500	250	500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,650</b>	<b>29,652</b>	<b>32,400</b>	<b>25,792</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>29,826</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>27,413</b>	<b>31,400</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>									
Interest (Capital Items)	4,000	3,538	4,000	2,430	0	0	0	0	0
Int. (Tax Anticipation)	2,000	44	2,000	0	2,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$336,428</b>	<b>\$311,669</b>	<b>\$334,660</b>	<b>\$294,207</b>	<b>\$353,201</b>	<b>\$324,283</b>	<b>\$446,897</b>	<b>\$127,501</b>	<b>\$487,511</b>

## **Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report**

So I am sitting here trying to remember what happened a year ago and can’t. So is it Alzheimer’s or didn’t anything memorable happen? Town Meeting came and went with little fanfare. We did take delivery of new accounting software “finally” in July, and it does have power, versatility and speed, not sure what else anybody could want.

OK, OK, so I bet you think you are reading the Road Commissioner’s Report. This was just my attempt at humor.

It was a quiet year overall. I have been working diligently to become proficient at the new accounting software, and I am not there yet, but I do enjoy working with it. The company that supports it is excellent and always available, which much different from the OneWrite program, which had no support.

There will be three elections in 2014. The first will be Town Meeting, with the floor meeting being held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Cornwall school. The ballot voting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at the Town Hall. The second election will be the State Primary, which will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the polls will once again be open from 7 am - 7 pm at the Town Hall. The third and final election for 2014 will be the General Election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Town Hall. If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Cornwall, do not delay getting yourself registered. You will not be able to vote at the floor meeting on Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you are not registered to vote. The deadline to register for Town Meeting is Wednesday, February 26, 2014. The office will be open until 5 pm for registrations. The deadline for any election in Vermont is the Wednesday, preceding the Election Day.

With the completion of the capital building analysis, I will be thinking about a possible renovation or addition to the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. I am certain it will be a few years off, but our vault is packed to the gills and will need some attention before too long. The analysis also includes plans to make the upstairs of the building handicap accessible, as well as other steps to increase usability and safety. It is very exciting to think about the possibilities for the future.

So the coffee idea turned out to be a bust! We tried making the Town Hall a gathering place of sorts, but it did not work out. If I have heard it once, I’ve heard it many times, people saying that there is no place to gather in Cornwall. Maybe that place needs to be a store, so that people are going there to purchase something and end up meeting and talking to other town folks. I’m not sure, but I did try. Of course, I can make a pot of coffee at any time, but I am not making it every day. Oh well!

Thank you to all the usual suspects, Joan Bingham, Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf, Ken Manchester and Stu Johnson and to all those who have stepped forward in many capacities for the Town of Cornwall. This Town Clerk - Treasurer appreciates your time and energy very much.

Have a super 2014! -Sue-

## Births

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>
Avery Kathryn Clark <i>Alburton Clark &amp; Samantha Atwood</i>	January 4	Middlebury
Trevor John Barth <i>Joseph &amp; Amy (Bassett) Barth</i>	January 28	Cornwall
William Berend Sneed <i>William Sneed &amp; Tanya Hershey</i>	March 6	Middlebury
James Lake Newhard <i>Jonathan &amp; Lisa (Witter) Newhard</i>	April 30	Middlebury
Rowan Matthew Dominguez <i>Benjamin &amp; Rebecca (Neubert) Dominguez</i>	June 18	Middlebury
Anneliese Porter Welz <i>Matthew Welz &amp; Kirsten Stor</i>	July 1	Middlebury
Ela Annika Nazlica <i>Dogan &amp; Annalise (Nichols-Marcus) Nazlica</i>	August 10	Middlebury
George Sawyer Burnham <i>Rayce &amp; Jessica (Tarte) Burnham</i>	September 19	Middlebury
Beatrix Derby Montgomery <i>Ross &amp; Anne (Morris) Montgomery</i>	November 8	Burlington

## Civil Marriages

<b><u>Spouses</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>
Leon W. Catlin Lynda A. Catlin	Ticonderoga, NY Ticonderoga, NY	February 14	Cornwall
Jeffrey J. Washburn Faaron E. Savage	Belgrade, MT Belgrade, MT	June 8	Ferrisburgh
Lorenzo Jarrett D. Quesnel Lindi M. Van De Weert	Cornwall Cornwall	September 20	Cornwall
Gregory P. Alexander Samuel H. Barnes Jr.	Dallas, TX Dallas, TX	November 25	Cornwall
Jesus A. Aburto-Talzinta Mayra A. Perez-Ibarra	Cornwall Cornwall	December 5	Cornwall

## **Deaths**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>
Arthur J. Markwell	53	Cornwall	February 14	Cornwall
William W. Workman	26	Cornwall	March 8	Cornwall
Jean Smith Lane Foote	85	Cornwall	March 23	Middlebury
Victor W. Quale	72	Cornwall	April 25	Cornwall
Thomas J. Quesnel	67	Cornwall	May 23	Cornwall
Betty Manley	96	Cornwall	May 28	Cornwall
Roderick E. Devoid Jr.	57	Cornwall	July 31	Cornwall
Eleanor R. Pratt	86	Cornwall	September 12	Salisbury
Derwin H. Stevens	78	Cornwall	October 21	Burlington
Margaret S. Paine	97	Cornwall	November 14	Middlebury
Robert W. Phillips	86	Brooklyn, NY	November 14	Brooklyn, NY
Frances Towle Boardman	102	Cornwall	November 22	Middlebury
Eleanor Morison	75	Cornwall	December 15	Cornwall

## Dog Licenses 2013

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1<sup>st</sup> of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 2013

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	317	\$2,890.00
Kennel Permit	1	<u>44.00</u>
		<b>2,934.00</b>

### Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2013

To State	1,248.00
To Town	<u>1,686.00</u>
	<b>\$2,934.00</b>



Ice Formations in the Cornwall Swamp

Dave Anderson

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

- **Green Mountain Passports** — available to anyone who is a resident of Vermont and 62 years or older **OR** is totally disabled as a result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces **OR** is a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Passport holders are eligible for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state-sponsored events, as well as reduced prices on goods and services from several Vermont private businesses. The fee is \$2.00.
- **Copies of Birth, Death, or Marriage Records on File** — used for a variety of purposes. Certified copies are \$10.00, uncertified copies \$1.00.
- **Dog Licenses** — due by April 1st every year. Current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file. See further information elsewhere in this report.
- **Hunting & Fishing Licenses** — All types of licenses are available.
- **Copies of Zoning Regulations and Building Permit Applications**
- **Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall**
- **Subdivision Regulations and Applications**
- **Applications to the Board of Adjustment** — for variance and conditional use
- **Mobile Home Registration Forms**
- **Minutes of Meetings** — Selectboard, Planning Commission, Lemon Fair Insect Control District, etc.
- **Applications for Addition to the Voter Checklist**
- **Applications for Absentee Ballots**
- **Petitions and information about running for and holding town office**
- **Warnings and Notices of upcoming meetings** — Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.
- **Renewal of Motor Vehicle Registrations** — renewals only. Must present DMV renewal form. \$3.00 Town Clerk fee, separate from the DMV renewal fee.
- **Cornwall Connection – Enrollment in Town News and Emergency Alert Email List** — for municipal and emergency information i.e.: road closures, emergency/disaster information, town notices.

## Property Transfers 2013

1. Laila Rogers to Stephanie A& Jon Rogers, house and 10.91 acres on Lemon Fair Road
2. Isadore Mitchell to Abram W. Foote Estate, Richard Foote, Trustee, house and 152 acres on Hamblin Road
3. Abram W. Foote Estate, Richard Foote, Trustee to Middlebury Area Land Trust, 101.18 acres on Hamblin Road
4. Middlebury Area Land Trust to Vermont Land Trust, 101.18 acres on Hamblin Road, Conservation Easement
5. Janice A. Whittemore to Robert & Janice Whittemore Revocable Trust, Janice A. Whittemore, Trustee, house and 1.80 acres on Audet Road
6. Kevin Ianni & Barbara Kaiser to the Kevin Ianni Revocable Trust, house, barns and 239.20 acres on Robbins Road
7. Triple "E" Farms to Valhalla Acres, LLC, 72.38 acres on Snake Mountain Road
8. Joan Audet to Leo & Sara Audet, 2.02 acres on Route 74
9. Joan Audet to Paul Audet, 8.43 acres on Route 74
10. Robert Clagett & Mary Jane Doherty to Andrew & Bethany Menkart, house and 10.15 acres on West Street
11. Margaret G. Brande to Margaret G. Brande, Trustee, house and 27.30 acres on Ridge Road
12. Paul J. Jr. & Angelina M. Carrara to the Angelina M. Carrara Revocable Trust, house and 5.10 acres on Ledgemont Lane
13. Eric & Susan Bechhoefer to Shoreham Telephone Company, LLC, 0.30 acres on Route 30
14. Habitat for Humanity of Addison County Vermont to Angela McCluskey, house and .38 acres on Carothers Lane
15. Kathleen Johnson & Agnes Underwood to Edmond & Marguertie Mathez Bussod, house and 3.50 acres on Delong Road
16. Edgar & Gloria Lamoureux to Lisa Lamoureux, house and 4 acres on Route 30
17. Judah Hamer to Andrew Wentink, house and 1.90 acres on Route 30
18. Middlebury Area Land Trust to Frederick M. Fritz, right of first refusal on 101.18 acres on Hamblin Road
19. Marjorie Drexler to the Marjorie Drexler Revocable Trust, house and 19.61 acres on Route 74
20. Barbara Hofer & Donald Shall to Daryl & Dana Olsen, house and 11.40 acres on Route 30
21. Jane Quale to Elizabeth Cantu & Robert Cantu, house and 4.05 acres on Lemon Fair Road
22. David & Joanne Prior to Bjarki & Eileen Sears, house and .79 acres on Route 125
23. Travis Hoffman to Jennifer Hoffman, house and 2.50 acres on Route 125
24. Henry Jordan Jr. to Erkki Mackey & Kaelin Hand, house and 3.10 acres on Route 125
25. James & Mary Jane Berrien to Paul LaFerriere & Dorrie Parini, house and 5 acres on Lemon Fair Road
26. Klara Calitri to Lisa Calitri, Thea Calitri-Martin & the Ronald Calitri Irrevocable Vermont Trust, house and 5.30 acres on Sperry Road



## **Property Transfers 2013, *continued***

27. Charlotte Phillips & Robert Phillips to Charlotte Phillips & Robert Phillips, house and 1.51 acres on Mountain Road
28. Fecteau Residential Inc. to Sharon Kerwin, mobile home on West Street
29. Agnes Underwood to Andrew & Zara Daly, 7.69 acres of open land on Delong Road
30. Warren & Virginia Frost to Steven & Noreen Pecsok, house and 10.10 acres on Sperry Road
31. Charles Brunetto to Robert & JoEllen Felkl, house and 8.96 acres on Route 125
32. Nancy Kemp to Terry, Kirk & Marc Ringey, and Lawrence Kemp, house and 4.90 acres on Sperry Road
33. Nancy Kemp to Kirk & Marc Ringey, 4 acre woodlot on West Street
34. Estate of Aline Lafountain to Valhalla Acres, LLC, 180 acres on Lemon Fair & Snake Mountain Roads
35. Andrew Wentink to Robert Eaton Jr., house and 0.90 acres on Route 30
36. Robert A. Burton Jr. to Colin Kriwox, the Cornwall Country Store and 1.40 acres on Route 30
37. Catharine Wright & Marc Lapin to Marc Lapin & Laura Basili, house and 2.05 acres on Cider Mill Road
38. Michael & Jennie Brinkman to John & Fredelle Robinson, house and 4.37 acres on Ridge Road
39. Ian & Mary Worley to Joshua & Eli Worley, house and 13.50 acres on Snake Mountain Road
40. Warren Witherell to Heidi Witherell & Holly Mata, house and 2.05 acres on Route 30
41. Barbara Foote Hennessey to Michael & Barbara Foote Hennessey, house and 2.50 acres on West Street
42. Wayne & Donna Paquette to Christopher & Katherine Kramer, house and 23.10 acres on Wooster Road
43. Johanna Nichols to Donn Marcus, house and 0.62 acres on South Bingham Street
44. Hibernia Farm LLC to Vermont Land Trust, Inc., conservation easement on 209 acres on Audet Road
45. Jacob & Karen Wells to Edgewood Property Holdings, LLC, house and 2.1 acres on Route 30
46. Thomas Fitzpatrick to the Nature Conservancy, 50 acres of land in the Cornwall Swamp
47. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Gregory Alexander & Samuel Barnes Jr., Lot #3, 1.5 acres in the Foote Farm Planned Unit Development

## 2013 -2014 Voted Budget

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>
General Fund	\$446,897.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	59,700.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Natural Resources Survey	5,000.00	
Cornwall Little League	500.00	
Charitable Agencies	21,853.00	
Hold Harmless	(47,561.00)	
FY 2011-2012 Surplus	(74,745.71)	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$415,643.29</b>	<b>0.21</b>
 <b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Highway	373,800.00	
State Aid	(60,000.00)	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>313,800.00</b>	<b>0.15</b>
 <b>LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE</b>		<b>0.0005</b>
 <b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>\$729,443.29</b>	<b>0.36</b>
 <b>HOMESTEAD RATE</b>	(Calculated by the State)	<b>1.4967</b>
 <b>NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>	(Calculated by the State)	<b>1.3647</b>
 <b>GRAND LIST 2013-2014</b>	<b>\$1,976,679.78</b>	



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# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

## Year Ending June 30, 2013

### Revenues

Property Taxes.....	\$3,156,167.29
Property Tax Adjustments.....	15,757.93
Delinquent Taxes .....	63,818.32
Delinquent Tax Fees and Interest.....	21,329.90
Certificate of Compliance & Occupancy Letters, Building Permits .....	2,235.00
Planning Commission Fees .....	230.00
Town Clerk Fees .....	17,168.91
Dog Licenses Town and State .....	2,976.00
Wildlife Licenses & Civil Marriage Licenses .....	1,123.50
Town Hall Rent .....	446.00
Interest.....	395.68
FEMA Reimbursement – Clark Road .....	30,810.02
Judicial/Local Fines.....	4,331.00
State of Vermont/Highway Aid.....	66,371.38
State of Vermont/Hold Harmless .....	41,091.00
State of Vermont/Reappraisal.....	5,843.00
State of Vermont/PILOT .....	6,294.00
Grant Money – Planning Grant .....	1,957.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,343.46
Grand List Education Funds .....	389.12
Lavalley Store Income.....	3,152.00
Conservation Commission – Natural Resource Survey Grants .....	4,500.00
Capital Fund Allocation .....	87,569.55
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement .....	276.80
Municipal Equipment Loan (Excavator).....	16,700.00
Reimbursement to Equipment Fund.....	15,937.50
Reimbursement from other Towns.....	1,831.80
<b>Total Revenues .....</b>	<b>\$3,571,046.16</b>

### Expenditures

General Government .....	\$191,522.48
Highway Department .....	394,562.00
Other Fees (Wildlife, Marriage).....	1,050.00
Addison County Sheriff.....	5,364.03
Cornwall School & UD#3 Assessment .....	2,444,225.86
Delinquent Tax Salary.....	4,884.98
Zoning Administrator Salary .....	2,475.00
Voted Transfer.....	83,310.00
West Cornwall Fire Station Renovation.....	80,790.25
Lavalley Store Removal .....	22,303.39
Capital Budget Expenditure .....	226,726.01
<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$3,457,214.00</b>

**Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures .....** **113,832.16**

(of the \$113,832.16 surplus, only \$37,138 is available for Article 3, the rest is reserved for the Highway and Capital Funds.)

**Fund Balance June 30, 2013 .....** **\$701,779.00**

**Statement of Maturities**  
**June 30, 2013**  
**General Fund**  
**Tax Anticipation, Short Term & Long Term Debt**

As of June 30, 2013, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short or long term debt.

**Statement of Maturities**  
**June 30, 2013**  
**Highway Department**  
**Short Term Debt**

As of June 30, 2013, the Cornwall Highway Department had no short term debt.

**Statement of Long Term Debt**  
**December 31, 2013**  
**Highway Department**

2009 Plow Truck	April 7, 2009	Amount Borrowed:	\$135,000.00
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>59,480.04</b>
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
<b>Balance Due:</b>	<b>December 31, 2012</b>	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>29,480.04</b>
Principal Payment	May 9, 2013	Amount:	15,000.00
Interest Payment	May 9, 2013	Amount:	533.58
Principal Payment	November 5, 2013	Amount:	14,480.04
Interest Payment	November 5, 2013	Amount:	228.22
<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>November 20, 2013</b>	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>0.00</b>

2002 Komatsu Excavator (Joint purchase with the Town of Shoreham)			
Purchased:	February 21, 2012	Amount Borrowed:	\$16,700.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>December 31, 2012</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>\$16,700.00</b>

Annual payments of \$3,340.00 will be made through 2017. There is no interest on this Municipal Equipment Loan through the State of Vermont.

## Comparative Statement of Taxes

	<b>FISCAL 2011/2012</b>	<b>FISCAL 2012/2013</b>	<b>FISCAL 2013/2014</b>
General Fund	\$334,660	\$353,201	\$446,897
Natural Resources Survey	0	0	5,000
(Surplus)/Deficit	(31,828)	(50,000)	(74,746)
Hold Harmless	(41,712)	(41,091)	(47,561)
Fire Department	59,700	59,700	59,700
Library	3,000	3,000	4,000
Cornwall Little League	500	0	500
CVFD North Bingham Bldg. Repair	0	100,000	0
Removal of Lavalley Building	0	25,000	0
Outside Agencies	20,610	20,610	21,853
Highway	345,735	361,635	373,800
Less State Aid	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
<b>Total GF, HW &amp; Special Articles</b>	<b>630,665</b>	<b>772,055</b>	<b>729,443</b>
High School/Middle School	1,407,161	1,418,758	1,407,827
Elementary School	1,058,947	1,070,728	1,024,914
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>2,466,108</b>	<b>2,489,486</b>	<b>2,432,741</b>
Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.5144	1.5347	1.4967
Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.4102	1.4076	1.3647
Local Agreement Rate	0.0002	0.0005	0.0005
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>3,096,773</b>	<b>3,261,541</b>	<b>3,162,184</b>
Grand List	\$192,720,000	\$194,170,300	\$197,667,978
<b>Total Tax Rate Homestead</b>	<b>1.8446</b>	<b>1.9252</b>	<b>1.8572</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate Non-Residential</b>	<b>1.7404</b>	<b>1.7981</b>	<b>1.7252</b>

## Miscellaneous Accounts

### ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2012</b>	<b>\$16,808.23</b>
Interest 7/1/2012-6/30/2013	8.37
<b>Balance 6/30/2013</b>	<b>16,816.60</b>
Interest 7/1/2013 - 12/31/2013	4.22
<b>Balance 12/31/2013</b>	<b>16,820.82</b>

### ESCROW ACCOUNT (Major Subdivisions)

<b>Balance 6/30/2012</b>	<b>89.22</b>
Interest 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	0.00
<b>Balance 6/30/2013</b>	<b>89.22</b>
Interest 7/1/2013 - 12/31/2013	0.00
<b>Balance 12/31/2013</b>	<b>89.22</b>

### MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2012</b>	<b>11,139.97</b>
Interest 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	12.64
Expenditures 7/2012-6/2013 Hydroseeder Repair	(47.60)
Income 7/2012-6/2013 Equipment Loan	15,937.50
<b>Balance 6/30/2013</b>	<b>27,042.51</b>
Interest 7/1/2013 - 12/31/2013	6.89
<b>Balance 12/31/2012</b>	<b>27,049.40</b>

### GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2012</b>	<b>479.22</b>
Interest 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013	0.24
<b>Balance 6/30/2013</b>	<b>479.46</b>
Interest 7/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	0.12
<b>Balance 12/31/2013</b>	<b>479.58</b>

### CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 12/31/2012</b>	<b>174,556.45</b>
Income 02/25/2013 (Surplus Funds)	61,184.28
Expense 02/22, 6/11, 7/12/2013 (CVFD Utility Truck)	(80,820.30)
Expense 05/09/2013 (2009 Plow Truck Payment)	(15,533.58)
<b>Balance 6/30/3013</b>	<b>139,386.85</b>
Expense 07/01/2013 (Volvo L60G Loader)	(95,500.00)
Expense 07/12/2013 (CVFD Utility Truck)	(6,357.30)
<b>Balance 12/31/2013</b>	<b>37,529.55</b>

## Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued*

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2013 (Account opened 6/5/2013)</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
Interest 7/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	2.09
Income 7/8/2013 (Grant Money)	6,000.00
Expense 9/4/2013 (Brett Engstrom)	(3,436.00)
<b>Balance 12/31/2013</b>	<b>7,066.09</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT GRAND TOTAL

<b>6/30/2013</b>	<b>\$188,314.64</b>
<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>\$89,034.66</b>

## Salt Contamination Committee Report

An Ad Hoc “Salt” Committee was established at the urging of the Cornwall Selectboard. The Committee includes Misse Smith, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, “T” Tall, David Anderson, William Amidon and John Roberts. The purpose of the committee is to review the salt situation on South Bingham Street, which first came to light in 1985. At that time the source of contamination of a few wells surrounding the Town Garage on South Bingham Street was deemed to be salt that had been mixed with the supply of winter road grit to prevent freezing. That grit was stored on an open flat area directly upon ledge and exposed to the elements. This practice had been going on for a number of years.

In an effort to remove/reduce the source of potential contamination, the Town expended money on a covered storage facility for both the grit and salt on the east side of South Bingham Street. In addition, a plan of continuously pumping of the well located at the Town Garage, piping the water approximately 1.5 miles west, and dumping it in the Lemon Fair River was implemented and the appropriate discharge permits were obtained. Despite occasional glitches, mainly the pump failing, pumping has continued for roughly the last 25+ years. In addition, at the time of the discovery of salt contamination, various legal remedies were undertaken, including the settlement of a financial payment on those homeowners who were directly affected.

This brings us to the present state of affairs. The ad hoc Salt Committee has been tasked with reviewing the situation and advising the Selectboard on a course of action. Several questions have arisen which we hope to answer, including: Does the Town have any legal obligation to keep pumping? Will continual pumping do anything to solve the problem? Is the salt actually from road salt contamination or could there be another source? Will throwing more money at this problem have any achievable goal and more? By Town Meeting day, we hope to have our recommendations to the Selectboard.

John Roberts, Stu Johnson, David Anderson,  
William Amidon, Misse Smith, “T” Tall, Sue Johnson

## Trustees of Public Funds

In October 2013, Derwin Stevens, the chairperson of our board, passed away unexpectedly. Derwin had served as a Trustee of Public Funds since 2006 and had taken the lead in consolidating and updating of the Public Funds so that the voters could more easily understand and review such funds. Derwin put in many hours in the endeavor and we will greatly miss his expertise and leadership.

The funds are comprised mostly of money, which has been bequeathed to the town through the years to be used as needed for special projects. There was little activity this past year.

We looked at the Vermont Statutes this year in the hope that we might be able to invest our funds in a medium that would provide a greater return on them, and perhaps achieve some increase in the capital value. Unfortunately, the law is highly restrictive and we can only invest in bank certificates of deposit.

The following is an accounting of the funds we currently administer:

Certificate of Deposit #109780	National Bank of Middlebury
Opened 2/26/2013 36 month 2.75%	
Cash value 2/26/2013	\$13,025.09
Interest 2/26/2013 to 12/31/2013	85.34
<b>Value on 12/31/2013</b>	<b>\$13,106.43</b>

Certificate of Deposit #107799	National Bank of Middlebury
CD due 12/29/2013, renewed 48 months @ 0.55%	
Balance on 12/31/2013	\$12,141.91
Interest 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	282.62
<b>Value on 12/31/2013</b>	<b>\$12,424.53</b>

Lemuel and Vera Peet Bequest CD #108449	National Bank of Middlebury
CD due 7/25/2016 @ 2.23%	
Balance on 12/31/2012	\$51,562.20
Interest 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	1,140.17
<b>Value on 12/31/2013</b>	<b>\$52,702.37</b>

<b>Grand Total of All Funds on 12/31/2013</b>	<b>\$78,233.33</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Maurice Laframboise, Trustee  
Juliet Gerlin, Trustee



## Highway Budget '10 -'12

	2010/2011 Budget	2010/2011 Actual	2011/2012 Budget	2011/2012 Actual
<b>Materials</b>				
Salt	\$14,800.00	\$15,872.30	\$14,800.00	\$9,534.54
Sand	15,000.00	9,321.13	15,000.00	7,694.59
Gravel	32,000.00	35,070.57	32,000.00	39,030.77
Paving	68,000.00	70,143.69	68,000.00	35,501.48
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,800.00
Line Striping	2,400.00	-	0.00	0.00
Chloride	16,500.00	17,107.68	24,300.00	28,880.52
Culverts	7,000.00	7,810.40	6,000.00	13,314.35
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Signs	500.00	538.85	600.00	1,055.37
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>160,200.00</b>	<b>159,664.62</b>	<b>164,700.00</b>	<b>139,611.62</b>
<b>Equipment</b>				
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	12,261.69	12,000.00	11,553.03
Equipment Rental	4,000.00	4,466.11	5,300.00	4,545.00
Pick Up Allowance	2,500.00	2,499.96	2,500.00	2,499.96
Fuel	20,000.00	21,963.24	20,000.00	24,526.79
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	769.64	600.00	559.95
Equipment Purchase	14,000.00	6,174.70	10,000.00	9,414.01
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,200.00	723.20	1,200.00	616.75
Lubricants/Fluids	1,200.00	1,231.56	1,500.00	1,722.35
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	390.00	1,000.00	0.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	2,695.96	7,500.00	1,561.61
Municipal Cooperative			-	304.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64,000.00</b>	<b>53,176.06</b>	<b>61,600.00</b>	<b>57,303.45</b>
<b>Administrative</b>				
Administrative	500.00	198.49	500.00	339.92
Personnel/Labor	86,000.00	85,674.10	87,000.00	97,012.48
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,580.00	6,590.78	6,655.00	6,581.15
Personnel/Workers Comp.	5,300.00	5,061.00	5,300.00	4,773.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,440.00	3,409.86	3,480.00	3,656.36
Personnel/Health	15,600.00	16,331.78	16,500.00	16,371.17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>117,420.00</b>	<b>117,266.01</b>	<b>119,435.00</b>	<b>128,734.08</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>				
	-	-	-	144,110.85
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>341,620.00</b>	<b>330,106.69</b>	<b>345,735.00</b>	<b>469,760.00</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
	-	-	-	\$115,288.68
	-	-	-	1,516.24
	-	-	-	3,527.50
	-	-	-	400.00
	-	-	-	2,366.10
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>				<b>123,098.52</b>
<b>TOTALS + INCOME</b>	<b>\$341,620.00</b>	<b>\$235,510.69</b>	<b>\$345,735.00</b>	<b>\$346,661.48</b>

## Highway Budget '12 -'15

	2012/2013 Budget	2012/2013 Actual	2013/2014 Budget	2013/2014 thru 1/21/14	2014/2015 Pro Budget
<b>Materials</b>					
Salt	\$14,800.00	\$14,025.37	\$14,800.00	11,960.51	14,800.00
Sand	15,000.00	7,627.37	15,000.00	14,659.13	15,000.00
Gravel	35,000.00	40,118.38	40,000.00	25,743.36	40,000.00
Paving	75,000.00	78,653.43	85,000.00	73,552.63	100,000.00
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	3,600.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	25,000.00	27,512.01	25,500.00	14,844.95	26,000.00
Culverts	7,500.00	7,123.44	7,500.00	6,861.12	7,500.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Signs	600.00	593.43	600.00	0.00	600.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>177,400.00</b>	<b>179,453.43</b>	<b>192,900.00</b>	<b>150,821.70</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>					
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	9,416.20	12,000.00	4,534.21	12,000.00
Equipment Rental	5,500.00	5,239.76	3,000.00	1,947.09	3,000.00
Pick Up Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,750.00	3,000.00
Fuel	20,000.00	22,168.16	24,000.00	13,509.16	24,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	939.26	600.00	470.36	600.00
Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	10,678.63	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,000.00	805.58	750.00	824.08	750.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,500.00	1,120.00	1,500.00	810.90	1,500.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,580.00	1,000.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	4,684.89	6,000.00	785.00	6,000.00
Municipal Co-op	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62,100.00</b>	<b>58,052.48</b>	<b>59,350.00</b>	<b>27,210.80</b>	<b>59,350.00</b>
<b>Administrative</b>					
Administrative	750.00	100.00	500.00	89.59	500.00
Personnel/Labor	90,000.00	94,808.80	92,250.00	53,907.98	95,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,885.00	7,492.75	7,100.00	3,707.78	7,500.00
Personnel/Workers Comp.	5,000.00	5,790.00	5,000.00	6,999.00	7,300.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,500.00	3,778.27	3,700.00	1,903.35	3,800.00
Personnel/Health	16,000.00	11,988.04	13,000.00	7,358.51	13,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>122,135.00</b>	<b>123,957.86</b>	<b>121,550.00</b>	<b>73,966.21</b>	<b>127,100.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>					
Storm Damage Clark Road		10,994.61			
Excavator Joint Purchase		15,937.50			
Hydroseeder Repair		47.60			
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>361,635.00</b>	<b>388,443.48</b>	<b>373,800.00</b>	<b>251,998.71</b>	<b>394,450.00</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
FEMA Clark Road		30,810.02			
Municipal Loan		16,700.00			
CVFD Fuel Reimbursement		276.80			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>					
<b>TOTALS + INCOME</b>	<b>\$361,635.00</b>	<b>\$340,656.66</b>	<b>\$373,800.00</b>	<b>251,998.71</b>	<b>394,450.00</b>

## Highway Department Report

So I'm sitting here trying to remember what happened a year ago and can't. So is it Alzheimer's or didn't anything memorable happen? Winter came and went with a fairly early spring. So we got at spring work early then ran out of money early. We did take delivery of a "return from lease," new Volvo loader. I've gushed about it in the newsletter but its got road speed, implement versatility and power. Not sure what else one could want.

While I'm trying to put it all behind me, I will report one last time that we did get the Clark Road culvert debacle finished and managed to put near \$10,000 in the bank. It's quite amazing how complicated and expensive bureaucracies, each with an agenda, can make things. And I fear it's only going to get worse. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) in an attempt to pacify the EPA with regard to water quality in the Lake Champlain basin has proposed sweeping changes in virtually every aspect of Vermont life. Somehow they've determined that 5.7% of the lake's phosphorous problem comes from gravel road ditch run off. The implication that most of that comes from the other side of the hedgerow didn't sink in. So now they are proposing a permit be issued to each town to work in the town Right of Way so they can make sure we do what they want, which for the most part we do. Then it came out that ANR is considering charging the towns for these permits to pay for enforcement personnel. Some of the other proposals related to Agriculture and Development are huge. Do you have some backyard beefers? sheep? horses? chickens? They may come counting. While the purpose is laudable, the goals are almost laughable when you consider the consequences of some of the proposals. Stay tuned.

Back to roads, the only significant jump in the budget is the paving line. I presented some historical information that shows that even with state paving grants included we have been spending about \$30,000 less than we should be per year assuming a 10-year retreatment cycle, for the pavement we have. I believe this will keep us out of the dilemma the state finds itself in, i.e. Route 74 and Route 125. This may bring the topic of paving of some gravel back to the table in a few years. Just to twist some chains, I'll mention that the east end of Sperry Road, has in the past met all the criteria for paving.

Related to paving, based on information we had last year, I had anticipated a paving grant this year, but that's not going to happen, in fact I'm skittish about next year. Seems we've received a higher amount per mile of Class II roads money than many of our neighboring towns over the years, and they're working to lower the spread.



Clark Rd Culvert Ditch, Looking South.

Then came winter and there went the sand pile.

I will thank my wife and few others that have helped out behind the scenes. I always used to thank the phone company, but now I'll only thank the guys that work there, struggling against management to do what we need. That'll blow up in our face before long, too.

Anyways, call if you have questions.

Stu Johnson, Road Commissioner

## Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

### Taxes Collected from January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Property	42,150.28
Interest	11,212.98
Collector's Fee	3,372.02
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>56,735.28</b>
Over Payments	1,719.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,454.33</b>

### Taxes Collected from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Property	3,001.29
Interest	384.84
Collector's Fee	236.88
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,623.01</b>
Over Payments	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,623.01</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,077.34</b>

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

### Delinquent Taxpayers at December 31, 2013

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  
Blaise, Brian & Johnson, Elsie  
Cesario, Marc & Cheryl  
Cobb, Joyce  
Dalley, Donna  
Devries, Justus  
Downs, Donald, Francis & Patrick  
Eagan, John  
Fitzpatrick, James & Carma  
Fitzpatrick, Liam  
Foote, Hilton W. \*

Foote, Peter V.  
Forgues, Louise  
Gambardella, Mona  
Gardon, Vincent  
Iocco, Gordon & Valerie  
Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas  
Murray, John  
Trombley, Brian & Carrie

\*Paid after 12/31/2013

**Total Delinquents: \$32,234.73**

## **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**

The Fire Department thanks the community for their continued attention to your fire prevention and home safety efforts. We appreciate everyone that changes the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on an annual basis. This past year we had 62 calls. The department was down in the number of calls from last year, but this number more accurately reflects our annual number of calls. We were only used for 2 mutual aid calls to 2 other agencies. The breakdown of calls is listed below. Our department trained a total of 435 hours this year.

**WANTED:** Medical First Responders are urgently needed if we are going to continue to provide this service in town. The department is at a point where we do not have enough members able to cross train between fire and rescue. We are going to try one more year and unless some residents step forward to become trained in medical first response, then we can no longer provide this valuable service. As always, we can use residents interested in the fire service and all training is provided free of charge. 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 \$30. (Not including the time/labor to install.) We ask that if any resident installs their own sign, to 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 alarm systems that ring 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 Rheume (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), Tanker 1 (2007) and the Department received our new 2012 Freightliner Utility vehicle this year. Our budget for 2013-2014 is down from the last several years for various reasons including the reduced heating cost in the new West Cornwall station.

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.

**Members:** Chief Dennis Rheume, Assistant Chiefs Dave Berno and Sean Stearns. Captains Ken Manchester, Raph Worrick and Dave Sears. Lieutenant Lew Castle. Firefighters: Ed Peet, Lisa Northup, Vaughn Berno, Chris Dayton, Dave Guertin, Charlie Bearor, Peter Conlon, Lawrence Pyne, Luke Jerome, Bob Stone, Dave Fuller, Aaron Mathis, Kyle Cota, Norm Grenier, Tom Frankovich, Rich Isenberg. Cadet: Josh Stearns and Jonathon McClusky . Medical: Gail Isenberg and Heather Eagan.

## Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, *continued*

### Breakdown of Calls for 2013 Calendar Year

Medical 35  
 Auto Accidents 13  
 Carbon/Smoke detectors/Fire Alarms 2  
 Structure 3  
 Vehicle Fires 2  
 Misc (Downed Power lines, etc) 4  
 Brush Fires 1  
Mutual Aid\* 2  
 Total 62

\*Mutual Aid to: Middlebury Ambulance (1) to set up helicopter landing zone and Salisbury (1).

## Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/12– 6/30/13 Budget	7/1/12– 6/30/13 Spent	7/1/13– 6/30/14 Budget	7/1/13– 6/30/14 Spent	7/1/13– 6/30/14 Proposed
<b>Utilities</b>					
Heat	\$4,500	\$4,409	\$4,500	\$854	\$4,500
Electric	1,500	1,726	1,500	873	1,500
Telephone	1,000	1,205	1,000	893	1,400
<b>Insurance</b>					
Insurance Premiums	16,000	16,856	16,000	6,634	17,500
<b>Vehicles</b>					
Vehicles (Gas/Diesel/Oil)	2,500	2,388	2,500	710	2,000
Truck Maintenance	6,000	6,681	6,000	386	4,000
<b>Equipment</b>					
Communications Equip.	4,000	3,275	4,000	820	3,000
Personal Equipment	10,000	7,452	10,000	4,679	10,000
Fire Equipment	4,000	1,361	4,000	1,548	4,000
<b>Training</b>					
Fire Prevention	500	0	500	298	300
Fire Training	1,000	833	1,000	231	600
<b>Operations</b>					
Association Dues	800	789	800	165	1,000
Building Maintenance	4,000	3,443	4,000	3,365	3,000
Department Office Equip.	400	264	400	384	300
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,754	1,500	50	0
Dispatch Services	0	2012	0	405	2,500
<b>Medical</b>					
Equipment	1,000	1,584	1,000	0	500
Training	1,000	1,430	1,000	0	500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$59,700</b>	<b>57,463</b>	<b>\$59,700</b>	<b>\$22,295</b>	<b>\$56,600</b>

## Forest Fire Warden Report

The year 2013 was fairly quiet with an ordinary spring leading to a wet spring and early summer. After the rains let up in July, we had some dry weather. This did not give us any trouble, as people were careful and watched conditions.

Sue Johnson and I issued 187 permits, which is slightly down from usual due to the wet spring.

Statewide there were 126 fires, which burned 275 acres.

Due to the cooperation of the townspeople, we had a safe fire season. Please remember that smoke and steam over a sugar house is normal, and that permits are only valid the day they are issued. Getting a permit helps to prevent false alarms for the Fire Department.

Larry Clark,  
Forest Fire Warden

## Cemetery Commission Report

The Cornwall Cemetery Commission oversees the mowing and needed repairs of public cemeteries.

Bowker Memorials finished the repairs needed in the Fair Cemetery. We will monitor repairs needed in the rest of the town cemeteries.

It is very hard to find and hire reliable manpower for this kind of work. “Any volunteers out there?”

See the General Fund budget for cemetery and mowing expenses for the cemeteries.

Nancy Kemp, Chair  
Joan Bingham  
Marc Ringey  
Bruce Payne  
Leo Audet



Cornwall's "Local Shelter Kit"

## Conservation Commission Report

Initiating the townwide natural resources inventory, the Conservation Commission has had its most active year in recent memory. We thank all of you for approving a town expenditure of \$5,000 that not only has contributed to the inventory itself but has also been integral for showing the town support that helped us obtain a number of grants for fully funding the inventory budget. We also thank the Selectboard and Planning Commission for their support of the inventory and their assistance with the grant submissions. With expert help from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission we obtained a State Municipal Planning Grant of \$10,657, which was the final piece that allows us to move from the initial phase of analyzing existing information into the second phase, field inventory and finalization of results. Additional grants received were a \$2,000 Vermont Community Foundation Small and Inspiring Grant, \$2,000 from the Davis Conservation Fund, a \$1,000 Grow Grant from New England Grassroots Fund, Middlebury College funding of a GIS intern, and a \$500 Ben & Jerry's Community Action Team Grant. We hired consulting ecologist Brett Engstrom of Marshfield, VT to conduct the inventory. Since June he has been working with Commission, numerous residents, Middlebury College GIS specialist Bill Hegman and intern Kris Falcones. The Commission held one public forum in October to present methods and preliminary maps and to gather information from townspeople. Mr. Engstrom also interviewed selected locals identified as very knowledgeable about the town's lands and resources. As the 2014 field season approaches we will seek landowner permission for Mr. Engstrom to visit sites he has identified as good potential locations supporting natural resources of statewide and local significance. An additional aspect of the inventory funded by the Municipal Planning Grant is a study of flood hazards and mitigation; we will be working very closely with the Regional Planning Commission and likely a different consultant to plan and execute this part of the project. Watch for more on this in the town newsletters. The natural resources inventory will culminate in a report, maps and GIS data to be finalized in the winter of 2015; these findings will be presented at a second public forum hosted by the Conservation Commission.

On a related note, Bingham Memorial School has begun to utilize the inventory in the school's educational programs. Each classroom now has a photographic map of the town, and all students will be learning about different aspects of the town's natural history, landscape and resource use, as well as natural resource inventory methods. The Commission is pleased to be able to partner with the school, and we will continue to share available resources and information to help the teachers make the most of this opportunity.

Additional activities sponsored by the Conservation Commission this past year were a winter tree identification walk with Rutland County Forester Chris Stone, a paddling exploration of Otter Creek led by member Brian Howlett, and a Green-Up Day plant swap co-coordinated with Shelley Payne. We plan to sponsor these or similar activities in the coming year and would love to hear suggestions of what you are interested in doing or learning about, so please send ideas our way.

The commission welcomes our newest member Bethany Barry who comes to us from Leicester with Zoning Board and Planning Commission experience that includes participation in rewriting their Town Plan. We thank departing member Lawrence Pyne for his years of service. The balance of our membership is Mary Dodge (co-chair), Brian Howlett, Marc Lapin (co-chair) and 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.

For a report on the 2013 mosquito season, please go to <http://www.healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/surveillance/index.aspx> A link to the Vermont Department of Health Arbovirus Surveillance & Data 2013 Mosquito Pool and Veterinary Testing is available from this page. All Vermont residents, especially those in Addison and Rutland counties, should follow Health Department recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis which is often fatal. Please go to this URL for information on EEE: [http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/eee/eee\\_public.aspx](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/eee/eee_public.aspx) The Town Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer participated in numerous training programs and briefings on WNV and EEE during 2013.

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.

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 2013 test results were within the limits set by the Vermont Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency except the June results that showed a somewhat elevated chloride level.

On February 28, 2014, I will conclude my third three-year term as Health Officer for the Town of Cornwall. I have appreciated this opportunity to learn more about the people and places in Cornwall. The assignment has also expanded my understanding of many public health issues. For all this I am grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Anderson, Health Officer

## Energy Coordinator's Report

The Property Assessed Clean Energy program or PACE has been finalized and is now available for financing energy efficiency and renewable projects. This program allows homeowners to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects thru a special assessment charged as a new line item on their property tax bills and should the house be sold the remaining debt can be passed on to the new owners.

This past year we participated in the VT Home Energy Challenge, an effort designed to encourage people to implement efficiency measures. Some residents took advantage of the deal of a lifetime for a \$100 energy audit. Thanks to all those who took the pledge to take some measures to reduce energy consumption, I know there are still many possibilities for us to conserve and I am available to answer questions and help folks get started.

As noted for the past couple years, the attics of both the Town Garage and the Town Hall could both benefit from air sealing and more insulation. In the energy audit that was done on the town garage one of the measures recommended was for air sealing and insulating the attic with 12 inches of cellulose at cost of \$5,963.00 with a simple payback (R.O.I.) of 7.4 years. Maybe this will be the year those measures will be implemented.

Finally, I would like to thank Chris Kramer for volunteering; we now officially have an Energy Committee.

No expenses actual or proposed.

Gary Barnett  
Energy Coordinator

## Green Up Vermont

It's a pleasure to submit this brief summary of the 2013 Green Up Day. I cannot remember a time in which volunteers had taken **every road before Green Up Day had begun**. An ad hoc group coordinated by Mary Dodge also had a most successful Plant Exchange at the School. All in all, it was a huge success, thanks in large part to some 50 volunteers and our Road Commissioner Stu Johnson and his able lieutenant Ken Manchester who managed to get everything to the Transfer Station.

**Our 44th Green Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014.** Details will be publicized in April. We are looking for a young family to coordinate this year's program. Contact Sue Johnson or "T" Tall if you'd like to learn what's involved.

"T" Tall  
Green Up Day Coordinator

## **Listers' Report**

An analysis of sales data for 2013 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 107.10% 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](http://www.state.vt.us/tax)

May 1 – Notices of eligibility for Disabled Veteran exemptions are due in the Listers' 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.

September – Tax bills are mailed to property owners as of April 1.

September – Deadline for property owners to submit applications to the land use program.

During the past year, Listers conducted 48 reappraisals of properties. There were 7 grievances. The Listers again attended several workshops conducted by the state to learn better the ins and outs of the Lister's job.

Sue Burdick, Stephenie Pyne, Liam English

## Planning Commission Report

The trend for low subdivision activity in Cornwall continues. Only one (1) subdivision application was fully adjudicated in 2013 with two (2) other applications classified and awaiting formal hearings. All were for minor, two lot subdivisions. This compares with the following previous activity:

Year	Applications
2008	8
2009	2
2010	5
2011	3
2012	2

The new Town Plan was formally adopted after a round of public hearings held by the Selectboard and several years of work by the Cornwall Planning Commission (CPC). The proposed routing of a natural gas pipeline through Cornwall gave the Town Plan added importance since it 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). The CPC is currently involved in reviewing the pipeline application and its potential impact on Cornwall.

The Town Plan set out certain goals and timelines. One was a review of the existing Zoning and Subdivision Regulations with an eye on making any needed revisions. This activity was put on hold until the fate of the gas pipeline is known. Another goal – completion of an inventory of Cornwall’s natural resources – is well on its way to completion due to great work by the Conservation Committee. The CPC and Conservation Commission jointly sponsored a meeting to demonstrate the preliminary mapping that had been completed. The Conservation Commission lined-up the funding needed to complete the entire inventory. This project 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, as well as the proposed pipeline route.

Sarah Pelkey joined the CPC mid-year to fill a vacancy and brings a great deal of planning experience. Sarah had previously assisted the CPC in development of the Town Plan. Other members of the Commission are Holly Noordsy, Annie Wilson, Jim Duclos, Jean Terwilliger, Tracy Himmel Isham, and Jim Bolton.

Respectfully,

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



CPR/AED Class, April

## **Zoning Administrator's Report**

There was a significant decline in activity that required action by the Zoning Administrator in 2013 when compared to 2012. Zoning Permits were down 37% and new housing starts were down by 50%, with two new Single Family Dwelling Units being permitted. This puts 2013 on par with 2010 and 2011, lending credence to my suspicion that 2012 was an anomaly.

Interest rates continue to be low, so the bulk of my workload is the issuance of Certificates of Zoning Compliance, which are required for refinancing and for property transfers.

In spite of the fact that with all Zoning Permits, I now include a letter explaining that a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) must be applied for at the completion of any project that requires a Zoning Permit, requests for COs lag far behind Zoning Permits issued. Percentage wise there has been a little improvement, but compliance remains less than 30%. Please folks try to remember to give me a call when your project is near completion, and I'll thank you for it.

### **Zoning Permits Issued**

01/30/2013 Lawrence H Katz, 67 Snake Mountain Road, Screened Porch Addition  
01/31/2013 Matthew and Donna Severy, 605 Delong Road, Sunroom Addition  
02/14/2013 Joan Lynch, 1363 South Bingham Street, Storage Building for Home Occupation  
04/27/2013 Richard Carroll, 2213 Route 125, Change of use of Barn to Garage for Storage  
05/01/2013 Christine Chapline and Denry Sato, 140 Cedar Ridge Drive, Shed for Hay Storage  
05/01/2013 Ramona M. Powers, 2205 West Street, Storage Shed  
05/10/2013 Barney Hodges III, 1127 North Bingham Street, Change of use from Residence to Accessory Structure  
05/10/2013 Barney Hodges III, 1127 North Bingham Street, Single Family Dwelling  
05/17/2013 Habitat for Humanity of Addison Co., 118 Carothers Road, Single Family Dwelling  
06/05/2013 Matthew Bonner, 1104 West Street, Accessory Structure (office and woodshed)  
06/06/2013 William and Lynn Goldman, 1374 Ridge Road, Addition to Residence  
06/07/2013 Rene Langis, 34 Foote Farm Road, Storage Shed  
08/08/2013 Karen and Judson Bartlett, 567 Orchard Run, Screened Porch Addition  
10/18/2013 Timothy W. Fisher, 727 Fisher Road, Accessory Dwelling Unit  
11/06/2013 Robert Felkl, 1691 Route 125, Garage Addition  
11/22/2013 Jonathan and Kim Hescok, 2217 Route 74, Accessory Structure (Shop)  
11/22/2013 Margaret Brande, 1671 Ridge Road, Two Porch Additions

### **Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued**

01/04/2013 William and Abigail Sessions, 75 Douglas Road  
01/10/2013 Justus DeVries, 25 Cedar Ridge Drive  
02/06/2013 Sergei and Dieuwke Davydov, 900 Cider Mill Road  
02/19/2013 Agnes Underwood and Kathleen Johnson, 1595 Delong Road  
03/06/2013 Robert Claggett and Mary Jane Doherty, 938 West Street  
04/10/2013 James and Marvella Avery, 182 Ledge Lane  
05/01/2013 Kathleen G Johnson and Agnes C Underwood, 1595 Delong Road  
05/03/2013 Fredrick M. Fritz, 1341 Route 125  
05/14/2013 David Prior, 4047 Route 125  
05/20/2013 Barbara Hofer and Don Shall, 1339 Route 30

## **Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued***

### **Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued**

05/30/2013 Andrew Wentink, 1571 Route 30  
06/22/2013 Henry Jordan, 1273 Route 125  
06/25/2013 James and Mary Jane Berrien, 299 Lemon Fair Road  
07/23/2013 Ross and Amy Gregory, 1590 Sperry Road  
08/13/2013 Warren and Virginia Frost, 1402 Sperry Road  
08/22/2013 Gregor and Bronwen Kent, 18 Lemon Fair Road  
08/27/2013 Colin Kriwox and Sarah Murray, 1501 Route 74  
08/22/2013 Jeffrey and Marjorie Barth, 455 Singing Hill Road  
08/30/2013 Charles Brunetto, 1691 Route 125  
09/06/2013 Edward and Cynthia Peet, Peet Road  
09/12/2013 Paul H and Vesta K Urband, 613 West Street  
09/24/2013 Michael and Jennie Brinkman, 776 Ridge Road  
11/06/2013 Wayne and Donna Paquette, 553 Wooster Road  
11/26/2013 Jacob and Karen Wells, 388 Route 30

### **Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

01/06/2013 Gail Sperry, 1081 Ridge Road  
02/22/2013 Otto and Anna Betz, 1520 Sperry Road  
05/06/2013 Habitat for Humanity of Addison Co, 362 Delong Road  
06/08/2013 Christine Chapline and Denry Sato, 140 Cedar Ridge Drive  
06/08/2013 Rene Langis, 34 Foote Farm Road  
06/19/2013 Lawrence Katz, 67 Snake Mountain Road  
06/19/2013 Sherrill Given, 3043 Route 30

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

06/14/2013 Marc and Cheryl Cesario, 635 Clark Road, Hoop Structure for Animal Shelter  
06/26/2013 Kevin and Deborah Williams, 35 Swamp Road, Additions to Sugar House  
10/03/2013 Edward Peet, Peet Road, Cow Barn/Storage Shed, Addition to Shop with reconstruction of interior facility.  
10/16/2013 Churchill and Janet Franklin, 564 Cider Mill Road, Pole Barn Addition to Sugar House for Storage.

### **Other Decisions**

01/09/2013 Agnes C. Underwood, 1595 Delong Road, Boundary Line Adjustment Granted with the conveyance of .29 Acres to the lands of Kathleen G. Johnson.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of January, 2014 by James Duclos, Zoning Administrator

## Emergency Management Network

The EMN spent funds in 2013 on:

- CPR Training: EMN paid \$5 of the \$15 fee for Cornwall residents
- Refreshments at the CPR and Shelter workshops
- Lodging for Emer. Manager to attend annual Emer. Preparedness Conference in Fairlee
- (2) USB Drives for Emer. Operations Center and Shelter documents

In April, we hosted a CPR/AED (Defibrillator) training where nine people received certification.

In May, the Red Cross presented a workshop on its Local Shelter Initiative. This program provides towns with equipment and supplies to setup a shelter and operate for a few days until outside resources get in. Cornwall now has twenty-five cots, blankets, and supplies in storage. This shelter “kit” can be setup anywhere we need. Our primary site is the Town Hall, and we’ve developed a plan for arranging the space and managing activities, including sleeping, food receiving and feeding, and support to responders.

After the orientation workshop, we formed a “Shelter” sub-committee of the EMN, and selected a Shelter Manager. We invite others to help plan and operate the shelter, and we’re counting on “walk-in” help if we do have to set one up.

The members of the Emergency Management Network wish to recognize the contributions of Derwin Stevens. He and his wife Bonnie joined as HAM radio operators. “Amateur-1” will be missed as an active member of the Network, and dedicated member of the community.

In 2014, we will again offer CPR/AED certification, and a Basic First Aid class. As part of our agreement with the Red Cross, we will do a test-run of setting up our shelter. This will help us improve plans and procedures, and we will be looking for volunteers to help.

Events will be announced through newsletters, [www.cornwallvt.com](http://www.cornwallvt.com), the Cornwall Connection email list, Front Page Forum, or call the Town Clerk or Emergency Manager.

On the topic of alerts, when there is an incident that affects local travel, causes extensive power outages or other disruptions, the EMN will post alerts about road status, shelter options, and contact information via one or more of the media in the box below.

Kate Gieges, Emergency Management Coordinator



### **Cornwall Emergency Information Resources**

#### **Media**

- Cornwall Connection Email
- WVTM—92.1FM
- WOKO—98.9FM
- VT 2-1-1—“*Cornwall updates?*”
- TV—Emergency Alert System
- Front Porch Forum—general info

#### **Contact Numbers**

- Emergency: 9-1-1
- Local Info: Town Clerk, 462-2775  
or listen to ans. mach. for details
- Emer. Mnger: 462-2182, c/349-9727

*Have a phone that works  
without power!!*

## Cornwall Free Public Library

We have had another good year here at the Cornwall Free Public Library. We continue to build our collection on a bi-monthly basis with popular new releases and additional DVDs and Audio books. The Cornwall website ([www.cornwallvt.com](http://www.cornwallvt.com)) is kept up to date with the new titles of books, CDs and Audio books. Our holdings include 3,523 books, 658 video items and 181 audio items. Through your Cornwall Library card, you also have access to Vermont Online Library, which offers 23 databases (19 adult & 4 children's). We also subscribe to Listen Up Vermont, which allows you to download books to your audio device. All you need is the Cornwall Library Card. Our total circulation for 2013 was 1,286 items of all types.

We had an extremely successful book sale in November 2013. So successful, that we will continue to have a book sale at that time each year. Our proceeds amounted to \$820, which allowed us to purchase at last two additional book orders. We appreciate everyone's participation and help with the sale. We look forward to next year.

The Library Trustee's thank the taxpayers for increasing our annual appropriation to \$4,000 last year. We appreciate the support and encourage everyone to come in and check out the library. Also, feel free to ask about books that you don't see on the shelves already, we are happy to get books through interlibrary loan, or we will order the book for our library.

Patty McCormick, Judy English, Ginny Hiland, Carol King, Kristina Simmons, Sue Johnson

### Library Treasurer's Report

**Checking Balance, 01-01-2013      \$148.45**

**INCOME:**

Town Appropriation 2013	\$4,000.00
Book Sale	820.00
Transfer from CD	2,500.00
Holmes Family Donation	850.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>397.00</u>
<b>Sub-Total Income:</b>	<b>8,567.00</b>
Less Expenses:	<u>(6,024.70)</u>

**Balance 12-31-2013      \$2,690.75**

**EXPENSES:**

Software Support	\$225.00
Membership Dues	200.00
Computer Repair	80.00
Phone Service/Public WiFi	863.12
Books/Media	<u>4,656.58</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,024.70</b>

**Fund Balances 12-31-13**

Foote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,644.60
Interest earned 2013	<u>23.27</u>

**Total      4,667.87**

Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	4,762.60
Interest earned 2013	10.06

Withdrawal with penalty      (2,502.15)

**Total      \$2,270.51**

**Grand Total CD's      \$6,938.38**



## 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 2014 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning in July 2015. After accounting for the current years expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2013 report the committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of January 17, 2014, the Capital Fund balance is \$149,283.79. This balance will allow the town to pay for the 2014 plow truck that is being built, outright, so no bank loan will be needed. This will be the final capital purchase for this year, and next year's purchases are within the budgeted \$130,000.00.

In conjunction with the Selectboard, the Committee went through a bidding process to hire an engineering firm to help create a building matrix for use in putting together the Capital Building spreadsheet. In the end Phelps Engineering, Vermont Integrated Architecture and Mill Bridge Construction worked together to create a building needs assessment and matrix. Unfortunately, we did not receive the final product until early in January, so were unable to create a spreadsheet to look at costs over the next 6 years. The committee is recommending that the Capital Building line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$100,000. During the remainder of this fiscal year and into the next, the committee will work on creating the spreadsheet to look forward over the next 6 years, and after determining specific timeframes for the work to be completed, will determine if we can lower the budget amount for future years.

Cornwall is completing its fifth 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 voters also approved transferring a portion of the FY 2011/2012 surplus to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$61,184.28. These additional funds have eliminated the need to borrow any money for capital purchases at the present time. The committee will need to remain aware and plan ahead should it become necessary to borrow money for future purchases.

During fiscal year 2012/2013, the capital fund made payments for:

HW: Loader	\$95,500.00
HW: 2009 plow truck	31,349.01
HW: final payment on 2009 plow truck	14,708.26
FD: Utility Truck	195,377.00
FD: balance of Utility Truck	\$6,537.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$343,471.57</b>

The Capital Budget and Planning Committee recommended to the Selectboard that it include a \$130,000 Capital Equipment line item and a \$100,000 Capital Building line item in the proposed Cornwall town budget for the fiscal year which will begin on 1 July 2014. The committee feels strongly that by working with these two capital funds, the municipal tax rates can be kept consistent without the typical peaks and valleys of unplanned large expenditures.

Mary Conlon, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, Jake Chapline,  
Denny Rheame, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson

## **Lemon Fair Insect Control District**

### **Annual Report 2012-2013**

#### Treatment Season

Aerial larvicide treatment for 2013 totaled 3,044 acres. Cornwall and Bridport were treated twice along the Lemon Fair River for a total of 624 acres. Weybridge was treated once for 96 acres and the towns of Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury and Goshen (the “BLSG” District) were treated six times for a total of 2,324 acres.

In spite of an extremely wet May (3” to 4” above normal) and June (2” to 3” above normal), the Lemon Fair River did not generate sufficient larval counts to warrant frequent treatment. One theory suggested to explain this is that there were not sufficient “dry down” periods for the mosquito eggs to hatch into larvae. Another theory is that the water flow in the Lemon Fair was so significant with all the rain that the larvae were quickly carried downstream and out of the Lemon Fair valley.

July (closer to normal precipitation) and August (1” to 2” below normal precipitation) produced similar dipping results. Accordingly, we treated the Lemon Fair once in July for 144 acres and not at all in August.

Of note, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture found a number adult mosquito samples which tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (“EEE”) and West Nile Virus (“WNV”). As a result of one of the samples, the Agency of Agriculture, on behalf of the Health Department, contracted with a Washington, DC aerial spraying service which sprayed for adult mosquitoes in Whiting and Cornwall in late August.

#### LFICD Financial Report

In light of reduced revenue and higher costs, we ended 2013 with less liquidity than we did in 2012. Increased costs came from higher levels of liability insurance, plane repairs and our 50% share with the Agency of Agriculture of the costs of an agricultural GPS navigation (“AgNav”) system for the airplane. Furthermore, the State is now requiring that we store our larvicide in a climate controlled facility consistent with the product labeling. The AgNav system will be installed and operational for the 2014 treatment season. We are continually looking for more cost efficient ways to provide effective larviciding services including comparing the costs of using a third party applicator vs. our own plane.

#### Board Changes

Since the last annual report, David Dodge (Cornwall) came on the board and is now Chairman. Former chair Tom Baskett (Bridport) left the board at the November 2013 board meeting and was replaced by Chuck Burkins of Bridport. Tom has been on the board for six years, most of it as chair. Needless to say, the board will very much miss his wise counsel. We look forward to working with Chuck.

#### Other Matters

We very much appreciate the diligence and professionalism of our Field Coordinators, Craig Zondag and Judd Markowski, and look forward to working with them in 2014. We also benefited from the “dipping” efforts of Amy Oxford and board member, Chris Chapline...thank you both.

## **Lemon Fair Budget Dec. 2013-Nov. 2014**

(As Adopted on Nov. 5, 2013)

<b>CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</b>	\$ 40,930
<b>INCOME</b>	
VT larvicide application payments (3,600 acres at \$10.50 per acre)	\$ 37,800
VT larval survey reimbursement	\$ 7,000
Member town assessments:	
Bridport	\$ 6,000
Cornwall	\$ 6,000
Weybridge	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 66,800
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>	\$ 107,730
 <b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>	
Aircraft, premises insurance	\$ 20,500
Field Coordinator	\$ 15,500
Aircraft maintenance and support	\$ 5,000
Airplane major repair	\$ 5,000
LFICD Board insurance	\$ 3,500
Assistant Field Coordinator	\$ 3,000
Annual review of accounts	\$ 2,000
Heating/cooling larvicide	\$ 2,000
Materials storage, lot lease	\$ 1,852
Misc - licenses, admin	\$ 1,210
Winter hangar rental	\$ 800
Legal fees and services	\$ 250
Fuel - winter maintenance	\$ 200
<b>TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES</b>	\$ 60,812
 <b>VARIABLE:</b>	
Pilot fees @ \$200/hr	\$ 5,500
Larvicide loaders @ \$20/hr	\$ 500
Fuel	\$ 2,500
<b>TOTAL VARIABLE EXPENSES</b>	\$ 8,500
 <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
Climate controlled larvicide storage	\$ 3,500
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 3,500
 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 72,812
 <b>CARRYOVER TO NEXT YEAR</b>	\$ 34,918

# **Addison County Regional Planning Commission Report**

**Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2013**

**The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2013 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.
- 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 "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 flooding.
- Provided training and response equipment recommendations to Public Service Board for VT Gas proposal
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation grants that will fund development of plans for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Monkton, Panton, Salisbury, and Shoreham.

## **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
- Served as the Regional Coordinator for the Home Energy Challenge
- Worked with Neighborworks of Western Vermont to bring their weatherization programs to the Region.

## **Transportation Planning**

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development
- Conducted a day-long highway safety forum for municipal officials in Brandon on 29 May 2013.

## **Natural Resources Planning**

- 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](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)**

**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)    **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F 7AM–3PM, Sat 9AM–1PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8AM–4PM    **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F 8AM–Noon, Sat 9AM–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 single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** program will return to accepting reusable household goods and building materials after construction is completed in the Spring. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

### 2013 Highlights

**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 divert recyclable and hazardous wastes from disposal. The District helped to lead efforts to adopt a new extended producer responsibility law for paint, which will require manufacturers to pay for the collection and recycling of oil and latex paint beginning in Spring 2014. This will lead to a significant cost savings for the District, as the majority of hazardous waste collected consists of paint or paint products. The Transfer Station is also a registered collection site for the State electronic waste

program and fluorescent lamp program, offering free recycling for most electronics and bulbs. **Act 148.** Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, took effect this year. Act 148 focuses on the "3 C's" for organics and recyclables: consistency, convenience and cost-effectiveness. 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 already in place here. 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. **Construction.** The Transfer Station passed the 40,000-visit mark this year. The increasing volume of recyclables and special wastes received has created the need for a safer and more efficient area for collecting those materials. The Transfer Station is now undergoing major construction of a new 1,400/sq.ft special waste building and access road, and a new covered tip wall. The existing waste building will receive new lighting and translucent panels to improve visibility. The District offices will be expanded to include two offices and a conference room. **Recycling Collection.** As of October, the Transfer Station received 475 tons of the 4,600 tons of single stream recyclables collected in the District. **Batteries.** The District began a new recycling program for alkaline and carbon zinc batteries this year and collected 1,300 lbs to date, as well as 3,560 lbs of various rechargeable batteries. The District also continues to recycle non-rechargeable lithium batteries and button cell batteries. **Illegal Dumping.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2013 to enforce its ordinance against illegal dumping and burning of waste. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 32 illegal burning & dumping complaints. The District served as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many town volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter, with outreach, free gloves, prizes and - most importantly - free disposal of the roadside waste. This year, the District subsidized disposal of 15.28 tons of trash, 7.12 tons of tires, 4 batteries and various other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit of \$4,000.

## 2014 Budget

The District's 2014 Annual Budget is \$2,496,874, a 2.36% increase over the 2013 Annual Budget (after subtracting the 2013 one-time contribution of \$230,000 from the General Fund to Designated Funds). The District Transfer Station will maintain the same rates as last year, with the exception of repealing the \$2/load fee for latex paint. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton for MSW/C&D and \$10/ton for contaminated soils approved for alternative daily cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2014.** For a copy of the full 2013 Annual Report, please call us, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

## Vermont Department of Health 2013 Report

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2013 the Health Department:

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** we served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provided individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1,128 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

We also provided access to local healthy foods through the Farm to Family Program, which is a coupon program for fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets. This year, the Middlebury District Office distributed 180 coupon books, valued at \$30 each, to Addison County families.

We also partnered with Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN) and Northeast Organic Farmers Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) to help Addison County residents purchase fall/winter community supported agriculture (CSA) shares. Twenty-five Addison County individuals and families received fall/winter CSA shares at 75% off the regular price from farms throughout the county.

We were fortunate to have four WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors in Addison County in 2013. The Peer Counselors provided ongoing breastfeeding support to local WIC participants. We hosted two baby showers this year at our office to celebrate parents and their babies and so WIC participants could meet their Breastfeeding Peers. The breastfeeding initiation rate among Addison County WIC participants was 82%.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** This year, we partnered with local doctors and nurses to ensure children and adults were getting the immunizations they needed. We also responded to 153 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. During the mosquito and tick season, we provided extensive public information and outreach including a workshop for Town Health Officers on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus and several public presentations on EEE, Lyme Disease, and Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

**Your Health Department district office** is in Middlebury, at 156 South Village Green, Suite 102, (802) 388-4644.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov). Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury> and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](https://twitter.com/healthvermont).

## **Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2013**

**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 seven 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 – 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. In FY 2014, 8 individual resident teens from Cornwall made visits to the teen center, and 128 visits were made to special events by Cornwall teens.

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

### **Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects (HOPE)**

Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG) d.b.a. HOPE, strives to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with basic needs and self-help opportunities. Our vision is “all persons in Addison County have the tools and resources necessary in order to meet their own basic needs.” HOPE’s task is to assist low-income people in acquiring and developing those resources.

HOPE’s services include, but are not limited to: Addison County Emergency Food Shelf; Rent, utility and fuel assistance; emergency firewood and cash and carry fuel; financial assistance with medical and dental needs, and transportation to medical appointments; help for working persons including tools and uniforms, and money for fuel and car repairs for those who need an vehicle to get to work; specialized housing opportunities for person with disabilities and special need; clothing, furniture and essential household goods; training in basic job skills; budget counseling; holiday food baskets and programs for children; advocacy, information and referrals; specialized assistance and outreach for homeless persons.

Use of the Addison County Food Shelf, which is operated by HOPE, has risen to historic levels, and continues to climb. At the same time, supplies of non-perishable food are drying up in response to economic and market shifts. We are responding by working with farmers and others to increase the amount of locally grown food available to low income households.

During 2013, HOPE served 48 Cornwall residents.

HOPE requests \$4,000. This is a \$50 increase over last year’s request.

### **Addison County Court Diversion**

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Project, Inc. provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the “balance approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience.

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 YSASP averages 172. We currently have 63 community service sites throughout Addison County. In 2013 ACCD&CJP served 8 Cornwall residents.

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 46 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.

Addison County Home Health & Hospice was honored this past year by both national and local organizations. The National Association of Home Care & Hospice and the Home Healthcare Nurses Association recognized a member of our hospice team, Jane Kearns, RN, as a Top 50 Home Care and Hospice Nurse. The Addison County Chamber of Commerce recognized our agency with the 2013 Community Achievement Award. Moreover, ACHHH was named a Top Agency of the 2013 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States.

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 661 service visits. 385 skilled nursing, 139 physical, speech & occupational therapy, 11 medical social work, 63 home health aide, and 63 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 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 60,000 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 2013 and more than 200 free books have been delivered to them during that calendar year.

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

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

### **Addison County Transit Resources**

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

Services: ACTR'S primary constituents in Cornwall are Medicaid recipients, elders, persons with disabilities and disadvantaged individuals/families who have no ability to self-transport. Cornwall residents may also come to Middlebury and access 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 July 2013, ACTR moved in the new Community Transportation Center (CTC), an administrative and garage facility that will transform ACTR's ability to serve the Addison County community and residents of every town, including Cornwall. The CTC will enable ACTR to be more efficient and cost-effective, allowing more of its budget funds to be spent putting and keeping service on the road.

In FY2013, ACTR also created the first rural Transportation Management Association (TMA) model in Vermont to reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) miles traveled. The Go Addison County TMA looks to change commuting behaviors through an employer-based program that promotes alternatives to SOV. If employees can save money by ridesharing, using transit or biking/walking this can lead to higher job satisfaction, which serves to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the region. Studies show biking, walking and taking public transportation have significant health benefits, which also strengthens the overall community.

ACTR is requesting \$1,028, no increase 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.

CSAC provided 657 hours of service to residents of Cornwall in 2013.

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 180 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 863 hours of care, 283 hot meals, and approximately 328 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$12,938 for direct services to Cornwall residents.

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

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

### **Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 4, 2013**

The weather warmed up just in time for Green Up Day 2013! Many towns reported an increase in volunteers, with some towns setting all-time records. Coordinators overall reported seeing and collecting less trash. We are beginning to track illegal dumpsites by town as well, with the help of our coordinators.

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. 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. Our coordinators tell us that most of their volunteer force is families with young children. 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 for grades K-12. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://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 because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit- here.

**Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, the first Saturday in May.**

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

## **Homeward Bound Animal Welfare Center**

The mission of Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, is to educate the community and improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society. We safeguard, rescue, shelter, heal, adopt and advocate for animals in need, while inspiring community action and compassion on their behalf.

Homeward Bound is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the well-being of homeless, abandoned and abused/neglected animals. Founded in 1975, Homeward Bound continues to serve as the only animal shelter in Addison County and since its inception has served over 19,000 animals without state, federal or United Way funding.

Through September 2013 Homeward Bound took in 460 animals from Addison County: 203 of which were surrendered by their owners for re-homing and 257 of which were strays brought in by animal control or citizens. One of those animals came from the Town of Cornwall.

For information about Homeward Bound, please call 802-388-1443 or visit [www.homewardboundanimals.org](http://www.homewardboundanimals.org).

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 184 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 1643 visits, driving 25,137 miles, and providing 3022 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 553 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, no increase over last year.

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

This year the John Graham Shelter located on Main Street in Vergennes marks 34 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals.

Last year the John W. Graham Shelter provided more than 10,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services 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, helped dozens of people find permanent housing and employment; provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives.

Who are Vermont's homeless? It used to be a single man, out of work and down on his luck, struggling to overcome alcohol or drug addictions. But today the face of homelessness is a beautiful young woman, striving to balance a job while caring for her young children. In Vermont, the number of homeless school-aged children increased from 785 in 2009 to 1,202 in 2012. The result of spiraling rents and stagnant incomes, this 53% increase is one of the fastest growing rates of child homelessness in the country, according to federal data. The John Graham Shelter provided housing to more than 100 families with children this year.

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 42% of the 61 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 PM 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 14 Cornwall children and 1 family child care home in 2013.

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 – 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 such time that one can obtain insurance, find a healthcare provider, and establish a permanent medical “home”.

Between January 1 and November 7, 2013, the ODC provided services to 24 Cornwall residents through 106 interactions, including medical visits 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 staff and volunteers also assist all patients with completing their applications for insurance programs such as VHAP and Catamount (prior to October 1), and since then, our certified navigator, Melanie Clark has helped our patients, community members and small businesses understand and enroll in Vermont Health Connect.

Funding that we receive from sources such as town allocations is vital for the ODC to continue our mission. We exist entirely on donations and grants and are constantly seeking funds to continue to meet the ever-growing need for healthcare services to the uninsured, and underinsured members of our community.

Many have asked us if we think we will still be in business with the opening of Vermont Health Connect on January 1. Given our experience of working with patients and community members to date, we are actually anticipating that we may see more patients over the coming year. We fear that some Vermonters will miss the enrollment deadline, some will decide to take the risk of going without health insurance, and we predict that some who will face significantly higher monthly premiums and out-of-pocket expenses will make the tough decision of being or remaining uninsured. We greatly appreciate the Town of Cornwall for your past support and thank you for considering our request for the FY2014/2015.

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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, supports scholarships for up to 5 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp, supports Envirothon and continues that outreach at Addison County Fair and Field Days and the Addison County Tour and Annual District Meeting. The District supports a technical staff of four employees who work in pond design, Land Treatment Planning, drinking water risk assessment and testing, nonpoint source reduction and watershed planning. The Long Range plan addresses continuing to support all existing programs, expanding them where feasible and supporting the capacity needed to do that.

In 2014, the District will be looking to continue to support rain garden installation. Rain gardens will recharge groundwater and reduce storm water surges in streams and rivers following storm events. They are planted with a variety of flowering shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. Visit them in the spring, note how this method of landscaping differs from the traditional and read the informational sign. This landscaping has measurable water quality benefits. See the Rain Garden at Marbleworks, and St. Stephen's Church on the Green in Middlebury installed in 2006 with renovations begun in 2013; the Robbins' residence installed in 2008, and 8 installed in 2009 in Middlebury, Bristol, Ripton and Starksboro. Cornwall and Bridport Schools have installed rain gardens with the support of OCNRCD and United Ways Days of Caring.

Weather permitting Conservation Field Day at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site is held and 250 Addison County students participate 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 two farms in preparation for implementing conservation practices on over 500 acres and wrote one nutrient management plan.

One 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.

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

Cornwall appropriates \$121.11 to the District each year.

## **Otter Creek Child Center**

At Otter Creek Child Center (OCCC) our mission is to provide high quality, affordable, early care and education. OCCC was founded in 1984 and provides a home-like setting for children 6 weeks through six years old. Otter Creek is a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited program that offers a play-based emergent curriculum nurturing the emotional, intellectual, social and physical development of children within a safe, warm, healthy environment staffed by loving professionals and supported by a collaborative community of family and friends. OCCC respects and values the individual differences in children and works closely with families to ensure that all children are filled with wonder and joy. We believe that children learn best through play. Otter Creek believes the role of the teacher is to be a loving facilitator of play, a nurturing supportive caregiver who supports the children as they explore their environment through all of their senses according to their individual interest and needs. The teachers draw forth the intrinsic motivation of each child so that learning becomes an interactive process that values imagination, creativity, joy, and fosters a love of learning.

Our philosophy is; that each child is an individual who deserves to be treated with love and respect at all times; that feeling loved, cared about and safe is the most important aspects of good development; that children will let us know what they need to learn; that discipline is an attitude, not just a variety of techniques one uses with children; that family is the foundation of a child's wellbeing.

The OCCC is requesting funding in the amount of \$1000, no increase over last year.

## RSVP

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

In FY13, **43 Cornwall residents volunteered 3,193 hours at 47 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** made by RSVP **Warm Hearts/Warm Hands** volunteers and greatly enjoyed having a Foster Grandparent in their classroom.

Cornwall residents took part in **free RSVP Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention classes** which are offered twice per week at 23 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, 353 RSVP members volunteered 60,514 hours (an estimated value of \$1,271,399) at 135 schools, hospitals, social service agencies and non-profits in our community.**

On behalf of our volunteers and non-profit partners, I would like to thank the residents of Cornwall for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call Serena Eddy Guiles 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 variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals. Areas of focus include reading, writing, math, GED, high school diploma and English as a second language. Instruction is available to students with a GED or diploma who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

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.

In fiscal year 2013, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 186 individuals, 3 of whom 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;

## Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, *continued*

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 538 women, children and men who experienced abuse directly, during 4,900 meetings and phone calls. 181 supervised visits and monitored exchanges.

WomenSafe services provided at least 5 Cornwall adults and children services through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings.

Other notable 2013 facts: The Training & Education Program reached 1,577 adults and youth through 232 presentations that covered a variety of topics including healthy relationships, child sexual abuse prevention & flirting vs. sexual harassment; 13 Community Outreach events reached more than 1,000 adults and youth; 74 community volunteers donated more than 8,400 hours of services including staffing our 24-hour hotline, helping with special events, providing administrative support and building/grounds maintenance; 80% 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.



Inside District No 5 School House



## **Town Meeting Minutes March 4, 2013**

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Prior to the call to order of Town Meeting, State Representative Willem Jewett spoke to the assemblage in regard to the work that is being done in Montpelier. Rep. Jewett explained that the Federal Sequester is causing a shortfall in Montpelier which the legislature will have to try to deal with. He believes that taxes will go up this year. He spoke briefly about the natural gas pipeline and the Tar Sands issue.

Bruce Hiland, Chair of the Selectboard gave a few remarks related to the state of the town and other specific items that are currently being addressed by the Selectboard. His remarks included information about the town's surplus, the Lavalley Store building removal, the Natural Resources inventory, the salt contamination issue, the proposed natural gas pipeline, the increase in the General Fund budget and more. *A copy of Mr. Hiland's remarks are attached to these minutes.*

Cy Tall 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 about a topic.

The moderator called the Town Meeting to order at 6:55 pm as warned with approximately 180 townspeople in attendance.

*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:*

<b>5 years:</b>	<i>Cemetery Commissioner</i>
<b>3 years:</b>	<i>Road Commissioner; Two (2) Planning Commissioners; Selectboard; Lister; School Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds</i>
<b>2 years:</b>	<i>Selectboard; School Director; Three (3) Library Trustees;</i>
<b>1 year:</b>	<i>Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Lister (to fill an unexpired term); Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Library Trustee</i>

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

*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 – June 2012.*

Bruce Hiland/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded that the \$74,745.71 surplus be used to lower property taxes for the 2013 tax bill due out in August 2013. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

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

T Tall/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to approve a General Fund budget of \$446,897. There were several questions from the audience related to the addition of the new line item titled Capital Fund Buildings. Sue Johnson explained that this fund will work the same as the Capital Equipment fund, in that it will allow the orderly maintenance and repair to town buildings similar to the replacement of town and fire department equipment. Sue further explained that the Capital Committee comprised of seven townspeople recommended the \$100,000 figure this year as it would not raise the tax rate significantly since \$100,000 was raised last year for the renovation to the North Bingham Street fire station. Although it appears to be a 21% increase in the General Fund budget, the tax rate itself should remain about the same as last year at 24 cents. Marc Lapin asked how expenditures from the fund were handled. Sue Johnson explained that during the fiscal year, any bills received can be paid out of the General Fund up to the amount budgeted. Any capital fund budget money left at the end of the FY is transferred to the Capital Fund Account. If the expenditures are more than the amount budgeted, a check is written out of the Capital Fund Account. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

*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.*

John Roberts/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to approve a highway budget of \$373,800 with State Aid expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$313,800 to be raised by taxes. T Tall asked if the town would receive the full \$60,000 due to the federal sequester and cutbacks. Stu indicated that state aid is not federal money and should not be affected. It was pointed out that the amount being voted on is the full amount of the budget. No further discussion ensued. 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, 2013 to June 30, 2014.*

John Roberts/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to appropriate \$59,700 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. There was no discussion on this article. The motion was carried on voice vote.

*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).*

T Tall/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to appropriate \$5000 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. Ben Marks asked if the data would be available on the website or only in a binder at the town hall. Marc Lapin indicated that the information can be available on the town's website and updated as needed. Marc Lapin spoke to the article indicating first that he had hoped to have information about an anticipated grant from the South Lake Champlain Fund, but unfortunately the information was not available for town meeting. Marc also indicated that the natural resources survey will benefit the townspeople by

documenting what Cornwallians love and enjoy; what hydrological hazards are lurking; it will provide access to information about specific properties in town. Once completed, the inventory will be a great informational resource and will be made using a systematic process by analyzing the landscape systematically. The inventory will be an educational resource, through which Marc hopes to get teachers and the 4-Winds program involved. The inventory will analyze movement corridors within the town and it will work to promote smart growth in Cornwall. Lastly, Marc indicated that the inventory will be done at a greatly discounted rate of \$45 -\$50 per hour. John Roberts asked what the total budget for the completed inventory would be. Marc L. said that the inventory would cost \$15,000. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

*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 – June 30, 2014.*

Jon Isham/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to appropriate \$500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Little League to help pay its expenses for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Jon Isham asked how the team did last year. Peter Conlon explained that all the teams had fun and learned a lot. The motion carried on voice vote.

*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.*

Peter McCormick/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. There was no discussion on this article. The motion carried on voice vote.

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

<i>a. Addison Central Teens, Inc.</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>b. Addison County Community Action Group, Inc. d/b/a/ HOPE</i>	<i>3,750.00</i>
<i>c. Addison County Court Diversion and Community Justice Projects, Inc.</i>	<i>350.00</i>
<i>d. Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.</i>	<i>1,440.00</i>
<i>e. Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.</i>	<i>1,600.00</i>
<i>f. Addison County Readers, Inc.</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>g. Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.</i>	<i>1,028.00</i>
<i>h. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc.</i>	<i>950.00</i>
<i>i. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.</i>	<i>2,300.00</i>
<i>j. Elderly Services, Inc.</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>k. Green Up Vermont, Inc.</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>l. Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>m. Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.</i>	<i>450.00</i>
<i>n. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.</i>	<i>1,925.00</i>
<i>o. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.</i>	<i>700.00</i>
<i>p. Northern Vermont RC&amp;D Council</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>q. Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>r. Otter Creek Child Care Center</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>s. The Retired &amp; Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.</i>	<i>360.00</i>
<i>t. Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.</i>	<i>500.00</i>

u. WomenSafe, Inc.

\$1000.00

TOTAL:

\$21,853.00

John Roberts/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to appropriate the amounts indicated for the listed organizations. Sue Johnson indicated that the amount requested for RSVP should be \$360.00, not \$60.00 and that a write up on the new organization included in the warning, Otter Creek Child Care Center, was inadvertently not included in the Town Report. The bottom line number of \$21,853 is correct. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

*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%).*

Rodney Cadoret/Derwin Stevens moved/seconded to approve the billing date of August 21, 2013 for property taxes, with two payment dates of November 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014. Taxes unpaid after November 1, 2013 are late and will be charged interest at 1% per month. Taxes unpaid after May 1, 2014 are delinquent and will be charged interest at 1% per month and plus a collector's fee of 8%. There was no discussion on this article. The motion carried on voice vote.

*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.*

T Tall/John Roberts moved/seconded to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for capital purchases should funds in the capital account be depleted. There was no discussion on this article. The motion carried on voice vote.

*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.*

Greg Dennis/Jon Isham moved/seconded to instruct the Selectboard to enact the resolution printed in Article 12 of the March 4, 2013 Town Meeting warning related to Tar Sands Oil export. Greg Dennis gave an overview of the resolution. Mr. Dennis indicated that 25 towns in Vermont were discussing and voting on the Tar Sands resolution. The plan is to reverse the direction of an existing pipeline that goes across the northern part of Vermont to Portland, Maine. The purpose of the resolution is not only to say that the town opposes tar sands oil going through Vermont, but also to encourage State Government to say no as well. It was explained that tar sands oil does not float, but goes to the bottom of water sources and destroys the ecology. Maurice Laframboise asked how the article got on the warning and Bruce Hiland explained that Mr. Dennis asked that the Selectboard to consider including it, and the board did decide to include the article without a petition being presented. Mr. Hiland indicated that this option of requesting the inclusion of an article on the warning is available to all citizens of Cornwall. The Moderator did indicate that the last bit of information was not germane to the topic at hand. Jon Isham felt that approving the resolution was a good idea and felt it was important to join together with other Vermont towns to express a strong opinion on issues. He also felt that the nation looked to Vermont to voice opinions on important issues. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

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

As a reminder, Cy Tall indicated that any business brought forward in Article 13 would be non-binding, informational only and no money items could be voted on.

Cy expressed thanks to the Chef and Assistants who created the wonderful dinner.

Bob Gerlin thanked Sue Johnson and the Auditors for the excellent job on putting together the Town Report.

Gary Barnett, our Energy Coordinator, explained that Cornwall is taking part in a Home Energy Challenge. The goal for the challenge is to have 3% of the houses in Cornwall evaluated for energy efficiency. This would represent about 14 houses. As part of the challenge, Neighborworks is offering energy audits at a cost of \$100. This is much less expensive than a typical audit which might cost \$300 - \$600. Anyone interested in looking into the challenge can contact Gary.

Peter Conlon reminded folks that they will be voting on the UD#3 budget tomorrow along with Town Officials and he encouraged people to go to the polls.

Beth Keefe thanked the fire department for the excellent job on the renovation of the West Cornwall Fire Station.

Jeff Noordsy spoke about the proposed natural gas pipeline. He indicated that a Canadian Company is planning to install a high pressure natural gas line through Cornwall. He indicated that a specific route has not been selected yet, but a map of a route had the pipeline coming through Cornwall village. He expressed his concern that the companies involved are looking for a profit and not so concerned about how others are affected by the installation of the gas line. He encouraged Cornwall residents to attend meetings, sign petitions and band together during this crucial time.

Marc Lapin talked about ACT 248, which is similar to ACT 250, but for energy projects. He believes that VT Gas will say that the Phase II project is in the public good.

Beth Keefe worries that the gas line will not be the required 300 feet from structures that is required for safety sake. She also indicated that there is a VPR recording of a show by Terry Gross.

Michael Katz brought two issues forward, the first being that the route has not been selected and second that natural gas is better for the environment than other forms of fuel, i.e.: burning tires.

Ben Marks spoke on the issue by explaining that he had worked on the energy company side of the NW Reliability Project which went through Ferrisburgh and Charlotte. He indicated that each town had a different response to the project and ended up with two very different outcomes as well. Charlotte got very involved with the process including the PSB hearings and as a result they were able to negotiate with the energy company to get many of their power lines underground, whereas Ferrisburgh did not get involved at all and now has large power line structures along Route 17. Mr. Marks encouraged the town and townspeople to get involved early, sign petitions, talk to elected officials, etc.

Stan Gryzb attended a meeting in Middlebury that was organized by VT Gas. He said the presentation was only what VT Gas wanted attendees to hear. He reminded the group that there is no benefit planned for Cornwall. Cornwall is enjoyable as it is and is not an industrial town. Dr. Grzyb suggested that landowners should not sign any release form to allow surveyors on their property. Dr. Grzyb did contact the Dept. of Public Service, but they can only represent a town or Selectboard, not individual citizens of a town.

Jon Isham did indicate that Natural Gas is a cleaner form of energy.

Mary Dodge invited those present to go on a Winter Tree Identification and Tracking Walk on March 9, 2013. Those interested will meet at the Town Hall at 12:45, and the walk will be from 1:00 – 3:30 PM at the Dodge/Katz property. The county forester who was supposed to lead the tour is now unable to be there, but they will be rounding up another qualified tour leader.

David Dodge, the current Chair of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District told townspeople that there is an information sheet available at the front of the room talking about mosquitoes and mosquito borne diseases and what precautions we can take to prevent illness and infection.

Sue Johnson reported that the amount of tax money abated by the town for the DAR building is +/- \$2000, annually.

Sue Johnson also indicated that the coffee “klatch” at the town hall has not really worked out. She indicated that a few people have stopped by for coffee, but that no gathering has taken place.

Sue will continue to make two pots of coffee each day the office is open and encouraged folks to stop by.

David Sears expressed appreciation for all of the time and energy that Charles Boardman and Junius Calitri, who were memorialized in the town report, had given to the Town of Cornwall. Their service to the town is greatly appreciated and their presence in town will be sorely missed.

It was moved/seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Cornwall Town Clerk



Clark Rd Culvert Ditch, Northeast Corner

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2014**

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 3, 2014, 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 4, 2013.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$1,451,290** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize its Board of Directors to dispose of (by sale or otherwise) School House #5 (assessed value of \$22,600) located on South Bingham Street in Cornwall, on such terms and conditions as the board of directors determine to be acceptable.
- 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 4, 2014 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.
- ARTICLE 9:** To elect one Town School Director for a period of two years (unexpired term).

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

John Eagan, Chair  
Maureen Deppman  
Cynthia Peet  
Kristianne Tolgyesi



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the new principal in Cornwall, I have the pleasure of working with a knowledgeable and caring staff, delightful children and supportive parents in a wonderful community. 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 go out to all families. 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.

Our curriculum work is based on the Common Core Standards. Teachers participate in various professional development activities to assure positive implementation of new initiatives and instructional strategies related to the Common Core for the success of our students. We are in year five of the Vermont Integrated Instructional Model which combines academic and behavior supports with the goal of improving the achievement for all students. Teachers are dedicated to applying scientific, researched-based interventions in general education, measuring student response to these interventions and using the Response to Intervention data to inform instruction. We continue to be engaged in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and in October of 2013, we were awarded a certificate of recognition for our efforts. This year's theme is Whale Done, Cornwall School! Students are awarded whales as they meet the school wide expectations. Our efforts with PBIS work in conjunction with Responsive Classroom to maintain a positive school climate, which leads to greater student achievement.

We are very proud of our current fifth grade students who showed exemplary skills on the Science NECAP administered in the Spring of 2013. As fourth graders, this group of students ranked in the top five in the state of Vermont on the Science New England Common Assessment Program!

In Cornwall, we are fortunate to have a community who supports our school in so many ways. The Friends of Cornwall School, (FOCS) our parent group, provides special events and activities for our students. Some of the fun activities provided by our "Friends" are: Harvest Day, Gifts for Giving, Grandfriends Luncheon and Movie Nights. Work was done around our school on The United Way Days of Caring by student volunteers from the Hannaford Career Center. Our students participate in Science lessons throughout the year facilitated by Four Winds Volunteers. School banking, in conjunction with the Middlebury National Bank, is also completely organized and staffed by volunteers. Middlebury College is a source of many opportunities for our students. We are able to skate at Kenyon Arena and cross-country ski at Breadloaf. We benefit from student teachers as well as student volunteers throughout the school year.

Our students and staff are also involved in giving back to our community. At Thanksgiving, everyone brought in food to donate to those who needed assistance in our community. We hold food drives to contribute to local food pantries, and during February and March, we participate in the Big Change Round Up for the Vermont Children's Hospital. In the spring of 2013, Sarah Holmes sent \$750 that she and her schoolmates raised in cookbook sales to Save the Children. They were very impressed by our students' initiative and generosity. This resulted in a visit from Gary Shaye, Senior Director of Save the Children.

We welcome volunteers that have time, a special talent or an experience they would be willing to share. Residents are invited to keep informed about school matters by attending Board meetings usually held the third Thursday of each month. The few short months I have been here have been very fulfilling, and I look forward to all the exciting activities yet to come!

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hackett, Principal

## **TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Susan Hackett	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
Patricia 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*
Lynda Burt	Media Center Assistant*
Helen Freismuth	Instructional Assistant
Marci Lambert	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Judith Larson	Special Education Instructional Assistant
Jane Phinney	Instructional Assistant*
Donna Severy	Administrative Assistant
Susan Pratt	Cook/Food Service Manager*
Jan Reynolds	Assistant Cook*
Jonathan Orvis	Custodian/Maintenance*
Christine Orvis	Custodian/Maintenance*
Andrew Munkres	Bus Driver
Beth VanDusen	Bus Driver
*Part-time	

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	12	12	16	8	12	14	14	88
Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Students	13	22	17	16	19	12		99

## STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION DISTRICT #3

- GRADE 7:** Andrea Benson, Silas Conlon, Derek Felkl, Henry Hodde, Catherine Isham, Joshua Kerr, Michael Kilbreth, Emily Laframboise, Jacob Peluso, Sophie Poppenga, Emily Pottinger, Katelyn Stearns, Katherine Wallace
- GRADE 8:** Rebekah Anderson, Bridget Audet, Jack Deppman, Skyeler Devlin, Jackson Donahue, John Eagan, Hunter Given, 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 9:** Asaiah Anderson, Joshua Bechhoefer, Constantine Benson, Jonathan Castle, Grace Dayton, Kyra Diehl, Adam Gill, Anna Hickley, Ronan Howlett, Phillip Jerome, Charlotte Keathley, Alexander Marohnic, Maverick Payne, Alec Poppenga, McKenna Poppenga, Robert Poppenga Jacob Pyne
- GRADE 10:** Claire Armstrong, Emma Donahue, Edward Eagan, Emily Fleming, Madelyn Gardner, Dana Gero, Cole Gregory, , Gretchen Groves, Sophia Hodges, Jackson Houchell, Faith Isham, Nora Keathley, Justin Northrup, River Payne, Ellie Severy, Grey Sutor
- GRADE 11:** Marvella Avery, Robert Avery, Zachary Bechhoefer, Emma Castle, Grant Durham, Mikaela Gardner, Ian Gill, Alexis Grant, Katherine Holmes, Joseph Houchell, Abigail Lane, Emile Mathez, Jonathan McCluskey, Lauren Poppenga, Keri Richmond, Julia Rosenberg, Evan Ryan, Mallissa Sumner, Bo Linh Tran
- GRADE 12:** Nicholas Felkl, Kevin Galenkamp, Julian Hamilton, Tyler Hogan, Sonia Howlett, Thomas Jackson, Katherine Knowles, Christopher Ryan, Joshua Stearns, Jonah Supernovich, Samuel Usilton, Forrest Wright-Lapin

## **SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The School Board would like to begin this annual letter by welcoming Susan Hackett as the new principal for the Cornwall School. Susan brings years of educational experience to the position, and we as a Board look forward to working with her. We would also like to extend our thanks to Denise Goodnow for her seven years of dedicated service to our community and our children. We wish Denise all the best as she moves on to new challenges as Co-Principal at the Thatcher Brook School in Waterbury. Finally, we 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 the school is helping to provide the best possible education to our children. Thank you for supporting the Cornwall School.

### **Budget**

This year after several reviews the School Board approved a budget of \$1,451,290, which is a 5.3% increase over last year. This is the amount determined by the School Board to be necessary to support the School District's educational program. The increase is due primarily to (i) staffing costs, (ii) the centralization of all special education services at the ACSU level, (iii) an increase of 0.1 FTE for our Literacy resource, and (iv) the addition of a part time aide. Both of the latter staffing increases were necessitated by the centralization of special education services. 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 a large degree these expenses are "beyond our control." In addition to increased expenses, we anticipate an increase of 6.3% in revenue resulting in an overall 5.1% increase in Education Spending. Furthermore, due to an increase in the equalized pupil count, Education Spending per Pupil will increase 2.25%.

### **Taxes**

The Tax Commissioner for the State of Vermont has recommended an increase of 7¢ in the Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate for the 2014 fiscal year. This 7.45% increase together with the increase in Education Spending in the approved budget generates a 9.3% increase in the equalized homestead tax rate. When prorated and adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the homestead tax rate attributed to the elementary school increases 5¢ or \$50 on \$100,000 of appraised value. When combined with Union District #3, the homestead tax rate increases 11.5¢ or \$115 on \$100,000 of appraised value.

### **Enrollment**

This Fall we welcomed a kindergarten class of 12. The K-6 school enrollment is currently at 88 students with a projected enrollment of 85 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.

Most 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 14 is \$12,863 and the tuition rate for FY 15 is calculated to be \$12,666.

### **ACSU updates**

There are two topics we would like to cover under Addison Central Supervisory Union updates. The first is that we have successfully filled our Superintendent position. Dr. Peter Burrows began work in July, and has really hit the ground running. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to meet him at one of the many events that he has scheduled around the ACSU.

The other initiative is the ACSU Study Committee effort that was discussed at length in last year's report. 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)?"

As this report is being written in January the committee is wrapping up work on a written report that will be presented to the various school districts in the ACSU. However, the committee was unable to reach consensus on the formation of a Regional Educational District or other recommendation for consolidation of existing districts.

### **Facilities**

In order to address the ongoing maintenance and capital needs of the various districts in the ACSU, the ACSU Board approved a new position of facilities manager that will be shared by districts other than UD#3 and ID#4 in Middlebury. In conjunction with the creation of this position, the School Board will be looking to develop a capital plan for our existing facilities over the next year. While we are hopeful that things are in good shape, we are mindful that the facilities will continue to be a priority.

Finally as mentioned in last year's report, the School District is the owner of the old #5 schoolhouse on South Bingham Street. The School Board feels that it is in the best interest of the School District to sell the property and is seeking the approval of the members of the School District in order to do so.

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**

John Eagan, Chair  
Maureen Deppman  
Cindy Peet  
Kristianne Tolgyesi

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2012-13	BUDGET 2013-14	PROPOSED 2014-15	
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>				
110 Salaries	\$445,528	\$451,185	\$474,112	
112 Salaries - Aides	19,690	24,358	35,243	
116 Early Separation	12,974	-	-	
120 Substitutes	4,340	4,800	4,800	
121 Salaries - Summer	1,125	800	800	
210 Health Insurance	94,227	114,238	110,284	
220 Social Security	34,124	36,807	39,394	
230 Life Insurance	373	413	374	
270 Course Reimbursement	1,877	2,000	3,646	
280 Dental Insurance	2,451	3,576	3,713	
290 Disability Insurance	1,199	1,334	1,750	
320 Professional Education Services	1,045	225	448	
321 PreK Contracted Services	2,570	2,627	8,052	
443 Computer Lease	3,424	-	3,424	
610 Supplies	6,337	5,800	7,200	
640 Books & Periodicals	3,266	5,000	5,000	
660 Manipulatives	115	800	500	
670 Technology	2,582	6,536	3,113	
730 Equipment	5,427	500	500	
1100 Total	\$642,674	\$660,999	\$702,353	6.3%
<b>1190 SHARED PERSONNEL</b>				
120 Substitutes	150	375	375	
220 Social Security	11	29	29	
320 Shared Personnel	43,957	49,323	49,714	
1190 Total	\$44,118	\$49,727	\$50,118	0.8%
<b>1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
Effective July 1, 2014, as per Act 153, the provision of special education services to students is organized at the supervisory union. Local districts are assessed a share of the total costs based on the percent of equalized pupils in each district. Special education services continue to be provided to students with a variety of needs.				
110 Salaries	59,630	68,871	-	
112 Salaries - Aides	23,912	31,818	-	
120 Substitutes	755	900	-	
210 Health Insurance	14,268	19,966	-	
220 Social Security	6,449	7,772	-	

	ACTUAL 2012-13	BUDGET 2013-14	PROPOSED 2014-15	
230 Life Insurance	46	55	-	
270 Course Reimbursement	-	1,200	-	
280 Dental Insurance	447	511	-	
290 Disability Insurance	209	210	-	
331 Special Education Assessment	-	-	204,011	
338 EEE Assessment	18,370	19,976	28,660	
360 Legal Fees	-	-	-	
580 Travel	-	150	-	
610 Supplies	333	750	-	
615 Testing Materials	645	-	-	
640 Books & Periodicals	98	300	-	
730 Equipment	-	250	-	
<b>1200 Total</b>	<b>\$125,162</b>	<b>\$152,729</b>	<b>\$232,671</b>	<b>52.3%</b>
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR</b>				
322 Occupational Therapy	645	250	500	
<b>2100 Total</b>	<b>\$645</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>2105 SUPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL</b>				
322 Occupational Therapy	870	850	-	
323 Physical Therapy	460	850	-	
327 Other Contracted Services	-	1,000	-	
332 Shared Personnel - Speech	34,358	35,662	-	
<b>2105 Total</b>	<b>\$35,688</b>	<b>\$38,362</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
<b>2120 GUIDANCE</b>				
332 Shared Personnel	26,883	28,087	31,017	
610 Supplies	-	100	100	
<b>2120 Total</b>	<b>\$26,883</b>	<b>\$28,187</b>	<b>\$31,117</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>2130 HEALTH</b>				
332 Shared Personnel	15,278	16,113	16,628	
610 Supplies	-	350	350	
<b>2130 Total</b>	<b>\$15,278</b>	<b>\$16,463</b>	<b>\$16,978</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>2220 MEDIA SERVICE</b>				
110 Salary	31,722	32,674	33,981	
112 Salary - Aide	3,778	3,891	4,007	
210 Health Insurance	15,373	11,326	11,354	
220 Social Security	2,451	2,797	2,906	
230 Life Insurance	47	33	28	

	ACTUAL 2012-13	BUDGET 2013-14	PROPOSED 2014-15	
280 Dental Insurance	413	307	318	
290 Disability Insurance	149	99	129	
299 Benefits Reimbursement	(6,678)	-	-	
610 Supplies	430	350	350	
640 Books & Periodicals	1,130	1,500	1,200	
680 Technology	395	400	400	
<b>2220 Total</b>	<b>\$49,210</b>	<b>\$53,377</b>	<b>\$54,673</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
119 Board Salaries	200	500	500	
220 Social Security	15	38	38	
250 Workers Compensation	5,189	5,384	5,337	
260 Unemployment Insurance	395	578	227	
291 Health Care Assessment	-	365	-	
310 Payroll Service	1,003	-	-	
311 Flex Spending Admin	115	-	125	
332 Audit	-	3,500	3,500	
360 Legal Fees	-	600	600	
810 Dues & Fees	871	1,050	1,000	
<b>2310 Total</b>	<b>\$7,788</b>	<b>\$12,015</b>	<b>\$11,327</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
<b>2320 ASSESSMENT</b>				
331 ACSU Administration	64,446	64,824	49,751	
333 ACSU Prof Dev/Student Assessment	1,483	2,062	2,362	
334 ACSU Technical Support	20,017	24,577	19,566	
335 ACSU Student Information System	-	185	631	
336 ACSU Insurance Pool	178	265	197	
337 ACSU Advertising	574	1,689	704	
339 ACSU Special Education Admin	5,640	7,406	-	
<b>2320 Total</b>	<b>\$92,338</b>	<b>\$101,008</b>	<b>\$73,211</b>	<b>-27.5%</b>
<b>2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>				
110 Salary - Principal	73,136	75,330	72,100	
111 Salary - Secretary	24,781	27,091	27,904	
210 Health Insurance	12,176	14,537	14,659	
220 Social Security	7,347	7,835	7,650	
230 Life Insurance	219	304	225	
245 Administrative Retirement	2,194	2,260	-	
270 Course Reimbursement	-	200	200	
280 Dental Insurance	501	511	530	
290 Disability Insurance	223	229	274	



	ACTUAL 2012-13	BUDGET 2013-14	PROPOSED 2014-15	
431 Service Contracts	359	370	370	
442 Copier Lease	3,260	3,400	3,480	
530 Communications/Postage	363	450	400	
580 Travel	-	300	300	
610 Supplies	1,400	1,000	1,000	
730 Equipment	1,127	500	500	
810 Conferences & Dues	780	1,800	1,000	
<b>2410 Total</b>	<b>\$127,866</b>	<b>\$136,117</b>	<b>\$130,592</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>
<b>2600 OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
110 Salary	24,269	24,759	25,502	
220 Social Security	1,857	1,894	1,951	
332 Facility Maintenance Manager	-	-	6,234	
421 Disposal Services	1,946	1,904	1,903	
424 Lawn Mowing	2,540	2,800	2,800	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	12,714	8,500	7,000	
431 Water Testing	733	800	800	
522 Volunteer Insurance	128	134	58	
523 Property/Liability Insurances	6,080	6,384	6,916	
530 Communication/Telephone	1,114	1,100	12,038	
610 Supplies	3,092	3,900	3,900	
622 Electricity	11,848	11,400	11,742	
624 Fuel Oil	14,009	13,500	13,250	
730 Equipment	1,725	1,000	1,000	
<b>2600 Total</b>	<b>\$82,055</b>	<b>\$78,075</b>	<b>\$95,094</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
<b>2700 TRANSPORTATION</b>				
518 Fuel Surcharges	2,054	2,317	2,107	
519 Contracted Services	42,211	42,906	44,949	
520 Field Trips	739	600	600	
<b>2700 Total</b>	<b>\$45,004</b>	<b>\$45,823</b>	<b>\$47,656</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>5310 FOOD SERVICE</b>				
918 Subsidy to Food Service	3,925	1,500	1,500	
919 Paid Lunch Equity Subsidy	3,175	3,500	3,500	
<b>5310 Total</b>	<b>\$7,100</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,301,809</b>	<b>\$1,378,132</b>	<b>\$1,451,290</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2014-15 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	Actual 2012-13	Actual 2013-14	Proposed 2014-15	Change
<b><u>Estimated Education Spending:</u></b>				
<b>Elementary Budget</b>	<b>\$1,337,935</b>	<b>\$1,378,132</b>	<b>\$1,451,290</b>	<b>5.31%</b>
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>1,337,935</b>	<b>1,378,132</b>	<b>1,451,290</b>	<b>5.31%</b>
<b>Less Anticipated Receipts</b>				
Special Education Block Grant	27,922	29,749	28,840	-3.06%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	98,563	55,406	68,814	24.20%
Special Education Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	0	14,346	—
Small Schools Grant	79,912	84,191	79,745	-5.28%
Interest Income	175	175	175	0.00%
Transportation Aid	16,742	17,639	18,405	4.34%
Miscellaneous	0	0	1,000	—
Prior Year Fund Balance	6,508	28,917	18,394	-36.39%
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>(229,822)</b>	<b>(216,077)</b>	<b>(229,719)</b>	<b>6.31%</b>
<b>Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,108,113</b>	<b>\$1,162,055</b>	<b>\$1,221,571</b>	<b>5.12%</b>
<b><u>Tax Rate Estimates:</u></b>				
<b>Equalized Pupils *</b>	<b>77.64</b>	<b>76.93</b>	<b>79.09</b>	<b>2.81%</b>
<b>Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,272</b>	<b>\$15,105</b>	<b>\$15,445</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
<b>Est Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide **</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,272</b>	<b>\$15,105</b>	<b>\$15,445</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
<b>Adj for FY15 Spending above \$8,723/\$9,151/\$9,382 Base Per Pupil</b>	<b>163.62%</b>	<b>165.07%</b>	<b>164.63%</b>	<b>-0.27%</b>
<b>Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate ***</b>	<b>\$0.89</b>	<b>\$0.94</b>	<b>\$1.01</b>	<b>7.45%</b>
<b>Adj Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$1.456</b>	<b>\$1.552</b>	<b>\$1.663</b>	<b>7.16%</b>
<b>% Elementary pupils</b>	<b>43.01%</b>	<b>42.13%</b>	<b>42.21%</b>	<b>0.19%</b>
<b>Est Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$0.626</b>	<b>\$0.654</b>	<b>\$0.702</b>	<b>7.36%</b>
<b>Adj Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$1.541</b>	<b>\$1.599</b>	<b>\$1.772</b>	<b>10.82%</b>
<b>% Secondary pupils</b>	<b>56.99%</b>	<b>57.87%</b>	<b>57.79%</b>	<b>-0.14%</b>
<b>Est Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$0.878</b>	<b>\$0.925</b>	<b>\$1.024</b>	<b>10.67%</b>
<b>Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized ****</b>	<b>\$1.505</b>	<b>\$1.579</b>	<b>\$1.726</b>	<b>9.30%</b>
<b>Estimated Common Level of Appraisal *****</b>	<b>98.04%</b>	<b>105.52%</b>	<b>107.10%</b>	<b>1.50%</b>
<b>Estimated Homestead Tax Rate *****</b>	<b>\$1.535</b>	<b>\$1.496</b>	<b>\$1.611</b>	<b>7.69%</b>
<b>Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate ***</b>	<b>\$1.38</b>	<b>\$1.44</b>	<b>\$1.51</b>	<b>4.86%</b>
<b>Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.408</b>	<b>\$1.365</b>	<b>\$1.410</b>	<b>3.31%</b>
<b>Percentage for Income Sensitivity</b>	<b>3.04%</b>	<b>3.02%</b>	<b>3.14%</b>	<b>3.97%</b>

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

\*\* Amount of per pupil spending, less eligible capital debt and other exclusions, above the excess spending threshold of \$16,166.

\*\*\* 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		Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.
				\$3,382	1.01
Expenditures		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 88 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$1,299,806	\$1,337,935	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$90,576	\$92,300	\$101,000	\$73,211
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$187,393	\$229,822	\$216,077	\$229,719
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)	-	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	Total local revenues	\$187,393	\$229,822	\$216,077	\$229,719
15.	Education Spending	\$1,112,413	\$1,108,113	\$1,162,055	\$1,221,571
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	79.51	77.64	76.93	79.09
17.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,990.86	\$14,272.45	\$15,105.36	\$15,445
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	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	-	-
24.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	Threshold = \$14,722	Threshold = \$14,897	Threshold = \$15,436	Threshold = \$15,700
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,991	\$14,272	\$15,105	\$15,446
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$15,446 / \$8,382)	163.751%	163.619%	165.068%	164.627%
Prorating the local tax rate					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (164.627% x \$10.10)	\$1.4246	\$1.4562	\$1.5516	\$1.8827
29.	Percent of Cornwall equalized pupils not in a union school district	42.940%	43.010%	42.130%	42.21%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (42.210% x \$1.66)	\$0.6117	\$0.6263	\$0.6537	\$0.7018
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.44%	98.04%	105.52%	107.10%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.702 / 107.10%)	\$0.6343	\$0.6388	\$0.6195	\$0.6553
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (164.627% x 1.84%)	2.95%	2.95%	2.97%	3.03%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (42.210% x 3.03%)	1.27%	1.27%	1.25%	1.28%
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Middlebury UHSD	57.06%	56.99%	57.87%	57.79%
36.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.  
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 1.84%.

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2012-13 FUND BALANCE**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

Education Spending from Town & State	1,108,113.00	
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	79,912.00	
State Aid - Transportation	16,939.00	
Interest Income	110.90	
Special Education - Block & Intensive	107,141.00	
Miscellaneous	1,479.49	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$1,313,695.39</b>

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Regular Programs	686,792.70	
Special Education	160,849.69	
Support Services	645.00	
Guidance	26,883.00	
Health Service	15,278.00	
Media Services	49,209.72	
Board of Education	7,788.14	
ACSU Assessments	92,338.00	
Principal's Office	127,865.82	
Operations & Maintenance	82,054.80	
Transportation	45,004.41	
Food Service Subsidy	7,100.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>(\$1,301,809.28)</b>

Excess Revenue over Expenditures	11,886.11
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2012	35,425.07
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2013	<u>\$47,311.18</u>

The Fund Balance is Reserved as follows:

FY2013-14 Tax Reduction	28,916.86
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Net Unreserved General Fund Balance - June 30, 2013	<b>\$18,394.32</b>
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# **CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **2012-13 FUND BALANCE**

(continued)

<u>TRUST FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Donald Murchie	\$ 530.86	\$ 0.24	\$ -	\$ 531.10

<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Food Service	\$ 3,605.72	\$ 45,222.73	\$ (46,656.90)	\$ 2,171.55

<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,501.92		\$ (1,501.92)	\$ -

<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Education Reserve *	31,090.12	1,501.92	0.00	32,592.04
Gilligan Fund	15,134.79	12,467.00	-13,177.72	14,424.07
JP Morgan/Wilson Foundation	3,421.73	0.00	0.00	3,421.73
ACSU Essential Early Education	0.00	10,988.00	-10,988.00	0.00
ACSU Act 230	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00
ACSU Title IIA	0.00	2,185.38	-2,185.38	0.00
ACSU EPSDT	0.00	1,187.75	-1,187.75	0.00
ACSU IDEA - B	0.00	1,622.45	-1,622.45	0.00
Totals	\$49,646.64	\$30,202.50	-\$29,411.30	\$50,437.84

\* Requires voter authorization to spend funds

## **AUDIT**

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 323 requires the supervisory union to employ public accountants to audit the financial statements of its member school districts annually. Cornwall's FY 2013 records were audited in October of 2013 and the audit report is available at the office of the Superintendent or on the Addison Central Supervisory Union website.

**FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES  
to Cornwall Students  
2013-2015**

<u>Service</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>Anticipated* 2014-2015</u>
Extended School Year Services	1,622	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,622</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

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 (.6 FTE), Literacy (.5 FTE) and Science (.2 FTE);
- 2) academic software;
- 3) a portion of two school psychologists and a behavior specialist; and
- 4) 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 2014 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES  
FY 2012-2013**

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 FY2013 was generated during the 2011 – 2012 school year. For FY2013, ACSU spent \$173,872.41 in Medicaid money on the following: Medicaid Claims Administration, a portion of a 1.0 FTE Integration Consultant, a portion of 2.0 FTE English as a Second Language teachers, a portion of 1.4 FTE School Psychologists, and facilities maintenance for the ACSU Early Education program.

# **ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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

It is with great responsibility that I present the annual report of the Addison Central Supervisory Union. In my first year as Superintendent, I have been deeply impressed by the degree of involvement that our community shares for education. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff are committed to a world class education that prepares all students for the complex global workplace they will enter. Throughout this annual report, you will find critical information that reflects the significant work Addison Central Supervisory Union is undergoing to continue strong fiscal management, curriculum development, and educational supports.

Foremost among our work has been a focus on preparation for the Common Core State Standards, which will be implemented in 2014-2015. The development of curricula and professional learning opportunities, primarily in mathematics and language arts, has been imperative to assure that all of our teachers are prepared for these new standards and a renewed focus on analysis and critical thinking skills. With the CCSS adoption, we will no longer have NECAP testing in the fall in mathematics and reading. Students will take the first Smarter Balanced Assessment, which replaces the NECAP, in the spring of 2015.

In addition, ACSU continues to build a multi-tiered system of supports for all students. This work includes programs to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student, with an organized pedagogical approach that brings together the myriad of educational services in Addison County. Through numerous partnerships, our students and families have access to significant resources in our community and schools. Our charge is clear: to ensure that each student of Addison Central Supervisory Union is provided the supports he/she needs to be successful.

We move into the 2014-2015 academic year poised to continue to build a dynamic and innovative educational system for our students. By working together, we have made significant progress towards Vermont's World Class Education goal. I look forward to building this system with the entire community of Addison Central Supervisory Union, and engaging all of our stakeholders in the profound work of teaching and learning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Burrows  
Superintendent of Schools

## UD #3 SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On Town Meeting Day, voters in the towns that feed Middlebury Union middle and high schools will be asked to approve a \$17 million budget, which represents a 2.9 percent increase over the budget approved last year to fund this school year's operation.

This amount was arrived at after a lot of handwringing on the board. We were contemplating a somewhat different proposal that would have resulted in a reduced teaching staff at MUMS, which, in turn, would have altered the team model used at the school. Ultimately, the MUMS administration came back with a new proposal with non-teaching personnel cuts and savings in other areas, all resulting in reduced spending at MUMS overall (but still increased costs at MUHS).

Though frequently vocal about the need for the two schools to adjust staffing levels as the student numbers drop, I supported the budget proposal because there are very likely to be significant teacher retirements in the subsequent budget year. It seemed wrong to lose MUMS-experienced teachers right before a number of retirements are expected (this is due to a change in the state teacher retirement rules concerning spousal health benefits).

The 2.9 percent increase is somewhat remarkable as it coincides with the UD-3 budget absorbing about \$130,000 more in the costs of operating the Addison Central Supervisory Union office, which includes the superintendent, his staff, technology support and special education services (which also increased more than \$100,000 in the UD-3 budget). This is the result of changing how ACSU costs are assessed to the member school districts - such as UD-3 and Cornwall - from being based on professional staff to the number of students. I opposed this change (I also sit on the ACSU board) because, I argue, it punishes the larger and more efficient schools - MUMS, MUHS and Mary Hogan - while hiding the true costs of operating small elementary schools. The change mainly shifts costs to Middlebury taxpayers, whose schools are the most efficient in the ACSU.

I also opposed this change because it was imposed by the ACSU board, which is not a fairly representative board. Each school district gets three votes regardless of size. In this case, I and the other delegates of UD-3 and Mary Hogan, representing 3/4 of the students in the district, were outvoted by delegates of the much-smaller rural schools. This was the first time in my experience the ACSU board has taken action that resulted in imposing significant financial impacts on member schools.

Looking ahead for early 2014, the UD-3 board will likely - as of this writing, anyway - be working with the Town of Middlebury committee siting a new recreation facility as part of a broad proposal to replace the current Middlebury town office and gym. Middlebury officials appear to favor siting the new gym and rec offices where the former American Legion building sits on Creek Road. UD-3 owns this property. And while we like having the parking for the adjoining playing fields, the old building has proven too costly to demolish or renovate. So it sits there falling further into disrepair.

Should Middlebury decide to build its new gym there, UD-3 would like to add on locker rooms and restrooms for teams using the fields. So look for potentially several proposals on Town Meeting Day connected to this: one in case ownership of the property changes as this requires a district vote; and a bond vote for the additional locker rooms. There may be another for legal reasons, but it is too early to tell.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Peter Conlon, UD#3 Representative



# ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

## PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET

	2012-13 <u>Spent</u>	2013-14 <u>Budget</u>	2014-15 <u>Proposed</u>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>			
Salaries	697,262	722,338	738,668
Health Insurance	111,850	141,959	150,370
Social Security	52,223	54,547	55,908
Life Insurance	1,670	2,900	2,908
Retirement	12,310	13,384	23,934
Workers Compensation	4,033	4,184	5,197
Unemployment	18,897	5,000	2,000
Tuition Reimbursement	0	1,788	1,838
Dental	9,224	10,826	11,241
Disability	1,820	2,186	2,790
In-service	0	1,100	2,100
Audit	2,385	3,245	3,342
Professional Services	14,004	4,957	5,106
Technology Support	4,934	6,144	8,690
Legal	1,041	6,000	6,000
Payroll/Human Resources	4,263	600	850
CO Equipment Repairs	199	200	200
Copier Lease	5,205	5,154	5,354
Postage Meter Rental	1,571	1,581	1,603
Telephone	8,008	7,614	8,168
Postage	2,934	4,066	4,147
ACSU Schools Report	0	300	300
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	5,830	5,155	7,512
Office Supplies	6,872	7,139	7,415
Books	735	1,000	1,000
Central Office Software	326	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	4,195	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	7,384	9,000	10,465
Finance Professional Services	4,400	4,488	4,692
Finance Accounting System Support	17,200	25,629	25,629
Finance Office Server Software	14,605	14,605	14,605
Finance Office Server Equipment	11,949	11,949	11,949
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	4,093	4,206	4,206
Technology Professional Services	3,569	4,000	4,000

	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
	<b><u>Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Technology Equipment Repairs	0	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/Replacement Parts	789	2,500	2,500
Technology Office Software	3,280	2,000	2,000
Technology Books and Periodicals	796	1,000	1,000
Technology Server/ Networking Equip.	10,548	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	1,120	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,960	2,331	2,331
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
Purchased Services	9,648	9,800	10,094
Monitoring System	225	165	230
Water & Sewer	416	466	490
Maintenance	193	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	0	3,000	3,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	2,535	2,586	2,965
Furniture/Equipment	0	750	750
Electricity	9,582	9,535	11,014
Telephone System Equipment/Legal Fees	6,505	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,087,588</b>	<b>\$1,146,877</b>	<b>\$1,194,061</b>

### **PROPOSED 2014-15 REVENUE**

Prior Year Reserved Fund Balance	25,000	40,000
Grant Administration Fees	18,000	18,000
AS400 Budget Use/Setup Revenue	3,300	0
Assessments	1,100,577	1,136,061
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,146,877</b>	<b>\$1,194,061</b>

**ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION  
K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET**

Act 153 (and as amended by Act 156) states that each supervisory union board shall provide special education services on behalf of its member districts. These provisions are to take effect on July 1, 2014. Prior to this legislation, the supervisory union board had the option to either provide or to coordinate the provision of these services; ACSU opted to coordinate these services only. As a result of the legislation, the total cost of special education services are now budgeted at the supervisory union level. Each district is assessed a share of the total cost based on its share of equalized pupils. Services will continue to be provided based on Individual Education Programs.

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<b>2014-15 Proposed Budget</b>
Direct Instructional Services:	
Salaries	\$ 2,228,050
Benefits	679,923
Professional Services	146,700
Contracted Services	510
Tuition	646,815
Supplies	17,535
Equipment	8,400
Speech Services	412,447
Psychological Services	194,395
OT Services	34,650
PT & Other Support Services	206,500
Administration	370,809
Facilities	14,000
Transportation	269,914
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 5,230,648</b>
<u>REVENUE</u>	
Local Assessment	\$ 2,101,070
EEE and DO Reimbursement	40,942
State Block Grant	616,441
State Intensive Reimbursement	1,571,353
State Extraordinary Reimbursement	327,585
Other State Reimbursement	94,000
Excess Cost	79,830
Grants	12,008
IDEA-B	348,891
Medicaid	38,528
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 5,230,648</b>

**ASSESSMENT**

District	Equalized Pupils	% Allocation	Local Assessment	State Intensive Reimbursement	State Extraordinary Reimbursement	State Block Grant*	Total Assessment in District Budget
Bridport	75.03	4.15%	87,289	65,281	13,609	23,979	190,158
Cornwall	79.09	4.38%	92,011	68,814	14,346	28,840	204,011
ID#4	414.32	22.94%	482,010	360,487	75,152	146,797	1,064,446
Ripton	34.80	1.93%	40,486	30,278	6,312	11,990	89,066
Salisbury	90.71	5.02%	105,529	78,924	16,454	32,209	233,116
Shoreham	78.87	4.37%	91,756	68,622	14,306	26,974	201,658
Weybridge	40.84	2.26%	47,512	35,534	7,408	13,484	103,938
UD#3	992.35	54.95%	1,154,477	863,413	179,998	332,168	2,530,056
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,806.01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2,101,070</b>	<b>1,571,353</b>	<b>327,585</b>	<b>616,441</b>	<b>4,616,449</b>

\* State distributes the Block Grant to districts based on ADM

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS  
BASED ON PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET**

	<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	<b>% of ACSU Budget</b>	<b>2014-15 ACSU Assessment</b>	<b>2013-14 ACSU Assessment</b>	<b>ACSU Incr/(decr)</b>
Bridport	75.03	4.15%	\$47,197	\$72,088	(\$24,891)
Cornwall	79.09	4.38%	\$49,751	\$64,824	(\$15,073)
ID#4	414.32	22.94%	\$260,626	\$227,269	\$33,357
UD#3-MUHS	661.57	36.63%	\$416,157	\$323,570	\$92,587
UD#3-MUMS	330.78	18.32%	\$208,075	\$206,248	\$1,827
Ripton	34.80	1.93%	\$21,891	\$35,108	(\$13,217)
Salisbury	90.71	5.02%	\$57,061	\$66,695	(\$9,634)
Shoreham	78.87	4.37%	\$49,613	\$64,824	(\$15,211)
Weybridge	40.84	2.26%	\$25,690	\$39,951	(\$14,261)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,806.01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,136,061</b>	<b>\$1,100,577</b>	<b>\$35,484</b>



**UNION DISTRICT #3**  
**PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET-COMPOSITE**

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed	Change	Percent Change
<b>MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>					
<b>Regular Programs</b>					
High School	4,126,171	4,160,080	4,376,910	216,830	5.21%
Middle School	2,415,130	2,342,522	2,449,542	107,020	4.57%
<b>Course Accounts</b>					
High School	317,479	344,724	390,223	45,499	13.20%
Middle School	121,171	99,819	122,429	22,610	22.65%
<b>Special Education</b>					
High School	1,507,789	1,459,027	1,669,837	210,810	14.45%
Middle School	728,390	902,609	860,219	-42,390	-4.70%
<b>Technical</b>					
	25,217	21,039	19,305	-1,734	-8.24%
<b>Athletics/Co-Curricular</b>					
High School	564,867	595,255	650,340	55,085	9.25%
Middle School	97,618	105,938	107,552	1,614	1.52%
<b>Support Services</b>					
High School	30,359	36,479	0	-36,479	-100.00%
Middle School	21,864	66,650	12,500	-54,150	-81.25%
<b>Guidance/School to Work/Prevention</b>					
High School	510,150	554,607	574,111	19,504	3.52%
Middle School	254,645	262,485	267,991	5,506	2.10%
<b>Health Services</b>					
High School	115,296	140,999	142,255	1,256	0.89%
Middle School	80,743	85,880	88,423	2,543	2.96%
<b>Media</b>					
High School	179,783	158,003	162,067	4,064	2.57%
Middle School	102,354	107,978	110,466	2,488	2.30%
<b>Board of Education &amp; Treasurer</b>					
High School	65,976	75,298	80,359	5,061	6.72%
Middle School	32,959	46,968	49,924	2,956	6.29%
<b>Central Office Assessments</b>					
High School	453,081	504,685	603,081	98,396	19.50%
Middle School	287,589	321,488	303,545	-17,943	-5.58%
<b>Administration</b>					
High School	494,295	529,003	553,059	24,056	4.55%
Middle School	405,964	441,893	398,262	-43,631	-9.87%
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>					
High School	1,269,310	1,352,206	1,375,936	23,730	1.75%
Middle School	563,063	564,646	570,964	6,318	1.12%
<b>Transportation</b>					
	687,658	679,464	542,707	-136,757	-20.13%
<b>Short and Long Term Debt</b>					
High School	192,097	182,608	165,316	-17,292	-9.47%
Middle School	310,764	351,503	324,423	-27,080	-7.70%
<b>Computer Services</b>					
High School	72,441	88,162	89,533	1,371	1.56%
Middle School	6,597	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
<b>UNION DISTRICT #3 TOTALS</b>	<b>16,040,820</b>	<b>16,585,518</b>	<b>17,064,779</b>	<b>479,261</b>	<b>2.89%</b>

**UNION DISTRICT #3  
2014-15 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	<b>Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>Actual 2013-14</b>	<b>Proposed 2014-15</b>	
<b><u>Estimated Education Spending:</u></b>				
Middle and High School Budget	16,104,423	16,585,518	17,064,779	2.89%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Base Payment	529,538	527,489	532,674	0.98%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Tuition Assessment	630,138	650,516	680,835	4.66%
Special Article - Capital Reserve and Replacement Fund	100,000	100,000	-	
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,364,099</b>	<b>\$17,863,523</b>	<b>\$18,278,288</b>	<b>2.32%</b>
<b><u>Less Anticipated Receipts:</u></b>				
Special Education Block Grant	328,542	330,564	332,168	0.49%
Special Education Intensive	815,013	771,823	863,413	11.87%
Special Education Extraordinary	299,823	272,502	179,998	-33.95%
Interest Income	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Transportation Aid	206,104	173,621	187,624	8.07%
Shared Maintenance Reimbursement	5,498	5,894	6,275	6.46%
Rental Income	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Driver Education Grant	8,875	8,875	8,875	0.00%
Tuition	-	126,000	135,000	7.14%
Fund Balance	201,316	314,026	214,630	-31.65%
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>(1,877,171)</b>	<b>(2,015,305)</b>	<b>(1,939,983)</b>	<b>-3.74%</b>
<b>Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>\$15,486,928</b>	<b>\$15,848,218</b>	<b>\$16,338,305</b>	<b>3.09%</b>
<b><u>Tax Rate Estimates</u></b>				
<b>Equalized Pupils*</b>	<b>1,025.35</b>	<b>1,017.84</b>	<b>992.35</b>	<b>-2.50%</b>
<b>Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$15,104</b>	<b>\$15,570</b>	<b>\$16,464</b>	<b>5.74%</b>
<b>Est Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide**</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$15,104</b>	<b>\$15,570</b>	<b>\$16,464</b>	<b>5.74%</b>
<b>Adj for Spending above \$8,723/\$9,151/\$9,382 Base Per Pupil</b>	<b>173.15%</b>	<b>170.15%</b>	<b>175.49%</b>	<b>3.14%</b>
<b>Estimated Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate***</b>	<b>\$0.89</b>	<b>\$0.94</b>	<b>\$1.01</b>	<b>7.45%</b>
<b>Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized****</b>	<b>\$1.541</b>	<b>\$1.599</b>	<b>\$1.772</b>	<b>10.82%</b>

\* 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.

\*\* Amount of per pupil spending, less eligible capital debt and other exclusions, above the excess spending threshold of \$16,166.

\*\*\* 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, 2013

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday, March 4, 2013, immediately following the Cornwall Town Meeting which began at 6:30 PM.

John Eagan, Co-chair of the School Board started the meeting by remembering Junius Calitri and the many years of service he had on the School Board. John indicated that Junius's shoes will be difficult to fill and that the School District greatly appreciated his work. John reported that Dave Donahue volunteered to fill out the remainder of Junius's term until Town Meeting for which the board was grateful. John also expressed thanks to Sarah Kemp as she leaves the board this year.

John talked briefly about three items prior to the call to order.

1) The Cornwall Selectboard sent documentation to the School Board that in actuality the #5 school on South Bingham Street is the property of the school district. John indicated that the fate of the school building will be decided once the title is confirmed and thanked Benj Deppman for his pro bono work on the #5 school title.

2) The ACSU study committee which was very active last year with the meetings that were held last spring/summer has been quite dormant for the last year. They are now coming back together to attempt to move forward with a plan to either vote on or dismiss the possibility of a RED (Regional Education District).

3) John reported that the two very qualified candidates for ACSU Superintendent both turned down the position, so the ACSU is starting the search again hoping to expedite the process. Dr. Connelly the current interim Superintendent will not be returning for the next year.

John Eagan called the School District Meeting to order at 8:05 PM with approximately 60 people in attendance.

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

John Eagan opened the floor for nominations for School District Moderator. Joan Donahue/Bruce Hiland moved/seconded the nomination of Cy Tall. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Cy Tall was elected Moderator by voice vote.

*ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town School District will approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2012.*

T Tall/Bruce Hiland moved/seconded to approve the School District Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2012. Sue Johnson indicated that the minutes could be found on page 95 of the town report. There was no discussion. The motion carried 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.*

Andrew Munkres/T Tall moved to authorize the School Board, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

*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?*

Joan Donahue/T Tall moved/seconded to approve the amount of \$1,355,963 which is a portion of the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. John Eagan explained that a divided vote is required because the per pupil spending last year was more than the statewide average and this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget. The dual vote is the state's arbitrary process to make voters aware of the budget issue. Liz Marino asked what the number of incoming Kindergarteners would be for 2013. Denise Goodnow said there would be 11 in Kindergarten in the fall. There was also a question about tuition students and if any had been accepted into the school. Denise reported that since the school board voted to accept tuition students in November/December of 2012, she has had 6 inquiries, but there are no accepted tuition students yet. Andrew Munkres pointed out that although the budget is going up; the tax rate is going down this year. Being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

***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?*

Joan Donahue/T Tall moved/seconded that subsequent to approval of Part A of this article, 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. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

*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?*

T Tall/Andrew Munkres moved/seconded to authorize the School Board to transfer \$1,501.92 remaining from the capital improvements project approved on March 1, 2010 to the Education Reserve Fund. T Tall asked if the school district had a capital fund. Denise Goodnow explained that there is no capital fund to transfer the money to. The school board will be talking about capital expenses in April. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

*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.*

Cy Tall explained that no binding business or expenditure of money could take place under Article 6.

Andrew Munkres discussed the fact that the ACSU study committee is working again on a plan with various options related to a RED. They will then call for a vote on those options. Andrew talked about the fact that his group during the study committee meetings last year was not in favor of a RED. He related that there is plenty of information available to know that there is little or no benefit to Cornwall. He did say that his group could be in favor of a RED if it did not include Middlebury as a super majority.

T Tall recommended that the school board sit down with the town's capital committee to discuss the creation of a capital plan for the school.

Emily Bridges suggested that the voters consider reversing the order of the town and school meetings, this would allow the school meeting to be held first every other year.

*ARTICLE 7: 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. Voters were reminded to vote.

*ARTICLE 8: 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 was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Town Clerk

## **NOTES**

# **OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT - MARCH 4, 2014**

**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

DAVID SEARS ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Select Board, For 2 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

BENJAMIN MARKS ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Lister, For 3 Years**  
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

LUKE 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 Town Agent, For 1 Year**  
Vote for not more than ONE

SUSAN JOHNSON ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Union District #3 School Director, For 3 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

PETER CONLON ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Elementary School Director, For 3 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

CYNTHIA PEET ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Elementary School Director, For 2 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

JOHN B. EAGAN ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Elementary School Director, For 2 Years**  
(to fill an unexpired term)

Vote for not more than ONE  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Auditor, For 3 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

SHAWN FETTEROLF ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Trustee of Public Funds, For 3 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

ROBERT GERLIN ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Trustee of Public Funds, For 1 Year**  
(to fill an unexpired term)

Vote for not more than ONE  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Library Trustee, For 2 Years**  
Vote for not more than THREE

JUDY ENGLISH ..... ☐  
GINNY HILAND ..... ☐  
SUSAN JOHNSON ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In  
..... ☐ Write-In  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Library Trustee, For 1 Year**  
Vote for not more than TWO

CAROL KING ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Planning Commission, For 3 Years**  
Vote for not more than THREE

BOBBIE CARNWATH ..... ☐  
JAMES DUCLOS ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In  
..... ☐ Write-In  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Planning Commission, For 2 Years**  
(to fill an unexpired term)

Vote for not more than ONE  
SARAH PELKEY ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Cemetery Commission, For 5 Years**  
Vote for not more than ONE

MARK RINGEY ..... ☐  
..... ☐ Write-In

**For Cemetery Commission, For 4 Years**  
(to fill an unexpired term)

Vote for not more than ONE  
..... ☐ Write-In